**Zanzibar: overcoming the challenges of poverty reduction**

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**Abstract**

The first part of this collective volume examines the political scene in Zanzibar and its potential for poverty reduction; the second examines the aspect of reform programmes; the third looks into issues of resource mobilization, highlighting some key issues of particular interest to a small resource constrained island economy like that of Zanzibar; the fourth makes suggestions on how to accelerate progress in growth and attainment of the targets set by the Millennium Development Goals (MDG); and the fifth draws lessons from Zanzibar, citing experiences in Africa and outside. Contents: Overview (Humphrey P.B. Moshi & Ammon V.Y. Belle); Promoting political and social harmony for poverty reduction (Max Mmuya); Reform road map: an assessment (Semboja H.H. Haji); Mobilization of adequate financial resources to finance pro-poor growth (Robert R. Mabele & Godwin D. Mjema); Promoting and enhancing human resources capacity for sustained development (Hamisi H. Mwinyimvua & Deogratias P. Mushii); Pro-poor growth: Zanzibar growth strategy (Khamis Mussa Omar); Millennium development goals: scaling up investments in order to accelerate progress (Ammon V.Y. Mbelle); Chinese experience: lessons from the Chinese model on fragile economies of Africa (Humphrey P.B. Moshi); Regional experience on private sector development: galvanizing the economy and stimulating sustainable growth through promoting the private sector