Ministry of Works, Tanzania

Tanzania Transportation Technology Transfer (TanT²) Centre

Tanzania Roads Association (TARA)

# ANNUAL ROADS CONVENTION (ARC 2026)

# UPDATES SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT





**1ST – 4TH DECEMBER 2026, NEW LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM - UNIVERSITY OF DAR ES SALAAM, DAR ES SALAAM, TANZANIA**

**THEME**: "**DRIVING SMART CITIES THROUGH INNOVATION, SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY AND CONGESTION SOLUTIONS"**

**Organised by:**

**Tanzania Roads Association (TARA) in collaboration with the Ministry of Works in Tanzania, Tanzania Transportation Technology Transfer (TanT²) Centre and Other Local and International Institutions.**

**Supported by:**

**INTRODUCTION:**

The Tanzania Roads Association (**TARA**), which is also a National Committee of the World Road Association (**PIARC**) in collaboration with the Ministry of Works in Tanzania, the Tanzania Transportation Technology Transfer (**TanT$^2$**) Centre**,** Tanzania National Roads Agency (**TANROADS**), Tanzania Rural and Urban Roads Agency (**TARURA**), the Roads Fund Board in Tanzania, the International Road Assessment Programme (**iRAP**), the Chartered Institution of Highways & Transportation (**CIHT**), the Africa Transportation Research Alliance (**ATRA**), Institute for Transportation and Development Policy (**ITDP**) with other local and international institutions, is organizing the **Annual Roads Convention (ARC 2026)** with a Theme of **"Driving Smart Cities through Innovation, Sustainable Mobility and Congestion Solutions"** to be held from **1st to 4th December 2026** at **New Library Conference Room - University of Dar es Salaam, , Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.**

The convention will provide a platform for sharing knowledge, experiences, and innovative solutions aimed at advancing smart cities, promoting sustainable mobility, and addressing urban traffic congestion challenges.

**MAIN THEME AND SUB-THEMES:**

The main Theme of the Annual Roads Convention (ARC 2026) will be **"Driving Smart Cities through Innovation, Sustainable Mobility and Congestion Solutions"** and will focus on the following sub-themes:

- **Smart Cities and Digital Infrastructure** – Leveraging digital technologies to enhance urban mobility and infrastructure efficiency
- **Sustainable Urban Mobility Systems** – Promoting low-carbon, inclusive, and efficient transport solutions
- **Traffic Congestion Management and Control** – Innovative strategies and technologies for reducing urban traffic congestion
- **Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) and Innovation** – Application of smart technologies in traffic operations and infrastructure management
- **Climate-Resilient and Green Infrastructure** – Designing infrastructure that withstands climate change while minimizing environmental impact
- **Road Safety and Urban Mobility Planning** – Enhancing safety through integrated and people-centered transport planning
- **Public Transport Systems and Policy Reforms** – Strengthening public transport through policy, governance, and innovation
- **Financing Smart Infrastructure Development** – Exploring sustainable financing models for smart cities and transport systems
- **Integrated Land Use and Transport Planning** – Aligning urban development with efficient transport systems
- **Data-Driven Transport Systems** – Using data and analytics to improve planning, decision-making, and system performance

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES:**

By the end of the convention, participants are expected to:

- **Gain a comprehensive understanding of smart city concepts** and their application in modern transport systems
- **Learn best practices in sustainable urban mobility** planning, design, and implementation
- **Explore innovative and digital technologies** in traffic management, including Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS)
- **Understand effective strategies for reducing urban traffic congestion** through smart and integrated solutions
- **Enhance knowledge on climate-resilient and green infrastructure** for sustainable road development
- **Strengthen capacity in data-driven decision-making** for efficient transport planning and operations
- **Identify sustainable financing mechanisms** for smart infrastructure and mobility projects

- **Build strategic partnerships and networks** for collaboration across public and private sectors
- **Improve policy, regulatory, and institutional frameworks** to support smart, safe, and efficient transport systems

## CHALLENGES TO BE DISCUSSED:

The convention will address key challenges affecting the development of smart cities and sustainable mobility, including:

- Rapid urbanization and increasing traffic congestion in major cities
- Inadequate integration of land use and transport planning
- Limited adoption of smart and digital transport technologies
- Insufficient funding for sustainable urban infrastructure
- Weak enforcement of traffic regulations and road safety measures
- Environmental impacts and climate change effects on transport systems
- Inefficiencies in public transport systems
- Data gaps and limited use of data in transport planning and management
- Institutional and policy coordination challenges among stakeholders
- Aging infrastructure and maintenance constraints

