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# 10<sup>th</sup> STICE

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03<sup>RD</sup> - 4<sup>TH</sup>  
2026

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION

**FORTY (40) YEARS OF THE TANZANIA  
COMMISSION FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
(COSTECH) COMMEMORATION EVENTS**

## CONCEPT NOTE



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In 2026, the Tanzania Commission for Science and Technology (COSTECH) marks a significant milestone, 40 years of pioneering science, innovation, and technology (STI) in Tanzania since its inception. As Tanzania charts its path toward Vision 2050, the 40-year journey of COSTECH stands as a testament to the enduring power of STI in shaping national development. From fostering research excellence and nurturing innovation ecosystems to supporting policy and infrastructure for sustainable growth, COSTECH's legacy forms a strong foundation for the future.

The 10th Science, Technology and Innovation Conference and Exhibitions (STICE) is the anchor commemoration event to be held in conjunction with COSTECH's 40th Anniversary, reflects on this rich legacy while looking to the future. The 10th STICE theme underscores the importance of leveraging past accomplishments in STI to build a future that is inclusive, innovative, and resilient in line with Tanzania Vision 2050. The COSTECH@40 commemoration events aim to mobilize stakeholders across sectors to reimagine the role of STI in addressing emerging challenges and seizing opportunities in alignment with Tanzania's Vision 2050, which aims to create a prosperous, equitable and resilient Tanzania that meets the needs of its citizens and meets the rapidly changing world.

In recognizing the Government efforts in past forty years, in strengthening STI ecosystem in Tanzania, the Commission will use the commemoration events to highlight key and impactful achievements. For instance, in the 6th government leadership, some of potential STI achievements through COSTECH include the establishment of the Samia Commercialization Fund through partnership with CRDB Bank; establishment of Samia Scholarship Extended on Data Science, Artificial Intelligence and Allied Sciences targeting to educate 420 Tanzanians in top notch universities by the 2030; attraction of more than TZS 60.42 billion from Government and other development partners, construction of STI Complex in Dodoma to promote and incubate youth in innovation; renovation of COSTECH building in Dar es salaam, establishment of National Information System for STI (NISSTI), expansion of higher education and research institutions network (HERIN) coverage from 7 regions (2021) to 17 regions (2025) as part of the national digital transformation agenda in the education sector; supported establishment of three (3) research laboratory infrastructure at SUZA (fisheries), MUHAS (tradition medicine) and TVLA (livestock); funded 57 research projects including 7 commissioned researches (between 2021 and 2025); supported 125 innovators; supported national STI public-private dialogues through conferences and exhibitions like STICE, Nanenane and MAKISATU.

These success stories of the 6th and the previous governments need to be documented for future generations and publicized through commemoration events of COSTECH@40 for the public to know government efforts on STI development in Tanzania. COSTECH@40 celebrations are not only a recognition of the past but also a platform to forge for the next era of impact where science and innovation is expected to play a key role in driving Tanzania's global competitiveness and sustainable development.

**GUEST OF HONOR:** TBD

**ORGANIZER:** TANZANIA COMMISSION FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

**VENUE:** DODOMA

**DATES:** 23<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST – 4<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2026

**THEME:** FROM LEGACY TO FUTURE: COSTECH@40 AND STI ROADMAP TO VISION 2050



## 02 EVENTS' STRUCTURE

The 10<sup>th</sup> STICE will be preceded by various activities with each activity treated as a separate project with separate fundraising proposals to enhance COSTECH's visibility. The climax of the celebration will be a two day conference in Dodoma, bringing together over one thousand scientists, policy makers to deliberate on the future of STI in Tanzania. On 24<sup>th</sup> August, which is the COSTECH establishment day, the Minister for Education, Science and Technology and the COSTECH Director General will have a press conference to inform the public about commemoration events of forty years of COSTECH. Below is the brief description of each activity, with the each sub-committee expected to develop full concept note for each activity for resource mobilization and implementation:

### 2.1. Main anniversary event/conference (STICE)

The STI Conference and Exhibitions (STICE) with a theme "From Legacy to Future: COSTECH@40 and STI Roadmap to Vision 2050" will be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> September 2026. The conference will be coordinated with COSTECH in collaboration with other STI Stakeholders, with the main objective of drawing on a roadmap for STI contribution to the achievement of Vision 2050. The conference will involve the following activities: Keynote speeches, Panel Discussions, Science Hall of Fame, Corporate Social Responsibility, launching of NISSTI, Launching of COSTECH@40 Book and documentary, Women in Science in Tanzania as a pre-event, and Exhibitions. The keynote speeches will include:

- 01** The Power of STI in National Transformation in realizing vision 2050  
Presenter: DG COSTECH
- 02** Policy, Funding, and Investment in STI: Lessons from South Africa  
Presenter: CEO National Research Foundation South Africa
- 03** Commercialization of Research Results: Lessons from South Korea  
Presenter: CEO Korea Institute of Science and Technology (KIST)
- 04** Her Legacy in STEM: 40 years of female impact in STEM in Tanzania  
Presenter: Chief Secretary Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar

The conference is expected to chart a strategic roadmap for leveraging Science, Technology, Innovation to contribute meaningfully to the achievement of Tanzania's Vision 2050.

