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It is my pleasure to share with you our first newsletter for 2022 and my last newsletter as the Agricultural Counsellor of Kenya and Tanzania. Time has really flown and a lot has happened in the last few years which has effected everyone globally. 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. I would like to express my gratitude and respect for all the people linked to the Kenyan Agriculture sector, who despite these circumstances, have worked hard to make sure that supply systems continue to operate almost to a normal level.

Working together with you, and supporting you where our team was able, has been a privilege. I wish you all the best in the coming years. *With kind regards, Ingrid Korving, Agricultural Counsellor*

## News

### Farewell Ingrid Korving

Times flies .....after 5 years of working in Kenya, Ingrid Korving, the agricultural counsellor for Kenya and Tanzania at the Netherlands embassy will be leaving in the mid of June 2022 to the Netherlands for the preparation for her next position as the agricultural counsellor for Vietnam. We took the opportunity to ask Ingrid a few questions on her experiences and time working and living in Kenya. [Read the full interview here.](#)



### Kenya and the Netherlands strengthen ties during visit of Minister Liesje Schreinemacher

The visit focused on the various areas of cooperation between Kenya and the Netherlands, such as agriculture, logistics, health, innovation, circular economy and trade. She had a good meeting with Minister of Transport H.E. Macharia, during which they signed a Letter of Intent on the shared ambition to improve the connection of ports through a 'Cool Logistics Corridor'. This enables short-life products, such as flowers and vegetables, to be transported by ship in special refrigerated containers to extend their shelf-life. [Click here](#) to read more about his visit.



## netherlands BUSINESS HUB KENYA

### Introducing the Netherlands Business Hub

The Netherlands Business Hub is the newest Hub and the first in Africa of a worldwide network of Business Hubs supported by NLinBusiness. NLBH supports Dutch entrepreneurs in Kenya through events, networking, introductions to the local business network and local service providers to help Dutch entrepreneurs start and build a successful enterprise in Kenya. *More about the Hub [here](#).*

### 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. Find information on criteria for the proposal [Readiness Support funding guidelines](#). Deadline for application is **15 May 2022**. *Read more [here](#).*



### Empowering the Kenyan feed sector; Key highlights of the 2nd year of FeedTechKenya

The FeedTechKenya impact cluster comprises a consortium of leading Dutch and Kenyan parties active in various areas of the East African feed value chain. The consortium conducts studies, performs feed trials, demonstrates best feed production and usage practices to feed millers and farmers. By working together, knowledge and expertise are shared. In 2021, the consortium successfully performed multiple integrated value-chain activities following the project plan. *Read more [here](#).*

### What does honorary consul do?

Honorary consuls are not professional diplomats, but 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.



### Cold storage and Logistics in Kenya

Supermarkets have become a normal feature of Kenyan life. There are more and more Kenyan consumers which buy frozen ready-made products. Moreover, the growing population in the entire East African continent means that there is a need for a proper cool chain. This is one of the main reasons for BCS, a Dutch company providing cold storage solutions, to Kenya. *Read more [here](#).*

# LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

## Kenya and the Netherlands working together towards circular agriculture

Circular agriculture is enabling Kenya to mitigate climate change, elevate its food quality and improve security. To illustrate the opportunities for circular agriculture in Kenya, the Netherlands embassy released the brochure “Kenya and the Netherlands working together towards circular agriculture in Kenya” which was launched on the 6th of April 2022. The brochure provides a total of 11 farming trends and opportunities that have been identified as indicative of the transition towards circular agriculture. It includes a selection of best practices across five areas that we hope will inspire anyone working in the agricultural sector.

Find the full brochure [here](#).



## Sustainable and responsible sourcing of fresh produce from Kenya

Sustainable sourcing has many benefits, from better conditions for producers, a positive impact on environment and soil, to making your company future proof by having better risk mitigation. Companies can use sustainability strategies as a way to manage supply scarcity risks and to improve their ability to cope with an emerging market demand and ambitions to reduce waste. The Embassy commissioned an update of the study sustainable sourcing from Kenya. The report analyses the economic situation and opportunities and challenges related to sustainable and responsible sourcing of fresh produce from Kenya, outlining the horticultural production trends along with export trends for main fruits and vegetables and main actors in the industry. Find the full reports [here](#).

## Digitalising agri-food value chains in East Africa

Kenya is the top destination for agritech investments in Africa, according to Fitch Solutions. Recognising the importance of technology infrastructure in agricultural development, SNV's [Climate Resilient Agribusiness for Tomorrow \(CRAFT\)](#) Project is promoting several approaches that support specific food value chains in East Africa to think through and develop appropriate technological innovations. This support includes improving access to the internet to implementing digital solutions that bridge the gap between agricultural researchers, extension workers, small holder farmers. Read more [here](#).



# Events & Developments

## Kenya Elections



### Elections in Kenya—Message for Dutch Community

Langzaam maar zeker maakt Kenia zich ook op voor de verkiezingen op 9 augustus. We krijgen verschillende vragen over het reisadvies tijdens de verkiezingen. Op dit moment zien we nog geen aanleiding om het reisadvies aan te passen, zie Reisadvies Kenia | Ministerie van Buitenlandse Zaken ([nederlandwereldwijd.nl](http://nederlandwereldwijd.nl)). Als ambassade proberen we de situatie te monitoren en zijn we in contact met andere ambassades en Keniaanse autoriteiten. We zullen u via het reisadvies en via de 247 Informatieservice Buitenlandse Zaken op de hoogte blijven houden en indien nodig informatiesessies organiseren. Op 28 april zullen we een overleg organiseren met de veiligheidscoördinatoren en zult u een update ontvangen. Rond die tijd is bekend hoe de primaries zijn verlopen en kunnen we beter inschatten wat ons richting verkiezingen te wachten staat.

Wilt u op de hoogte blijven, meld u dan aan op 24/7 [Informatieservice Buitenlandse Zaken](#). Kies voor 'Aanmelden + Registratie bij de Ambassade'. Ook als u niet weet of u bent aangemeld, dan kunt u dit via bovenstaande link eenvoudig checken.



### 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.

### Financial instruments

The Netherlands Enterprise Agency (RVO) has updated their website on financial instruments that are available. You can find the full overview of instruments applicable for Kenya by selecting the country under country. See the updated website here: [Subsidies and programmes | RVO.nl](#)

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](#).



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