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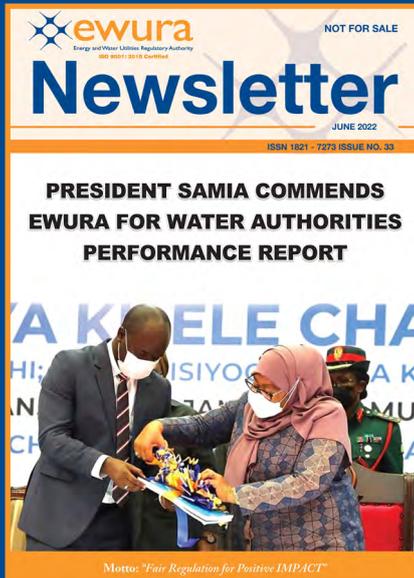
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COVER PHOTO:

EWURA Board Chairman, Prof. Mark Mwandosya (right) signs a visitors' book when he visited office of the Director General for the first time in Dar es Salaam Eastern Zone, September this year. Left is the Director General of EWURA, Eng. Modestus Lumato.



FROM THE EDITOR

Our esteemed reader!

warmly welcome you to join us into reading our current edition of the Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA), Newsletter, the 34th Edition in a series of EWURA Newsletters publications for the year 2022.

I have a honour and pleasure to invite you to read various interesting articles from all our four regulated sectors; three energy sub-sectors; Petroleum, Electricity and Natural Gas; and one Water sector that is Water and Sanitation.

This Edition includes various articles covering all activities that have been undertaken for the period between July and September 2022.

During this period, the Authority undertook many regulatory decisions some of which have been covered in this edition in compliance with the EWURA Act, Cap 414 of the Laws of Tanzania, Section 6 (e).

Section 6 (e) stipulates that the Authority shall strive to enhance the welfare of Tanzania society by enhancing public knowledge, awareness and understanding of regulated sectors including; the rights and obligations of consumers and regulated suppliers; the way in which complaints and disputes may be initiated and resolved and the duties, functions and activities of the Authority.



Titus M. Kaguo

In this Edition activities that have been covered include; Prof. Mwandosya new EWURA Board Chairman, hits the ground running, Cap price for CNG in the offing, ERB impressed with investment in infrastructure, regulatory framework; EWURA DG leads 12 CEOs on electricity challenges study tour and many more.

You are welcome!

Prof. Mwandosya new EWURA Board Chairman, hits the ground running

By Staff Reporter

President Samia Suluhu Hassan has appointed a former cabinet minister Professor Mark James Mwandosya, to chair the Board of Directors of the Energy and Water Regulatory Authority (EWURA), with effect August 15, 2022.

Prof. Mwandosya holds a PhD in Electronics and Electrical engineering from the University of Birmingham, the United Kingdom, and has served the government in various capacities between 1990 and 2015, including Commissioner for Energy, Principal Secretary and a cabinet minister.



The new Chairman of EWURA Board of Directors, Prof. Mark Mwandosya. In the picture below is one of his regulatory books, "Regulatory Challenges in Africa."

Prof. Mwandosya is also a regulatory expert. So far, he has published two regulatory books, amongst several other books, journals and magazines; "Udhibiti wa Huduma za Kiuchumi Tanzania" and "Regulatory Challenges in Africa."

Analysts say his appointment to head EWURA Board will help to further strengthen the Board, at the time when EWURA is focusing to re-align itself with new challenges in the energy and water sectors.

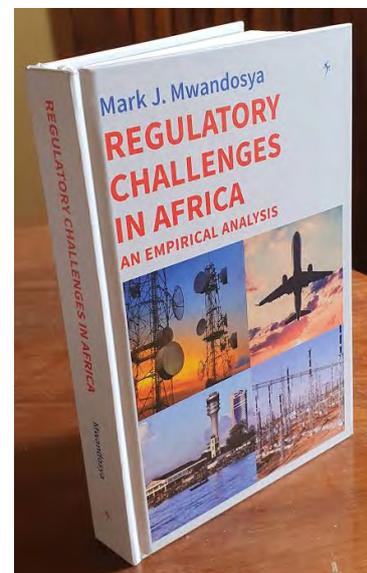
Since his appointment, Prof. Mwandosya has met with various leaders and key players in the two sectors with a view to learn and understand opportunities and challenges facing them.

