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- Supporting Tanzania's Cocoa Farmers
- Factors Affecting Participation in a Civil Society Network (Nangonet) in Ngara District

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- The Instrumental versus the Symbolic: Investigating Members' Participation in Civil Society Networks in Tanzania
- The Governance of the Capitation Grant in Primary Education in Tanzania: Why Civic Engagement and School Autonomy Matter

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- Socio-Economic Transformation for Poverty Reduction: Eight Key Messages for Unlocking Tanzania's Potential
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- Understanding Rural Transformation in Tanzania
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## REPOA's 18th Annual Research Workshop

This year, REPOA 18th Annual Research Workshop was held at the Kunduchi Beach Hotel & Resort, Dar es Salaam for two consecutive days starting from Wednesday 3rd and finish on Thursday 4th April, 2013.



The theme for this year's workshop was *"The Quest for Inclusive Development"*. As it is for every other Annual Research Workshop, there was a keynote presentation titled *Problems vs. Polarities: The Importance of Understanding Stakeholder Nuances In Your Quest For Inclusive Growth* by Datuk Chris Tan, Director, Performance Management And Delivery Unit (PEMANDU)- Malaysia.

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## Afrobarometer Round 5 Survey in Tanzania

The Afrobarometer is a comparative series of public attitude surveys, covering up to 35 African countries in Round 5 (2011-2013). It measures public attitudes on democracy and its alternatives, evaluations of the quality of governance and economic performance. In addition, the survey assesses the views of the electorate on critical political issues in the surveyed countries.

The Afrobarometer also provides comparisons over time, as 5 rounds of surveys have been conducted since 1999.



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## Policy Research Training Workshop for Zanzibar MDAs

Research is central to economic growth and the reduction of poverty, as it establishes an insightful foundation for making decisions and designing interventions. REPOA does research focusing on informing policy for development purposes, and believes in determining local solutions for national issues, drawing upon national and international research to produce knowledge. Therefore, the organisation facilitates and undertakes economic and social research; provides training for researchers and users of research findings; and supports the development of policy. Thus the organisation's contribution is wider than within the sphere of research per se; it fosters the advancement of local intellectual



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## REPOA Visit Universities in Morogoro



REPOA had an opportunity to visit two Universities in Morogoro, Sokoine University and Mzumbe University in May. The objective of the exhibition was to familiarise the University communities with REPOA, introduce REPOA services and to also share with them the opportunities REPOA have for them including research grants, training, open seminars and free publications done by REPOA.

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## Roundtable discussion; The diverging south: comparing the cashew sectors of Tanzania and Vietnam



REPOA held an open seminar on *"The diverging south: comparing the cashew sectors of Tanzania and Vietnam"* on 10th May 2013. The seminar title is also that of a book written by Dr. Blandina Kilama which explores the dynamic process of how cashew farmers of the two countries are integrated in the existing production set up

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## Growth and Development

The focus of research under this theme is on inclusive growth and socioeconomic transformation for poverty reduction. Three strategic research, two collaborative research and seven commissioned research projects were undertaken.

**Growth-Poverty Nexus: Towards a Structuralist Macroeconomic Perspective** This project on the growth-poverty nexus commenced in 2010 with the objective to lay down the framework for research on the relationship between economic growth and poverty reduction in Tanzania using the structuralist approach to the macroeconomics of growth. A framework for research prepared and is currently in use, from which different pieces of research can be implemented.

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## Social Protection

The research program on social protection aims to generate knowledge based on a dynamic conceptualization of social protection not only in terms of its role in income and consumption smoothing but also in terms of its transformative potential in both social and economic development as an integral part of the socioeconomic transformation. The research program thus addresses comprehensive social policies that support structural change, social cohesion and voice for the citizens



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## Governance and Service Delivery

The governance and service delivery research theme focuses on investigation of dynamics of governance, government responsiveness to citizens' needs; the nature of relations that exists between the government and citizens including institutions that shape them and the influence of citizens in shaping policies. Four sub-themes form the thrust of governance and service delivery research:

- **Public expenditure analysis, governance, and accountability:** Examining how resources are shared/ distributed and public services delivered. This theme also studies approaches to improve public service delivery effectiveness and accountability.

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## Call For Proposals: Capacity Development Research Grants

REPOA has already advertised the two calls for proposals for the year 2013. REPOA research grants aim to develop a vibrant community of beginning and intermediate researchers capable of undertaking research that is credible and relevant to development challenges. Support is provided to short term research studies (up to one year) in areas that are relevant to REPOA's overall research agenda. These studies aim to provide information that is relevant to the policy and practice of development, and in informing stakeholders on constraints to and/or alternative paths to achieving socioeconomic transformation for growth and poverty reduction initiatives, and offer beginning and intermediate researchers a platform to jump start and/or consolidate their research careers.

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