## TARGETED AUDIENCE

In line with the theme **"Driving Smart Cities through Innovation, Sustainable Mobility and Congestion Solutions,"** ARC 2026 is expected to attract a wide spectrum of participants, including:

- **Government Leaders & Policymakers** – From Ministries responsible for Works, Transport, Infrastructure, Finance, and Planning, with a focus on smart city development and sustainable mobility policies.
- **Transport Regulators and Agencies** – Institutions responsible for planning, managing, and regulating transport systems, including the adoption of intelligent transport systems (ITS) and congestion management strategies.
- **Development Partners & International Organizations** – Supporting innovation, financing, and implementation of sustainable urban mobility and smart infrastructure initiatives.
- **Civil Engineers, Transport and Infrastructure Experts** – Professionals engaged in designing and implementing modern, resilient, and technology-driven transport infrastructure.
- **Private Sector Investors & Contractors** – Key players in PPPs, smart infrastructure solutions, logistics, and innovative construction technologies.
- **Academia, Researchers & Training Institutions** – Driving research, innovation, and knowledge in smart cities, data-driven transport systems, and sustainable mobility solutions.
- **Regional Economic Communities (EAC, SADC, COMESA, AU)** – Promoting regional integration, smart transport corridors, and cross-border mobility solutions.

## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

**The Organising Committee of the Annual Roads Convention (ARC 2026)** invites researchers, practitioners, policymakers, and industry experts to submit abstracts for presentation during the convention.

### Scope of Abstracts

Authors are invited to submit original and high-quality abstracts addressing, but not limited to, the following sub-themes:

- Smart Cities and Digital Infrastructure Development
- Sustainable Urban Transport Systems
- Traffic Congestion Management and Control Strategies
- Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) and Innovation
- Climate-Resilient and Green Infrastructure
- Road Safety and Urban Mobility Planning

- Public Transport Systems and Policy Reforms
- Financing Infrastructure for Smart Cities Development
- Integration of Land Use and Transport Planning
- Data-Driven Decision Making in Transport Systems

Submission Guidelines

- Abstracts should be written in **English**
- Maximum length: **300 words**
- Clearly indicate the **title, author(s), affiliation, and contact details**
- Abstracts should highlight **objectives, methodology, key findings, and relevance to the conference theme**

**Abstract Submission Deadline:** Extended to **15th October 2026** to **info@tara.or.tz** with a copy to the Secretariat of the Organising Committee, at **fabianlaurent.tara@gmail.com**

**SUPPORTERS/COLLABORATORS:**

**Tanzania Rural and Urban Roads Agency (TARURA).**

Tanzania Rural and Urban Roads Agency (TARURA) is an Executive Agency of the President's Office, Regional Administration and Local Government, (PO-RALG), established under Section 3 (1) Of the Executive Agencies Act. (Cap. 245) by Order published in Government Notice No.211 dated May 12, 2017; and was inaugurated on July 02, 2017. Tanzania Rural and Urban Roads Agency (TARURA) is vested with the responsibility of managing the development, rehabilitation, maintenance, axle load control; environmental and road reserve management of rural and urban roads network for the socio-economic development of Tanzania. (http://www.tarura.go.tz/)

**Tanzania National Roads Agency (TANROADS)** is an Executive Agency of the Ministry of Works established under the Executive Agencies Act No. 30 of 1997 responsible for management, development and maintenance of the trunk and regional road network in Tanzania. The aim of TANROADS is to provide cost effective and sustainable maintenance and development of the primary road network comprised of all trunk and regional road network to support the socio-economic development of Tanzania (www.tanroads.go.tz).

