



CEO Roundtable of Tanzania

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Presidential Aspirants Debates

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The CEO Roundtable of Tanzania (CEOrt) makes reference to the press statement released today by the CCM Secretary for Organisation, Mr. Muhammed Seif Khatib stating that CCM has barred its members in the race for Union presidency from engaging in public debates. The statement cites that allowing aspirants to take part in debates would only lead to confusion and bickering among party members.

As an essential part of democratic elections, leaders worldwide take part in pre-nomination debates, which are focused on ensuring voters priorities are addressed. With this in mind, the Presidential Aspirants Debates organized by the CEO Roundtable will focus solely on the economy, good governance and rule of law.

The debates will provide a neutral platform for presidential aspirants to communicate their economic policy priorities ahead of the 2015 general election. Furthermore, the debates will equip Tanzanians with critical information to discern the aspirants' leadership capabilities and to assess whether their vision for the country can transform into meaningful social and economic development for the majority of Tanzanians.

Following the release of the press statement by Mr. Khatib this morning, the CEO Roundtable communicated with CCM party leadership who assured the organisation that the party did not authorize the statement. Furthermore, the CCM Secretary General CCM, Mr. Abdulrahman Kinana has reaffirmed his support of the presidential aspirants debates.

The CCM party will issue a statement to clarify its position.

Given the relevance the debates have on Tanzania's future and having received the relevant assurances from the CCM party leadership, the CEO Roundtable of Tanzania confirms the Presidential Aspirants Debates organized for 8th, 18th and 25th June will proceed as planned. Furthermore, the CEOrt encourages all Tanzanians to be active participants in ensuring the country's economy remains the number 1 priority.

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