

The University of Dar es Salaam Entrepreneurship Centre (UDEC) was established in 1999 with the mission of facilitating the development of entrepreneurial capacity in Tanzania. In pursuit of this mission, the centre offers training, consultancy, counseling, incubation, business plan competition and match-making services to potential and existing micro, small and medium sized enterprise (MSMEs) as well as staff of institutions supporting MSMEs. for more than 9 years has been training entrepreneurs from different levels on entrepreneurship and other related business management courses.

Apart from offering different trainings and other services, UDEC has positively contributed to the economic development of our country by supporting entrepreneurs in developing, managing and growing their businesses and linking entrepreneurs with other local and international stakeholders in developing their businesses.

UDEC has been training entrepreneurs from different levels on entrepreneurship and other related business management courses. Over the past 10 years, UDEC has trained over 10,000 people in its short courses. The participants have come from SMEs (over 1,200), institutions supporting SMEs, education and training institutions and corporate organizations.

UDEC has been doing after care services to most of those who have been trained at UDEC. Today UDEC is launching UDEC BUSINESS NETWORK with the aim of keeping together all entrepreneurs who have been trained at UDEC.

According to the Director of UDEC Dr. Mariam Nchimbi, in the launching event that took place at the Nkrumah Hall, University of Dar es Salaam on 31st July, 2010, she pointed out that "The general objective of this network is to bring entrepreneurs to an open forum for discussion on business issues and networking with other stakeholders".

The Network will act as a platform for network development for business owners and professionals in inculcating appropriate business values and ethics.

All these programmes and initiatives are very much in line with the National Strategy for Growth and Reduction of Poverty (MKUKUTA), National Empowerment Policy as well as the smoothing business environment in Tanzania and create more jobs.