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### **Targeted reforms to help Tanzania attract more sustainable and inclusive investment: Prime Minister Mizengo Pinda launches the OECD Investment Policy Review of Tanzania**

**The time has come for a comprehensive push on investment policy reform in Tanzania**, policymakers, private investors, and international development partners agreed in Dar es Salaam today. Over fourteen different ministries and as many government agencies, together with a large number of private sector organisations and the donor community, gathered at the Mwalimu Nyerere International Convention Centre on Friday 31 January to discuss the results of a ground-breaking study conducted on Tanzania's investment policy framework.\*

**Prime Minister Mizengo Pinda** declared the OECD Investment Policy Review of Tanzania officially launched. Together with **Mr. Titus Kamani, Minister of Livestock and Fisheries Development**, the PM encouraged his government to forge ahead with translating the Review's policy advice into effective action. Referring to growing investor interest in the gold and gas sectors, he further directed that implementation efforts should aim to "place Tanzania prominently on the radar screens of the domestic and international investor community, not only in the extractive sectors but most importantly across the wider economy". **Mr. Rintaro Tamaki, OECD Deputy Secretary General**, encouraged Tanzania to make full use of OECD investment policy tools in this context. Stressing that this exercise was "not a one-way street" but rather "an opportunity for mutual learning", he also welcomed the contributions that Tanzania could make to further enhancing the relevance of the OECD's tools to developing countries.

Mr. John Mboya of the PMO and Ms. Carole Biau of the OECD jointly presented on the report's key findings before engaging the audience in a **discussion of options for concrete policy follow-up**. Participants agreed on the need to update the Tanzania Investment Act based on international good practices while tailoring it to the needs of the Tanzanian economy. Rationalising investment incentives, strengthening the network of domestic suppliers, and more actively supporting SME competitiveness through inclusive business models and financial accessibility, came out as other pressing priorities – particularly in the agricultural sector, where much progress remains necessary to reach the transformational objectives of the Kilimo Kwanza ('Agriculture First') Strategy. Increasing land tenure security for investors and making more space for private investment in infrastructure also emerged as areas deserving closer attention from policymakers in the next few years.

In closing, participants highlighted steps that the PMO and other ministries will be taking to **roll out a comprehensive implementation package**, in the outcome-driven spirit of Tanzania's 'Best Results Now' initiative. The OECD, together with USAID and a range of other development partners, confirmed that they stood ready to assist the Government on this path towards more inclusive and sustainable investment.

*\* Background on the OECD Investment Policy Review of Tanzania: Since May 2011, the Prime Minister's Office of Tanzania has joined forces with the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) to produce the Investment Policy Review of Tanzania. This comprehensive 300-page document is a result of two years of close partnership, under government leadership, to identify central bottlenecks to attracting quality foreign and domestic investment into Tanzania. Supported by USAID and based on the OECD Policy Framework for Investment (PFI), the Review presents a cross-cutting set of opportunities for reform in the areas of: investment policy; investment promotion and facilitation; infrastructure investment; and agricultural investment. For more information on OECD Investment Policy Reviews in Africa and around the world, please visit:*

<http://www.oecd.org/investment/countryreviews.htm>