**Roads Fund Board**, **Tanzania**

The **Roads Fund** and **Roads Fund Board** were established by statutory instrument Road and Fuel Tolls Act CAP 220 (Revised edition 2006). The Board comprises of nine members, five from the private sector and four from the public sector. Pursuant to the law, the Board is mandated to ensure full collection of funds, disbursement and monitoring utilization of the same. Furthermore, the Act states that at least 90% of its funds should be used for maintenance and emergency repair of classified roads and related administrative costs and not more than 10% of its funds for roads development and related administrative costs in Mainland Tanzania. The Act also stipulates that "all administrative costs with regard to the Roads Fund Board shall be defrayed from the Roads Fund". Funds are disbursed to implementing agencies such as Ministry of Works Tanzania National Roads Agency (TANROADS) for Trunk and Regional roads, the President's Office Regional Administration and Local Government (PO-RALG), Tanzania Rural and Urban Roads Agency (TARURA) for roads under the Local Government Authorities (www.roadsfund.go.tz).

**Tanzania Roads Association (TARA)**

Tanzania Roads Association (TARA) is a nongovernmental organization (NGO), non-political, non-profit and non-religious organization established and **registered on 5th July 1991** with the Ministry of Home Affairs, Tanzania under the Societies Ordinance Cap.337 whose mission is ***"to promote best practices in the planning, designing, construction, management and use of roads as well as appropriate measures to enhance safety, effectiveness and efficiency of road infrastructure through***

***sharing of knowledge, experience, organizing trainings and demonstrative projects and programs that are environmentally friendly".*** TARA among others encourages and provides trainingto both road users as well as road professionals, through conducting short courses, seminars, workshops and organizing Annual Roads Conventions for the purpose of discussing and sharing experience and technology in the roads sub sector. TARA membership is open to any individual withinterest in roads and road transport who is ready to join hands in supporting and promoting vision, mission and objectives of TARA. https://www.tara.or.tz/ or **E-mail:** info@tara.or.tz

**Tanzania Transportation Technology Transfer (TanT$^2$) Centre**

The Government of Tanzania through the Ministry of Works established the TanzaniaTransportation Technology Transfer (TanT$^2$) Centre in August 1997 whose mission is ***"To foster safe, efficient and environmentally sustainable transportation systems in Tanzania by improving skills and knowledge of transportation providers and users through training, technical assistance and technology transfer"***. TanT$^2$Centre is a unit under the Ministry of Works. The establishment of the Centre is an initiative that aims at improving transportation in the country at all levels through technology transfer. TanT$^2$ Centre facilitates ways to enable users and providers of all modes of transport in the country to keep pace with the fast- changing transportation technology (www.tant2centre.or.tz).

**VENUE AND DATES FOR THE ANNUAL ROAD CONVENTION (ARC 2026):**



**The Annual Roads Convention (ARC 2026)** will be held from **1st to 4th December 2026** at **New Library Conference Room - University of Dar es Salaam, Dar es Salaam Tanzania.**

**LOCATION AND ACCESS:**





- Dar es Salaam is the **largest city and economic center of Tanzania**, located on the **eastern coast of the country along the Indian Ocean**. It lies about **10° South of the Equator** and serves as the **main port and gateway** for trade between Tanzania and the rest of the world. The city is approximately **630 kilometers east of Dodoma**, the administrative capital, and is connected to all major regions of the country through an extensive network of **roads, railways, and air transport**Dar es Salaam's **strategic coastal position** makes it a vital link

- for **landlocked neighboring countries** such as Zambia, Malawi, Rwanda, Burundi, and the Democratic Republic of Congo, which rely on its port for international trade. With its bustling harbor, vibrant business districts, and cultural diversity, Dar es Salaam stands as **Tanzania's primary hub for commerce, industry, and transport** — truly living up to its name, *"The Haven of Peace."*

**Getting to Dar es Salaam.**

Dar es Salaam, the largest city and main commercial hub of Tanzania, is easily accessible from many international destinations in Africa, Europe, the Middle East, and Asia.

**By Air**

The main entry point to Dar es Salaam is **Julius Nyerere International Airport (JNIA)**, located about **12 kilometers (7.5 miles)** southwest of the city center.

- **Direct International Flights:** JNIA is served by major international airlines including Qatar Airways, Emirates, Turkish Airlines, Ethiopian Airlines, Kenya Airways, RwandAir, EgyptAir, Air France, KLM, and others.
- **Regional Connections:** There are also regular regional flights from neighboring countries such as Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Zambia, Malawi, and South Africa.

- **Domestic Flights:** For participants connecting from other Tanzanian cities such as Arusha, Mwanza, Dodoma, or Zanzibar, several local airlines operate frequent flights, including Air Tanzania, Precision Air, and Coastal Aviation.