Among those he met include Minister of Energy, Hon. January Makamba, Minister of Water, Hon. Jumaa Aweso,

Staff and Management of EWURA, Managements of Dodoma Urban Water and Sanitation Authority (DUWASA), DAWASA, Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC), EWURA Consumer Consultative Council (EWURA CCC) and Compressed Natural Gas stakeholders (Car converters and CNG filling stations).

The new Board Chairman urged EWURA Management "to continue to discharge its duties and responsibilities bestowed upon it by the law that established EWURA," and that Tanzanians were looking upon EWURA for solutions of problems facing the sectors it regulates.

He made it clear that his success as the Board Chairman will need every possible support from all stakeholders.





New EWURA Board Chair makes series of regulatory visits

By Asiatu Msuya

The Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA) newly appointed Board Chairman, Professor Mark Mwandosya, has made a series of regulatory visits to acquaint himself with the status of implementation of regulatory functions in various areas.

Prof Mwandosya, right after his appointment, led a meeting with board members and Authority's management and discussed regulatory activities in the energy and water sectors. He then met with the Minister for Energy, Mr. January Makamba (MP) in his office in Dar es Salaam and thereafter proceeded to Dodoma, where he met the Minister for Water, Mr. Jumaa Aweso.

The chair has also visited two water utilities, the Dar es Salaam Water Supply and Sanitation Authority (DAWASA) and Dodoma Water Supply and Sanitation Authority (DUWASA), where, he discussed implementation of regulated activities the institutions.

Earlier on, the Board Chair had a meeting with EWURA's Southern Highlands and Eastern Zonal Offices staff.

Prof. Mwandosya, in his familiarization mission was expecting to meet Tanzania

Electrical Supply Company (TANESCO) Board and Management and then proceed to other regulated entities in the petroleum and natural gas subsectors.

EWURA Board, being the highest decision-making organ of the Authority, oversees functions conferred to the Authority by EWURA Act Cap 414 and sector legislations in issuance, renewal and cancellation of licences; monitoring standards for goods and services, regulation of rates and charges and monitoring of the performance of regulated sectors.

The Board also keeps an eye on resolution of complaints and disputes and dissemination of information about matters relevant to regulatory functions and ensuring that the Authority does not perform its functions in contravention of any International Agreements to which the United Republic of Tanzania is a party.

Section 8 (1) of the EWURA Act, Cap 414 establishes the Board of Directors which is the governing body of the Authority and consists of seven members, including a Chairman who is a non-executive; five non-executive members and the Director General.

The President of the United Republic of Tanzania appoints EWURA Board Chairman for a fixed term of four years, eligible for re-appointment for one further successive term; and Prof. Mwandosya was appointed on 15th August 2022.

In order to maintain impartiality and for the purposes of avoiding conflict of interest, a member shall not be qualified for appointment if, owing to the nature of the office he holds, is likely to influence on his role as member of the Board of Directors of EWURA.

ERB impressed with investment in infrastructure, regulatory framewok

By Staff Reporter

THE Energy Regulation Board (ERB) of Zambia has been impressed on Tanzania in the petroleum products infrastructure and regulatory framework. This was revealed recently by the Head of Delegation from ERB's Board, Mr. Banji Kalenga during a four-day regulatory visit to the Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA).



Group photo of EWURA's Board Members, ERB Board Members and Management of EWURA and ERB as they met at EWURA's Eastern Zone Office, in Dar es Salaam.

The ERB visit that took place between September 18 and 20 had an objective of understanding the liquefied petroleum Gas (LPG) market structure, distribution and supply value chain.

The visit also aimed at giving ERB an understanding on technical issues surrounding the regulation and handling of various cylinder sizes as well as associated risks, accidents and environmental concerns regarding the use of LPG. Mr. Kalenga said ERB also

targeted to understand the pricing regulation, pricing models, price, reference market for pricing LPG and comparison of LPG pricing against alternative products such as diesel and charcoal.

