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MCT boss stresses specialization in journalism training

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IT has been said that the absence of specialization in journalism profession was among the reasons for poor reporting of science and technology issues in news in the country.

The observation was made by Ex-

ecutive Secretary of Media Council of Tanzania (MCT) Kajubi Mukajanga during the consultative meeting between scientists and media held in Dar es Salaam mid this week.

"By not making more effort in reporting science and technology news as it is now, we are not giving our audience what they like to have," said

Mukajanga.

On his part, one of the science stakeholders, Huruma Kisaka said science reporting in Tanzania was in bad state as very few journalists have been trained on how to report science news.

He said journalism curriculum should be changed so as to allow specialisation as a factor which would in-

crease the number of people reporting on scientific issues as the specialised ones will be given training on how to report and elaborate difficult scientific terms to be understood by the audience. Grayson Mutembei, one of a few science reporters said most of scientists were not ready to provide information being afraid that report-

ers would fail to properly translate scientific terminologies, hence mislead readers. A scientist, Cleophas Migiro, Director of Cleaner Production Centre said journalism as profession was interfered with non professionals who destroy the image of the profession and make them (journalist) to be doubted.