

Short historical information about the City Dar es Salaam

Dar es Salaam was declared a Township in 1920 and was later on upgraded to a Municipality in 1949. Dar es Salaam acquired City status in December 1961 and was administered by the Dar es Salaam City Council until 1972 when the Government of Tanzania abolished all Local Government Authorities in the country in favour of a decentralized system of Central Government. The system was again abandoned in 1978 because urban areas were deteriorating as much emphasis was directed to rural development. Urban Local Authorities were reinstated.

In 1992 a Commission of Enquiry was set up to investigate why the Dar es Salaam City Council was not delivering the various city services as expected. The Commission revealed some structural and management weaknesses and recommended dissolution and restructuring of the Dar es Salaam City Council. In June 1996 the Dar es Salaam City Council was dissolved and the Dar es Salaam City Commission was appointed. The Commission was given two major tasks; to perform the day to day functions of an urban local authority and to propose the restructuring of administration of the Dar es Salaam City. The Commission ceased on January 2000 and the new Administrative Structure was put in place.

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