The ERB delegation also visited three Natural Gas facilities; Compressed Natural Gas (CNG), Mother Station and Vehicle Filling Station; and LPG facilities of Manjis Gas; Storage and Filling Plant and Taifa Gas Tanzania Limited – LPG Storage and Filling Plant.

“Generally, the ERB Board and Management study tour to Tanzania was successfully,” said Mr. Kalenga adding that the delegation had a fruitful discussion with EWURA; and was impressed by the investment made in the petroleum infrastructure and regulatory framewok.

ERB delegation was received by EWURA Board Deputy Chairman, Mr. Ahmad S. Kilima who was accompanied a Board Member, Richard Kayombo.

EWURA second best Winner at DITF, trails BoT

By **Tobietha Makafu**

The Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA) has emerged the second-best winner at the 46th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF) and the 3rd winner in the Farmers' Fair (Nanenane) for the Lake Zone regions Exhibitions. In the Sabasaba Exhibitions, EWURA became the second-best winner in the category of regulatory authorities, being behind from the first winner, the Central Bank of Tanzania (BoT), while for Lake Zone Nane Nane Exhibitions EWURA emerged the third.

Speaking during the event, EWURA Communications and Public Relations Manager, Mr. Titus Kaguo said: "This victory is the result of dedication for the interest of the nation".

He added: "Our pavilion has been visited by more than 1,000 people, who came to learn about various aspects of the energy and water regulation, most of them were electricians who needed electrical installation licenses, as well as owners of local companies who needed to register in the Local Suppliers and Service Providers data base for the provision of services in oil and gas projects."

At the Nanenane Exhibitions, EWURA emerged the third winner, among the Regulatory and Service Management Authorities, while the second place was held by the National Fertilizer Regulatory Authority (TFRA), in the Exhibitions held in the Lake Region at Nyamhongolo grounds in Mwanza region.

EWURA Lake Zone Manager, Mr. Geogre Mhina said: "The

secret of our success is our focus on serving the public by providing accurate information throughout the exhibitions".

EWURA zonal offices also participated in the Nanenane exhibitions. The Southern Highlands Zone participated in national exhibitions at the John Mwakangale grounds in Mbeya, the Eastern Zone participated at the J.K Nyerere grounds in Morogoro while the Central Zone participated at Nanenane grounds in Dodoma and Northern Zone participated at Njiro grounds in Arusha.

The Nanenane national exhibition was closed by the President of the United Republic of Tanzania, Hon. Samia Suluhu Hassan, who congratulated the organizers and participants of the exhibition for showing enthusiasm and providing important information to visitors and farmers in general.

EWURA will continue to provide education to the public, to ensure that it improves awareness on the rights and obligations of consumers of the regulated goods and service providers.



Minister for Energy, Hon. January Makamba (left) listening attentively to EWURA's Communications and PR Manager, Titus Kaguo (right), when the minister visited EWURA pavilion at the Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF) in July 2022.



License Fees for Rural Petrol Stations down by 90%

By Asiatu Msuya

The Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA) have reduced the cost of acquisition of construction approvals and license fees by 90 percent. EWURA's Director of Petroleum, Mr. Gerald Maganga said that the initiative is meant to bring services closer to consumers in rural areas following increased demand for the product in various areas due to improved livelihood and usage of motorcycle.

“EWURA has come with this move to ease investment of petrol stations in rural areas after learning that there is a growing demand for fuel in the rural areas; and mushrooming of illegal sale of petroleum products,” emphasised, Mr. Maganga.

Mr. Maganga said, EWURA had to review the Petroleum (Wholesale, Storage, Retail and Consumer Installation Operations) Rules, published in the Government Gazette Issue No. 150 of 2022; in order to achieve such improvements, the goal being to expand service accessibility and complementing President Samia's efforts to bring services closer to the people in rural areas.

Investors will incur only 10 percent equal to TZS 100,000 (instead of 500,000) to obtain EWURA license for the retail petrol business in rural areas.

In addition, construction approval and license application will now be 50,000 each, instead of 500,000 being reduction of 90%.

