Special Economic Zones: Tanzania
Study Questions

1. Regardless of the country, what are the objectives of special economic zones? Based on your experience, are SEZ an effective vehicle for encouraging higher levels of private sector activity?

2. As an advisor to the recently appointed Dr. Meru, what should be his top priorities as he sets out to revitalize the government’s efforts to establish SEZs?

3. Should his new approach continue to separate the functions of SEZs and Economic Processing Zones (EPZs)? If not, what alternative would you recommend?

4. What are the most important explanations for why previous government efforts to promote SEZ’s have been unsuccessful?

5. Who are the key stakeholders that are likely to support Dr. Meru’s agenda, and how should he go about mobilizing their support? Who are the likely opponents, and how can he effectively address their concerns in order to gain their support?

6. Are there lessons to be learned from the East Asian experience with SEZs? What adjustments to the E. Asia model should Dr. Meru consider to increase the likelihood of success in Tanzania?