

BRIEF PRESENTATION OF THE ORGANS OF TANU

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The student organization "Verdandi" in co-operation with the Scandinavian Institute of African Studies organized a special seminar on Tanzania for Verdandi members going to make a study visit in Tanzania in the summer 1969.

During the ten meetings of the seminar various aspects of Tanzania's development - political, social, cultural and economic - were studied and discussed in detail.

One of the topics discussed in this seminar was Tanzania's political system. In connection with this presentation, a detailed description of the organization and structure of Tanzania's ruling party (TANU) was given by Mr Justin Maeda, the leader of the seminar.

We are pleased to present a modified summary of Mr Maeda's presentation which we consider to be of great value to people interested in Tanzania.

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BRIEF PRESENTATION OF THE ORGANS OF TANU  
(Tanganyika African National Union)

Based on the Party's Constitution that was lastly revised in 1967.

I. MEMBERSHIP

- A. Individual membership of TANU is open to all citizens of Tanzania who accept the beliefs, aims and objects of the Party as set out in Article II (for these beliefs, aims and objects, see Part 1 of "the Arusha Declaration") and who, in addition, are of the age of 18 years or above.
- B. Affiliate membership of TANU is open to any bona fide organization which accept the beliefs, aims and objects of TANU as set out in article II.

II. ORGANS OF TANU

A. The Cell

The basic organ of TANU is the cell.

Every ten houses makes a cell, and all TANU members within this area make a TANU cell.

Every cell will erect a leader who will be responsible for TANU activities in the cell and represent the cell in the Party's Branch Annual Conference.

B. Branch organs

1. Branch Annual Conference

Composition

The Branch Chairman

The Branch Secretary

All members of the Annual District Conference in that Branch

All Cell leaders

All Local Government Councillors in that Branch

One representative each from Women's Section of TANU, TANU Youth League, Elders' Section of TANU

### Functions

Elect the Branch Chairman  
 Elect eight delegates to the Regional Conference  
 If a rural branch, elect ten delegates to Annual  
 District Conference [ - urban branch - all cell  
 leaders]  
 Elect six delegates to sit on the Branch Executive  
 Committee  
 Consider all names for Candidates seeking local  
 Government Council election

### Meeting

In ordinary session once a year or whenever there is  
 convened a meeting of the Annual District Conference.

## 2. Branch Executive Committee

### Composition.

The Branch Chairman  
 The Branch Secretary  
 Six delegates elected by Branch Annual Conference  
 All members of the Annual District Conference in that  
 branch  
 One representative each from: Women's section of TANU,  
 TANU Youth League, Elders' section of TANU.

### Functions

Shall be responsible for the carrying out of the  
 decisions of the National Conference, the National  
 Executive Committee, the Regional Conference, the  
 Annual District Conference and the Branch Annual  
 Conference in so far as they concern that Branch.

Shall generally superwise and co-ordinate the  
 activities of the Party within the Branch and shall  
 report thereon to the Branch Annual Conference.

### Meeting

In ordinary session once a month.

### Officers of the Branch

Chairman	Elected by the Annual Conference of the Branch; and shall take overall charge of the affairs of the Party in the Branch.
Secretary	Appointed by the Central Committee; and shall be the chief executive officer of the Branch.

## C. District organs

### 1. Annual District Conference

#### Composition

- The District Chairman
- The District Secretary
- All members of the Regional Executive Committee resident in that district
- 1) Members of the District Working Committee
  - All members of the District Executive Committee
  - All members of the Regional Working Committee resident in that district
  - All members of Parliament representing constituencies in that district
  - All Local Government Councillors in that district
  - If district is a rural one, ten members elected by each branch of the Party
  - If district is an urban one, all cell leaders of the district
  - All chairmen of the branches in the district
- 1) All Branch Secretaries
  - One representative each from: Women's section of TANU, TANU Youth League, Elders' section of TANU
  - A delegate from each of the affiliate organizations in that district
- 1) Members in this category have no vote.