EWURA has continued to grant provisional licenses to fuel stations in rural areas in compliance with the health, safety and environmental matters in order to enhance a continued service while improvements are progressing to cater for a full licence.

Likewise, the Rules require owners of at least four fuel stations in urban areas to ensure construction of at least one fuel station in rural areas with no service, the aim being sustainable and reliable service.

EWURA will continue to carry out regular inspections to verify and authenticate compliances, including no taxes evasion, unadulterated fuel and adherence to health, safety and environmental measures.



Under the new petroleum rules, giant companies will now be subjected to invest in rural areas too.

CNG Cap Prices to be introduced soon

By Asiatu Msuya

The Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA) is in the final processes of inquiry for coming up with cap prices for Compressed Natural Gas for various customer groups of mother stations, Online, Offline and Daughter stations. According to the inquiry, the recommended cap prices are: - TZS 154/kg for mother stations, TZS 367/kg for online stations, 366.7/kg for offline stations and TZS 76.6/kg for daughter CNG stations.

Speaking recently during the inquiry, EWURA's Director General, Eng. Modestus Lumato, said the Authority had noted a steady growth of industrial requirements for natural gas and vehicles, however, there was inadequate investment in infrastructure for Compressed Natural Gas (CNG).

"Inadequate investment in the infrastructure to distribute CNG has continued to contribute

low consumption of natural gas in the country despite increasing demand of the energy," he emphasized.

EWURA has continued to play key appropriate measures for facilitation and improvement of the business and investment environment by promoting and supporting existing and prospective investors in the mid and downstream natural gas sub-sector.

EWURA gears to approve progressive growth in the natural gas infrastructure by formalising and fostering sustainable growth of the sector.

The Authority will continue to conduct stakeholders' consultative meetings in order to ensure the promotion of investments and adherence to safety is enhanced in the mid and downstream natural gas subsector.



The Chairman of EWURA Board of Directors, Prof. Mark Mwandosya (fourth left), in a group photo with the Deputy Board Chairman, Alhaj Ahmad Kilima (in a taqiyah/cap), and some senior EWURA staff, when they visited a Compressed Natural Gas filling Station in Ubungo area, Dar es Salaam recently.

EWURA wants more petrol stations in Ulanga, Malinyi districts

By Staff Reporter

The Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA) has appealed to stakeholders in petroleum downstream sub sector to continue to invest in rural and disadvantaged areas so as to make such services accessible to all. EWURA Eastern Zone Manager, Eng. Nyirabu Musira said recently that there are many economically potential areas in the country that need more petrol stations to catalyze economies in those areas than was previously thought.

He told Ulanga and Malinyi District Commissioners that EWURA have recently loosened its regulatory requirements on petroleum infrastructure investments in rural areas in order to attract more investments in such areas, with a view to eradicate the malpractice of selling petroleum products in bottles and other illegal outlets.

The Ulanga District Commissioner Hon. Ngolo Malenya told Eng. Musira that Ulanga district is booming with mining activities which are soon expected to accelerate to international levels.

“We expect that with the increasing mining activities, demand of petroleum products

in the district will triple,” she said.

The same sentiments were echoed by Malinyi District Commissioner, Hon. Mathayo Masele, who said his district needs more petroleum products outlets now than any other time because of increased agricultural activities.

“We have embarked on campaign to intensify agriculture in Rice and Cashew crops, among others, through capacity building and modernization of crop markets.

For this reason, there has been a flurry of activities where trucks and other machineries operating in these areas have increased significantly, hence the need for more infrastructure of petroleum products outlets,” he noted.

EWURA has recently issued Rural Petroleum Infrastructure rules, which are targeting to lower costs for investments, to loosen some regulatory requirements, while at the same time adhering to Safety, Health and Environment requirements.



EWURA Eastern Zonal Manager, Eng. Nyirabu Musira (centre) handing over EWURA Performance Reports to Ulanga District Commissioner, Hon. Ngolo Malenya, when he visited her office in Ulanga district recently. Left is EWURA Senior Customer Service Officer, Ms. Getrude Mbling'i.

