



Light Manufacturing in Tanzania: A Reform Agenda for Job Creation and Prosperity

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World Bank Publications. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Paperback. 128 pages. Light Manufacturing in Tanzania argues that for Tanzania to remain one of the fastest growing economies in Sub-Saharan Africa, it has to make progress in the structural transformation that can lift workers from low-productivity agriculture and the informal sector to higher productivity activities. Manufacturing, which has been the main vehicle throughout the world to achieve this transformation, has remained stunted in Tanzania. Using new evidence, the book shows that feasible, low-cost, sharply focused policy initiatives aimed at enhancing private investment could launch Tanzania on a path to competitive light manufacturing. These initiatives would complement progress on broader investment reforms by increasing the share of industry in regional output and raising the market share of domestically produced goods in rapidly growing local markets for light manufactures. And, as local producers increase their scale, improve quality, and gain experience with technology, management, and marketing, they can take advantage of emerging export opportunities. In Tanzania, as in East Asia, policies that encourage foreign direct investment can speed industrial development and the expansion of exports. The impact of isolated successes can be multiplied. The strategies proposed here can launch a process that would create...



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