**Airport Transfers**

- Airport taxis and official shuttle services are available 24 hours a day at JNIA.
- Many hotels in Dar es Salaam also provide **airport pick-up services** on request.
- It is recommended to **confirm transport arrangements in advance** with your hotel or the conference secretariat.

**Local Transportation**

Dar es Salaam has a range of reliable transportation options including:

- **Ride-hailing services** such as Bolt and Ping, available through mobile apps.
- **Licensed taxis** at major hotels and business districts.
- **Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)** services operating along key routes within the city.

**INFORMATION ON VISA REQUIREMENTS:**

For Visa requirements contact your local Tanzanian Embassy or visit the website of the Ministry of Home Affairs in Tanzania at **www.moha.go.tz**

**REGISTRATION, FEES AND SPONSORSHIP:**

**Registration**: Pre-registration is required before **17th November, 2026**, and the delegates to attend **the Annual Road Convention (ARC 2026)** are required to fill the delegate registration form online at ***https://www.tara.or.tz/participants-online-registration-annual-roads-convention-arc-2026***

**Registration Fees:**

The Registration Fees for attending **the Annual Road Convention (ARC 2026)** have been established as follows: -

| **Attendance** | **Categories** | **Until 17th November, 2026** | **After 17th November, 2026** |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Delegates (TARA Non-Member)** | Foreign delegates | **US$ 500** | **US$ 600** |
| | Tanzanian delegates | **Tshs. 1,000,000** | **Tshs. 1,200,000** |
| | Student | **Tshs. 500,000** | **Tshs. 600,000** |
| **Delegates (TARA Member)** | Tanzania delegate | **Tshs. 800,000** | **Tshs. 1,000,000** |
| **Exhibitors** | Foreign Exhibitors | **US$ 650** | **US$ 800** |
| | Local Exhibitors | **Tshs. 2,500,000** | **Tshs. 3,000,000** |

**The Registration Fees for Attendants of the Annual Roads Convention (ARC 2026) cover**: -

- Convention attendance.
- Convention materials.
- Access to exhibitions.
- Lunches and refreshments during the Convention.
- Certificate of Attendance.

**EXHIBITIONS:**

At New Library Conference Room - University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM) an exhibition of technologies, products and services a showcase for all related industries will be held in conjunction with the Annual Roads Convention (ARC 2026) whereby construction companies, local and foreign equipment and material suppliers and consultants will be able to exhibit their products, services and technologies. Exhibition space is available on a first come, first served bases.

**The Registration Fees for Exhibitors cover**: -

- Provision of Exhibition Facilities
- 3m x 3m Exhibition Booth (in case you need more space, contact the Secretariat)
- Electricity Socket connection
- 1 Table
- 2 Chairs
- 1 waste basket
- Your Company Name on the site of the event Exhibitor Company Data in the Official Guide
- 2 Exhibitor badges per exhibition booth
- Convention documents
- Lunches and refreshments during the Convention.

Public and private institutions and firms wishing to exhibit are required to fill the exhibition registration form online at***: https://www.tara.or.tz/exhibitors-online-registration-formannual-roads-convention-arc-2026***

**TERMS OF PAYMENT:**

**All Payment should be made by Bank Transfer to the *TARA Project Accounts* as follows:**

| Detail | Information |
|---|---|
| Account Name | Tanzania Roads Association |
| Account Number | 0150360676301 |
| Bank Name | CRDB Bank PLC |
| Branch Name | Msasani |
| Swift Code | CORUTZTZ |
| Bank Contact | Msasani Tower,<br>Off Kimweri Drive, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania |
| Tel | +255 22 2923344 |
| Fax | +255 22 2923345 |

1. Local Delegates: Participants from Tanzania should make Payments to the following Tanzania Roads Association's Tanzania Shilling Account;

| Detail | Information |
|---|---|
| Account Name | Tanzania Roads Association |
| Account Number | 0250360676300 |
| Bank Name | CRDB Bank PLC |
| Branch Name | Msasani |
| Swift Code | CORUTZTZ |
| Bank Contact | Msasani Tower, Off<br>Kimweri Drive,<br>Dar es Salaam, Tanzania |
| Tel | +255 22 2923344 |
| Fax | +255 22 2923345 |

2. Foreign Delegates: International Participants should make Payments to the following Tanzania Roads Association's USD Dollar Account;

