



International  
Growth Centre

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IGC Tanzania promotes sustainable growth by providing demand-led policy advice based on frontier research. We deliver and support work by leading academics, with a particular focus in the areas of macroeconomic management, firm capabilities, urbanisation and natural resources.

## Dr. John Page

Country Director, IGC Tanzania



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The IGC offers policymakers, researchers and civil society in Tanzania something unique. For the past six years we have carried out demand-driven, independent research by world-class economists – usually in partnership with local researchers – focused on some of the most critical constraints to Tanzania’s future growth. And, together with such partners as the Bank of Tanzania and the President’s Office Planning Commission, we have continued beyond research, helping to move from analysis to action.

As we look to the future, IGC Tanzania remains firmly committed to our values: independence, quality, partnership and relevance. We have strengthened our country presence to improve dialogue with stakeholders and to give greater continuity to our work. We intend to forge new partnerships in both the policy and research communities and to address new issues – enterprise development, public finance and urbanisation to name a few – as demands for innovative answers to critical policy questions arise.

## HISTORY OF THE PROGRAMME

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IGC Tanzania was established in 2008 – the first in-country programme of the IGC. The Tanzania programme is headed by Country Director Dr. John Page (Brookings Institute), Lead Academic Professor Chris Adam (University of Oxford) and Senior Country Research and Policy Fellow Dr. Pantaleo Kessy (Bank of Tanzania).



IGC Tanzania's office is hosted at the Bank of Tanzania (BoT), reflecting strong support from Governor Benno Ndulu and close ongoing collaboration with the BoT. Work on macroeconomic management – which to date has included research into poverty reduction, structural transformation, preparation for monetary union, inflation and fiscal strategy – remains a key focus of IGC Tanzania's programme.

Further core areas of focus have emerged over time, to include firm capabilities, urbanisation, and energy. This has followed extended consultation with policymakers, think tanks, academia, business groups and civil society. As demand for IGC's work has broadened, our network of stakeholders has widened accordingly. Key work conducted in these areas has included research into industrial capabilities, land titling, rural-urban migration and preparation for natural gas.



## IGC Tanzania undertakes projects with leading academics from around the world.



### Supporting the Development of the Protocol for East African Monetary Union

In 2011 the EAC Monetary Affairs Committee asked IGC Tanzania to examine alternative exchange rate arrangements during the transition to the proposed East African Monetary Union (EAMU). The recommendations of the research paper published by Professors Christopher Adam, Stephen O’Connell and Dr. Pantaleo Kessy of the IGC, and Camillus Kombe of the Bank of Tanzania (BoT), informed the EAMU Protocol signed by the EAC Heads of State in November 2013.



### Enterprise Map and Local Content Unit

Professor John Sutton (London School of Economics, IGC) and Dr. Donath Olomi (Institute of Management and Entrepreneurship Development, Tanzania) published an Enterprise Map of Tanzania in 2012 which has proved a unique, highly-valued tool for both policymakers and the private sector in understanding firm capabilities in Tanzania. As part of a range of requests for further work from policymakers this has generated, Professor Sutton produced a report for the Government on establishing a local content unit in Tanzania – which would manage integration of local firms

into oil and gas supply chains – and in June 2014 was invited to present his recommendations at the BoT’s Seventh Gilman Rutihinda Memorial Lecture.



### Inflation Forecasting

Building on a series of IGC Tanzania research papers, IGC Tanzania supported the establishment of systematic inflation forecasting within the BoT. Professor Chris Adam and Dr. Pantaleo Kessy developed inflation forecasting models, and trained BoT staff to utilise these models. These are now used by BoT officials to provide fundamental inputs into the regular Monetary Policy Committee meetings of the BoT.

### Ongoing and future projects

Reflecting requests from policymakers and key growth challenges faced by Tanzania, ongoing IGC Tanzania projects include research into domestic revenue mobilisation (as part of a research programme in collaboration with IGC’s country offices elsewhere in the EAC), the determination of the exchange rate, the productivity of firms, improving engagement with foreign investors, and managing the process of urbanisation within Tanzania.

## IGC LOCATIONS

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The IGC operates 15 programmes in 14 partner countries throughout Africa and South Asia. Country offices allow the IGC to be distinctive among international research initiatives in sustaining long-term policy engagement, and helping to ensure our work can be demand-led; they facilitate our work with partners, and deepen sensitivity to the political economy of policymaking.



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The International Growth Centre (IGC) aims to promote sustainable growth in developing countries by providing demand-led policy advice based on frontier research. The IGC directs a global network of world-leading researchers and in-country teams in Africa and South Asia and works closely with partner governments to generate high quality research and policy advice on key growth challenges. Based at LSE and in partnership with the University of Oxford, the IGC is funded by the UK Department for International Development (DFID).

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