



DAR ES SALAAM INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (DIT)

An Agent of Industrialization, a Progressive and Customer-Centred Higher Learning Institution.



DIT Alumni Homecoming & Innovation Day 2026

CONCEPT NOTE



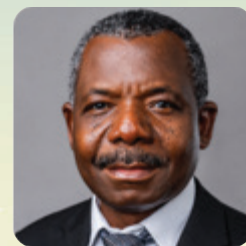
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Theme: Reconnect, Discover, Shape the Future

A proposed alumni engagement event ahead of DIT's 20th Graduation Ceremony

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ABOUT DIT: A STRONG FOUNDATION FOR SHARED SUCCESS

Established by Act of Parliament No. 6 of 1997, Dar es Salaam Institute of Technology is a public higher technical education institution with four campuses: Main Campus in Dar es Salaam, Mwanza Campus, Songwe Campus and Dodoma Campus (DTC-DIT). Its strengths span applied sciences, engineering and technology, supported by competence-based training, research, consultancy, innovation and entrepreneurship through the Teaching Factory approach.



Practical learning. Shared expertise. New possibilities

VISION & MISSION



VISION

To become a leading technical education institution in Africa in addressing societal needs.



MISSION

To provide competence-based technical education through training, research, consultancy and development of appropriate innovative technologies and entrepreneurship, centred on the Teaching Factory model.

DIT's ISO 21001:2018 certification reinforces its commitment to learner-centred education, effective institutional management and continual improvement. Together, its campuses and professional community provide a strong platform for alumni to exchange expertise, connect with emerging talent and develop practical collaborations.

A lifelong connection with DIT

Graduation marks the beginning of a new relationship with Dar es Salaam Institute of Technology. The knowledge, friendships and professional values developed at DIT continue to shape graduates' lives, while their experience in the wider world brings fresh insight to the institution. Alumni and DIT have much to gain by keeping that connection active.

Ahead of its 20th Graduation Ceremony in December 2026, DIT proposes a half-day Alumni Homecoming & Innovation Day at its Main Campus in Dar es Salaam. The event will welcome graduates from every campus, programme and generation to reconnect with classmates and lecturers, discover current innovations and explore ways to work together. Its purpose is to build an enduring community in which alumni remain valued participants in DIT's future.



Your DIT journey continues beyond graduation

The proposed name combines the sense of belonging expressed by “Homecoming” with the Institute’s technological identity. The theme, “Reconnect, Discover, Shape the Future”, invites alumni to renew relationships, engage with new ideas and turn shared pride into meaningful collaboration.

WHY ALUMNI SHOULD RETURN

Homecoming offers alumni professional connections and practical opportunities. Graduates can renew networks, showcase their businesses and expertise, and meet emerging talent. Recent graduates can gain career guidance and mentoring; established professionals and entrepreneurs can explore recruitment, consultancy, applied research and business partnerships with DIT.

Guided campus visits will introduce alumni to selected student and staff innovations, laboratories and practical learning facilities. A visit and briefing on the satellite initiative will

provide a distinctive opportunity to understand its purpose, current progress and the skills involved, using demonstrations approved by the responsible team. These encounters will help alumni identify where their experience can contribute and where DIT's knowledge may be relevant to their own work.



Discover new ideas. Meet emerging talent. Explore opportunities

Alumni can mentor students, share industry challenges and discuss projects with DIT teams. Participation offers a voice in training improvement, visibility for alumni enterprises and introductions to potential collaborators. Contributions can range from a guest lecture to a joint project, reflecting individual interests and availability.

HOW DIT AND ALUMNI GAIN THROUGH PARTNERSHIP

Alumni feedback will strengthen DIT's industrial linkages by identifying skills gaps, emerging technologies and workplace expectations. It can inform curricula, industrial attachments, mentoring and staff exposure. DIT gains evidence for relevant training; alumni gain a voice in developing industry-ready talent and connections to potential recruits. Alumni achievements also strengthen institutional reputation.



Industry experience meets DIT expertise opportunities

Partnerships with alumni businesses can generate joint venture proposals, consultancy opportunities and applied research on real industry problems. Product development, prototyping and testing can connect DIT expertise with enterprise needs. DIT gains relevant research challenges; alumni explore innovation support and potential commercialisation. Viable projects would require agreed responsibilities, resources and intellectual property arrangements.

Alumni can enrich modern training through the Teaching Factory model, linking learning to real industrial practice. Their businesses can contribute project briefs, production challenges and industry supervision. DIT gains practical, entrepreneurial training opportunities; alumni enterprises can explore solutions and emerging talent while helping shape the capabilities their industries need.

AN ENGAGING HOMECOMING WITH A SHARED PURPOSE

Campus discovery, a satellite initiative visit and alumni–student exchanges will combine reunion with practical engagement. Career stories and mentoring will inspire students. Innovation demonstrations and an alumni dialogue will invite feedback on training, industry needs and Teaching Factory opportunities. Introductions to DIT teams will support discussions on applied research, business partnerships and ventures.

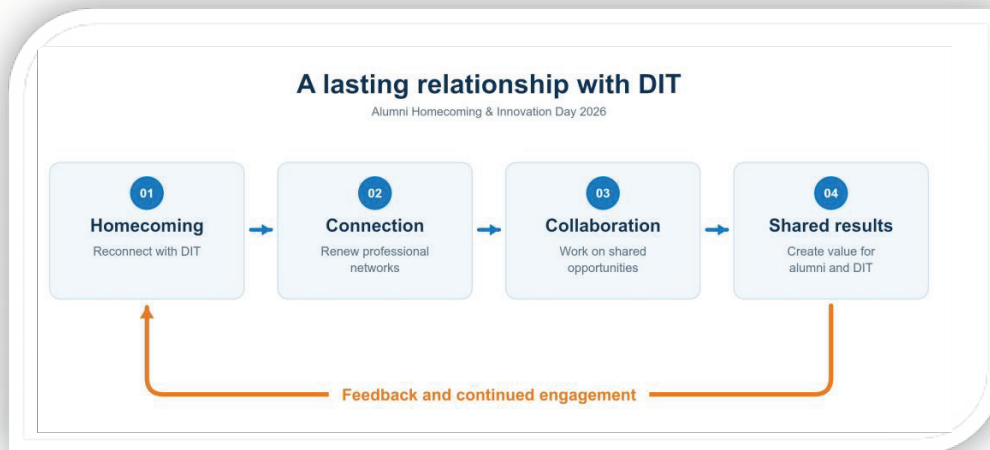


Reconnect. Discover. Shape the Future

The welcome should extend across generations, disciplines and campuses, including alumni living outside Dar es Salaam and Tanzania. Clear invitations, cohort contacts and opportunities to contribute remotely will help maintain that wider connection. DIT should listen to alumni interests, make participation accessible and recognise contributions with appreciation.

FROM A HOMECOMING TO A LASTING RELATIONSHIP

With alumni consent, DIT will update professional profiles and record interests in mentoring, recruitment, industrial attachments, applied research and business partnerships. An alumni focal person will connect participants with relevant teams. Promising proposals should have an agreed next step, responsible contact and follow-up date.



Regular updates and professional exchanges will sustain engagement. DIT should report progress on alumni feedback, industry linkages, partnership proposals and Teaching Factory projects, and recognise contributions. Active collaborations, mentoring, attachments, research proposals and training improvements will demonstrate how participation benefits alumni careers and businesses while strengthening DIT.

Come home to DIT. Reconnect with the people and place that helped shape your journey, discover what is taking shape today, and help create opportunities for the next generation. Your experience matters, your ideas are welcome, and your relationship with DIT can continue to grow.



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