



# Acknowledgement

**D**uring the year under review, the UNESCO National Commission engaged various stakeholders in several activities directed at implementing UNESCO Programmes in the United Republic of Tanzania. Most of these activities are highlighted in this issue. However, I would like to draw the attention of our readers that; following the enactment of the UNESCO National Commission Act of 2008, the Commission has been working tirelessly to set an enabling environment for the National Commission to discharge its duties effectively within the provision of the Act. It is therefore expected that the provisions of the Act will be fully implemented from August 2009 as proposed, after issuance of the Government Notice as per government regulations. I would therefore like to take this opportunity to thank the staff of the Commission and UNESCO stakeholders for managing and contributing to the transformation processes respectively.

UNESCO accords great importance to the work of UNESCO National Commissions, it has consistently reiterated its support to National Commissions and urged member states to allocate adequate resources to National Commissions to enable them discharge their duties effectively. We thank UNESCO for the support and for developing a capacity building programme for staff of National Commissions. In the same vein, we would like to thank the government of Tanzania for supporting the work of the Commission and for overseeing the process of transformation of the Commission to a statutory government organization.

Finally, let me express my appreciation for the cooperation we receive from various members of National and Technical Committees, development partners, civil society and members of public not only for showing keen interest in the work of the Commission but also in supporting and participating in various planned programme activities. Some of these stakeholders and partners have contributed various feature articles depicting the work they do to further the objectives of UNESCO in the country. The level of diligence shown by the various committee members and other stakeholders in the implementation of UNESCO programme activities in the country shows their commitment in upholding UNESCO ideals and in making a difference in various challenging development areas of our country.

On behalf of the UNESCO National Commission of the United Republic of Tanzania, I thank all of them and once again welcome our esteemed readers to the sixth issue of Tanzania-UNESCO Magazine.

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