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**PRESIDENT SAMIA CALLS FOR STRONGER GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS AND
GREATER INVESTMENT IN AFRICA AT SPIEF 2026**

Her Excellency Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan, President of the United Republic of Tanzania, called for stronger international partnerships, increased investment and deeper economic cooperation with Africa, as she addressed the plenary session of the 29th St. Petersburg International Economic Forum (SPIEF 2026), in the Russian Federation on Friday evening.

In the high-level session that brought together leaders, business executives and global investors, President Samia said the world is undergoing profound economic, technological and geopolitical changes demanding countries to uphold business ties and enhance partnerships for shared prosperity.

“The question before the international community is no longer whether Africa will grow, but who will partner with Africa in shaping that growth,” said President Samia, signalling Africa’s representation of the global robust economic growth patterns, with a fast-growing population, expanded consumer markets and advanced economic integration through the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).

She emphasized that Tanzania is positioning itself as a strategic gateway to Africa through continued investment in infrastructure, logistics, energy, digital transformation and industrial development.

President Samia highlighted Tanzania’s strong economic performance, including sustained growth, macroeconomic stability and regional market access of more than **500 million** people across Eastern and Southern Africa.



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She pointed to major national investments including the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR), development of the Dar es Salaam Port and other strategic transport corridors, and growing digital connectivity as key drivers of economic transformation.

The President invited global investors to explore opportunities in mining and mineral beneficiation, agriculture, energy, oil and gas, manufacturing, logistics, tourism, pharmaceuticals and digital technologies.

She further noted that Tanzania's vast reserves of critical minerals, natural gas resources and strategic geographic location make the country an attractive destination for long-term investment.

Moreover, she welcomed mutual economic engagement between Tanzania and Russia, noting that bilateral cooperation has deepened trade, investment, tourism, education and technology.

Dr. Samia reaffirmed Tanzania's commitment to strengthening economic relations with Russia and other international partners through practical cooperation and mutually beneficial investments.

The President's remarks echoed key themes raised during the plenary session by President of the Russian Federation, His Excellency Vladimir Putin, who stressed on strengthening ties with emerging markets and advancing international economic partnerships in a dynamic global sphere.

President Samia, said the perspectives shared by the leaders reflected a common understanding that future prosperity will depend on stronger partnerships, greater connectivity and increased investment in productive sectors.

The President further noted that Tanzania is implementing Vision 2050 with a strong focus on industrialization, innovation, productivity and private sector-led growth.

Speaking at the forum, the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, His Excellency Shavkat Mirziyoyev, stressed on the importance of infrastructure, regional connectivity and economic reforms.

On his part, the Vice President of People's Republic of China, His Excellency Han Zheng, highlighted industrial cooperation, technology transfer and sustainable development as critical drivers of future growth.

Dr. Samia reaffirmed the Government's commitment to creating an enabling environment for investment and business while strengthening partnerships that support sustainable development and job creation.

"Tanzania is open for business. Tanzania is open for investment. Tanzania is open for innovation. And Tanzania is ready to work with all partners who share our commitment to sustainable and inclusive development," the President said.

The President expressed appreciation to the Government of the Russian Federation and the organizers of SPIEF 2026 for providing an important platform for international dialogue and economic cooperation, whereas participants shared engaging discussions on the future of the global economy, investment, trade and international cooperation.



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