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It is my pleasure to share with you our first newsletter for 2022. I firstly acknowledge that we live in times in which we are confronted with extraordinary macro-challenges. While the world has begun to recover from Covid the Russia- Ukraine conflict has picked up with a big impact on the agricultural sector. The conflict has already affected food systems, disrupting the prices for agricultural inputs and commodities. I would like to convey our strength and support to all who have been directly or indirectly affected. Agriculture still remains of significance for both Tanzania and the Netherlands. Various Dutch Agri companies provide a significant socio-economic contribution along the agricultural value chains they are active in. However, there are substantial opportunities to contribute even more. It was nice to start 2022 with visit and discussion with a few of these companies in Arusha and Kilimanjaro to explore areas of collaboration.

With kind regards, Ingrid Korving, Agricultural Counsellor

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In the Spotlight! Deputy Ambassador Job Runhaar

Since July 2021 Job joined the Embassy as Deputy Head of Mission. Job has over 25 years experience in the Netherlands MFA, and besides several functions in the Ministry in The Hague, he was posted in Mozambique, Ecuador and Vietnam. Before joining the MFA he worked for the United Nations in several African countries. Job believes that Dutch knowledge, expertise and private sector investment can bring a lot of added value to the Tanzanian agricultural sector.

Doing Business Factsheet

Are you a Dutch entrepreneur looking to expand your business beyond borders and consider investing in Tanzania? As part of facilitation to businesses, The Netherlands Embassy in Tanzania has summarized list of things to keep in mind in a factsheet. The document may be handy for anyone aiming to do business in Tanzania.

Read more on [our website](#).



A GUIDE TO

**DOING BUSINESS
IN TANZANIA 2022**

FOR DUTCH BUSINESSES

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Updating Dutch Agribusiness Database!

Are you a Dutch Agribusiness working in Tanzania? The agricultural department of the Embassy would like to know you. For this reasons, we invite you to a mapping exercise by sharing your company details; short explanation of company activities, details of contact person, sectors your active in and the region of operation. Kindly send the information by end of May to Dar-lnv@minbuza.nl

The Blue Carbon Accelerator Fund

Are you looking for support & funding for your blue carbon project in developing countries? The Blue Carbon Accelerator Fund launched its Readiness Support Call for proposals to all entrepreneurs and project developers involved in blue carbon work. Full eligibility and selection criteria, and information on how to prepare and submit a proposal are accessible in the [Readiness Support funding guidelines](#). Deadline for application is **15 May 2022**. Read more [here](#).



Tanzania Alumni and Partner Days

The [Nuffic-Neso South Africa Office](#) team will be visiting Tanzania from 11-14 April 2022. During the visit the team will meet various stakeholders including Orange Knowledge Program (OKP) partners and [Netherlands alumni](#). They will also organize a partners day. The event will contribute to the visibility of the OKP programme, as well as to develop a strong African regional presence. Are you a Netherlands alumni or a business or organization interested to meet Nuffic team, please send an e-mail to Sinayo Sirenya : ssirenya@nesosouthafrica.org

What does honorary consul do?

Honorary consuls are not professional diplomats, but they play an essential part in the Netherlands' international network. They help Dutch nationals abroad in emergency situations. They also open doors for business owners. [Read more](#) on the website to find out everything you need to know about honorary consuls.



Latest Developments



Access to quality seed for sustainable farming

Availability of quantity and access to quality seed is a challenge in Tanzania. The gap between supply and demand calls for collaborative efforts to lobby and put in place mechanisms to get rid of counterfeit products in the market. Ambassador Wiebe de Boer and Agricultural Counsellor Ingrid Korving engaged in roundtable discussions and met with the seed sector to discuss this.

See the snapshot of the visit [here](#).

Co-creating a climate smart and sustainable Dairy

The Tanzania dairy sector contributes approximately 16% to greenhouse gases emissions. Most of these emissions are driven by on farm activities. The intensity of emissions can be reduced by 17% through productivity improvement, introducing climate smart agricultural practices and improving animal nutrition. Dairy Nourishes Africa (DNA) is piloting an extension delivery model to dairy farmers to reduce emission and create sustainable dairy sector. [Read more here](#).



