



Diaspora Council of Tanzanians in America

October 31, 2016

Ref: TZUSNHC10312016-01

H.E. Ambassador Wilson Masilingi,
Embassy of the United Republic of Tanzania,
1232 22nd Street NW,
Washington, DC 20037.

Re: National Housing Corporation Investment Opportunities For Tanzanians Living Abroad

Dear Ambassador Masilingi,

We would like to acknowledge the receipt of your letter with reference KBA/105/655/01 on the above subject. We heeded the request immediately upon receiving the letter and disseminated it to members of the Tanzanian diaspora within our networks. We also published the letter on our website, <http://dicotaus.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/JUMUIYA-YA-WATANZANIA-MAREKANI-OCTOBER-24-2016.pdf>; and shared it via our Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn social media accounts. Our combined reach on these social medial platforms exceeds 2,000 individuals. We are truly excited about the opportunities for the Tanzanian diaspora offered by the National Housing Corporation and other institutions encouraging diaspora investments in Tanzania. We will continue to share these opportunities.

This past week we received a number of inquiries from members of the Tanzania diaspora regarding comments heard and seen on social media from the Minister of Lands, Housing and Urban Settlement, Hon. William Lukuvi. The inquiries pertain to seeking clarity on the following:

- i. What are the rights and protections accorded to Tanzania citizens living in the diaspora as they relate to land occupancy and property ownership while they reside overseas?
- ii. What are the rights and protections accorded to individuals, born in Tanzania, who have been accorded citizenship of their respective countries of residence (host country), specifically,
 - a. Property they acquired prior to obtaining citizenship of their current country of residence (host country)
 - b. Property acquired through inheritance from Tanzania citizen family members
 - c. Property they acquire after obtaining citizenship of their current country of residence (host country)
 - d. Acquisition of apartment units where land may remain in the hands of the owner or developer of the property.

Home and property ownership is a considerable investment and something many Tanzanians in the diaspora hold near and dear to their hearts. The protection and safe custody of these assets is likewise as important to many. We believe that clarification regarding these items would greatly ease and facilitate the participation of the diaspora in the mutual beneficial opportunities like the ones offered by the National Housing Corporation and encouraged by our government. We kindly ask for clarification of this and we look forward to learning more so we can share with the diaspora. If there are other items you feel are also worth clarifying that are not part of this inquiry, we would be happy to learn more.

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Sincerely,

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