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TANZANIA: A HIGH-VALUE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP FOR AMERICA

Critical Minerals • America First Supply Chains • China Competition • Trade & Investment • Maritime Access

Visa Prohibition: Tanzania requests an exemption from the blanket U.S. visa restrictions to allow for mutual benefit of U.S.-Tanzania economic and social relationships. Tanzania is now a leading destination for U.S. tourists in East Africa, and stands ready to foster stronger economic ties with the U.S. The Visa provision for the people of Tanzania will go a long way in our shared journey to prosperity and allow for stronger U.S. relations in economic, defense, and other spheres of cooperation.

WHY TANZANIA MATTERS TO THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION

Critical-mineral security: President Trump has made critical minerals and defense supply-chain security explicit national priorities. Tanzania's vast resources of graphite, nickel, cobalt, copper, lithium and rare-earth potential can provide partner-nation supply that creates competition to China-centered processing and sourcing.

America First economic win in Africa: A minerals-and-logistics compact with Tanzania can channel DFC, EXIM and private U.S. capital toward projects that create demand for American engineering, mining technology, energy systems, equipment, financial services and long-term mineral offtake.

Strategic access to the African interior: Dar es Salaam serves Zambia, the DRC and other landlocked markets. Strengthening an Indian Ocean corridor gives U.S. firms a second strategic route to Central African minerals and complements the Atlantic-facing Lobito Corridor.

Greater operational flexibility at lower political cost: Tanzania already participates in AFRICOM's Justified Accord. Expanded port calls, refueling, logistics, HADR and contingency arrangements could increase U.S. reach across East Africa and the Western Indian Ocean without the cost or political burden of permanent basing.

U.S. STRATEGIC AND ECONOMIC BENEFITS

A signature strategic deal: A Trump–Samia minerals, trade and logistics compact could be presented as a measurable bilateral bargain: U.S. investment and market access in return for reliable mineral supply, transparent project access and strategic cooperation.

A China-competition success story: Securing U.S./allied participation in Tanzanian mines, processing and logistics would demonstrate that America can regain commercial ground in Africa without forcing governments into an exclusive U.S.-versus-China choice.

Support for U.S. defense and reindustrialization: Partner-nation mineral supply directly reinforces the Administration's effort to secure inputs for defense systems, batteries, energy infrastructure and advanced manufacturing.

Expanded U.S. exports and private-sector opportunity: Infrastructure, energy, rail, port, mining and processing projects can generate contracts for U.S. companies and create financeable transactions for DFC and EXIM.

Regional leverage and burden sharing: A capable Tanzanian partner can support counterterrorism, maritime security, anti-trafficking, HADR and regional stability, allowing America to gain influence without assuming every operational burden directly.

Presidential diplomacy with visible deliverables: A White House engagement with President Samia could culminate in project approvals, commercial MOUs, mineral offtake commitments and a maritime/logistics framework.

RECOMMENDED WHITE HOUSE / NSC ACTIONS

1. Invite President Samia for a focused White House strategic-economic meeting tied to pre-negotiated commercial and security deliverables.
2. Direct an NSC-led Tanzania initiative integrating State, DOD/AFRICOM, Commerce, Energy, DFC, EXIM and USTR.
3. Negotiate a U.S.–Tanzania Critical Minerals & Investment Compact identifying 3–5 priority projects, processing capacity and U.S./allied offtake.
4. Launch an "Indian Ocean Strategic Corridor" linking Tanzanian ports with Zambia/DRC through rail, road, power, customs and secure mineral logistics.
5. Develop a non-base maritime access framework for routine port calls, replenishment, exercises, HADR and contingency operations.
6. Make U.S. support conditional on transparent procurement, commercially credible terms, investment protection and measurable governance safeguards.

BOTTOM LINE

Tanzania offers the Trump Administration an opportunity to advance an America First strategy in Africa by securing critical minerals, expanding opportunities for U.S. companies, competing with China through commercial investment, and strengthening U.S. access to the Indian Ocean.

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