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Tanzania opens midstream licensing round Nov 2026

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Tanzania's Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA) has published a public notice inviting applications for construction approval and licences to participate in the mid and downstream petroleum sub-sector, with a submission date of 11 November 2026. The notice covers both construction approvals — required before any new petroleum infrastructure can be built — and operating licences, which govern participation in midstream and downstream activities such as storage, transportation, distribution, and retail of petroleum products.

EWURA is Tanzania's statutory regulator for electricity, petroleum, natural gas, and water utilities. Its public licensing processes are conducted transparently, with notices published to allow any qualifying entity to submit applications within the specified window. The 11 November 2026 date represents the deadline by which prospective applicants must file their submissions with the authority.

The midstream and downstream petroleum sub-sector in Tanzania encompasses a range of infrastructure and commercial activities, including bulk liquid storage terminals, pipeline operations, petroleum product distribution networks, and licensed retail outlets. Construction approval is a prerequisite stage, confirming that proposed infrastructure meets regulatory and technical standards before physical development commences. A licence to participate then grants the holder the legal right to operate within the regulated sector.

Tanzania's downstream petroleum market has attracted increasing attention as the country's energy import and distribution network expands in parallel with broader

economic growth and urban development. The country is also at an advanced stage of planning for liquefied natural gas export infrastructure tied to its substantial offshore gas reserves, which continues to draw international interest in associated midstream and logistics capabilities. Domestic downstream licensing rounds such as this one form a separate but complementary layer of the national petroleum regulatory framework.

Prospective applicants — whether local companies or international operators seeking a commercial presence in Tanzania's petroleum distribution and storage segment — are expected to meet EWURA's technical, financial, and legal qualification criteria. Full application requirements, forms, and submission procedures are available through EWURA's official channels. Companies intending to submit must ensure their documentation is complete and filed before the 11 November 2026 deadline, as EWURA operates strict procedural timelines for regulated-sector licensing.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

This is an open licensing and construction-approval process — Norwegian service companies active in petroleum storage, terminal engineering, or pipeline infrastructure should monitor EWURA's official notice and assess whether a local or joint-venture application is warranted. No procurement outreach is appropriate at this stage; the instrument is a regulatory invitation to apply, not a signed contract or FID. Companies should track outcomes to identify when construction mandates are awarded to successful licence holders.

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- **Pipeline:** Monitor licence awards for pipeline construction approvals that could generate FEED and EPC mandates in Tanzania's distribution network.
- **LNG:** Track midstream licensing outcomes as Tanzania's LNG export planning matures; downstream regulatory capacity signals readiness for broader gas infrastructure.
- **Service:** Terminal and storage engineering firms should review EWURA qualification criteria now to position for subcontract roles once construction approvals are granted.

- **FPSO/Subsea:** Limited direct relevance at this stage; monitor for any downstream gas-to-liquids or coastal storage components that could emerge from the licensed project pipeline.

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