

# Justice in Action: Inside OAG's big governance wins of 2025



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The year 2025 will be remembered as a turning point for the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) - a year of decisive reforms, legal modernisation, and strengthened governance that positioned Tanzania for long-term prosperity.

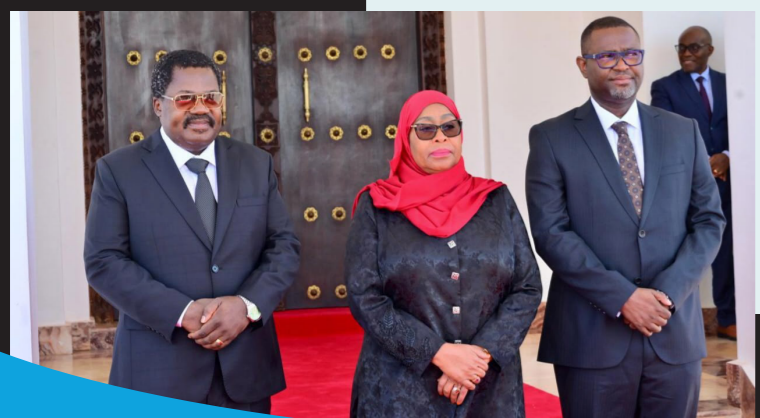
With the reappointment of Hon. Hamza Johari as Attorney General on November 3, 2025, the OAG concluded a year defined by heightened efficiency, deeper legal reforms, and an unwavering commitment to safeguarding the country's strategic interests.

AG Johari was first appointed by President Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan in August last year, succeeding Dr. Eliezer Feleshi. Before joining the OAG, he served as Director General of the Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority (TCAA), where he helped strengthen regulatory oversight and institutional performance - experience that now informs his leadership at the national legal level.

## Alignment with Dira 2050

In 2025, the OAG's work became a pillar of Tanzania's transition toward Dira 2050. From drafting modern laws and reviewing outdated legislation to translating key Acts and assessing thousands of agreements, the AG Office played a central role in shaping a more transparent, predictable, and investment-ready legal environment.

Speaking during the Tanzania Law Day 2025 commemoration in Dodoma on February 3, AG Johari underscored the critical link between



civil justice and national progress:

"As we advance toward Dira 2050, civil justice institutions must anchor their work on the goals of the new long-term socio-economic blueprint."

## A renewed spirit of reform

AG Johari's leadership has infused the OAG with a reform-driven energy, driving improvements in legal diplomacy, institutional coordination, and execution of statutory mandates across government.

Since 2024, his stewardship has championed:

- Modernised laws that remove investment bottlenecks
- Faster and fairer access to justice
- Stronger negotiating positions in international agreements
- Professional and coordinated legal services across MDAs

These efforts have boosted investor confidence and elevated Tanzania's credibility in regional and global engagements.

Speaking during the OAG Workers' Council meeting on 18 August 2025, the Attorney General outlined the progress made in implementing the 2024/2025 work plan - including the coordination of laws, review of agreements, handling of legal advisory requests, staff recruitment and transfers, training initiatives, and other strategic mandates.

He reported that the Office prepared 19 Bills, translated 433 Principal Laws from English to Kiswahili, completed the revision of 446 Principal Laws, and reviewed 3,436 national and international agreements - a reflection of the OAG's strengthened capacity and expanding role in national governance.

## Transformative legislative achievements of 2025

In 2025, the OAG prepared key strategic Bills geared toward accelerating national development. They include: **Digital Infrastructure Bill** - which focuses on strengthening data governance and enabling the digital economy

**Investment Law (Amendment) Bill** - which seeks to streamline regulatory processes to attract investments

**Natural Resources and Energy Governance Bill** - for

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promoting transparency and ensuring Tanzanians benefit from natural wealth.

These Bills form part of the legal backbone that will guide Tanzania toward its Dira 2050 aspirations.

## Translation of 433 principal Acts

One of the year's landmark initiatives was the translation of 433 Principal Laws from English to Kiswahili - a historic step that enhances public access to justice.

Notable translated laws include: the Competition Act, the Land Act, the Income Tax Act and the Public Finance Management Act.

This work empowers institutions, expands legal literacy, and strengthens accountability nationwide.

## A future-ready legal system

To support sectors at the heart of Dira 2050 - technology, finance, innovation, energy, and public service - the OAG completed the revision of 446 Principal Laws.

AG Johari emphasised the importance of this effort: "Our laws must reflect Tanzania's future - a modern, competitive, and inclusive economy."

The revisions ensure Tanzania's legislation is globally competitive and responsive to emerging socio-economic trends.

## Contracts review: Protecting national interests

As the government's chief legal guardian, the OAG reviewed national and international agreements covering areas such as:

- Natural resources
- Infrastructure
- Procurement
- International cooperation

Each contract underwent a rigorous value-for-money assessment, ensuring Tanzania avoids risky obligations and secures favourable terms.

The result: stronger governance, reduced financial exposure, and heightened investor confidence - all aligned with Vision 2050 priorities.

## Strengthening legal capacity for future demands

In 2025, the OAG continued to build the capacity of State Attorneys through advanced training tailored for complex international negotiations and high-stakes disputes.



Attorney General, Hamza Johari

AG Johari highlighted the importance of global competitiveness: "Government lawyers must negotiate agreements that protect our resources and advance national development."

## Technology as a driver of efficiency

The OAG also expanded the use of the Attorney General's Management Information System (OAG-MIS) to streamline workflows, enhance transparency, and reduce operational delays.

"Technology is central to achieving the efficiency and accountability required for Tanzania 2050," AG Johari reaffirmed.

## Positioning the OAG for Dira 2050

The OAG's reforms are guided by a long-term vision to become an efficient, professional, and trusted provider of high-quality legal services. Strengthened legal frameworks, improved contract oversight, digital transformation, and enhanced institutional capacity form the core of this vision.

AG Johari captured this mandate succinctly: "The success of Dira 2050 depends on strong legal foundations and institutions that uphold civil justice."

## Conclusion

The milestones of 2025 demonstrate the OAG's pivotal role in shaping Tanzania's future. Through legislative modernisation, governance reforms, improved negotiations, and expanded access to justice, the Office is laying the legal groundwork for a modern, competitive, and inclusive economy.

For Tanzania's legal fraternity, 2025 was not merely a year of progress - it was a year of transformation.

Under the leadership of AG Hamza Johari, the country's legal system is now on a bold, forward-looking trajectory: stronger, clearer, and ready to secure the nation's prosperity for generations to come.



*The newly appointed Minister of Constitutional and Legal Affairs, Dr. Juma Homera (seated at the center), and his Deputy, Zainab Athman Katimba (seated second from the left), in a group photo following a recent meeting with the Management of the Office of the Attorney General.*



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*Some of the staff recently transferred to the Office of the Attorney General attentively follow presentations during a briefing session led by the Deputy Attorney General, Hon. Samwel Maneno, in Dodoma.*



*Deputy Attorney General Samwel Maneno briefs the Minister of Constitutional and Legal Affairs, Dr. Juma Homera, on the key functions of the Office of the Attorney General during the Minister's official visit to the institution in Dodoma.*



*Attorney General Hamza Johari tables a motion to permit candidates for the position of Speaker of Parliament who are not elected legislators to enter the parliamentary chamber, during the first sitting of the 13th session of the National Assembly on 11th November 2025.*