

Grand Celebration of the ITEC Day by Indian High Commission

The High Commission of India celebrated ITEC Day on 28 February, 2025 to commemorate the capacity building training opportunities offered by India since 1964 under its Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation Programme (ITEC).

In his opening remarks, the High Commissioner of India to Tanzania, Mr. Bishwadip Dey stated that the capacity-building program is a core pillar of bilateral cooperation with Tanzania. He mentioned that Tanzania is the largest beneficiary of ITEC program with 1000 annual slots and over 6500 Tanzanians have benefited from the program since 1972. He stressed that the ITEC program is tailored as per the specific needs of the partner countries and does not come with hidden terms and conditions but is purely on genuine desire to share the knowledge to enhance the local capabilities. He also encouraged the private sector to explore the opportunities presented by the ITEC program.

Chief Guest of the event, Ms. Mwajuma Waziri, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Water of Tanzania, who is also an ITEC alumna expressed appreciation to the Government of India for the capacity-building initiatives extended to Tanzania. She informed that many individuals have reaped the benefits of the program and are effectively applying their skills in their respective fields. She called India a valuable partner and underscored the importance of continued cooperation.

Ambassador of the Republic of Zimbabwe to Tanzania, H.E. Helen Bawange Dingani, an ITEC alumna, recalled her experience of the ITEC training in India on parliamentary procedures. She commented that the initiative facilitated not only capacity building but also cultural exchanges, as she had the opportunity to train alongside parliamentarians from various countries, providing her with significant exposure and a valuable experience.

The Commissioner General of Immigration, Dr. Anna P. Makakala, thanked the Government of India for providing specialized training for immigration officers in advanced and pertinent subjects like forensics, cyber security, and leadership.

The Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation Programme (ITEC) is flagship program started by the Government of India in 1964 for capacity building of citizens from the developing nations of Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Caribbean. ITEC offers both long-term and short-term training opportunities across a wide array of subjects at Indian institutions. It is open for officials in Government, Public and Private Sectors, Universities and Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

There is also variations in the program to suit everyone's needs. The e-ITEC allows for online training from the comfort of one's home. Additionally there is also the provision of requesting specialized trainings based on the priorities of the partner country. The executive ITEC caters to skill enhancement of senior-level officials. The program covers all associated costs, including travel, accommodation, course fees, visa fees, and daily living expenses thereby making it accessible to individuals who may otherwise lack the financial resources to pursue such skill enhancement trainings.

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