



gora displays to journalists (not in picture) one of the phone's which will be used to offer ticketing ar es Salaam. The service will be available at various shops as well as at Vodacom mobile phones. (Photo

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implementation of NHC's house project.

"This is not a new project for us. In 30 countries where we operate, we have been supporting similar programmes to assist people access decent houses," said director, noting that it was extremely difficult for ordinary people to purchase houses without loans from banks and financial institutions.

It's two years since Ecobank started operations in Tanzania, but the bank has been aggressively involved in a number of community-development projects, according to its director.

Report on business barriers for launching on Friday

By DAILY NEWS
Reporter

CONFEDERATION of Tanzania Industries (CTI), Tourism Confederation of Tanzania (TCT) and VIBINDO Society will this week launch a business report, a cartoon exhibition and a radio satire in Dar es Salaam. The launch is scheduled for this Friday evening at Nafasi Art Space in Mikocheni.

"Members of the public, particularly business executives, will have opportunity to take a light hearted look at barriers to business in Tanzania but also take action," said Mr Gaston Kikuwi, the chairman of Vibindo

Society, a business membership association that represents over 62,000 small traders in Dar es Salaam, Morogoro and Lindi regions.

The report that has inspired local cartoonists whose works will be exhibited is titled "Business Leaders Perceptions of the Investment Climate in Tanzania- 2011."

According to Mr Kikuwi, the exhibition supplements the report in showcasing some major stumbling blocks towards the realisation of a better business environment. A major highlight of the event will be the presentations of 4,000 US dollar prizes by business leaders to six winners among the 20 cartoonists

participating in the exhibition. The six winners have their work featured in the report. The first prize winner will receive 1,500 US dollars.

The report written by a British consultant, David Irwin, is commissioned on an annual basis by Business Environment Strengthening for Tanzania Programme- Advocacy Component (BEST-AC).

Findings are based on an extensive survey and interviews done with a representative crosscut of the Tanzanian business community. This is the fourth year in which this survey has been done and will be the first time that the report is shared with the public.

By ANNE ROBI

CONGOLESE Business People's Company in Tanzania has asked the DRC business persons to refrain from paying taxes charged by a DR Congo agency for maritime freight management at the Dar es Salaam Port.

The move comes after the Board of Tax Revenue Appeals ruled out that the agency known as OGEFREM was illegally charging taxes on transit goods destined for DRC business people at the Port.

Addressing a news conference in Dar es Salaam yesterday, the Advocate for DRC Congolese Businesspersons, Mr Pius Chabruma said that the order was issued on May 30, 2012.

Mr Chabruma said that the OGEREM, a company registered in DRC and governed by the DRC laws has been collecting tax as destination inspection fees in Tanzania in respect of the transit goods for DRC people.

"The Tax appeal Number 10 of 2011 by the Congolese

business people, the board ruled out that the OGEFREM has no legal right to charge destination inspection fee in Tanzania for transit goods bound for DRC," he said.

In another development, the board ruled out that Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) had no legal right to intercept or stop transit goods on which destination inspection fees has not been paid.

According to Advocate Chabruma, the board said that TRA can only intercept or stop transit goods in course of its

normal duties of inspection but not because destination inspection fees have not been paid.

Earlier, the President of Congolese Business People Mr Esmail Edward said that the business people from DRC had to stop using the Dar Port due to the fees charged by OGEFREM at the port.

"The fee by OGEFREM is supposed to be charged at DRC and not here in Tanzania," he said adding that OGEFREM has been charging fees from both sides.