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On activities, events, studies, articles and more Do not hesitate to contact us in case of questions, tips or trade requests.



Welcome to our latest newsletter, the 2nd of this year. We hope the newsletter keeps you updated on the latest news and provides you with tips. When putting this newsletter together, with activities, projects and interactions it almost felt like normal. However, the difference is that we won't be returning to normal as we've known it before COVID-19. No-one knows exactly how long this pandemic will be with us, but after a crisis comes recovery. That also means that governments, public authorities and businesses need to rethink, adapt and recover to make sure that we plan and design a more resilient future.

When you think about the future of your company, what do you see? *Kind regards, Ingrid Korving, Agricultural Counsellor*

News

Change of Leadership in Tanzania

After Magufuli's sudden death in March 2021, President Samia Suluhu Hassan has made a cabinet reshuffle in April 2021. Following the reshuffle the new Deputy Minister of Livestock and Fisheries Development is Hon. Abdallah Hamis Ulega. The ministry of agriculture is retained by Hon. Minister Prof. Adolf Faustine Mkenda, the ministry of Livestock and Fisheries Development is retained by Hon. Minister Mashimba Mashauri Ndaki and also the Deputy Minister for Agriculture retained by Hon. Hussein Bashe. The president appointed Dr. Blandina Robert Lugendo as the new chairperson for Fisheries Education and Training Agency (FETA).





New team member Saschanne van Dam Coming months Saschanne van Dam will be working with the Agricultural Office for Kenya and Tanzania to cover Manou Aelmans when she is on maternity leave. Before I moved with my husband and by that time two daughters (recently extended with a third daughter) to Kenya in 2019, I worked as strategic policy advisor with Economic Affairs for the city of Amsterdam and as project leader with Amsterdam inbusiness, I hold two master degrees in Business Geography and Human Geography. I am looking forward to the coming months to apply my knowledge and experience to the team.

NEWS



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 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 . Deadline of applications is 29 June 2021. *Check application guidelines <u>here</u>.*

7th edition Tanzania Innovation Week 2021 The Innovation Week is Tanzania's biggest annual event for innovation stakeholders to exchange knowledge. During this year's Tanzania Innovation Week, the Embassy focused on co-creating Climate Smart Cities for Tanzania by three (virtual) events around Climate Change & Digital Storytelling, Sustainable Tourism, and Tech & Urban Resilience. As one of those stakeholders, the Managing Director from the aquaculture demonstration farm Big Fish was interviewed in Tanzania's newspaper the Citizen on working together with Dutch partners using climate smart approaches to boost urban Tilapia fish farming.



Read the full interview here.



Launch regional Aquaculture Academy On the 7th of May 2021 the regional Aquaculture Academy was successfully launched. The Aquaculture Academy comes at the right place, at the right time, filling the necessary gaps in the East African aquaculture sector through practical and high-quality training. "The driver of success in the aquaculture industry in the Netherlands is what we refer to as the golden triangle. This is the partnership and close co-operation between the private sector, knowledge institutes and the government. This is what we are currently undertaking with FoodTech Africa and the launch of this academy," said the Kingdom Of Netherlands Ambassador to Kenya, H.E. Maarten A. Brouwer during the launch. *Read more* here.

Latest Developments



Endeleza, Agriwomen in Business Program A selected group of Tanzanian women entrepreneurs in the agricultural sector, with established businesses, discussed key challenges and opportunities that they encounter in unlocking growth to scale. Issues under the spotlight ranged from lack of comprehensive business information to trouble in accessing finance and gender bias. This exchange will serve as the starting point for Endeleza, an innovative capacity building program specifically designed for women-led businesses going for growth. The program will run for an extended period of one and a half years in order to really accompany entrepreneurs in their last mile towards scale. The program is supported by the Netherlands Embassy and the Netherlands Enterprise Agency.

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Poultry tips!

The **Poultry Impact Cluster** published a series of interviews with some of the stakeholders on their youtube channel. The stakeholders share valuable insights and experiences about working in the sector in Tanzania. *Hear more about poultry developments in Tanzania* **here**.

Meeting with Ministers of Agriculture & Livestock In April 2021 Ambassador Jeroen Verheul and the Agricultural Advisor met the Tanzanian Ministers of Agriculture and Livestock. During the meetings developments in relation to the Memorandum of Understanding in Agriculture and Livestock sectors were discussed as well as business related challenges. Various projects and associated services are implemented in aquaculture, poultry and potato value chains. The meetings led to renewed commitments between the two countries on the development of the sectors. *Read more about the meetings here.*



Improving faming with the use of geodata The SAGCOT Integrated Knowledge and Information for Agriculture (SIKIA) project, a Public Private Partnership, in Tanzania demonstrated how geodata and detailed data acquisition can assist smallholder farmers in the rice value chain with better information on weather condition, crop management and market information. The project commenced in 2016 and ended Sep 2020. *Click here for more information .*



Events & Developments



Information on COVID-19 in the Netherlands For an overview of all existing measures for traveling to the Netherlands kindly use <u>this website</u> of the Netherlands Government. We also share the latest updates on changes either <u>news site of the Embassy</u> or the <u>Netherlands</u>

Embassy Facebook page.

Information on COVID-19 in Tanzania

For all information about COVID-19 in Tanzania please use the official **website** of the Government of Tanzania.









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 <u>here</u>.
- 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 <u>here</u>.
- The Dutch Good Growth Fund (DGGF) offers loans, guarantees and export Dinancing. The fund can help you take the Dirst step towards trading and investing in developing countries and emerging markets abroad - <u>link</u>
- 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 <u>twitter</u> and our <u>Agenda</u>.

ECONOMIC FEBRUARY 2021 UPDATE

PRESENTING THE LATEST ECONOMIC EVENTS, DEVELOPMENTS AND OPPORTUNI TIES IN TANZANIA

The Embassy of the Netherlands in Tanzania EKN 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 <u>here</u>.



Team News

Our team has some wonderful news to share, our colleague Theo Mutabingwa gave birth on the 10th of April 2021 to her son Leroy Tom Mwaisenye.



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