

**We have found that if you provide proper evidence
to back up your request, the Government is
ready to listen**

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What we can do for you

BEST-AC can strengthen your business membership organisation by:

- Funding your research on issues that negatively impact the business environment for your members.
- Strengthening capacity of your organization through training and mentoring.
- Connecting the organization with media and communication experts and other professionals who can provide technical assistance.

Who we work with

BEST-AC works with membership organisations from the private sector, e.g. trade and business associations, chambers of commerce, confederations and cooperatives. Primary purpose is to ensure that these organisations are competent and successful in their dialogue with Government to ensure policies, laws and regulations promote economic growth.

We work in partnership with a wide network of universities, think tanks, training institutions, national and international advisers, media and communication specialists.

Successful Initiatives

Since its establishment in December 2005, BEST-AC grants enabled more than 35 private sector organisations to implement a range of successful advocacy initiatives across Tanzania's economic sectors.



Amendment of tax laws

The Association of Kilimanjaro Speciality Coffee Growers (KILICAFE) advocated for the removal of levies on farmer coffee produce and the deregulation of the coffee auction market. As a result, the Government removed three percent of taxes and levies from coffee auction prices, increasing farmers' revenues and allowing for more investment.

Enforcement of music copyright laws

RULU Arts Promoters advocated for a change in music copyright laws to stimulate growth in the Tanzanian music industry. As a result, the Government restructured enforcement activities and supported legislative adjustment. In addition, more artists have officially registered their work, whilst royalties collected and distributed increase.

Since its establishment in December 2005, BEST-AC grants enabled more than 25 private sector organisations to implement a range of successful advocacy initiatives across Tanzania's economic sectors.

Enforcement of Weights and Measures law

The Iringa Chamber of Commerce Industry and Agriculture advocated for enhanced, fair and equitable business practices by enforcing the use of standard weights and measures laws in the Iringa region. As a result, the Weights and Measures Agency implemented enforcement procedures and the Chamber continues to monitor the performance.

The Business Activities Registration Act

VIBINDO advocated against implementation of BARA, an Act introduced to actually simplify the process of registering a business. In its initial design, the Act was likely to increase problems for running a small business, such as harsh enforcement measures and recurrent annual fees for registration. As a result, Government halted the full implementation of BARA, taking more time to study the full impacts of the proposed law.

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