### Objectives:

- i** Align STI Priorities with Vision 2050 Goals: Explore how STI can drive key national aspirations such as industrialization, inclusive growth, youth employment, digital transformation, and sustainable development.
- ii** Showcase STI Achievements: Highlight local innovations, research outcomes, and creative solutions from Tanzanian institutions and innovators that address national challenges.
- iii** Strengthen Multi-Sectoral Collaboration: Engage academia, government, private sector, development partners, and civil society in shaping a collaborative STI ecosystem.

- iv** Identify Policy and Investment Gaps: Discuss policy bottlenecks, financing challenges, and capacity gaps hindering STI development and propose solutions.
- v** Launch NISSTI: launch the NISSTI as strategic tool to monitor STI performance aligned with Vision 2050.
- vi** Launch of COSTECH STI Complex in Dodoma: with modern offices, labs, and innovation spaces that strengthen collaboration, policy engagement, and access to STI resources.

## 2.2. Media & Public Engagement Campaign

There is expected to be a Special radio/TV program named "Science in Action: Empowering Communities, Enriching Lives". The program is expected to run for five months, starting on 6<sup>th</sup> April to 4<sup>th</sup> September 2026, which will bring into the spotlight key research and innovation projects that have made a significant impact on society.

The campaign will also involve a social media campaign on various social media platforms and billboards with different messages showcasing the impact of science in Tanzania. The campaign will include: Sharing messages such as "Did You Know?", posts about Tanzanian scientific breakthroughs supported by COSTECH, and using hashtags like #COSTECH@40, #STICE@10, #ScienceForTZFuture. The campaign is expected to communicate the impact of science on society. It will be used in posters, social media, radio, public screens, or exhibitions to create public awareness and appreciation for science. The Publicity, Media and Communication Committee is responsible Committee for this activity.

## 2.3. Science Hall of Fame

To recognize, celebrate, and inspire excellence in science, technology, innovation, and research by honoring outstanding scientists. The recognition, part of the Tanzania Award for Science and Technological Achievement (TASTA), will be awarded on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025 in line with STICE opening ceremonies. The objective of having a science hall of fame is to continue honoring the prominent scientists, policy makers, and leaders who have made a significant impact in society. In celebrating the 40 years of COSTECH, this year we propose inducting 40 scientists, policy makers and leaders down memory lane. The implementation plan for the science hall of fame highlights the nomination and selection process.

### Objectives:

- i** Honor Excellence – Celebrate individual scientists and organizations who have made significant contributions to STI in Tanzania.
- ii** Inspire Future Generations – the Science Hall of Fame to serve as a motivational platform for students and researchers.
- iii** Preserve Legacy – Archive scientific milestones and stories for public education and awareness.

- iv** Promote STEM Culture – Elevate science and technology as essential pillars of societal growth.

The digital platform to showcase legacy of inductees of the Science Hall of Fame will be developed, starting with 9<sup>th</sup> STICE inductees. In line with the 10<sup>th</sup> STICE and commemoration of COSTECH@40, a total of 40 prominent scientists and leaders will be inducted.

## **2.4. Corporate Social Responsibility Event**

This will involve integration of corporate social responsibility into the celebration by implementing impactful and visible projects that reinforce COSTECH's role in society and future goals in science and technology for national development. The event priority will be the advocacy and supporting deployment of available youth related research and innovation projects to the target communities and so address unemployment challenge facing the youths. Example, smart darasa, que management system in hospitals, enhancing the competitiveness of indigenous cattle beef products in Tanzania (utafiti wa kunenepesha ng'ombe), chanjo ya samaki, coconut activated carbon in mining, and beneficiaries of Samia Commercialization fund. The activities will include: deploying mobile science labs or host "Science Inspiration Days" in schools, featuring COSTECH-funded researchers and innovators sharing career paths, COSTECH@40 on the Road, which will include Mobile science outreach program during the STICE Month in remote regions, Pop-up science exhibitions, public lectures, STEM shows. These activities will invite corporate sponsors to brand vans and deliver CSR messages. These CSR events will be celebrated in selected regions in the week starting on the 1<sup>st</sup> August to 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2026.

