

Dear Members,

The 2010 Half Annual General Meeting to be held in **Dodoma** is fast approaching! Below please find some useful updates:

1. Chief Guest and Keynote Speaker:

We are pleased to inform you that we have received confirmation that **His Excellency, Hon. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete, President of the United Republic of Tanzania** will officiate the opening ceremony to be held on **Friday, 13th August, 2010 at the Chimwaga Hall, Dodoma.**

Therefore, to facilitate security and protocol issues, we urge all members to ensure that you arrive at the Chimwaga Hall **no later than 0845hrs** to ensure ample time for registration and seating.

2. Court Sessions Cancelled

Please note that in recognition of the TLS Half AGM in Dodoma, all court sessions have been cancelled from 11th August thru 15th August, by order of the Honourable Chief Justice.

3. Registration for Half AGM CLE:

We would wish to remind members that the Roundtable on Elections and Democracy **will attract four (4) CLE points** and that in keeping with the TLS CLE seminars, there will be a token fee of TZS 50,000 payable by each member attending.

a. CLE Registration Deadline

Kindly note that **registration for the Half AGM CLE will CLOSE on Friday, 13th August at 1010hrs**, immediately after the opening ceremony concludes. Please ensure that you arrive on time.

b. Advance Payment & Expedited Registration

To facilitate a smooth registration process at the Chimwaga Hall and to avoid any disappointments caused by on-site registration delays, we would wish to urge all members to pay the TZS 50,000 CLE fee in advance by paying into **TLS Shilling Account: 01J1042977600.**

We ask that you hold on to your pay-in slips and present them to staff behind the registration desks. **Several registration counters will be dedicated solely to cater to members who will have paid in advance to ensure an EXPEDITED REGISTRATION process.**

4. Travel to Dodoma:

After issuing a call to members to register their interest for group travel to Dodoma, we are disappointed to report that only three (3) members registered their interest. This means that there will not be a group-travel option for TLS members; however, those members who registered their interest shall be contacted for some suggested travel options.

5. Logistics in Dodoma:

A few mini-buses have been organized to transport a limited number of you from various pick-up locations, which shall be published next week.

Morning Route: To the Chimwaga Hall;
Evening Route: Back from Chimwaga Hall
Dinner & Dance: Various locations to Dodoma Hotel and back

Otherwise, for those of you who may still not have made hotel bookings, we re-attach the list of hotels in Dodoma for your perusal.

6. Excursions

There are two, planned excursions, which will take place after the General Meeting on Saturday, 14th August, 2010:

1. Dodoma Vineyards – a tour of the wine farms and production plants; and
2. University of Dodoma – a tour of the University of Dodoma.

During the course of the Roundtable, members will be asked to register their interest for either tour. We shall endeavour to find a way to accommodate those who register an interest to partake in both tours.

7. Entertainment

Two events have been planned for members and we would urge that you attend all of them as opportunities to socialize and network:

1. **Happy Hour @ the Dodoma Hotel on Thursday, 12th August from 1900hrs thru to 2200hrs.** Drinks will be offered at a **SPECIAL PRICE** to TLS members and guests for a limited amount of time. Come one, come all!
2. **Dinner and Dance @ the Dodoma Hotel on Saturday, 14th August from 1830hrs until late.** Come and dance to the music of the Dar es Salaam based Roots Rockers band!

8. Program

We trust that you will find that we have put together an intellectually stimulating and interesting program this Half Annual General Meeting and we'll look forward to your feedback during and after the meeting. Attached please find the program for your perusal.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN DODOMA!