

from GOATHERD *to* GOVERNOR

The Autobiography of

EDWIN MTEI



Mkuki na Nyota Publishers
P. O. Box 4246
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
www.mkukinanyota.com

CONTENTS

Acronyms	x
Acknowledgements	xiii
Introduction	xiv

CHAPTERS

CHAPTER 1 My Life in Summary	1
CHAPTER 2 Birth and Childhood.	5
CHAPTER 3 Going to School	13
CHAPTER 4 High School and University.	27
CHAPTER 5 Employment and Engagement	42
CHAPTER 6 Joining the Civil Service and Getting Married	49
CHAPTER 7 Promotion and Independence	61
CHAPTER 8 Secondment to EACSO	71
CHAPTER 9 Translation into Finance	78
CHAPTER 10 Appointment as Governor.	89
CHAPTER 11 Launching and Nurturing a Central Bank.	92
CHAPTER 12 The Arusha Declaration and Birth of the Community	106
CHAPTER 13 International Finance and Payments System	111
CHAPTER 14 Growing in the Bank	115
CHAPTER 15 Back to an EAC on the Brink of Collapse	123
CHAPTER 16 Back to Finance	135
CHAPTER 17 Events Leading to My Resignation	149

CHAPTER 18 Economic and Other Policies of the Nyerere Regime . . . . .	.158
CHAPTER 19 Public Financier Turned Farmer . . . . .	.167
CHAPTER 20 Appointment to Executive Board of IMF . . . . .	.174
CHAPTER 21 Mixing Farming with Public Service . . . . .	.189
CHAPTER 22 Multiparty Politics and Nurturing a Political Party . .	.195
CHAPTER 23 The 1995 General Elections . . . . .	.202
CHAPTER 24 Subsequent General Elections. . . . .	.209
CHAPTER 25 The Epilogue . . . . .	.222
Glossary of non-English words . . . . .	.228

ILLUSTRATIONS AND PHOTOGRAPHS

My earliest photo unearthed from my records	19
With my friend Wilfred Marealle, a studio photo we took before he left Kampala for Kabete.	40
Johara Hassan Marealle at the time of our engagement	45
Outside the Ngaruma Lutheran Parish Church after the wedding ceremony, 6 August 1960	58
Johara and me 'At Home' in our Marangu House after our wedding. . .	59
East African Government, EACSO and private sector managers at a seminar held at Marangu Hotel, 1963, sponsored by the Ford Foundation	68
On secondment from the Tanganyika Civil Service to the Secretary General's Office, EACSO.	74
Servicing the EACSO Authority as Clerk with Members signing an agreement with the U.K. High Commissioner	75

President Nyerere's all-African Permanent Secretaries, December 1964	82
Welcoming First and Second Vice-Presidents (Karume and Kawawa) at the inauguration of Bot Operations	98
The Bank of Tanzania Headquarters Building, opened in July, 1969.	103
President Nyerere examines a Commemorative Coin, presented to him at the formal opening of the Bank of Tanzania Building, July 1969.	103
As Governor: at my desk, with the President's portrait in the background	104
Being welcomed by Robert Ouko into the EALA Chambers, for swearing in as a Member, 25 April 1974	124
At my desk as newly appointed EAC Secretary General, May 1974	126
Presenting my budget in parliament as Minister of Finance in 1978	142
Paying a courtesy call on Indian President Sanjiva Reddy in New Delhi, during my 1979 official visit to India as co-Chairman of the Indo-Tanzanian Joint Commission on Co-operation	148
With President Sir Seretse Khama, after he had opened the Southern African Conference of Ministers of Planning on Lessening Dependence on apartheid South Africa, 1979 (precursor to SADC) With President Sir Seretse Khama and M. Fawley of EEC at first SADCC Meeting 1979	149
As Executive Director: leading an IMF Delegation to the ECA Ministerial Meeting , Addis Ababa	187
Playing host to General Olusegun Obasanjo on his visit to Tanzania as Chair of Africa Leadership Forum	191

Campaigning with Mary Kabigi, who headed the Women's Section, to recruit members for Chadema, 1994. . . . .	.199
Campaigning in the Arusha Urban Constituency for a Parliamentary seat, October, 1995 . . . . .	.204
Opposition Party Leaders on tour in the Federal Republic of Germany . . . . .	.206
CHADEMA presidential candidate, accompanied by his wife and two retired National Chairmen march to the site for the launch of the Campaign . . . . .	.213
Retired founder Chairman Mtei greets the multitude at the launch in Shinyanga . . . . .	.214
Freeman Mbowe, addressing the multitude at the launch of his presidential campaign, 2005 . . . . .	.215
Mbowe continued to attract huge crowds right up to the end as seen here in Moshi . . . . .	.216
Three Generations: a rare group photograph of ourselves, our children, their spouses and all our grandchildren, at the Ogaden Estate, December 2002. . . . .	.226