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## Press Release

### Official Launch of the Good Financial Governance Programme Implemented by GIZ

On 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017, in Dar es Salaam, GIZ (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH) together with key stakeholders officially launched the Good Financial Governance (GFG) Programme. The event brought together high-ranking representatives from governmental and non-government partners of the public finance sector and stakeholders of the GFG Programme, as well as the programme funders.

The GFG is a technical cooperation programme, implemented by GIZ and funded by the European Union (EU), Germany and Switzerland for a time span of four years (2016-2020). The programme's objective is to strengthen the public finance system of Tanzania in the realms of accountability and state revenue mobilisation. It works in harmonious cooperation with core partners from the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania – particularly the Ministry of Finance and Planning with the Internal Auditor General's Division; the President's Office – Regional Administration and Local Government; and the National Audit Office of Tanzania. Furthermore, other main partners include non-governmental organisations, such as Wajibu – Institute for Public Accountability and Sikika.

The launch was very well-attended: after opening remarks by Dr. Regine Qualmann (GIZ Country Director) the EU Head of Development Cooperation José Correia Nunes took to the floor to further contextualise the funders' support, which reflects the continuous commitment of the EU, Germany and Switzerland to the United Republic of Tanzania. On behalf of all three funding partners, he said, "*The Good Financial Governance Programme is well conceptualized because state revenue mobilisation and accountability for using public moneys are two sides of the same coin. Additionally, the support neatly aligns with global, regional and local discussions on the pivotal role of domestic revenue mobilization for financing development.*" Subsequently, Dr. Annette Mummert (GFG Programme Manager) introduced the outline of the programme and more in-depth presentations reflected on the four fields of action of the GFG Programme: external audit, internal audit, domestic revenue mobilization and social accountability.

Key partners voiced their appreciation for the cooperation with the GFG Programme, whilst simultaneously highlighting the challenges lying ahead with regards to enhancing accountability structures and state revenue mobilisation processes in the public finance system.



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Controller and Auditor General (CAG) Prof. Mussa Assad stated: *“I would like to thank GIZ [editor's note: in its function as an implementing agency] for the excellent support we have received in the past. We are extremely grateful to continue our cooperation in the Good Financial Governance Programme.”* Other partners who spoke included the Internal Auditor General Mohammed Mtonga, the Wajibu Executive Director and former-CAG Ludovick Utouh and the Sikika Executive Director Irenei Kiria. An open and insightful question-and-answer session highlighted the array of different stakeholders the GFG Programme convenes and the commitment by each and every one of them to the success of the Good Financial Governance Programme.

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