

Triumphant College



EDUCATE FOR EMPOWERMENT

Est. 2006

# THE WEEKLY PULSE

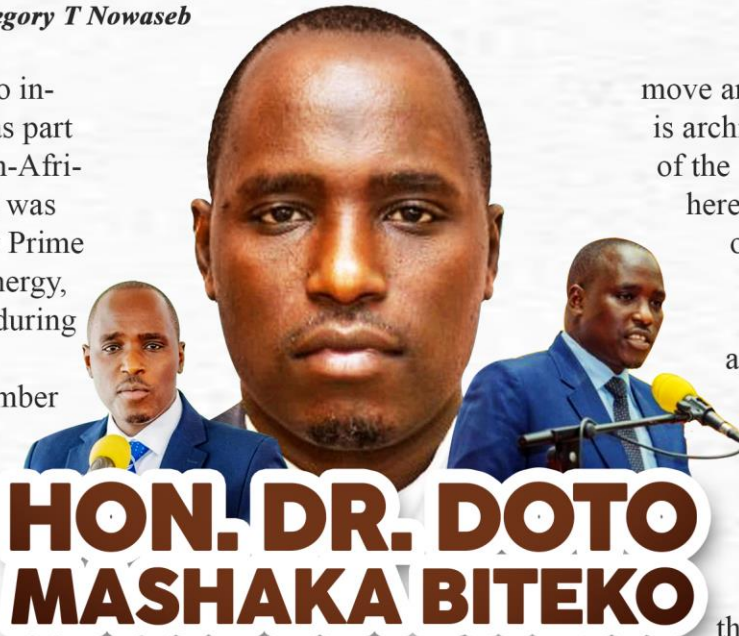
EDITION No.3: 06 September - 12 September 2024

## Triumphant College to Partner with Open University of Tanzania on Kiswahili Courses to strengthen Pan-Africanism

By: Selma T Placidus and Gregory T Nowaseb

Triumphant College is set to introduce Kiswahili courses as part of its efforts to promote Pan-Africanism. The announcement was made by Tanzania's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Energy, Dr. Doto Mashaka Biteko, during his visit to the Khomasdal Campus on Tuesday, September 3, 2024. Kiswahili, the natively spoken language of Tanzania, is widely spoken across East Africa.

Reflecting on the partnership between Triumphant College and the Open University of Tanzania, Biteko said Namibia and Tanzania have great opportunity to collaborate in the field of education. "This college is a shining example of our shared commitment to introduce Kiswahili as a language to be taught to any interested Namibians, thereby fostering deeper cultural ties and mutual understanding between Tanzania and Namibia" Biteko said. In his keynote address, the deputy premier underscored the importance in using African unity and solidarity as the moral compass, which inevitably



**HON. DR. DOTO MASHAKA BITEKO**

lead to prosperity. "As we gather in this vibrant institution, I am reminded of the enduring strength and unity that guide us as Africans. Our shared visions for prosperous and united Africa underscore the essence of Pan-Africanism, a movement rooted in the quest of solidarity and collective advancement", Biteko said. He also expressed his gratitude to the Rector of Triumphant College, Professor Geoffrey Kiangi, for hosting him and his delegation. "I didn't even expect to be speaking in front of such a large crowd. I thought I would be coming here,

move around, see how the college is architected, probably see some of the classrooms and learn from here. But again, to be given an opportunity to stand before you and make these small greetings, it's an honour and a privilege, and I really thank you, together with the team", he added.

Reflecting on the college's growth, the Tanzanian politician took the audience on a journey through its history, recalling how the institution began with just six employees and has now grown to over 200 staff members. He emphasised that this remarkable progress is something everyone should aspire to be part of. Dr. Biteko also paid tribute to African liberation icons Kwame Nkrumah and Julius Nyerere, praising their role in championing the Pan-Africanism movement, ending colonial rule, and advocating for African self-determination.

*continued on the next page*

"Enabling individuals to empower the nation"

18  
YEARS



## Triumphant College to partner with Open University of Tanzania *continued*

“Their efforts were guided by a clear objective to unite African nations and people in their quest for liberation, equality, and economic prosperity. This is what brought up Pan-Africanism in the continent. The journal of independence in Southern Africa serves as a powerful statement to the success of achieving through solidarity”, he said.

Furthermore, the deputy prime minister added that countries such as Zimbabwe, Namibia, Mozambique, and South Africa fought and worked together, often with the support of neighbouring countries like Zambia and Tanzania, as well as other African countries including Nigeria, Cameroon, and Ghana, to cast off the shock of colonial rules. “This college, where we are now, is a beacon of our self-freedom, which has brought us ourselves to make sure we do things on our own without depending on our colonial masters. Today, our continent faces new challenges, and it is imperative that we extend this solidarity into

our economic transformation. As Kwame Nkrumah once said, we face neither east nor west, we always face forward” he stressed.

Biteko emphasised the dangers of overreliance on former colonial powers, asserting that Africa should not merely accept external “recipes and prescriptions.” Instead, he urged that the continent must play an active role in shaping its own future and improving the livelihoods of its people. In this context, he highlighted the importance of strengthening cooperation between Namibia and Tanzania. “On the mining and livestock agriculture, both nations are rich in resources and have the potential to advance our minerals, livestock and agricultural sector through their joint venture and technological innovations. On fishing and economic growth, enhancing cooperation in these critical areas will contribute to food security and improve health care of our population”, Biteko added. The politician further stated that economic transformation remains a central challenge for Africa,

including Namibia and Tanzania where, despite abundant natural resources, the continent still struggles with sufficient financial and human capital. “Financial capital is essential for developing productive capacities, while human capital is critical for applying advanced technology to create global competitive products. As Nelson Mandela wisely said, education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world. We must therefore address this irony by investing in education and skill development to our young generation.”

In his closing statement, the deputy prime minister reminded Triumphant College students that they are the workforce of tomorrow driving transformation and urged them to embrace the challenge with determination and vision, warning them not to “sit at the back seat and wait for someone to dictate the terms and conditions but to be at the driving seat and figure out their future.”



Photo: Melanie von Hagen



Photo: Melanie von Hagen



# Pan-Africanism is crucial

By: *Melanie von Hagen*

SRC Vice President Metarere Tjihenua says Pan-Africanism is crucial for fostering unity and solidarity among African nations and the diaspora, addressing shared challenges through collective action.

It drives economic development by enhancing regional cooperation, supports political stability, peace through collaborative governance, celebrating cultural and intellectual exchange by uniting African countries can more effectively advocate for their interests and address global inequalities, empowering future generations to build a prosperous and integrated Africa. “As the SRC Vice-President, I was profoundly honoured by the visit of Deputy Prime Minister Doto Biteko Mashaka and his enlightening address on Pan-Africanism” he added.



Photo: Melanie von Hagen

“His speech underscored the crucial importance of regional unity and collaboration in addressing common challenges and advancing collective development. This visit highlights a pivotal moment for our college, as it opens doors to meaningful partnerships and collaborative ventures with Tanzanian institutions” he continued.

Embracing the principles of Pan-Africanism is poised to enhance academic programs and drive innovative projects that foster mutual growth and solidarity across the continent. “The Deputy Prime Minister’s visit is a testament to the power of unity and the potential for transformative progress through regional cooperation” he concluded.



“Enabling individuals to empower the nation”

18  
YEARS