Building Climate Resilient Food Systems

A single picture is worth a thousands words! So, does photojournalism stand a chance in raising awareness on the effects of climate change. The Embassy together with Noor Images hosted a photo exhibition 'Capturing Climate Change' and 'climate talks' in Dar es Salaam. The series of events aimed to stimulate dialogues by highlighting powerful visual stories, to inspire joint climate action and remind all of us, that positive change is possible by joining forces, and together we can create a better world.

[Read more here](#).

Potential of Circular Proteins for Animal Feed

Access to affordable and quality animal feed is the largest constraint to animal productivity in Tanzania. This is attributed by the fluctuation of commonly used raw materials as a source of protein such as soymeal, which competes with human consumption. The Netherlands Enterprise Agency commissioned Larive International to conduct a study to provide insights into locally available circular alternative protein ingredients for animal feed. While the Study is ongoing, preliminary findings were presented to the Minister of Livestock and Fisheries Hon. Mashimba Mashauri Ndaki and the stakeholders over a workshop in Dar es Salaam. [Read more here](#).



Latest Developments



Application of biological controls

Globally, consumers are becoming more aware and conscious on consuming healthy products. To fit in the market as exporters of horticulture produce, alternative pest management tactics are needed. Especially the use of natural enemies (biopesticides) for biological control of plant pests and invasive plants. In Arusha, Multi flower limited is producing biocontrol agents for local and export use. However, there are challenges that need both public and private collaboration to materialize biological control topic. *Read more [here](#).*

Growth potential for domestic processing of Tanzanian cashews

More than 80% of Tanzanian cashews are exported as raw cashew nuts to Vietnam and India for processing, before entering the global market. Mama Cashew factory based in Mtwara, the first ever Fairtrade Certified cashew nut processor in Tanzania and East Africa, believes there is a room for creating a sustainable impact in the cashew nut sector through processing locally. With the Fairtrade Certification farmers are guaranteed a minimum price and are receiving a premium to be used for improving the production capacity. *Read more about their business [here](#).*



Youth Aquaculture Project in Mwanza

The Tanzanian and the Netherlands governments are working together to strengthen the aquaculture sector. Demonstration farm [BIG FISH](#) was built in Kigamboni and uses Dutch technologies to produce and supply super males Y-Y fingerlings across the country. Ambassador Wiebe de Boer visited the Youth Aquaculture Project in Mwanza, who are one of the recipients of Y-Y fingerlings to get an understanding of the performance. The [Aquaculture Association of Tanzania](#), research institute ([TAFIRI](#)) and knowledge institute ([FETA](#)) play a coordinating role. The project is financed through local government authority loan schemes. To learn more on the scheme please contact Mr. Geoffrey Rucho via ruchogefrey@gmail.com. To order fingerlings please contact Mrs. Zena Mndeme via zamndeme1993@gmail.com

Events and Developments

Upcoming Webinar

The Netherlands Food Partnership and Wageningen University & Research are facilitating 6 different webinars between March and June 2022. These webinars will address 'Putting Food Systems Thinking into Sector Practice'. Using real life case studies, presenters will demonstrate workable tools, approaches and sustainable solutions with an intension to drive the [SDG2 agenda](#) forward. Click [here](#) for more information and registration.



Financial instruments

The Netherlands Enterprise Agency (RVO) has released various calls for proposals under the agricultural sector. Each call has different requirements and eligibility criteria's. Are you a Dutch company operating/ interested in operating in Tanzania and looking for financial support?. You can find the full overview of instruments applicable for Tanzania via [Subsidies and programmes|RVO.nl](#)

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



Farewell Manou!

After six amazing years as an agricultural officer it is time to say goodbye to our colleague Manou. It was an honor to work with a coworker who was committed to success and teamwork. Manou has made impactful and fantastic changes in how we work and we are confident she will do even more in her new role with Invest International in the Netherlands. Wishing her all the best! Angela Swinkels will be replacing Manou as the new Agricultural Officer from 1st of May 2022.



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