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## How telcos charged you in 2017

Airtel Tanzania and Benson subscribers enjoyed reduced voice call tariffs last year, the Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) quarterly communication statistics for the fourth quarter of 2017 shows. The report shows that both companies reduced their on-network and off-network tariffs between first quarter ended in March 2017 to the last quarter that ended in December 2017. According to the report, Airtel Tanzania reduced its on-network tariff to Sh219 per minute as at December compared with Sh225 charged as at March 2017, while its off-network tariff also went down to Sh361 as at December last year from Sh384 per minute at March. Benson, which is the cheapest network in Tanzania in both local and international voice tariffs, reduced its on-network tariff to Sh60 as at December from Sh84 as at March while the off-network tariff went down to Sh150 as at December 2017 from Sh210 as at March. Subscribers for other networks including Vodacom, Halotel, Tigo, TTCL and Zantel had no relief as their tariff on-network voice remained flat. Their off-network remained unchanged during last year except for Vodacom Tanzania. Vodacom Tanzania, which has the largest market share, charged Sh270 last year for on-network voice tariff, but managed to reduce its off-network charges to Sh330 as at December 2017 from Sh338 as at March. *“The Citizen, Businesszone Pg.21”*

## CRDB scores high in global health index

CRDB Bank has scored high on organisational health index (OHI), thanks sound improvements in organisation health deemed critical for long-term performance of an institution. The bank scored 83.5 points on organisational health index (OHI), the highest mark in Africa after creating better working environment for workers, said Managing Director, Dr Charles Kimei, in Dar es Salaam yesterday. The better working environment includes offering a range of employee's benefits such as handsome salary packages, bonus, maternity and paternity leaves, sick leaves and golden handshake. The OHI solution measures and tracks the organizational elements that drive performance by looking at relationship between employer and employees. Dr Kimei said points the bank attained were based on their commitment to improve workers benefits throughout the years. “The levels are highest in the continent. This pleases us, since it shows that our workers are happy to work with the bank, workers are our best as- set second to none,” he told reporters during the signing of an agreement between CRDB and TUICO- Tanzania Union of Industrial and Commercial Workers. *“Daily News, Business & Finance Pg.19”*

## MoU for Mbeya coal-to-power project signed

Tanzania Electric Supply Company (Tanesco) has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Kibo Mining as a precursor to the finalisation of power purchase agreement (PPA) for the Mbeya coal-to-power project (MCP). The PPA is expected to be finalised as early as the end of the first quarter of this year, in accordance with the timelines previously agreed with Tanesco and the Tanzania Ministry of Energy. The MoU sets out clear guidelines, deliverables and timelines for the conclusion of the PPA, which will enable Aim- and JSE-listed Kibo to move towards the conclusion of the final development phase of the MCP which includes construction and commissioning. *“Daily News, Business & Finance Pg.19”*

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