The E-Learning Platform created under partnership between UNESCO and the School of Journalism and Mass Communication (SJMC) is slated to kick off during the academic year 2019/2020.

Dr. Darius Mkiza, a lecturer at the ISJMC charged with the content for the platform made the revelations in Dar es Salaam on December 3, 2019 while making a presentation at the Empowering Local Radios with ICTs project steering committee meeting in Dar es Salaam.

According to Dr. Mukiza, the platform is unique as it will be a cornerstone for journalism as it is the first in the country for a Diploma in the field.

He said, all courses have been developed with the model created currently waiting for approval by the senate to start the program for this academic year so that journalists without diploma can access it before they are taken out of their media outlets.

For his part, Luke Etter, Head of Governance Sector at the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) commended the E-Learning Platform saying it is best practice to tap into the government university, as it will be there for sustainability.

The Steering committee meeting was convened by UNESCO in a bid to discuss on progress in the SDC supported project and brought together representatives from the SDC, TADIO, NATCOM, Ipsos, ISJMC and the SDC Project team at UNESCO.