

**Minutes of meeting of Umma wa Wapanda Baisikeli Dar es Salaam  
30 August 2008**

**Attendance**

Ally Athuman Jumbe  
Ally Mzee Amiri  
Bashiri Rashidi  
Beda John Mkusu  
Dominata Rwechungura  
Edgar R Paulo  
Elaine Baker  
Filbert Mbecha  
Frank Peter Rwechungura  
Juma Ali Salehe Jongo  
Juma Mitanga  
Mohamedi Saidi  
Mussa Alex  
Nickson Kilunga  
Paulo Atibu Hatibu  
Pendo January  
Shamte J Kigoma

**Guests**

Corporal Abuu Mwakipesile Traffic Police  
Sergeant Dumu Mwahigenge Traffic Police  
Engineer George Daffa TANROADS

This was a special meeting of UWABA together with invited guests on the subject of setting up a monthly forum on non-motorised transport issues in Dar es Salaam. Engineer George Daffa and Corporal Abuu Mwakipesile had attended the training of trainers in cycle safety and so have some background in working with UWABA.

The guests from TANROADS and traffic police were welcomed and thanked for taking the time to attend this meeting. The background to the idea of the forum was discussed. The idea was given to us by Andrew Wheeldon of BEN South Africa, who has helped to set up such a forum in Cape Town, South Africa. The aims of the forum are to bring together the various relevant Government institutions as well as non-governmental organisations in order to coordinate our efforts to reach a goal of having a city which is friendly and safe toward non-motorised transport such as cycles and pedestrians.

UWABA asked for guidance from the guests from the Government on how we could set such a forum up. The guests suggested that the city council and municipalities should have a leading role in such a forum, and although they were invited to this meeting (both the DART department and the city council in general) no representative came. The guests also suggested that there should be some funding for such an initiative to cover costs for holding meetings. The guests also said that while they themselves supported the forum idea, it would be good if the initiative was supported by some higher level leaders such as Dar es Salaam MPs, councillors and/or mayors, this would make the forum have a higher profile and allow us to secure a good venue and high priority for the work of the forum.

UWABA said they would therefore pursue the issue with the city council, MPs, councillors and mayors in order to find a high level leader to support the idea and give us guidance on how to organise.

We discussed a name for the forum and decided on “Kongamano la Usalama wa Wapanda Baisikeli na Watembea kwa Miguu Dar es Salaam” or in short KOBAMI-Dar.

UWABA then raised several issues which are relevant to TANROADS and traffic police with the guests.

On the issue of Sam Nujoma and Kilwa Road, UWABA explained that we had written two letters and received two replies, but then we had sent a third letter which we have not yet got a reply. The letter explains what we have observed in the building of these roads and asks which parts of these roads are the cycle lanes.

On the issue of Morogoro Road, UWABA showed the letter we have written to the city council, to which we got a reply but the reply did not answer our specific questions, especially concerns about preventing vehicles from accessing the cycle lanes.

We enquired about the newly announced Kigamboni Bridge and whether it would have cycle lanes. Engineer Daffa said that it is being built as a toll bridge by the National Social Security Fund (NSSF) and not the Government itself. UWABA said we would write to the NSSF on this issue.

UWABA also raised the issue of having ramps / speed bumps as well as raised zebra crossings in areas like Kigamboni, Tandale. UWABA lent a book which we received from Professor Rwebangira to Engineer Daffa which has a lot of information about traffic calming measures.

UWABA also raised the issue of dangerous holes and obstacles including the one near Kagera on Morogoro Road, on the left side as you go towards town, where it appears the road was dug up for water or electricity and not repaired. Engineer Daffa said that it is the responsibility of the water or electricity authority to repair holes they make in the road. We also discussed the problem of road signs being stolen for scrap and securing them with cement.

UWABA raised the issue of service roads with the traffic police. They said that Commissioner Suleiman Kovu had recently started an operation to stop cars from parking on the service roads. UWABA said they would write a letter supporting this operation and asking that it be announced in the media in order to raise awareness.

UWABA said we have written to the traffic police asking if there are any written rules or laws or notices about how service roads should be used but we have not yet received a reply. The traffic police said they would follow up getting a reply and if there are such documents.

UWABA said we had got a leaflet with phone numbers of traffic police to report offences but when members tried the numbers they were not available. The traffic police said that maybe they were out of date and they would find out the up to date numbers.