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**PRESIDENT SAMIA, AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK PLEDGE DEEPER
PARTNERSHIP TO ACCELERATE TANZANIA'S TRANSFORMATION**

Her Excellency Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan, President of the United Republic of Tanzania, today held talks with Dr. Sidi Ould Tah, President of the African Development Bank (AfDB) Group, reaffirming the strong partnership between Tanzania and the Bank and their shared commitment to accelerating the country's economic transformation.

President Samia thanked the African Development Bank for its longstanding support, noting that Tanzania hosts one of the Bank's largest development portfolios on the continent.

She reaffirmed the Government's commitment to ensuring effective implementation of all Bank-supported projects and welcomed continued collaboration.

The discussions focused on strategic investments in transport, energy, regional integration and innovative financing.

President Samia commended the Bank's support for flagship infrastructure projects, including the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR), Dar Rapid Transit (DART), strategic road networks and electricity generation, transmission and last-mile connectivity.

The two leaders also discussed Mission 300, the continental initiative aimed at expanding electricity access across Africa. President Samia reaffirmed Tanzania's commitment to the initiative, while the AfDB President noted encouraging progress already achieved across the continent and pledged continued support towards universal energy access.



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The African Development Bank President also briefed the President on reforms being undertaken within the Bank to improve efficiency, shorten project approval timelines and strengthen the institution's ability to mobilise blended finance and private investment for large-scale development projects.

They both agreed to strengthen cooperation in mobilising financing for Tanzania's Vision 2050 priorities and to use upcoming portfolio performance reviews to accelerate implementation of ongoing projects.

Following the meeting, President Samia and the African Development Bank President proceeded to visit the Dar Rapid Transit (DART) Phase II project, where they observed progress on the Bank-financed investment that is expected to significantly improve urban mobility and enhance public transport services for the people of Dar es Salaam.

The meeting reaffirmed the enduring partnership between Tanzania and the African Development Bank in advancing inclusive growth, modern infrastructure, regional connectivity and sustainable economic development.



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