## **2.5. Women in Science in Tanzania – "Her Science, Her Story: 40 Years of Women in Science"**

The event will cover "Her Science, Her Story: 40 Years of Women in Science" program, which will be a special feature during the celebration, aiming to celebrate Women in Science, Inspiring the Next Generation. This is a STICE pre-event scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2026 to support the realization of Her Excellency Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan's vision on women empowerment in STI. It will include the following key activities:

- i** High-Level Forums During STICE Conference: "Her Legacy in STEM: 40 years of female impact in STEM in Tanzania". This will be a panel of distinguished female scientists, policymakers, and innovators.
- ii** Exhibitions: "She Innovates": Showcase of innovations, projects, and startups led by women, University research booths led by female principal investigators, Featured categories such as Health, Agriculture, Climate, AI, Engineering and Environment.

## 2.6. Documentary or short film on 40 years of COSTECH

The documentary/short film will show the transformative 40 year journey of COSTECH, showcasing its legacy, milestones, impact on national development, and its vision for the future. This will also do the documentation of forty years of COSTECH and produce the Book. Through powerful storytelling, visuals, and voices, the film will highlight how science, technology, and innovation have shaped the Tanzanian narrative and how COSTECH has been at the heart of it all. The documentary will be aired through television programs from April throughout to September 2026 and the Books will be distributed in libraries and top Government offices like President's Office, Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, other Ministries, development partners, etc.

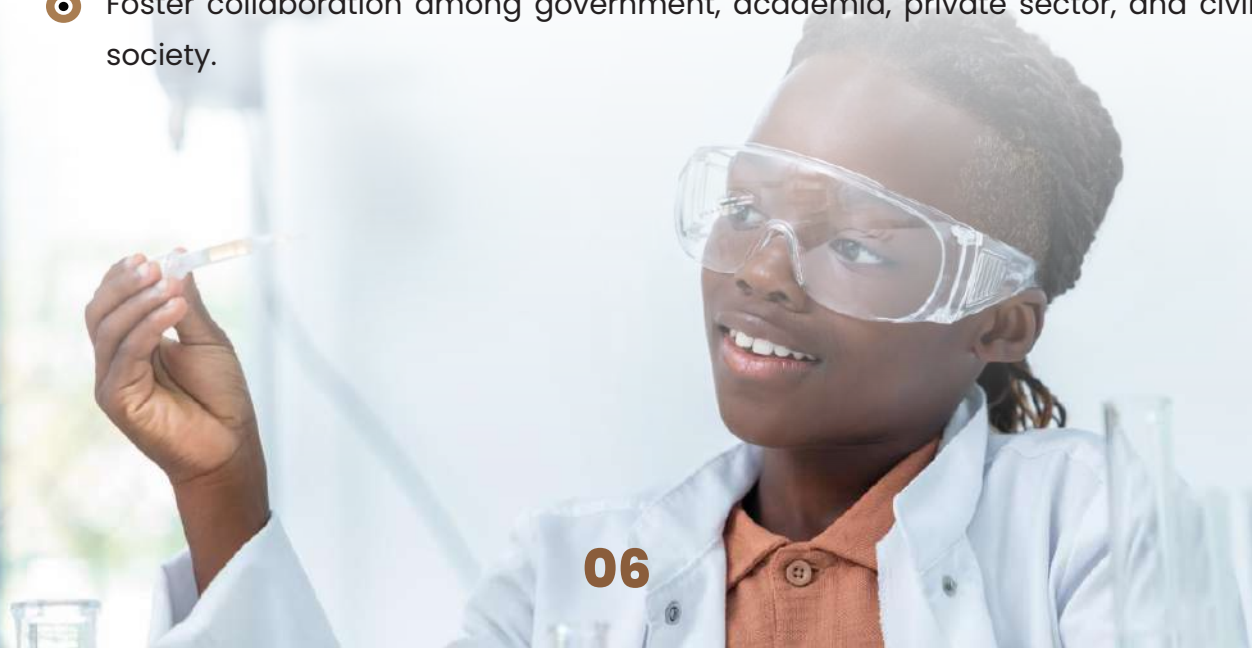
### Objectives:

- i** Celebrate 40 years of COSTECH's institutional contribution.
- ii** Educate the public about COSTECH's role in national development.
- iii** Inspire future generations to engage in science, research, and innovation.
- iv** Document historical and contemporary achievements for future reference.
- v** Create a powerful media piece for use at STICE, national TV, online platforms, schools, and embassies.

