**TANZANIA BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

**(TABESA)**

# ANNUAL CALENDAR

## 2026 / 2027

*October 2026 – September 2027*

**"BME TO THE MOON"**

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# 1. Introduction

This Annual Calendar sets out the official programme of the Tanzania Biomedical Engineering Students' Association (TABESA) for the 2026/2027 academic year, from October 2026 to September 2027. It brings together the Association's training programmes, launches, innovation activities, outreach, social events and the BME Annual Awards, so that members, branches, partners and sponsors can plan ahead.

Tanzania's national public holidays for the year are also included and are shown in italics, marked "Public Holiday". All members and branches are encouraged to take part in the activities listed in this calendar.

# 2. Calendar at a Glance

| MONTH | KEY ACTIVITIES |
|---|---|
| **October 2026** | Orientation Week; Membership Registration opens |
| **November 2026** | Launch of Innovation Hub; Freshers Party & BME IPT Awards Ceremony |
| **December 2026** | Leadership Training; DIT Branch launch; Incubation Programme begins |
| **January 2027** | Technical Skills Training; Launch of BINTI TABESA and THE BME VOICE |
| **February 2027** | CV, Digital and Financial Literacy training; Incubation Programme closes |
| **March 2027** | Innovation Overnight; LinkedIn Development Training |
| **April 2027** | Interview Skills Training; Hospital and Company Outreach |
| **May 2027** | 2nd BME Career Path; Football Match |
| **June 2027** | Entrepreneurship Training; Innovation Exhibition & Startup Pitch Competition |
| **July 2027** | BME Annual Awards opening, registration and nominations |
| **August 2027** | IPT Period begins; Awards Screening |
| **September 2027** | Final Awards Screening; Winners announced |

## 3. Calendar of Activities

| DATE | ACTIVITY | DESCRIPTION |
|---|---|---|
| **OCTOBER 2026** | | |
| ***Wed 14 Oct*** | ***Mwalimu Nyerere Day*** | *Public Holiday. Commemorates the life and legacy of Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere, Father of the Nation.* |
| **Sat 17 – Sat 24 Oct** | **TABESA Orientation Week** | TABESA introduction, programmes, leadership opportunities and student engagement for freshers. |
| **Sat 31 Oct** | **Membership Registration Opens** | Online membership registration opens through the TABESA website. |
| **NOVEMBER 2026** | | |
| **Sat 14 Nov** | **Launch of TABESA Innovation Hub** | Official launch of the TABESA Innovation Hub to support student ideas, prototyping and innovation. |
| **Sat 28 Nov** | **Freshers Party & BME IPT Awards Ceremony** | Welcome freshers and recognise outstanding IPT students. |
| **DECEMBER 2026** | | |
| **Sat 5 Dec** | **Leadership Training** | Leadership, communication and professional development. Start of the training programme. |
| ***Wed 9 Dec*** | ***Independence Day*** | *Public Holiday. Marks the independence of Tanganyika in 1961.* |
| **Sat 12 Dec** | **Launch of TABESA DIT Branch** | Official launch of the DIT branch. |
| **Sat 12 Dec** | **TABESA Incubation Programme Begins** | Start of the three-month Incubation Programme (December to February) supporting student teams to turn ideas into prototypes and business models, with mentorship. |
| **Sat 19 Dec** | **Digital Skills Training I** | Digital marketing, graphic design, Canva, branding and content creation. |
| ***Fri 25 Dec*** | ***Christmas Day*** | *Public Holiday. Christian holiday celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ.* |

