Tanzania CSO Statement – VNR 2026 HLPF

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Thank you, Moderator.

Tanzanian civil society welcomes this opportunity to reflect on Tanzania's 2026 VNR at a defining moment, with less than five years remaining to achieve the 2030 Agenda, while Tanzania has begun implementing its Development Vision 2050.

We recognize Tanzania's progress in infrastructure, public services, investment, national planning, peace and stability.

However, development should be measured by whether people can access decent work, quality education, health care, justice, clean water, social protection, and meaningful participation in public decision-making.

Civil society therefore presents five urgent calls:

First,

The 2026 VNR should catalyze stronger implementation, follow-up and review mechanisms, adequate financing, a whole-of-society approach, and investments in robust national statistical systems capable of generating timely, disaggregated data at all levels.

Second,

Young people, women, persons with disabilities, and rural communities should be placed at the center of employment, skills, entrepreneurship and digital transformation to fulfil the commitment to leave No One Behind.

Third,

Investment should create decent jobs, promote local value addition, strengthen domestic enterprises, protect the environment, and contribute fairly through taxation.

Fourth,

Tanzania should strengthen and diversify financing for the remaining years of SDGs implementation, prioritizing critical sectors including water and sanitation, health, education, sustainable cities, and clean energy.

Fifth,

Sustainable development requires access to justice, the rule of law, transparent institutions, an enabling civic and digital space, and protection of fundamental freedoms.

We reaffirm our commitment to working with the Government, Parliament, Local Authorities, Private Sector, UN, and Development Partners to accelerate SDGs implementation and ensure no one is left behind.

Let the 2026 VNR mark a decisive shift from reporting commitments to delivering results, and from development for people to development with people.

I thank you