

**VOTE OF THANKS DURING THE FIRST ANNUAL  
CONFERENCE ON MONITORING AND EVALUATION  
BEST PRACTICES HELD AT SEASCAPE HOTEL, DAR  
ES SALAAM FROM 11<sup>TH</sup> TO 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2017**

**Offered by**  
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- Honorable Minister for Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children, .....  
(represented by **Mr. Cloud Kumaliya**, Assistant Director of Monitoring and Evaluation MoHCDEC)
  - The Vice Chancellor of Mzumbe University,
  - Director of Health, Social Welfare and Nutrition Services, PMO-RALG,
  - Acting Director of Policy and Planning, MoHCDEC,
  - Assistant Director of Health Services, MoHCDEC,
  - Monitoring and Evaluation Officer, Zanzibar Malaria Elimination Programme,
  - Head of Monitoring and Evaluation Unit (NACP),
  - Country Director, University of California, San Francisco
  - Dean of the School of Public Administration and Management, Mzumbe University,
  - Head of Department, Department of Health Systems Management,
  - Representatives of Various Health Provisioning Institutions,
  - Members of Academic Staff and Students at Mzumbe University,
  - Members of the Press,
  - Invited Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen.
- Goodmorning.

**Honorable Guest of honor**, allow me on behalf of Mzumbe University to thank you for valuing our invitation to officiate the First Annual Monitoring and Evaluation Best Practice Conference. We really appreciate. To us, this shows how committed the Ministry is on monitoring and evaluation issues in health sector. Thank you for coming and thank you for officiating our conference this morning.

I would like to thank our international partners, all facilitators and presenters for their time and professional commitments, which have made this conference a reality.

Sincerely, I would like to thank the Ministry for continually supporting the collaborative initiative that exists between Mzumbe University, the Ministry and University of California, San Fransisco. Thank you very much.

**Honorable Guest of honor**, I assure you that this conference is just one of catalysts with potential of transforming the Health Sector by enhancing the capacity of health facilities and related organizations to use high-quality data for efficient and evidence-based strategic planning of health programmes. Mzumbe University considers this forum as an opportunity to come up with good strategies that will engage more other institutions within and outside the country on the need of promoting the culture of using quality data even at lower level of health services provisioning.

**Dear Guest of honor**, Mzumbe University takes up the challenge seriously on the need to produce more high-quality research outputs that will lead to user friendly publications and more practical tailor-made courses on M&E for health workers at lower levels of health services delivery facilities. The research outputs will also be used to inform the teaching and to improve curricula and designing more relevant courses for health professionals in both the public and private sectors. Recommendations made during this conference will be promoted beyond the Conference proceedings to inculcate the culture of using good quality data and best practices based on M&E.

**Dear Guest of honor,** I would like to commend the 5<sup>th</sup> Phase Government of the United Republic of Tanzania, led by His Excellency Dr. John Pombe Joseph Magufuli, for making tremendous investment for improving the Health Sector. Mzumbe University is committed to producing high quality professionals in the Health Sector in Health Systems Management in general and highly skilled professionals in M&E and data management in particular. This will be achieved by strengthening existing collaborations with partners like the University of California San Francisco and forging many more such collaborations with other institutions within and outside the country.

Mzumbe University takes seriously your enticement as a directive to consider holding the second Conference in Dodoma, which is now, the seat of the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania.

Last but not least, I would like to thank **the New Venture Fund** for financial support without which, this conference would have remained a dream.

**Dear Guest of honor,** once again, thank you very much for accepting our invitation and for officiating this important Conference. It is my sincere hope that all conference participants and presenters will take seriously the four-days forum to ensure that the conference objectives are achieved as planned.

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH**