

RESEARCH WEEK EXHIBITIONS

In order to increase visibility of the output of UDSM academic staff in the area of research and its contribution in solving national problems, the University of Dar es Salaam organized Research Week exhibitions. The event was the first of its kind as each unit participated. It was organized at two levels; namely unit (Colleges/Schools/Institutes) level and university level. The theme of research week was “*Utilization of Research Results for Improved Livelihood*”. The unit level activities were held on 27th and 28th March 2015 at the Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere Mlimani Campus, on 11th April 2015 at DUCE, 16th April 2015 at MUCE and from 22nd – 23rd April 2015 at the Institute of Marine Science (IMS). The exhibitions showcased more than 120 items, which included research projects, products and services.

The university level Research Week activities were held from 18th to 20th May 2015. The event was officiated by the Prime Minister, Hon. Mizengo Peter Pinda Kayanza (MP), represented by Hon. Mr. George Simbachawene (MP), Minister for Energy and Minerals. The exhibitions showcased 39 winning projects and 8 high profile projects from invited researchers. Overall winning projects at the university level are listed below along with the respective PI’s and colleges (brackets):

- i. Design and Implementation of National e-Health Architecture (DHIS2 and other related systems HRH, ARDS) Challenges, Approaches and Current Achievements (Dr. Honest Kimaro)
- ii. Key Non-food Biocrops Potential for Bio-Diesel Production in Tanzania (Dr. Agnes Nyomora – CoNAS)
- iii. Utilization of Macroalgae Phyco-colloids for Production of value-added products (Dr. Amelia Buriyo – CoNAS).

The general public, external stakeholders and development partners were invited to the event. Advertisements were placed in local newspapers and the university website to inform the public on the event. In addition, the local media, which included television (TBC and Mlimani TV), newsprint (Mwananchi and Daily News) and radio, were invited to cover the opening and closing sessions of the event. Furthermore, invitation letters were sent to various organizations including government organizations and agencies, private companies, secondary schools and development partners. A general observation on research results showcased during the revealed revealed that there are many high quality research project and potential product for commercialization.