Constitution

Official name
United Republic of Tanzania

Form of state
Republic, formed by the 1964 union of Tanganyika and Zanzibar

Legal system
Based on English common law, the 1977 union and 1985 Zanzibar constitutions, as amended

National legislature
National assembly, compromising 295 members (231 directly elected on the mainland; five delegates from Zanzibar parliament; the rest appointed); Zanzibar’s house of representatives (59 members, including nine women appointees) legislates on internal matters

National elections
Oct 2000 (legislative and presidential); next elections due in Oct 2005

Head of state
President, elected by universal adult suffrage every five years

Area: 883,749 sq km (881,289 sq km mainland, 2,460 sq km Zanzibar plus lakes totalling 59,100 sq km)

Language: Kiswahili, English

Currency: Tanzanian Shilling (TSh)

Exchange rate: 2005 latest TSh 1137.500=$1

Population: 36.0m including 984,625 in Zanzibar (2005 est)

Main cities and population

- Dodoma (political capital)
- Dar es Salaam (commercial capital)
- Mbeya
- Mwanza
- Tanga
- Zanzibar Town

Economic summary

- Total GDP (Tanzanian shillings bn) 2005 (forecast) 11,550 2006 (forecast) 12,703
- Total GDP ($bn) 2005 (forecast) 10.4 2006 (forecast) 11.3
- Real GDP growth (annual % change) 2005 (forecast) 6.1 2006 (forecast) 6.0
- GDP per head ($) 2005 (forecast) 275 2006 (forecast) 295
- Inflation (annual % change in CPI) 2005 (forecast) 4.0 2006 (forecast) 4.0
- Agricultural output (annual % change) 2005 (forecast) 5.2 2006 (forecast) 5.0
- Industrial production (annual % change) 2005 (forecast) 7.0 2006 (forecast) 6.8

Money supply, M2
2005 (forecast) 20.1 2006 (forecast) 18.0

Foreign exchange reserves ($m)
2005 (forecast) 2,100 2006 (forecast) 2,135

Government expenditure (% of GDP)
2005 (forecast) 23.1 2006 (forecast) 23.3

Budget balance (% of GDP)
2005 (forecast) -1.7 2006 (forecast) -2.3

Total foreign debt (% of GDP)
2005 (forecast) 77.4 2006 (forecast) 70.8

Current account balance ($m)
2005 (forecast) -330.6 2006 (forecast) -337.4

Merchandise exports ($m)
2005 (forecast) 1,361 2006 (forecast) 1,381

Merchandise imports ($m)
2005 (forecast) -2,080 2006 (forecast) -2,113

Trade balance ($m)
2005 (forecast) -719 2006 (forecast) 732

Main trading partners (share of total trade to world, 2003)

EXPORTS

- Japan 11.83
- Netherlands 8.84
- United Kingdom 8.32
- India 5.48

IMPORTS

- United Kingdom 10.5
- India 9.66
- Japan 6.1
- China 5.94

Sources: EIU; Thomson Datastream