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**HON. ALHAJI DR. JUMA NGASONGWA (MP), MINISTER FOR PLANNING, ECONOMY
AND EMPOWERMENT TO LAUNCH ESRF MEDIUM TERM STRATEGIC PLAN
2008 - 2011**

The Economic and Social Research Foundation (ESRF) will launch the Medium Term Strategic Plan 2008 - 2011, on 22nd November 2007 at 9.00 a.m. The launching ceremony will take place at the Kilimanjaro Hotel Kempinski and will be officiated by Hon. Alhaji Dr. Juma Ngasongwa (MP), Minister for Planning, Economy and Empowerment.

ESRF is an independent policy research institution. The overall objective is to develop capacity in economic and social policy analysis and development management by conducting and disseminating results from social and economic policy research, facilitating policy dialogue and conducting training on policy analysis and development management.

For the last 13 years ESRF has contributed immensely to the development of institutional capacity for policy analysis. This has been achieved hand in hand with various stakeholders in different sectors of the economy. It has strengthened capability for policy analysis and decision-making for articulation and enhancement of policy options for the Government, the Donor Community, Civil Society, the Private Sector and the general public. This has been done through various channels including Research, Capacity Development, Policy Dialogues, Commissioned Studies and Knowledge Dissemination.

Institutional Review of the Foundation's previous strategic plans has led to the re-focus of the institution's vision and informed the formulation of the Medium Term Strategic Plan for 2008-2011. The strategy will guide the Foundation to attain its goal of becoming a regional and international centre of excellence in capacity development for policy analysis, development management, policy research and policy dialogue by year 2015.

The Strategic Plan for 2008 – 2011 focuses on key thematic areas in line with MKUKUTA and MKUZA. Through research, the Foundation will focus on Growth and Wealth Creation; Governance; Regional Integration and Social Services and the Quality of Life. The Foundation will put a higher thrust on capacity development both for its staff and stakeholders through, policy dialogue, training and exchanges.

Additionally, the strategy aims to improve and broaden dissemination outreach by capacitating the media to disseminate information to the grass roots stakeholder thereby giving them a voice. ESRF will continue to publish various research outputs and circulate them widely for information outreach through print and electronic media. It will continue to better its services and strengthen network with other institutions in Africa and the world in ensuring that resource material for general knowledge and research is available to its stakeholders. The quality control of all activities in research will be key in all the outputs. The monitoring and evaluation process will use performance indicators including outputs, outcomes and impacts of ESRF's activities in totality, which will be communicated to our stakeholders.

In order to effectively fulfill its mandate, the Foundation seeks to increase its human resource base and network with other institutions in order to sufficiently attend to the increasing need for its services as a result of the opportunities that are at hand in Tanzania and the region.

Backed with 13 years of experience, a good foundation in research and capacity building, high levels of professionalism, and with support from our stakeholders, we look forward to achieving our goal of excellence in the year 2015. We invite you to join us in our noble quest.

The Medium Strategic Plan can be accessed through the following website: <http://www.esrftz.org>

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