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| ***Sat 26 Dec*** | ***Boxing Day*** | *Public Holiday. Public holiday observed the day after Christmas.* |
| **JANUARY 2027** | | |
| ***Fri 1 Jan*** | ***New Year's Day*** | *Public Holiday. Start of the year 2027.* |
| **Sat 9 Jan** | **Technical Skills Training I** | Electronics and circuit assembly. |
| ***Tue 12 Jan*** | ***Zanzibar Revolution Day*** | *Public Holiday. Marks the 1964 Zanzibar Revolution.* |
| **Sat 16 Jan** | **Technical Skills Training II** | PCB design and assembly. |
| **Sat 16 Jan** | **Launch of TABESA ATC Branch** | Official launch of the ATC branch. |
| **Sat 23 Jan** | **Launch of BINTI TABESA** | Women in BME, leadership and innovation. |
| **Thu 28 Jan** | **Launch of THE BME VOICE** | Official launch and first episode. |
| **Sat 30 Jan** | **TABESA Football Match** | First football match of the year: sports, networking and social interaction. |
| **FEBRUARY 2027** | | |
| **Wed 3 Feb** | **CV & Cover Letter Writing Training (ONLINE)** | Professional CV and cover letter writing for internships and jobs. |
| **Sat 6 Feb** | **Digital Skills Training II** | Photography, videography and video editing. |
| **Sat 13 Feb** | **Technical Skills Training III** | Biomedical equipment maintenance, equipment safety and basic calibration. |
| **Thu 18 Feb** | **THE BME VOICE: February Episode** | Monthly episode on student entrepreneurship and money. |
| **Sat 20 Feb** | **Financial Literacy Training** | Personal budgeting, saving, investment, and understanding loans and credit. |
| **Sat 20 Feb** | **Launch of TABESA UDOM Branch** | Official launch of the UDOM branch. |
| **Sat 27 Feb** | **Financial & Entrepreneurship Seminar** | Building sustainable BME businesses. |
| **Sat 27 Feb** | **Incubation Programme Closes** | End of the three-month Incubation Programme; teams present their progress. |

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| **MARCH 2027** | | |
| **Sat 6 Mar** | **Technical Skills Training IV** | Prototyping, 3D printing and product design. |
| ***Wed 10 Mar*** | ***Eid al-Fitr**** | *Public Holiday. Islamic holiday marking the end of Ramadan.* |
| **Fri 12 – Sat 13 Mar** | **Innovation Overnight** | Ideation, teamwork, prototyping and pitching. |
| **Sat 20 Mar** | **LinkedIn Development Training (ONLINE TRAINING)** | Building a professional LinkedIn profile and online presence. |
| **Sat 20 Mar** | **Launch of TABESA SUZA Branch** | Official launch of the SUZA branch. |
| ***Fri 26 Mar*** | ***Good Friday*** | *Public Holiday. Christian observance of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.* |
| **Sat 27 Mar** | **THE BME VOICE: March Episode** | Monthly episode on innovation and prototyping. |
| ***Mon 29 Mar*** | ***Easter Monday*** | *Public Holiday. Christian holiday following Easter Sunday.* |
| **APRIL 2027** | | |
| **Sat 3 Apr** | **Technical Skills Training V** | Biomedical instrumentation and medical equipment troubleshooting. |
| ***Wed 7 Apr*** | ***Karume Day*** | *Public Holiday. Commemorates Sheikh Abeid Amani Karume, the first President of Zanzibar.* |
| **Wed 7 Apr** | **Interview Skills Training (ONLINE TRAINING)** | Interview preparation, mock interviews and professional presentation. |
| **Thu 8 Apr** | **THE BME VOICE: April Episode** | Monthly episode on industry experience. |
| **Sat 17 Apr** | **Hospital Outreach** | Engagement with hospitals, medical device companies and professionals. |
| **Sat 24 Apr** | **Company Outreach** | Engagement with medical device companies and professionals. |
| ***Mon 26 Apr*** | ***Union Day*** | *Public Holiday. Marks the 1964 union of Tanganyika and Zanzibar to form Tanzania.* |

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| **MAY 2027** | | |
| ***Sat 1 May*** | ***Workers' Day*** | *Public Holiday. International Workers' Day (Labour Day).* |
| **Mon 3 – Fri 14 May** | **2nd BME Career Path Preparations** | Registration, speakers, partners and publicity. |
| **Sat 8 May** | **TABESA Football Match** | Second football match of the year: sports and networking. |
| **Sat 15 May** | **2nd BME Career Path** | Career guidance and engagement with industry professionals. |
| ***Mon 17 May*** | ***Eid al-Adha**** | *Public Holiday. Islamic holiday of sacrifice, marking the end of the Hajj season.* |
| **Sat 29 May** | **THE BME VOICE: May Episode** | Monthly episode on career experiences and professional life. |
| **JUNE 2027** | | |
| **Sat 5 Jun** | **Entrepreneurship Training I** | Idea generation, business models and from prototype to business. |
| **Wed 9 Jun** | **Online Career Readiness Session (ONLINE TRAINING)** | Job preparation and graduate career pathways. |
| **Sat 12 Jun** | **Entrepreneurship Training II** | Startup management, marketing, sales, business registration, fundraising and intellectual property. |
| **Sat 19 Jun** | **Innovation Exhibition & BME Startup Pitch Competition** | Showcase of student innovations and incubation projects. |
| **Sat 26 Jun** | **THE BME VOICE: June Episode** | Monthly episode on student startups. |
| **JULY 2027** | | |
| **Sat 3 Jul** | **BME Annual Awards Opening** | Official launch, categories and nominations. |
| ***Wed 7 Jul*** | ***Saba Saba*** | *Public Holiday. Commemorates the founding of TANU on 7 July 1954.* |
| **Sat 10 Jul** | **Awards Registration & Nomination** | Candidate registration and nominations. |

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| **Sat 10 Jul** | **Online Mentorship & Career Session** | Virtual mentorship and career guidance for students on IPT, including workplace conduct and expectations. |
| **Sat 17 Jul** | **Awards Publicity & Nomination Campaign** | Publicity campaign to promote the awards and encourage nominations. |
| **Sat 24 Jul** | **THE BME VOICE: July Episode** | Monthly episode on preparing for IPT. |
| **Sat 31 Jul** | **Nominee Registration Closing** | Final submission of nominees. |
| **Sat 31 Jul** | **Awards Preliminary Preparations** | Verification of nominees. |
| **AUGUST 2027** | | |
| **Sat 7 Aug** | **IPT Period Begins** | Students proceed for Industrial Practical Training. |
| ***Sun 8 Aug*** | ***Nane Nane (Farmers' Day)*** | *Public Holiday. National day recognising farmers and the agricultural sector.* |
| ***Sun 15 Aug*** | ***Maulid**** | *Public Holiday. Islamic holiday marking the birthday of the Prophet Muhammad.* |
| **Sat 21 Aug** | **Online Content Creation & Branding Training** | Content creation and personal branding, using IPT experiences. |
| **Sat 28 Aug** | **THE BME VOICE: August Episode** | Monthly episode on IPT experiences. |
| **Throughout August** | **Awards Screening** | Screening and assessment of nominees. |
| **SEPTEMBER 2027** | | |
| **Sat 25 Sep** | **THE BME VOICE: September Episode** | Monthly episode: reflections on the year. |
| **Throughout September** | **IPT Continues** | Industrial Practical Training. |
| **Throughout September** | **Final Awards Screening** | Final nominee assessment and verification. |
| **Late September** | **Final Selection of Winners** | Final judging and winner confirmation. |
| **End of September** | **Awards Winner Announcement** | Official announcement of winners. |

## 4. Note

1. Dates may be adjusted to fit the academic calendars of the participating universities. Any change will be communicated through the official TABESA channels.

2. Unless stated otherwise, training sessions are held on Saturdays; online sessions are announced with their meeting details beforehand.

3. Rows in italics marked “Public Holiday” are national holidays in Tanzania.

4. *Islamic holiday dates (Eid al-Fitr, Eid al-Adha and Maulid) are expected dates and depend on the sighting of the moon; they may shift by a day.

5. Activities marked “Throughout”, “Late” or “End of” a month run across the period indicated; exact dates will be confirmed by the organising committee.

**Approved by:**

| **President**<br>..... | | **General Secretary**<br>..... |
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