

NEWSLETTER - March 2021

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Welcome to our 1st newsletter of 2021. With a special thanks to our colleagues of the Trade and Investment department of the Netherlands Embassy for their contribution, regarding the update on economic developments and events in Tanzania. Looking back, the events of 2020 have taught us a lot. Probably the biggest lesson we learned has been the importance of flexibility and adaptability. That reminds me of the saying “Entrepreneurs find opportunities where most people find challenges”. The agricultural team is, also in 2021, looking forward to work together on the agricultural opportunities in Tanzania!
Kind regards, Ingrid Korving, Agricultural Counsellor

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ECONOMIC UPDATE FEBRUARY 2021

PRESENTING THE LATEST ECONOMIC EVENTS, DEVELOPMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES IN TANZANIA



Embassy Economic Update published

Are you a (Dutch) entrepreneur, NGO, research institute and interested in recent economic developments and events in Tanzania? Read the Embassy’s most recent Economic Update and find out. This year’s February edition provides an update on the Tanzania Innovation Week 2021, a joint Dutch-Tanzanian effort to strengthen women led agribusinesses and the launch of a landing platform for Dutch businesses interested in doing business in Tanzania. *Read the economic update [here](#).*



Introduction Abdallah Msambachi

My name is Abdallah Msambachi and in January 2021 I joined the agriculture team at the Netherlands Embassy in Dar es Salaam as a temporary Agriculture Advisor. I have worked on private sector promotion and general agriculture issues for over a decade. Most notably as the head of business linkages department at Southern Agriculture Growth Corridor of Tanzania a multinational public-private partnership to bring about the construction and expansion of the sustainable partnerships between agribusiness and smallholder farmers. I also worked as an economist in the Tanzania Ministry of Agriculture Food Security and Cooperatives and a National Facilitator. It is my pleasure to join the LNV team in Dar es Salaam and LNV colleagues at Nairobi. I am looking forward to work on strengthening the agriculture sector through cooperation with all our partners.

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Nominations for 2021 Africa Food Prize

This prize is to celebrate Africans who are taking control of the continent's agriculture agenda. It puts a spotlight on initiatives and technical innovations that can be replicated across the continent.

Read more [here](#).



Nominations are now open for the 2021 Africa Food Prize

Apply for the Orange Knowledge Programme

The Orange Knowledge programme is open again to apply for individual scholarships for both Master's and Short courses. The programme gives Dutch education institutions the opportunity to offer scholarships to mid-career professionals from eligible countries, including Tanzania, to study in the Netherlands. Please note that given the programme is ending, this will be the final round for applying for a Master's programme. Priority themes for Tanzania are Food & Nutrition Security, (renewable) Energy and Media (journalism). Deadline of applications is 23 March 2021. Read more [here](#).



Tanzania & the Netherlands jointly working on better seeds

There are a lot of small-scale farms in Tanzania. Dutch seed companies can help them increase their yields. These companies are developing better seeds that are ideal for local conditions. With support from the Facility for Sustainable Entrepreneurship and Food Security, the Dutch seed companies East West International and Rijk Zwaan set up the SEVIA project together with Wageningen Environmental Research. #SDG2 #SDG17

Watch the video to learn more about the approach and progress of this successful project [here](#).



INNOVATION WEEK TANZANIA- IWTz2021

Wiki Ya Ubunifu Tanzania - WUTz2021

Tanzania Innovation Week 2021

From 22-27 March 2021 the Tanzania Innovation Week will take place. The Innovation Week hosts a week-long series of collaborative events and exhibitions in Tanzania. This year's Embassy contribution focuses on Green Innovations for a Resilient Economy: Climate Smart Cities for Tanzania (#CSC4T). The Embassy will jointly host virtual events on 'Climate Change as We See It', 'Urban Resilience and Tech, New Technologies for New Cities' and 'Promoting sustainable tourism, a design for Tanzania's safari lodge of the future'. Interested to know more and/or participate?

Kindly register [here](#).



