

CONCLUSIONS ON NASE TRAINING IN ASTRONOMY FOR IN-SERVICE TEACHERS IN DODOMA, TANZANIA ON 25 AUGUST 2023

Preparations for the training in Dodoma, Tanzania were done well in advance by Daudi Mazengo for identifying schools and inviting teachers, and arranging facilities for the training. The training was conducted at Makutupora Secondary school located 19 km from Dodoma city with invitations sent to nearby schools. Most schools lacked venues for the training and teachers had important school activities during the period that was set for this NASE training. The training was attended by mainly teachers from the host school who teach Geography, Physics and Mathematics. Below is the attendance of trainees and trainers.

The training was conducted smoothly in a hybrid model using some facilities from the host secondary school. Face to face training was conducted by facilitators from Open University of Tanzania, the Physics Department of the University of Dodoma, and online training was conducted by foreign experts of NASE from Spain and Iran.

The trainees were very active and participating fully in all sessions. They asked as many questions as they could although time was not enough to respond to all their questions.

Reflection from the training was that it is useful to facilitate the training program for at least two-day instead of a single day. In addition, to improve the training, a budget for facilitating some of the aspects of the activities was deemed as useful.

An online questionnaire was sent to participants to fill out. Participants found the training useful and practical but more demonstrations can be useful.

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