

SIDO to open trade points in Dar, Ruvuma, K'njaro

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THE Small Industry Development Organisation (SIDO), plans to establish centres for displaying and selling products of the organisation.

The SIDO Managing Director, Michael Laiser, has said the centres would be in Dar es Salaam, Ruvuma and Kilimanjaro regions.

Laiser said that the centres would be established in different areas within the regions and a research institute in Songea was preparing maps depicting proposed locations.

He made the announcement during the closing ceremony of a workshop, attended by 26 trainers in food processing from both Tanzania Mainland and Zanzibar.

The workshop was sponsored by the Commonwealth Secretariat based in London.

He said that the programme to construct the centres would cost about 300m/-. Each construction phase would cost some 10m/-.

"We decide to establish those special centres for small and medium entrepreneurs so that they will exhibit and sell SIDO products only," He said.

Laiser said SIDO has about 22m/- to facilitate trainers' courses in conjunction with the Commonwealth Secretariat that had found out that the majority of Tanzanians were increasingly willing to engage in food processing.