Latest Developments



EU market portal: Access2Markets

There is now a Access2Markets portal which provides product by product info on tariffs & taxes, customs procedures, rules of origin, trade barriers, product requirements and statistics for market access for all EU countries and over 120 other markets around the world. If you're a small business looking to internationalize, Access2Markets might be of interest for you. This web portal combines the Market Access Database, the EU Trade Helpdesk and much more in a single tool. Every product has a code. You can find it on Access2Markets. You will need the code to know what customs duties and national or local taxes you need to pay.

See for information on the portal [here](#).

Determining the living wage for your employees

Living wage is an important component of responsible business conduct. A living wage is the wage received by a worker that is sufficient to afford a decent standard of living for the worker and their family. In order to calculate the gap between current wages and living wages, companies need reliable living wage benchmarks for every region they source from. IDH the Sustainable Trade Initiative has therefore developed a process that gives recognition to robust methodologies to assist companies in identifying living wage benchmarks that comply with a set of criteria. *Read the full article [here](#).*



A joint Dutch-Tanzanian effort to strengthen women's agribusinesses in Tanzania

In strengthening women's agribusinesses in Tanzania, The Netherlands Embassy and the Netherlands Enterprise Agency (RVO) teamed up to design a unique and sustainable program to strengthen the position of at least 15 Tanzanian female-led scale-ups in horticulture, poultry, spices, and aquaculture and the potato sectors. A Dutch-Tanzanian consortium is executing the program. They are currently identifying the biggest constraints and gender related barriers to scale-up their enterprises. Capacity building on selected subjects will empower female entrepreneurs, link them to markets and increase their opportunities to scale-up.

For more information on the program, please stay updated via [our Embassy Facebook page](#) and our [NLAgriTanzania Twitter account](#).



Events & Developments



Information on COVID-19 in Tanzania

For all information about COVID-19 in Tanzania please use the official [website](#) of the Government of Tanzania.

The Embassy of the Netherlands in Tanzania has carefully compiled a bi-annual economic update selecting public information using the sources from Tanzanian and Dutch government authorities. This update serves to enable Dutch businesses with general information and multiple web links to make better-informed decisions. You can find the update created by the Netherlands Embassy [here](#).

Information on COVID-19 in the Netherlands

In the Netherlands, lockdown measures have tightened in response to concerns about new variants of the Corona virus ([see Lockdown measures tightened in response to concerns about new variants of virus | News item | Government.nl](#)).

The aims of the new measures are to reduce the current infection rate, delay the spread of the original and new coronavirus variants and prevent the new variants' entry into the Netherlands as much as possible. In this light, the Dutch government is also introducing additional travel restrictions to further restrict the number of travel movements. For the latest update on changes regarding traveling follow the news feed of the [Netherlands Embassy Facebook page](#) or the [news site of the Embassy](#).

As of 1 March, KLM has revised its schedule for all flights departing to and from Tanzania. See the KLM updated schedule until 28 March of the [Netherlands Embassy Facebook page](#). KLM will communicate its April schedule in due time.



Financial instruments

- ◆ **A Kickstart voucher** is available for internationally active companies in the Netherlands. With this voucher an external advisor can be hired - See more [here](#).
- ◆ **DHI** - You can apply for the subsidy scheme for demonstration projects, feasibility studies and Investment preparation projects (DHI). More info can be found by clicking [here](#).
- ◆ **The Dutch Good Growth Fund (DGGF)** offers loans, guarantees and export financing. The fund can help you take the first step towards trading and investing in developing countries and emerging markets abroad - [link](#)
- ◆ **Partnering for Green Growth (P4G)** helps create public-private partnerships. P4G aims to advance breakthrough solutions. P4G is for SMEs, bigger companies, NGOs, knowledge institutions (except universities), local government and government institutions in the Netherlands and abroad - [Link](#)

For other upcoming events check our [twitter](#) and our [Agenda](#).

FMO loan program to support Dutch exports to Eastern and Southern Africa

FMO and the Eastern and Southern African Trade and Development Bank (TDB), in collaboration with Atradius Dutch State Business, recently signed a 12-year export finance loan program of EUR 40 mln. The aim of this program is to enable African enterprises to procure Dutch goods and services at attractive funding conditions and loan tenors. The loan program can serve transactions starting from EUR 3 million.

Read more [here](#).



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