

ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE OF DAR ES SALAAM CITY

1. Dar es Salaam City

Dar es Salaam has a unique status, being the major City of Tanzania and the center of Government administration, industry, commerce and banking activities, despite of the Government decision to move its capital to Dodoma. Dar es Salaam is also the major port City of Tanzania. It has more than 575 major industrial establishments, a Central Bank, Commercial Banks, foreign exchange bureaus, Insurance companies (including one state-owned) and the Dar es Salaam Community Bank – a Microfinance Bank jointly started and owned by City Council and the three Municipalities.

Administratively, Dar es Salaam has a regional administration headed by the Dar es Salaam Regional Commissioner. It also has a City council administration headed by the Mayor of Dar es Salaam. The City also has three Municipal Councils namely, Ilala, Kinondoni and Temeke. The three Municipalities are the three districts of Dar es Salaam Region.

2. The Mayor of Dar es Salaam City

The Mayor of Dar es Salaam holds an important position due to the unique status of Dar es Salaam City mentioned above. The Mayor is the head of the largest metropolitan centre in Tanzania which hosts the highest Government Offices including the head of state, ministries, foreign diplomatic missions and international organizations. The office of the Lord Mayor of Dar es Salaam is conveniently located at Karimjee Hall, the very building where some of the important meetings for Government and the Parliament of Tanzania are held.

3. Dar es Salaam Regional and Political Administration

Dar es Salaam Region is one of the 27 regions of the United Republic of Tanzania. It has three *Districts*, namely, Ilala, Temeke and Kinondoni. Each *District* is headed by a District Commissioner. The Districts are divided into *Divisions*, which are in turn divided into *Wards*. *Wards* are divided into *villages* in the case of rural areas and *Streets* in the case of urban areas. At times the villages are divided into *hamlets* which are the smallest units.

There are seven Electoral Constituencies in Dar es Salaam, each with an elected Member of Parliament. Kinondoni District has three electoral constituencies namely Kawe, Ubungu, and Kinondoni. Ilala District has two constituencies namely, Ukonga and Ilala and Temeke District has two, namely Kigamboni and Temeke.

4. Dar es Salaam City Council and the Municipalities

The Dar es Salaam City has an apex Council for the City - the City Council, headed by the Mayor of Dar es Salaam, who is elected by the Full Council from among the 20 Councilors who form the City Council.

The City Council comprises of 11 elected councilors from the three Municipalities, 7 Members of Parliament and Nominated Members of Parliament under "Special Seats" for women. Each of the three Municipal Councils is headed by a Mayor, elected by the Full Councils of the respective Municipalities.

The Dar-es-Salaam City Council and the three Municipalities operate in the same jurisdictional areas, but each of the Municipal Council has been given a jurisdiction area demarcated with an administrative order. The functions of the City Council and the three Municipal Councils are provided for in Section 7A of Act No. 8 of 1982.

The Councilors and Mayors serve for five-year terms, whereas Deputy Mayors are elected every year from among the councilors. The incumbent can be re-elected many times, depending on the will of the councilors. The current mayor of the city is Hon. Kleist Sykes.

Table 1: Number of Divisions, Wards, Streets, Villages and Hamlets in the Three Municipalities of Dar es Salaam

Municipality	Division	Wards	Streets	Villages	Hamlets
Ilala	3	22	65	9	37
Temeke	3	24	97	15	62
Kinondoni	5	27	114	14	14
TOTAL	11	73	276	38	113

