

TaTEDO-SESO Annual General Meeting 2025

Charting an Ambitious Path for Sustainable Energy Growth and Member Engagement

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TaTEDO – Sustainable Energy Services Organization (TaTEDO-SESO) successfully convened its 2025 Annual General Meeting (AGM) at its headquarters in Mbezi Juu, Dar es Salaam. The meeting brought together Board Members, management, staff, and members from across the country to review the organization's performance, celebrate achievements, endorse plans for the year ahead, and reinforce the foundation for long-term, sustainable growth.

The AGM reaffirmed TaTEDO-SESO's commitment to advancing sustainable energy access, accelerating the transition to clean cooking, strengthening community livelihoods, and promoting environmental conservation across Tanzania.



A Year of Significant Achievements

Members reviewed TaTEDO-SESO's implementation report for 2025, noting substantial progress in the delivery of sustainable energy services nationwide. Working in partnership with national and international development partners — including the European Union, WWF, SIDA, WRI, MECS, UKRI, and TANESCO — the organisation implemented a wide range of initiatives spanning clean cooking, sustainable charcoal value chains, forest conservation, productive use of energy, gender equality and social inclusion (GESI), and community empowerment.

Over the course of the year, TaTEDO-SESO operated across eight regions, twenty-eight districts, and more than 138 villages and communities throughout Tanzania — expanding access to sustainable energy technologies while nurturing local entrepreneurship and environmental stewardship.

Advancing Clean Cooking and Sustainable Energy Solutions

Members commended the remarkable progress made in promoting modern and affordable cooking energy solutions, particularly the roll-out of electric cooking technologies.

Through SESCOM Social Enterprise and its network of agents and partners, over 11,800 SESCOM brand of electric pressure cookers were marketed to households in Dar es Salaam, Pwani, Dodoma, Morogoro, Kilimanjaro, and other regions. In parallel, more than 1,000 improved biomass stoves were disseminated through SEECO — helping households cut fuel costs, reduce indoor air pollution, and improve health outcomes.

The AGM acknowledged that Tanzania's clean cooking transition is gaining real momentum, and that TaTEDO-SESO remains at the forefront of promoting innovative, affordable, and environmentally responsible cooking solutions.

Strengthening Community Entrepreneurship and Environmental Conservation

The meeting highlighted TaTEDO-SESO's growing impact in fostering community-based entrepreneurship and local economic development. Through collaborations with community groups, financial institutions, women-led enterprises, and local entrepreneurs, the organisation continued to support thousands of stakeholders engaged in sustainable energy businesses. Training was provided to stove producers, charcoal producers, women entrepreneurs, energy sales agents, and local government officials.

Members also commended ongoing efforts in environmental conservation. More than one million tree seedlings — including mangrove species — were distributed through community nurseries, contributing to ecosystem restoration and long-term climate resilience.

Membership Growth and Organisational Development

A key milestone of the 2025 AGM was the approval and formal admission of eleven new members into TaTEDO-SESO, in accordance with the organisation's Constitution. Members emphasised the importance of continuing to grow TaTEDO-SESO's membership base by attracting committed individuals and professionals who share the organisation's vision for sustainable energy development and environmental stewardship.

The AGM also reviewed progress in strengthening the organisation's institutional infrastructure, including improvements to office facilities, technology storage spaces, and facilities that support TaTEDO-SESO's sustainable energy enterprises.

Addressing Challenges and Building Resilience

Alongside celebrating achievements, members engaged in frank discussion about challenges that continue to demand attention. Key concerns raised included:

- ♦ Limited domestic financing for sustainable energy initiatives
- ♦ Competition from low-cost but lower-quality energy products in the market
- ♦ Outstanding receivables owed to the organisation that affect cash flow
- ♦ The need to intensify public awareness of modern cooking technologies, especially electric cooking

The AGM reaffirmed the critical importance of strengthening TaTEDO-SESO's financial sustainability through social entrepreneurship, strategic partnerships, proactive resource mobilisation, and disciplined financial management.

Key Resolutions of the AGM

The Annual General Meeting adopted two important resolutions aimed at deepening member participation and enhancing organisational sustainability.

i). Monthly Member Contributions

Members unanimously agreed that every active member of TaTEDO-SESO will contribute a monthly membership support fee of TZS 5,000. This contribution will help strengthen member activities, improve communication, support organisational development initiatives, and enhance members' collective engagement in advancing sustainable energy services across Tanzania.

ii). Official TaTEDO-SESO Members' WhatsApp Platform

To improve communication, networking, and information sharing among its membership, the AGM resolved to establish an official TaTEDO-SESO Members' WhatsApp Group. The platform will serve as a dedicated channel for sharing organisational updates, project achievements, opportunities, technical knowledge, events, and policy developments relevant to sustainable energy in Tanzania. The initiative is expected to strengthen member engagement and foster greater collaboration across the TaTEDO-SESO network.

Looking Ahead

The AGM concluded with a renewed and energised commitment to accelerate Tanzania's sustainable energy transition through innovation, partnership, community empowerment, and environmental stewardship.

Members endorsed TaTEDO-SESO's 2026 Work Plan and Budget, which prioritise:

- ♦ Scaling up clean and electric cooking solutions
- ♦ Strengthening community-based entrepreneurship and energy enterprises
- ♦ Expanding sustainable energy services to underserved areas
- ♦ Mainstreaming gender equality and social inclusion across all programmes
- ♦ Enhancing institutional sustainability and financial resilience

As Tanzania continues its journey towards universal access to sustainable energy, TaTEDO-SESO remains steadfast in its mission — working hand in hand with government, development partners, the private sector, local communities, and its growing membership to create lasting social, economic, and environmental impact.

Together, we are advancing sustainable energy solutions for a better Tanzania — and a better future for all.

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