

We'll promote SDGs, legislators promise

MEMBERS of the Zanzibar House of Representatives have pledged to team up with government officials to raise awareness on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

In his brief remarks at the opening of a workshop held at 'Takwim Building' here, Minister for Finance and Planning Dr Khalid Salum Mohamed, said legislators had a big role to play in achieving the SDGs.

"We need you to understand these goals and spread the knowledge through differ-

ent channels to your people," Mr Mohammed said.

The workshop for the lawmakers was organised by the ministry and funded by the UNDP under the Voluntary National Review (VNRs) programme.

According to the United Nations Development Programmes (UNDP)'s Ms Rukiya Wadoud, Programme and Operations Management Specialist, said the VNRs programme started in Pemba last year and that at least seven workshops had been

planned, embracing groups that include MPs, Civic Society Organisations, government officials.

"UNDP promises continued support so that the meetings to get views from people have an impact on SDGs implementation in the country as the United Republic of Tanzania prepares to present a report about the SDGs development to the UN assembly in July this year," she said.

Executive Secretary of the Planning commission, Mr

Juma Hassan Reli, informed the legislators that Zanzibar would have a chapter in the report from Tanzania to be presented later this year to the UN, as Mr Kimwaga Muhyddin Ali led his colleagues from the commission to educate the lawmakers about the goals.

Member of the House Committees thanked UNDP for funding the VNRs project, seen as the revival of the Zanzibar-UNDP good relations, which had stalled in recent past.



PRESIDENT of Zanzibar, Dr Ali Mohamed Shein, delivers a speech to Chama Cha Mapinduzi district officials in Pemba, during the review meeting held after his tour of Chake Chake District, held at Makonyowawi Hall in the Isles, recently. (Photo by State House)