#### Functions

Shall be competent to discuss matters of district interest and may make recommendations thereon to the Regional Conference or through its delegates to the National Conference.

Shall consider and adopt the report of the activities of the Party within the District submitted to it by the District Executive Committee.

Elect ten delegates to the District Executive Committee  
 Elect five delegates to the Regional Conference  
 Elect ten delegates to the Party's National Conference  
 Elect the District Chairman  
 Shall consider all names of candidates for Parliamentary elections.

#### Meeting

In ordinary session once a year.

## 2. District Executive Committee

### Composition

The District Chairman  
 The District Secretary  
 All members of the Regional Executive Committee  
 resident in that district  
 All members of Parliament representing constituencies  
 in that district

- 1) Members of the District Working Committee  
 Ten delegates elected by the Annual District Conference  
 A delegate from each of the affiliate organizations  
 A representative each from: Women's section of TANU,  
 TANU Youth League, Elders' section of TANU.
- 1) Members in this category have no vote.

### Functions

Shall be responsible for the carrying out of the decisions of the National Conference, the National Executive Committee, the Regional Conference and the Annual District Conference in so far as they concern that District.

Shall generally superwise and co-ordinate the activities of the Party within the District and shall report thereon to the District Annual Conference.

### Meeting

In ordinary session once every three months.

## 3. District Working Committee

### Composition

The District Chairman  
 The District Secretary  
 Up to four persons appointed by Chairman

### Functions

Shall be the organ concerned with the supervision of the day-to-day administration of the affairs of the Party in the District.

Shall approve all items of expenditure in that District and shall authorize all payments out of monies raised in the District.

### Meeting

At least once every two weeks.

### Officers of the District

- a) Chairman            Elected by the Annual District Conference; and shall take overall charge of the Party in the District.
- He shall, in accordance with the Provisions of the Local Government Ordinance, also be the Chairman of any City Council, Municipal Council, Town Council or District Council in that District.
- b) Secretary            Appointed by the President of the United Republic; shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Party in the District and shall be responsible to the District Executive Committee for the day-to-day administration of the affairs of the Party.
- n.b. (a) District Chairman of Party is also Chairman of Local Government Council.
- (b) District Secretary of the Party is also the Area Commissioner.

### D. Regional organs

#### 1. Regional Conference

##### Composition

- The Regional Chairman  
 The Regional Secretary  
 Members of the Regional Executive Committee
- 1) Members of the Regional Working Committee  
 Five delegates elected from each District  
 All District Chairmen in the Region  
 All District Secretaries in the Region  
 All Local Government Councillors in the Region  
 All Branch Chairmen in the Region
- 1) All Branch Secretaries in the Region  
 Eight delegates elected by every branch in the Region  
 All members of the National Executive Committee resident in the Region  
 All members of Parliament representing constituencies in the Region  
 A delegate from each of the affiliate organization  
 A representative each from: Women's section of TANU,  
 TANU Youth League, Elders' section of TANU.
- 1) Members in this category have no vote.

## Functions

Elect the Regional Chairman  
Elect one delegate from each district to the Regional Executive Committee

## Meeting

In ordinary session once every two years and shall do so immediately before the meeting of the National Conference.

## 2. Regional Executive Committee

### Composition

The Regional Chairman  
The Regional Secretary  
All members of the National Executive resident in the Region

- 1) Members of the Regional Working Committee  
All District Chairmen in the Region
- 1) All District Secretaries in the Region  
All members of Parliament representing constituencies in the Region  
One delegate from each District elected by the Regional Conference  
One delegate from each of the affiliate organizations  
One representative from each of the following sections:  
Women's section, TANU Youth League, Elders' section.
- 1) Members in this category have no vote.

### Functions

Shall be responsible for the carrying out of the decisions of the National Conference, the National Executive Committee and the Regional Conference as far as that region is concerned.

