

# TANZANIA

ESTABLISHMENT  
OF A CROSS-BORDER  
BLOCKCHAIN NODE



TAKING YOU AND YOUR  
INDUSTRY TO THE  
NEXT LEVEL



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## CONTEXT

In recent years, Tanzania has embarked on an innovation-oriented development path emphasizing the importance of e-governance, robust private sector and reliable digital infrastructure. At the same time, the country's economy has been facing a number of challenges preventing it from making a leap to the next level. Those are associated with labor market shortages in highly skilled professionals, insufficient entrepreneurship incentives, particularly

in the technology and innovation sector, as well as limited scope of reforms in e-governance. Yet, Tanzania is among the top 3 innovation leaders in Sub-Saharan Africa, only outranked by South Africa and Kenya. Introduction of state-of-the-art technologies, such as blockchain, could provide a major boost to digitalization and innovation-driven entrepreneurship, while also ensuring efficient and secure provision of public services to citizens.



## TARGET BENEFICIARIES:

### GOVERNMENT

Industry  
-  
Energy  
-  
Science  
-  
Technology  
-  
Communications  
-  
Transport

### ACADEMIA

Experts  
-  
Researchers

### COMMUNITY

Start Ups  
-  
SMEs

### INSTITUTIONS

Standards bodies  
-  
Industrial  
associations  
-  
Technology  
institutes

## STRATEGY

In cooperation with the beneficiary, the National Institute of Transport (NIT), the project will leverage Slovenian expertise in setting up blockchain infrastructure (SI-Chain on Hashnet protocol) to establish a blockchain knowledge hub and design a nation-wide training programme that meets the country's specific needs in bridging knowledge gaps for efficient management and application of the blockchain technology. NIT is a leading academic institution in Tanzania that specializes in producing competent professionals to promote innovation and sustainable development in the country.

As the project's government coordinating agency, the Ministry of Information, Communication and Information Technology of Tanzania plays a pivotal role in promoting digitalization, and technology adoption towards a smoother 4IR transition. The Ministry's partnership with UNIDO aims to strengthen national capacities to adopt blockchain technologies while upgrading the country's skills base.



### **SI Chain** *High-Capacity Blockchain*

SI Chain is Slovenia's national blockchain infrastructure project, providing a high-speed and high-capacity blockchain network. It is the first-of-its-kind national blockchain infrastructure service powered by the Hashnet protocol, allowing developers in both the public and private sectors to test their applications.



### **Hashnet protocol** *Security and Transparency*

Is a Distributed Ledger Technology (DLT) that is faster and more energy-efficient than other DLT solutions. It enables the establishment of smart contracts. The protocol is particularly efficient for high-speed transactions, it ensures a secure network by preventing manipulation of transactions or their order.



Tanzania's Blockchain Node development



Tanzania's Knowledge Hub development



## EXPECTED RESULTS

The project will contribute to implementation of the National Five-Year Development Plan by boosting Tanzania's economic performance and market access through an improved environment that offers blockchain-powered verification, interoperability and reliability.

Targeted efforts will be channelled to ensure relevant knowledge transfer to foster the uptake of digital and 4IR technologies. As a result, the project is expected to help transform and optimize processes related to E-governance, increasing efficiency of public services, while also reinforcing competitiveness and driving innovation of SMEs based on improved access to blockchain infrastructure.

### EMPOWERING TANZANIA'S FUTURE:



**E-GOVERNMENT**  
IS RELIABLE AND  
EFFICIENT



**NATIONAL EXPERTISE**  
IS TECHNOLOGICALLY  
REINFORCED



**TRANSACTIONS**  
ARE FASTER  
AND SECURE



**BUSINESS**  
ARE INNOVATIVE  
AND COMPETITIVE



**ECONOMIC INCLUSION**  
OF VULNERABLE  
SOCIAL GROUPS



**GLOBAL MARKET**  
**POSITIONING**  
IS STRENGTHENED

The project-supported **Blockchain Hub** will be the first in its kind in Tanzania to serve various productive SMEs and other economic operators in the country as well as in the region



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