Source: Dar es Salaam City Council profile 2004

City Council Administrative Structure

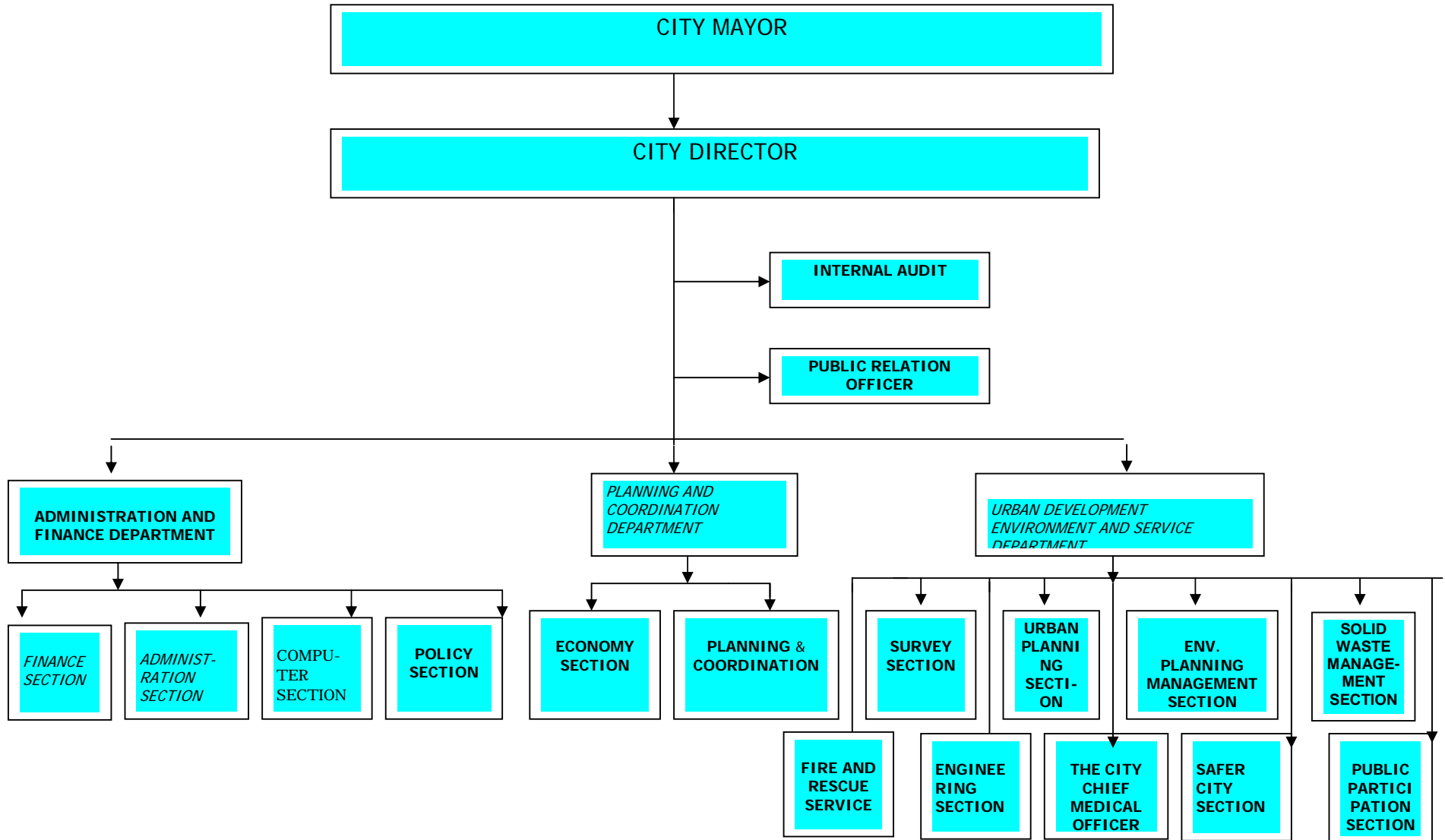
The City governing body is the City Council, which as explained above, comprises of 20 councilors. Below the City Council, the City executes its administrative duties through the City Director. Under the City Director there are three Heads of Departments namely:-

- City Administrative Officer in charge of Finance and Administration Department
- City Economist in charge of Planning and Coordination of all City development activities
- City Planner in charge of Urban Planning, Environment and Utilities Services.

The City Council performs a coordinating role and attends to issues cutting across the three Municipalities such as health services, fire and rescue and transportation. The functions of the Dar es Salaam City Council are:

- To coordinate the powers and functions of the three Municipal Authorities regarding infrastructure.
- To prepare a coherent City-wide framework for the purpose of enhancing sustainable development.
- To promote cooperation between the City Council and amongst local government authorities within the City areas.
- To deal with all matters for which there is interdependency among the Municipalities.
- To support and facilitate the overall performance of the authorities.
- To provide peace and security and emergency services such as fire prevention, and control ambulance and auxiliary police.
- To perform major functions relating to protocol at ceremonies.

ORGANIZATION CHART FOR DAR ES SALAAM CITY COUNCIL



4.1 Functions of Municipalities include;

- ❑ Maintaining peace and security of residents as well as that of public and private properties;
- ❑ Providing social and economic services to their residents;
- ❑ Taking measures to improve and accelerate performance of key sectors of the local economy notably, commerce and industry;
- ❑ Improving and maintaining quality services in health, education, culture and entertainment for residents; and
- ❑ Creating conditions conducive to poverty reduction and assisting the youth, elderly, disabled and other disadvantaged groups to be productive in the economy.

4.2 Services Provided by Municipalities

Each Municipal Council provides the following services; Council affairs, health, solid waste management, infrastructure including roads, natural resources, trade and informal sector development, urban development, legal issues, education responsible for primary education and partly secondary education especially where community is involved, culture, agriculture, and livestock, water, cooperative development, community development, and information and communication technology development.

4.3 Women's Participation and Gender Promotion

The City promotes gender equality in various activities but mainly in education and economic activities. For example in 1999 the total number of standard seven leavers was 29,851 out of whom opportunities for the secondary school education were 2,700 only. Female pupils were allocated 1,459 places for secondary education, compared to 1,241 places for male pupils. Also the City encourages the building of new schools so as to increase the number of students getting the primary and secondary education.

During the period from 1995 to 1999, the City allocated Tshs 334,745,000 for promoting women's economic activities. In this programme, about 489 women groups were given loans under simple and affordable terms. In addition, the city built six stalls for vendors to sell food and these were rented to women. The stalls are at the Old Post office, Magomeni, University of Dar es Salaam, Buguruni and two are at Kurasini. The City has also provided training in business administration and organization to about 1,500 women specializing in selling food with a view to improving their business skills.