Shall generally superwise and co-ordinate the activities of the Party within the Region and shall report thereon to the Regional Conference.

### Meeting

In ordinary session once every three months.

## 3. Regional Working Committee

### Composition

The Regional Chairman  
The Regional Secretary  
Up to four members nominated by the Regional Chairman



## Functions

Shall be the organ concerned with the supervision of the day-to-day administration of the affairs of the Party in the Region.

## Meeting

At least once every two weeks.

## General officers of the Region

- a) Chairman      Elected by the Regional Conference  
Shall take the overall charge of the Party in the Region
- b) Secretary     Appointed by the President of the United Republic  
Shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Party in the Region and shall be responsible to the Regional Executive Committee for the day-to-day affairs of the Party.

Note: The Regional Secretary is also the Regional Commissioner

## E. National Organs

### 1. National Conference

#### Composition

- The President and the Vice-President
- Ten delegates from each District
- 1) All Members of Parliament
- All TANU District Chairmen
- 2) All TANU District Secretaries
- 2) Members of the Central Committee
- Members of the National Executive Committee
- A delegate from each of the affiliate organizations
- 17 delegates elected from TANU Youth League's Annual Conference
- 1) Only TANU members in this category shall have voting rights
- 2) Members in this category shall have no vote

#### Functions

This is the Policy-making body of the Party.  
Shall elect the President and Vice-President.  
Shall elect 17 members (one from each Region) to the National Executive Committee.

Shall have the power to confirm, amend, repudiate or revoke any decision made by any other organ of the Party or by any officer of the Party.

#### Meeting

In ordinary session once every two years.

### 2. Electoral Conference

Shall be held whenever a Presidential Election is contemplated.

#### Composition

Members of the National Conference  
Members from the Afro-Shirazi Party

### 3. National Executive Committee

#### Composition

- The President and Vice-President
- 1) Members of the central Committee
  - 17 delegates elected by the National Conference
  - The Secretary-General of NUTA
  - The Secretary-General of CUT
  - The Secretary-General of TAPA
  - The Secretary-General of UWT
  - All Regional Chairmen of TANU
- 1) All Regional Secretaries of TANU
  - A delegate from each of the affiliate organizations
  - Two delegates from the TANU Youth League
- 1) Principal Secretary to the President (If TANU member)
- 1) Attorney-General (If TANU member)
- 1) Members in this category have no vote.

#### Functions

- To appoint auditors of the Party
- To consider names of candidates for Parliamentary election
- To consider the annual statement of income and expenditure for the previous year and the report of the auditors thereon
- To consider the estimates of expenditure for the current year
- To consider the general report submitted by the central Committee.

#### Meeting

In ordinary session once every three months

#### 4. Central Committee

##### Composition

The President  
 The Vice-President  
 Such people as may be appointed by President

##### Functions

Shall be the organ concerned with the day-to-day administration of the affairs of the Party and shall be responsible to the National Executive Committee.

Shall have power to appoint and remove from office all the officers of the Party.

##### Meeting

At least once a month.

#### Elected National Officers of the Party

##### a) President

Shall be the Leader of the Party and shall also be its Chief Spokesman.

Shall be elected by the National Conference of the Party. He shall hold office for a term of five years provided that he shall be eligible for re-election.

##### b) Vice-President

Shall be elected by the National Conference. He shall hold office for a term of two years provided that he shall be eligible for re-election.

Shall be the Principal Assistant to the President in the discharge of the functions of the Party.

### III. MISCELLANEOUS

#### A. Sections of the Party

1. There shall be the following sections of the Party:

TANU Youth League Section  
 Women's Section  
 Elder's Section

2. TANU Youth League Section

Shall be open to any citizen who subscribes to the beliefs, aims and objects of TANU and whose age is between six and thirty-five years.

3. Women's Section

All TANU women shall belong to this section.

4. Elders' Section

All TANU Elders shall belong to this Section.

PARTY (TANU) STRUCTURE

