

Sugar producers urged to stick to professionalism, patriotism

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Morogoro. The government has appealed to sugar stakeholders to uphold high level of professionalism and patriotism in matters concerning production and selling of the vital product in the country.

According to the government, it is by doing so that the business will equitably benefit farmers, businesses and consumers. The minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Investment and Empowerment), Dr Mary Nagu, made the appeal when opening a day-long meeting for the stakeholders yesterday in Morogoro Region. "We should be open, faithful and patriotic in our dealings in the sub-sector," she said.

She said that the agriculture sector in general requires careful planning and commitment in order to bring benefits.

"Industries can not do business if all that farmers do is lament instead of producing. So, it is important that they must be satisfied with what they get in return for their efforts," she said.

She added that people should adhere to the rule of the game in the open market if real benefits are to be realised.

"The government is determined to see that the free market economy benefits everyone," she said, adding that this is especially so in the sugar sub sector.

She appealed to leaders and concerned



The minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office, Investment and Empowerment, Dr Mary Nagu (left) exchanges views with the minister, Agriculture, Food Security and Cooperatives, Christopher Chiza and TPC Moshi chief executive officer Robert Baissac during a sugar stakeholders meeting in Morogoro Region yesterday. PHOTO | THE CITIZEN CORRESPONDENT

authorities to intervene whenever there are problems which hinder smooth running of affairs in all important stages from production up to the selling of sugar in the country. "Leaders in this sector should learn to provide sustainable solutions and not abrupt measures which do not last," she noted.

She said that sugar industries need to operate at the optimum level as one way of solving problems surrounding sugar production in Tanzania.

For her part, the Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC) director of Investment Facilitation, Ms Nakuala Senzia, said the meeting had come at the right time when there were many investment opportunities opening up in the sugar sub sector.

"There are still a lot of areas to invest in this sector," she said.

She said new investment areas were being prepared. These are Ngalmila in Kilombero District, Mkulazi in Morogoro and Bagamoyo in Coast Region.

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Number of new areas that the government is preparing for sugar plantation.