SMEs told to form associations

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THE Co-ordinator of the Property and Business Formalisation Program (PBFP), Mr Ladislaus Salema, has challenged small and medium scale entrepreneurs (SMEs) to form regional apex organisations that would promote and safeguard their interests.

Mr Salema told a workshop that a plot has been offered in Chang'ombe which SMEs in Dar es Salaam could build its headquarters. "The government has plans to tap the wealth in the extralegal economy. The aim of this programme is not to tax SMEs but to encompass them in the mainstream economy and improve people's living conditions as their businesses grow," he said.

The Program's Administrative Officer, Ms Margaret Nyalile, told participants in the workshop that the implementation of the formalisation process has started this month and it was expected to be completed after 22 months.