## 2.7. Fundraising Marathon (Stithon)

The "Run for STI" Marathon aims to symbolically and physically demonstrate the nation's journey powered by innovation. It will promote STI awareness, celebrate COSTECH's impact, and engage citizens in a healthy, high-energy event that bridges science with society. The STI Marathon is on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2026 in Dar es Salaam

- ⦿ Raise public awareness of the importance of science, technology, and innovation in development.
- ⦿ Celebrate 40 years of COSTECH's contribution to STI and socio-economic development in Tanzania.
- ⦿ Promote inclusivity by engaging youth, women, innovators, scientists, and the general public.
- ⦿ Foster collaboration among government, academia, private sector, and civil society.



The organizers of the 10<sup>th</sup> STICE event extend a warm invitation to potential collaborators and sponsors to unite in our efforts to make this event a resounding success. We welcome organizations and companies from both the private and public sectors to participate in supporting the 10th STICE event.

### TANZANITE SPONSOR (1 SLOT)



**CONFERENCE FACILITIES | GALA DINNER  
| DOCUMENTARY FOR TV PROGRAMS  
(PUBLICITY)**

**100,000,000/=**

- Recognized as MAIN Sponsor of COSTECH@40 events
- Recognized in the publicity activities for four months (April- August 2026) in all events
- Special seat at High Table with GoH Address the Conference for 10 Min
- Logo on Conference website, bag, Program book, Backdrop banner, report and proceedings
- One page company profile on final report
- Exhibition booth 6m\*3m
- Ten free delegate pass for the STICE and twenty-five (25) for the Stithon
- Six (6) representatives at GALA dinner
- Company promotion materials in the conference bag.
- Mention in all other events

### DIAMOND SPONSOR (2 SLOTS)



**MARATHON (RUNNING GEARS/ REFRESHMENTS/  
PUBLICITY/ PRIZES) | COSTECH@40 BOOK**

**75,000,000/=**

- Recognized in the Publicity plan
- Acknowledged in the Book as a lead sponsor
- Lead sponsor of STI Marathon (Stithon)
- Special recognition by the GoH during Stithon and launching of the Book
- Address the marathoners for up to 10 Mins
- Logo on COSTECH@40 Book, COSTECH events' websites, brochures, banners, and final report
- Twenty-five free delegates pass for the STIthon and five (5) free delegates for STICE.
- Logo on Conference website, bag, Program book, Backdrop banner and proceedings
- Exhibition booth 6m\*3m for STICE
- Four (4) representatives at GALA dinner

### PLATINUM SPONSOR (3 SLOTS)



**WOMEN IN SCIENCE | CSR EVENTS | COVERAGE FOR POLICY AND  
DECISION MAKERS, MODERATORS | RAPORTEURS AND KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**

**50,000,000/=**

- Lead sponsor of Women in science and CSR events (science outreach activities for youth)
- Special recognition in Women in science and CSR events
- Address the Conference for 2 Min
- Logo on Conference website, bag, Program book and Backdrop banner
- Exhibition booth 6m\*3m
- Five free delegate pass for the event
- Three (3) representatives at GALA dinner
- Company promotion materials in the conference bag.

## GOLD SPONSOR (4 SLOTS)



### SCIENCE HALL OF FAME (AWARDS/ TASTA)

**30,000,000/=**

- Recognized as a lead sponsor of TASTA (Tanzania Awards for Science and Technology Achievements) during the Award ceremony
- Recognition in the documentary of Science Hall of Fame
- Logo on Conference website, Program book and Backdrop banner
- Exhibition booth 3m\*3m
- Three free delegate pass for the event
- Three (3) representatives at GALA dinner
- Company promotion materials in the conference bag.

## BRONZE SPONSOR (5 SLOTS)



### DÉCOR AND ENTERTAINMENT

**10,000,000/=**

- Logo on a Conference website, Program book
- Exhibition booth 3m\*3m
- Two free delegate pass for the event
- One Representatives at GALA dinner
- Company promotion materials in the conference bag

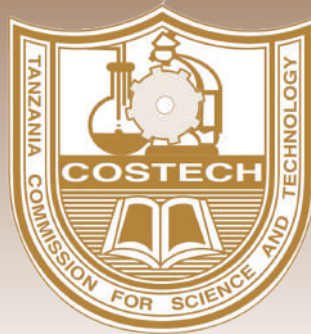
## RUBY SPONSOR (6 SLOTS)



### Stationaries | Security Services | First Aid Services

**5,000,000/=**

- Logo on a Conference website, Program book
- Area for a Poster display
- One free delegate pass for the event
- One Representatives at GALA dinner
- Company promotion materials in the conference bag



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Join us at the 10th STICE 2026 event to explore innovative solutions, build collaborations, and shape a sustainable future that leverages the power of science, technology, and innovation in tackling climate change.

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