CQS simplifies registration of service providers, professionals

By Asiatu Msuya

The Common Qualification System (CQS) which is a digital system for registration of Local Service Providers and Professionals in the petroleum and natural gas sectors has attracted more local companies and experts to register for service provision and expertise. The system which is available on the Authority's website through the link <https://cqs.ewura.go.tz/cqs>, nullifies the previous manual mode of registration in database; and now, it includes professionals register through a Tanzania Professionals Database (TPD).

CQS is a tool intended to demonstrate the standards, capacities, capabilities and quality of service providers and professionals; which in turn assist licensees, contractors and operators to find qualified service providers in the sector.

CQS also includes professionals with expertise in those sectors, thus providing an opportunity for Tanzanians to demonstrate their professional qualifications, training or competence and abilities they have in the area of petroleum and natural gas.

Speaking about system, EWURA's Director General, Eng. Modestus Lumato, said the objective of the CQS is to simplify registration and intensify the scope of service providers and professionals.

"Currently, service providers and local experts will only register through CQS which is a faster and more efficient system to help licensees and contractors operating activities related to petroleum and natural gas in the country find qualified service providers," emphasised Eng. Lumato.

Worth noting, CQS provides twin services, namely, registering service providers



through Local Suppliers and Service Providers (LSSP) and professionals through Tanzania Professionals Database; which provides an opportunity for Tanzanians with expertise in oil and natural gas to highlight their professional qualifications, training or competencies and capabilities in the area.

Up to September 2022, a total of 103 professionals were registered while there were 1,484 registered local service providers.

The CQS has been prepared by EWURA in collaboration with the Petroleum Regulatory Authority (PURA), and, other key stakeholders in the petroleum sector; and is in accordance with the Petroleum (Local Content) Regulations 2017.

EWURA calls on professionals in the petroleum and natural gas sectors to explore the opportunity by spreading the speed of registration so that they may harness opportunities bestowed to their professions.



Proposed of small producers' electricity tariff under inquiry

By Tobietha Makafu

The Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA) has conducted public inquiry meetings in Kilosa District, Malangali village, Morogoro region, Matipwili village in Bagamoyo District, Coast Region and Mpale village in Korogwe District, Tanga region on the new electricity tariffs, proposed by companies that generate solar electricity and distributing to the public in the remote areas where TANESCO electricity has yet to be reached.

Speaking during the opening of a public hearing held in Malangali village, Kilosa District, the EWURA's Director General Representative, Mr. Michael Mshighwa said: "EWURA continues to implement Government directives by subjecting Very Small Power Producers to submit their tariff applications to EWURA, so that they can be thoroughly evaluated based on the views of stakeholders and enable EWURA Board of Directors to approve prices in accordance with the law."

Mr Mshighwa further added: "Previously the small power producers were allowed to set-up prices based on the agreements with their customers, which enabled them to organize themselves in providing their services and

control their business. However, currently, the Government has made the decision that their prices must be assessed and approved by EWURA".

Companies submitted tariffs request to EWURA, include Watu na Umeme, which supplies services in Mpale village, Korogwe District in Tanga region, Husk Powers System Limited which supplies electricity services in Matipwili village in Bagamoyo District and Malangali village in Kilosa District in Morogoro region.

Residents of Matipwili village in Bagamoyo District wanted deliberate measures to be taken in order to increase service hours, and electricity be sold in units and not in packages; and suggested the price to be only 5,000 Shillings.

Other stakeholders who submitted their opinions included Government Consultative Council (GCC), presented by Mr. Thabit Dokodoko and EWURA Consumer Consultative Council (EWURA CCC) presented by the Executive Secretary, Eng. Goodluck Mmari.

In the electricity sub sector, EWURA is mandated to register very Small Power Producers of less than one Megawatt, Revoking registration in case of violation of conditions, Quality controlling checking and evaluations of service delivery efficiency. Other functions include electricity price assessments and approval, complaints handling and settlements disputes; and public awareness by educating the public on rights and obligations on regulated activities.



