

Tanzanian Vice President Samia Suluhu Hassan, said her government has taken up initiatives that will eliminate trade barriers and ease cross border trade between Tanzania and its neighboring countries.

She made the remarks when she officially opened the first ever Malawi-Tanzania Trade Forum held in Mbeya, Tanzania recently.

She said: “Railway availability between Zambia and Dar-Es-Salaam, the dry port that is under construction in Mbeya, the national road network in Tanzania and a cargo ship which will be ready in December 2018 are some of the opportunities available to ease doing business with Tanzania,”

In his remarks, Honorable Henry Mussa said that it is important that both countries are committed to eliminate cross border challenges.

Mussa Said: “We need to deal with challenges and create ease in doing business between the two countries by eliminating trade and investment barriers. Cross-border trade between the two countries should be smooth due to proximity and similar cultural values,”

He said both governments are committed to work together to enhance and strengthen cross-border trade as evidenced in the signing of business deals at the event.

Some of the SMEs that attended the forum said the B2B meetings helped them to identify business opportunities.

Homes Industries of Karonga, African Women in Agribusiness from Lilongwe, Innovative Fish

Farmers Network, Yavinde and Perisho Agro & Packaging Enterprise are some of the SMEs that have identified business opportunities in Tanzania.

Delegates from Ministry of Industry, Trade & Tourism, Malawi Embassy to the Republic of Tanzania, MCCI, Malawi Bureau of Standards, Malawi Chamber of Mining, MRA, Malawi Fisheries and Press Corporation Limited represented Malawi in Government to Government meetings. The next Malawi-Tanzania Forum will be held in Malawi in 2019.