**Important Notes**

- ✓ Participants are responsible for covering all bank transfer charges.
- ✓ The exchange rate of the US Dollar to the Tanzanian Shilling may fluctuate based on financial and economic conditions.
- ✓ It is crucial to include the participant's name and the convention title in the remittance information to ensure proper tracking of payments

**CONFIRMATION OF REGISTRATION:**

Registrations will be acknowledged in writing to the e-mail or other address nominated in the registration form along with an invoice acknowledging receipt of payment. If you have not received confirmation within **7** days of submitting payment contact Tanzania Roads Association (TARA) at info@tara.or.tz; with a copy to the Secretariat of the Organising Committee, Eng. Laurent Athanas at fabianlaurent.tara@gmail.com Mobile Phone; +255 620 182 243 or +255 753 246 763.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:**

Delegates who after registering are unable to attend the Annual Roads Convention (ARC 2026) are welcome to nominate a substitute delegate. If there is no one that can be nominated as a substitute a refund of registration fees will be made if written advice is received by **17th November, 2026.** No refunds will begiven after that date; however, nominations for substitute delegates will continue to be accepted.

| Benefit | Gold Sponsor TZS 10,000,000 | Silver Sponsor TZS 7,000,000 | Bronze Sponsor TZS 5,000,000 | Exhibitor TZS 2,500,000 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| ▪ **Official recognition** | Gold Sponsor | Silver Sponsor | Bronze Sponsor | Registered Exhibitor |
| ▪ **Logo on Convention signage** | Premier placement | Prominent placement | Standard placement | Company name at exhibition site |
| ▪ **Logo in official programme / website** | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | Company details in official guide |
| ▪ **Exhibition space** | Premium location | Priority location | Standard location | Standard booth |
| ▪ **Exhibition booth size** | 3m × 3m | 3m × 3m | 3m × 3m | 3m × 3m |
| ▪ **Booth facilities** | Table, 2 chairs | Table, 2 chairs | Table, 2 chairs, | Table, 2 chairs |
| ▪ **Product / technology demonstration** | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| ▪ **Co-branding of technical session/activity** | ✓ | — | — | — |
| ▪ **Participation in technical/professional session** | Priority opportunity | Opportunity | — | — |
| ▪ **Business networking & stakeholder engagement** | Priority access | Enhanced access | General access | General access |
| ▪ **Complimentary Convention registrations** | 5 | 3 | 2 | 2 exhibitor badges |
| ▪ **Advertisement in official programme** | Full page | Half page | Company profile/listing | Company details |
| ▪ **Promotional materials in delegate resources** | ✓ | ✓ | Exhibition booth only | Exhibition booth only |
| ▪ **Social-media recognition** | Dedicated | Selected | Selected | — |
| ▪ **Verbal recognition during Convention** | All Sessions | Selected sessions | General acknowledgement | — |
| ▪ **Corporate video / promotional message** | ✓ | — | — | — |
| ▪ **Post-event recognition** | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | — |
| ▪ **Recognition plaque / certificate** | Gold plaque/certificate | Silver certificate | Bronze certificate | — |
| ▪ **Convention documents/materials** | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| ▪ **Lunch and refreshments** | Included | Included | Included | Included |

Organizations interested in sponsoring the event are invited to complete **the sponsorship registration form** at: ***https://www.tara.or.tz/sponsorship-online-registration-form-annual-roads-convention-arc-2026***

**FURTHER DETAILS ON SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES, PLEASE CONTACT:**

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**CONVENTION LANGUAGES:**

The official language of **the Annual Road Convention (ARC 2026)** will be English. No translation service will be provided at the Convention.

**RESOURCE PERSONS:**

The Annual Roads Convention (ARC 2026) will bring together internationally renowned resource persons and instructors who will share invaluable insights and expertise aligned with the convention's theme.

**ORGANIZING COMMITTEE:**

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| **Chairman** | Joseph O. Haule, Chairman Tanzania Roads Association (TARA). |
| Member | Eng. Silvester Haonga, TanT$^2$ Centre, Ministry of Works, Tanzania. |
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| Member | Eng. Benitho Nikodemu Mdzovela, Tanzania National Roads Agency (TANROADS). |
| Member | Eng. Venant Komba, Tanzania Rural and Urban Roads Agency (TARURA). |
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| Member | Ms. Anna Nkoma, Tanzania Roads Association (TARA). |
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