EWURA's DG leads 12 CEOs on electricity challenges study tour

By Staff Reporter

The Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA) Director General, Engineer Modestus Lumato (centre front row in the photo) has led 12 Chief Executives Officers delegation from Eastern Africa Power Pool (EAPP) under the umbrella of Independent Regulatory Board (IRB) in a study tour in the West African countries for learning on how to mitigate electricity challenge. Eng Lumato, emphasised on importance of joint efforts to address electricity challenges when leading the IRB delegation from the Eastern Africa Power Pool (EAPP) on a 10-day visit to the West Africa countries to study matters related to electricity.

“The EAPP members from Burundi, Djibouti, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Rwanda, Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya, Libya, South Sudan, Sudan, Somalia, Tanzania and Uganda are on a study visit to see how the West African countries handle the regional electricity market and their regulations,” he said.

He said the EAPP is mandated to provide efficient co-ordination of power production, transmission and trade in the region and to facilitate the development of a regional electricity market. He was optimistic that through the visit, EAPP members will increase awareness and knowledge through learning from other countries thus increasing efficiency and production in issues related to electricity in their respective countries.

During the visit, the member countries had the opportunity to learn a scope of measures and intervention applied to address challenges, learning on a number of options and advice wisely in decision making as a regulatory board of EAPP. Eng Lumato commended the World Bank for supporting the study visit to the ECOWAS Division, saying it has provided them with an opportunity and ideal platform for knowledge exchange thus increasing their understanding

and awareness on how regional electricity market and its regulation are arranged and executed.

The exchange will offer members of IRB and EAPP an opportunity to explore a range of different options that have been tested elsewhere to inform present and future decision-making.

Eng Lumato said there were several similarities and differences between the EAPP, WAPP and their sub-sidiary energy institutions thus the study visit was of importance for the sector growth.

The visit was due to the fact that Eastern and Western power pool countries have varying and wide differences in the status of their national electricity markets. “They range from very small

countries with vertically integrated state-owned utilities to partially unbundled systems and to countries that have fully unbundled and privatized power companies thus learning from each block was crucial” he said.

On top of that, he said, the legal framework for the regional energy market created by the ECOWAS Energy Protocol is more recent, dynamic and enforceable and provides important learning points for the other regions.

The study tour is part of the IRB capacity building programme that aims to facilitate knowledge transfer among the members and give them an opportunity to obtain first-hand knowledge and experience so that they have in place functional regional energy regulatory institutions.





EWURA meets Editors in Dar es Salaam

By Tobietha Makafu

The Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA) has met with the editors of various media in the country, under the ambarella of Tanzania Editors' Forum (TEF) to discuss various matters on the regulation of energy and water services.

Opening the meeting recently, EWURA's Director General, Eng. Modestus Lumato said: "Media editors have a very important role in informing the community, so the meeting aims to discuss and increase understanding on regulated sectors, receive opinions and provide clarification on regulatory issues."



EWURA Director Genreal, Eng. Modestus Lumato.

On his part, the Chairman of the Editors Forum, Mr. Deodatus Balile said that editors will continue to cooperate with EWURA in informing the public about the regulatory matters for interest of the Nation.

"EWURA appreciates contribution of our media industry and we promise to continue cooperating at all times," he said.

Eng. Lumato thanked editors for the cooperation rendered to EWURA, for the past years and asked them to continue with such productive professional cooperation.

Eng. Lumato he said: "You are very important people for our institution, especially in

He added that EWURA as a regulator of energy and water utilities which directly touches even the common people, as well as the service providers, therefore through the editors and their media, it becomes easy to convey important information to EWURA's stakeholders.

"You are our important ambassadors in ensuring that important information is accessible to the public at the right time; and we have arranged this meeting so that you can be aware on our duties and responsibilities, so as to help us educate the public about EWURA" he said.

ensuring that we reach the public through various media outlets, informing them about the implementation of our responsibilities."

Editors from various media houses including television, radio, newspapers and blogs had an opportunity to listen to the presentation from Eng. Lumato about responsibilities and various challenges faced by EWURA.

Giving a word of thanks Veteran Writer, Mr. Salim Salim, said: "It is our responsibility and we will use the opportunities we have to ensure that citizens understand the issues of regulation of energy and water services."

EWURA will continue to improve cooperation with editors and journalists, in order to increase transparency in doing its work and inform citizens directly through various media.