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Representatives of informal traders meet in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania to defend their labor and human rights

21st of April, 2021 - From May 3rd to May 5th, representatives of [StreetNet](http://www.streetnet.org.za) affiliates from Eastern and Southern Africa will meet in-person for the first time since the start of the pandemic in 2020. The Regional Meeting of the global alliance StreetNet International will span over the course of three days and it will be an unparalleled space of learning, of sharing of experiences, reflection and debate. It will also be an opportunity to come up with a strategic plan for the development of StreetNet International's activities in the region.

The Regional Meeting will be hosted by the [Tanzania Union of Industrial & Commercial Workers \(TUICO\)](http://www.tuico.org.za). TUICO is the StreetNet Regional Focal Point organization for East and Southern Africa, having been appointed by the StreetNet International leadership to coordinate the activities in the region, with the support of SNI Regional Organizers Jane Masta and Evelyn Benjamin-Sampson.

The Regional Meeting is a tremendous opportunity to understand the current legal, social and labour landscape for street vendors and informal traders in the region. Besides featuring representatives of informal traders' organizations from 13 countries - most of which are women, due to StreetNet's commitment to encourage women's leadership and participation - it will also involve other key organizations and partners, such as the International Labour Organization.

"StreetNet International is committed to strengthen its affiliated organizations not only at national but also at regional level, that's why such Regional Meetings are very important space for our members to get together, share their experience and knowledge, discuss common challenges and opportunities as well as to develop a mid- and long-term strategy and possible joint collective actions or advocacy campaigns at regional level" said Oksana Abboud, StreetNet's International Coordinator.

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About StreetNet

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