



RE: TANZANIA NATIONAL SPELLING BEE IMPORTANT UPDATE.

Reference is made to the heading above.

Coconut Foundation as organizer of the 2017 Tanzania National Spelling Bee Competitions vowed to work professionally in executing the concerned project. In view of that, we engaged the government through respective ministries, namely; Ministry of Education and Ministry of Regional Administration and Local Government to obtain necessary approvals and to make them aware of the project, this initiative started several months ago.

Although the government has positively received the whole idea since it contributes to the improvement of the education offered to our kids, however, we have encountered a number of procedures which we have to adhere before granted permission to organize these competitions, we have so far complied to all their directives, we have been allowed to continue with preliminary preparations.

As a professional organization and based on the nature of this project, we have internally come into agreement of the followings:-

1. We will not fully engage media houses (TV, Radios and newspapers) until we have received government permission to carry out the project, but, we will still run social media campaigns as we have always done and keep our media plan at hand so as by the time we have a green light, full engagement of media houses will follow without delay.
2. We have agreed to put on hold trainings to individual participants since we cannot get public schools involved without government permission, however, private schools will continue with trainings and internal scripts to obtain their best candidates by 30th September, all parents who initially had paid participation fees will be refunded immediately within three days upon receiving this letter.
3. All schools registered for the competition will be provided with the set of rules, word study list and technical assistance when needed to conduct school bees.

Coconut Foundation believes TNSBC success depends upon all stakeholders understanding and government play a major role since it is the custodian of all schools in Tanzania being public or private owned.

Coconut Foundation regrets for any disturbances which may be caused due to this decision, our communication lines remain open to respond to any issues as they may arise.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director.