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Dar es Salaam to receive Sustainable Transport Award in Washington, DC

The Dar es Salaam city will on Tuesday, January 9 this year be accorded with a Sustainable Transport Award (STA) in Washington, DC in the United State of America after having been nominated as the first African city in the past 13 years of conducting such international STA.

The selection committee nominated Dar es Salaam city as a winner of the 2018 STA due to the efforts done by the Government of Tanzania to transform the nature of urban public transport in the city by implementing the Dar Rapid Transit (DART) project.

As part of the STA event, a Tanzania delegation which is headed by Ambassador of the United Republic of Tanzania in the United States of America and Mexico, Wilson Masilingi, left for the United States of America over the weekend in order to participate in the Transportation Research Board (TRB) 97th Annual Meeting that is slated to happen from January 7-11, 2018 at Walter E. Washington Convention Center. The purpose of the annual meeting is to discuss challenges and solutions pertinent to urban public transport in big cities.

The other delegates from Tanzania who have accompanied Ambassador Masilingi to attend the STA ceremony include the Deputy Permanent Secretary in the President's Office Regional Administration and Local Government, Mr. Tixon Tuyangine Nzunda, the Chairman of DART Agency Ministerial Advisory Board and Deputy Vice Chancellor of the University of Dar es Salaam, Prof. David Mfinanga, and the DART Agency Chief Executive, Eng. Ronald Lwakatare.

Apart from being reported in different media last year, the Sustainable Transport award was on July 2, 2017 announced officially by the World Bank Country Director for Tanzania, Burundi, Malawi, and Somalia, Ms. Bella Bird during a launching ceremony of the Tanzania Port Authority improvement project that was officiated by the President of United Republic of Tanzania, His Excellency Dr. John Pombe Magufuli. During this occasion, President Magufuli accorded the Dar

es Salaam City with praises for winning the STA due to good implementation of the DART project whose running of bus operations under interim service provider (ISP) commenced on May 10, 2016.

The ISP bus operations in the DART project phase one has depicted success including reduction of travelling time from three hours to 40 minutes for the route from Kimara Terminal to the city centre, an increase of employment to about 967 including increasing business opportunities apart from reducing emissions from Euro III engines. Other advantages that have come with the commencement of bus operations include removal of mistreatment of students by the old urban public transport system that was using small commuter buses popularly known as daladala and the fact that many financial institutions have become interested in investing their money in the DART system.

The DART project is being implemented in six phases. The infrastructure development of Phase 2 along Kilwa Road will start to be implemented early this year.

This is the second time Dar es Salaam city is invited to receive sustainable transport award at international level since the DART Agency started bus operations under interim service almost two years ago. The first award of the kind known as C40 Cities Bloomberg Philanthropies Awards, was received in December 2017 in New York city. The C40 award was received by Dar es Salaam City Mayor and a technical staff from DART Agency.