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CALL FOR TANZANIA'S COMMUNITY AND INNOVATORS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FIRST UN CITIVERSE CHALLENGE

Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) is pleased to announce that the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), in collaboration with other UN agencies dedicated on digital transformation and smart sustainable cities initiatives, have launched the **First UN Citiverse Challenge** under the theme: "Citiverse: Designing Digital Public Infrastructure for Future Cities".

Participation in the UN Citiverse Challenge is free of charge and open to both youth and startups, providing an opportunity to develop and showcase innovative solutions that leverage the transformative potential of the Citiverse and Digital Public Infrastructure to address pressing global challenges. The challenge focuses on three critical themes—access to public services, sustainability and resilience, and tourism and digital culture.

This challenge aligns with Tanzania's digital transformation agenda as outlined in the Tanzania Digital Economy Strategic Framework 2024-2034, the UN Pact for the Future and the Global Digital Compact (GDC) principles which all advocate for inclusive, sustainable, and equitable digital advancements.

The winners will receive prizes of 5,000 Swiss Francs (CHF) each in the youth category and startup category. The award ceremonies for the category winners will take place during their respective events scheduled later this year.

For more details on the UN Citiverse Challenge, including the timeline, format, and proposed problem statements, please visit the UN Citiverse Challenge webpage:

www.itu.int/metaverse/virtual-worlds/1st-un-citiverse-challenge

Interested participants from Tanzania are encouraged to register and submit their proposals before the deadline of 19th March 2025 for students and 9th April 2025 for startups. Additionally, please notify TCRA on the submission made through **dg@tcra.go.tz**.

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