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TOURIST ARRIVALS, CEMENT AND ELECTRICITY PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION, FROM JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2022

The information presenting trend of tourist arrivals, cement production and electricity generation are among of selected short-term indicators based on high-frequency data produced and disseminated by the National Bureau of Statistics in accordance with **the Statistics Act Cap. 351**. The evaluation of economic performance use among others the short-term selected indicators.

Tourists Arrivals from January - December 2022

During January to December 2022, tourist arrivals increased to **1,454,920**, up from **922,692** recorded during the corresponding period in 2021. The noticeable increase in tourist arrivals (532,228), **equivalent to 57.7 percent**.

Tourist arrivals noted in 2022 slightly missed the highest number of 1,510,151 tourist arrivals recorded in 2021 by just **55,231** arrivals equivalent to a shortfall by **3.7 percent**. The increase in tourist arrivals was attributed to: lifting lockdown by most countries, continued Government's efforts to promote tourism attractions within and outside the country, and Tanzania, the Royal Tour show case of mixed attractions unveiled by **Her Excellency Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan**. The show case has required the effort as evidenced by tourist arrivals rebound in the country given the COVID-19 headwind.

During the period under review, Tanzania hosted tourist arrivals from Africa and rest of the world. United States of America recorded the highest number of arrivals from the rest of the world at 100,600 followed by France (100,371), Germany (67,718), United Kingdom (60,116) and Poland (46,431). Meanwhile, arrivals from Africa were from: Kenya (166,324) Burundi (100,851), Zambia (46,787), Malawi (44,438) and Rwanda (44,288). Tourist arrivals from top 10 countries out of 214 were **778,918** accounting for **53.2 percent** share of total arrivals.

Cement Production and Consumption from January to December 2022

Cement consumption is a proxy of growth in the construction activity, specifically on buildings and civil engineering works. During January to December 2022, cement consumption increased to 7,823,361 tons, up from 6,863,004 in 2021 an increase of

960,356 tons equivalent to 14.0 percent. Cement consumption as an indicator translates that into expansion/contraction of construction activities in the country.

During the period under review, cement production increased to 7,598,073 tons, up from 6,614,359 tons in 2021, which is an **increase of 983,714 tons equivalent to 14.9 percent.**

External trade data show cement exports in 2022 increased to 491,538 tons, up from 441,828 tons in 2021 which is an **increase of 49,710 tons equivalent to 11.3 percent.** Moreover, cement imports during the period under review increased to 716,826 tons, down from 690,474 tons in 2021 which is an increase of **26,356 tons equivalent to 3.8 percent.**

Electricity Generation and Consumption from January to December 2022

In 2022, electricity consumption increased to 9,462.3 million kWh, up from 7,994.8 million kWh in 2021 which is an increase of 1,467.4 million kWh **equivalent to 18.3 percent.**

Electricity generation increased to 9,312.0 million kWh in 2022, up from 7,850.8 million kWh in 2021 which is an increase of 1,461.2 million kWh equivalent to 18.6 percent. Additionally, it is worth to note that, 6,635.9 million kWh were generated from natural gas, accounting for **71.3 percent** share of total electricity generated in 2022. However, 5,033.9 million kWh were generated from the same source in 2021, equivalent to **64.1 percent** of total electricity generated.

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