**Welcome Remarks by Dr. Jabiri Kuwe Bakari, CEO – e-Government Agency and Vice President, ISACA Tanzania Chapter on the Occasion of Annual General Meeting, Held on January 21ˢᵗ , 2015 at Double Tree Hotel, Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania**

President-ISACA, Tanzania Chapter

Representative of our sponsors,

Board members

ISACA members

Invited guests

People from various Media and Press

Ladies and Gentleman,

Good morning,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to our Annual general meeting. As you may all know, the purpose of this meeting is to share various issues and plans ahead.

Let me start my opening remarks by congratulating those members who were successful in their various ISACA certification exams in 2014, especially those of you who distinguished yourselves by emerging as best scorers in the various exams held in June. It's encouraging to learn that the number of certified members certified with CISA, 15 CISM and 7 with CRISC has gone up to 78. Also, I'm aware that there are some bad news for those who did their examinations in December, 2014. Mr. President will share with us the latest news and how the Chapter is addressing them.

**Ladies and gentlemen**

We know there are some of you who are new to ISACA, so let me say something on it. ISACA is an acronym for Information Systems Audit and Control Association. It is a global professional body based in USA with chapters and members scattered across the World. In its professional certification portfolio are Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA), Certified Information Security Manager (CISM), Certified in Governance of Enterprise IT (CGEIT) and Certified in Risk and Information Systems Control (CRISC). ISACA and its affiliate, IT Governance Institute has done a lot in providing global professional framework for effective corporate IT Governance.

The history of our chapter goes back to 2002 as a forth chapter in Africa. One year after its inception the chapter had 33 members and the number kept on increasing and as we are speaking the chapter membership is about 281. For further information about ISACA, please visit www.isaca.or.tz. The aim of the Chapter is to sponsor local educational seminars and workshops, conducts regular chapter meetings, and help to further promote and elevate the visibility of the IS audit, control and security profession throughout the area.

The local chapter status (Green as active or Red for inactive) at international level depends very much on activities conducted at the local level such as local educational seminars and workshops, engage in IT research projects, conduct regular chapter meetings as well as state of chapter membership. Our chapter went through various stages and status, for the past years (Red, the green, the Red), but fortunately as we are speaking we managed to bring to active status.

On Previous meeting we had strategies to increase our chapter membership and conducting activities that will boost our chapter status, among other things includes, reducing memberships fees and focus on enrolling students.

The same strategies exist but in addition we need to device new ways for the same purpose.

**Ladies and gentlemen**

I cannot end my opening remarks without mentioning the role of e-Government Agency on ISACA Tanzania chapter development. As you may all know e-Government Agency  (eGA) was established to provide an enabling environment through coordination, oversight and promotion of ICT usage for improvement of service delivery The Agency is still at its taking off stage, we have managed to accomplish something in two years since the inception but more need to be done. The agency has been able to recruit about 72 staff with different skills and professionals.

Currently, the government is implementing several e-government initiatives in order to support public services delivery. Some of the major initiatives include the National ICT Broadband Backbone, GovNet as a secure government network,  Government mailing system, government data centre, development and operationalization of various applications to support government internal operation e.g HCMIS, FINMIS etc and other to support service delivery such as Land management and system National Identification. All these initiatives brought a potential risks to the government operations. The need to manage these risks cannot be over emphasized. The work done by ISACA to provide professional training on how to manage ICT in order to support business operations in various ways is very important. This is evident in the current government recruitment in most ICT cadres whereby professional certifications especially from ISACA was emphasized.

Finally, on behalf of the Board, let me register my sincere appreciation to sponsors who contributed to make this event possible today. Let me call upon all members of the chapter to always participate actively in the chapter activities and be good ambassadors of ISACA at your various places of work. It is on this note that I say thank you and looking forward to fruitful discussion and deliberations during the meeting.