

# Agriculture Newsletter - September

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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.



With pleasure I share with you our latest newsletter on Kenya. In this edition you will find activities and information on the cooperation between Kenya and the Netherlands on the development of sustainable agriculture in Kenya. Dutch expertise and technologies are shared throughout entire value chains. Both Kenya and the Netherlands heavily depend on agriculture and international trade for economic growth. The role of agro logistics for the development of the agribusiness is crucial. In this newsletter you will find a study, commissioned by the Netherlands Embassy, to gain insights into the challenges and opportunities of sea freight developments in Kenya and the impact on its agro sector. In the coming months we will be organizing stakeholders meetings around the findings of the report. I invite you to read this report, explore the opportunities together and join hands to accelerate Kenya's sea freight for agricultural exports.

*With kind regards, Ingrid Korving, Agricultural Counsellor*

## News

### Launch of the Potato Signals guide

On the 19th of August, the agricultural department of the Netherlands Embassy organized a special event to launch the Potato Signals. This book covers all the important stages in potato growing, starting with preparation for planting and continuing right through to storing and delivering the potatoes. The launch of the book was a nice way to celebrate International Potato day together with the PS of Agriculture Prof Hamadi Boga, Meru CC of Agriculture Carol Mutiga and stakeholders working on the development of the potato sector in Kenya. *Interested to read more, click [here](#).*



### Food losses in Kenya creates opportunities

Post-harvest losses in Kenya are estimated at 20%. Despite this, there is still relatively little attention for food processing and agro logistics. This is why over the last months Wageningen University & Research and Larive International have worked on an analysis of the food system identifying opportunities to reduce food losses in Kenya. The analysis focuses on the mango, avocado and poultry chains and analyzes the trends and developments that affect the losses. Dutch knowledge and experience within the agri-food sector have the potential to contribute to reduce food losses in the Kenyan agricultural sector. *Read more [here](#).*

# NEWS



## Inclusive Agricultural Trade Scan

### Inclusive Trade Scan

The Netherlands aims at an inclusive agricultural sector for everyone to reap the benefits of developments in countries and communities. Therefore the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Kenya, in collaboration with Wageningen University and AidEnvironment launched the Inclusive Trade Scan. The scan promotes looking at inclusivity in the trade environment either within a business case, development project, or value chains. *Click [here](#) to read more, download the scan and start using it!*

### Opening NatureLock

On the 30th of June the ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Kenya, Maarten Brouwer and Rockefeller Foundation participated in the opening of the first food production facility of NatureLock in Nairobi. NatureLock has a patent on a drying method that preserves the taste, aroma, color and micronutrients of fruits, vegetables and fish exceptionally well by using a mild conservation process. This drying methods helps to reduce harvest losses. *Read the full article [here](#).*



### Launching of Regional Aquaculture Academy

On the 7th of May 2021 the Regional Aquaculture Academy was launched by FoodTechAfrica, with support of the Netherlands Enterprise Agency (RVO) and the Netherlands Embassy in Nairobi. Enrollment to the next intake(s) of the Aquaculture Academy is now OPEN to fish farmers, students, extension officers, and institutions across East Africa. *Click [here](#) to learn more about course modules, fees, duration and register. To read more about the establishment of the first regional aquaculture academy click [here](#).*

### UN Competition Transforming Food Systems

The UN had opened a competition (April-June 2021) to identify the best small and medium-sized enterprises from across the world transforming food systems for a better tomorrow. Out of 2,000 applications from 135 countries, 50 applications emerged as winners embodying, inspiring, diverse, and impactful solutions for improving agriculture. Notably four Agri-companies are from Tanzania (1), Kenya (2) and the Netherlands (1).

*Click [here](#) to read more about the companies and their innovations on food systems.*



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# LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

## Improving agricultural circularity through algae

Animal feeds tend to be a single factor which increases cost of production for the farmers and therefore in larger extent limit profit. Innovative ideas around the use of alternative sources of protein, carbohydrate and vitamins could help bridge the gap. In Tanzania a study was conducted on the use of algae in aqua feed, replacing less sustainable plant-based proteins such as soy. With Dutch technology and knowledge, this process can be accelerated. *To read more on the circularity of algae for animal feed please click [here](#).*



## Justdiggitt- Grand African green up

Justdiggitt is a Dutch initiative of international relevance with a global impact; they are actively working with local partners in Sub-Saharan Africa. Their mission is to cool down the earth by making dry land in Africa green again. Various projects which Justdiggitt implements have positive effects on the preservation of biodiversity, livelihood and climate. *To read more on how the initiative is geared on this course please click [here](#).*

## A study on sea freight opportunities to accelerate Kenya's agricultural exports

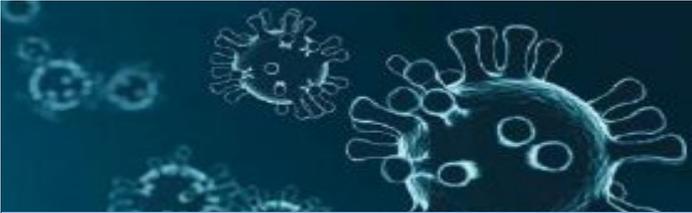
The Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Nairobi commissioned a study to gain insights into the challenges and opportunities of sea freight developments in Kenya and the impact on its agro-sector. The goal of the report is to increase the competitiveness and robustness of the agricultural sector in Kenya. If you are interested in the outcomes of the study "A study on sea freight for Kenya's agricultural exports" *you can read the full report [here](#).*



## European contribution to industrialization and development in Kenya

The EU developed an investment mapping Kenya brochure with interesting facts on the economy, trade and business climate. The brochure gives insights in the Kenyan market trends. This Mapping brochure was prepared after the survey done among the EU private sector in Kenya. Interested to get to know all the facts in the brochure? *Download the brochure [here](#).*

# Events & Developments



## Information on COVID-19 in Kenya

The Kenyan Ministry of Health is the main source of information regarding COVID-19 in Kenya, see their [COVID-19 page](#). In addition, The Kenya Private Sector Alliance has [an information portal](#) for businesses.

## Call for Proposals Water for Food

The Netherlands Water Partnership is looking for business cases in the water-agrifood nexus that contribute to improving food security. Do you have an idea? Share your proposal and find more info [here](#).



## 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](#)

To assist you in finding financial instruments that suit your needs, we have created [this overview page](#).

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

## Information on COVID-19 in the Netherlands

For an overview of all existing measures for traveling to the Netherlands kindly use [this website](#) of the Netherlands Government.

We also share the latest updates on changes either [news site of the Embassy](#) or the [Netherlands Embassy Facebook page](#).

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## Team News

Our team has some wonderful news to share, our colleague Manou Aelmans gave birth on the 18th of August 2021 to her son Alba Petres Aelmans Okello.



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