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A very warm welcome to this special edition. This is the first time the Agriculture and Economic Teams have joined forces to inform you on the latest business updates in Tanzania. We have merged the newsletters because developments in agriculture and other economic sectors in Tanzania are increasingly integrated.

A great example is the topic of Agrolistics where the Embassy is assisting agriculture and infrastructure companies from the Netherlands to further develop the sector in Tanzania. Both Agriculture and Economic teams work hand in glove. This Newsletter covers a wide range of topics: from sustainable potato & poultry developments to Start-ups & Women in Agribusiness and a lot more.

I would like to encourage you to reach out to our agriculture and economic team if you have missed any item or have tips to improve the Newsletter for upcoming editions.

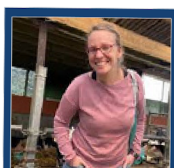
For now I wish you lots of reading pleasure.

Wiebe de Boer
Ambassador

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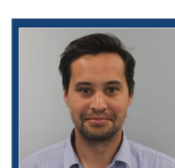
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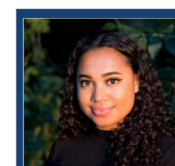
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Embassy of the Netherlands in Tanzania support to Niongoze Fellowship program

The Niongoze Fellowship is the signature program of Doyenne Organization, and first-ever in Tanzania; designed to recruit young female leaders in universities across Tanzania for a year-long leadership training, mentorship, and coaching fellowship. The fellowship is developed according to the needs, culture, and environment of these young women; it equips them in four pillars of empowerment: Leadership, Confidence, Resilience, and Well-Being; to enhance their understanding of leadership at individual, group and community levels.

With the financial support from the Embassy of Kingdom of Netherlands, Doyenne Organization organized two cohorts in 2021 and 2022 into the Niongoze Fellowship. The cohorts had 9 fellows and 15 fellows respectively.

To learn more about the Niongoze Fellowship cohorts' success stories, watch the videos [here](#).



Success story: Waendeleze – Women in Agribusiness – Reaching the Next Step

At the end of 2021, Match Maker Associates, Lindam Group and Crosswise Works, in collaboration with RVO and the Dutch Embassy in Dar Es Salaam, started the Waendeleze project in Tanzania.

The program aimed at offering capacity building programme for women entrepreneurs in the Tanzanian agribusiness sector. Whereas most capacity building programmes focus on start-ups and starting entrepreneurs, this project focused on supporting promising established businesses - scale-ups - who similarly face constraints and hurdles but require specialized support and networks to reach their potential.

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International taxation workshop for market entry, restructuring and exit for European businesses and investors.

Netherlands Embassy in Tanzania, European Union business group in collaboration with Tanzania Revenue Authority hosted an International taxation workshop for market entry, restructuring and exit for European businesses and investors in Tanzania.

From April 2022, 25 officers from TRA were trained by IBFD on International taxation. The workshop was used as a platform for European private sector, in particular small and medium businesses to understand Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) statutory requirements, business structuring & transactions and the interpretation of tax laws. The workshop was led by TRA facilitators from the International Taxation and large tax payers unit.

Registration for IBFD's 8th Africa Tax Symposium in 24 - 26 May, Arusha Tanzania is now open. Click [here](#) to register.



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Capacity building of TVET institutions in horticulture in the Northern Circuit of Tanzania

The Northern Highlands Education Programme (NOHIED) has been launched to bridge the knowledge gap in Tanzania's horticulture sector. It is a partnership between 10 Dutch horticulture companies, Arusha Technical College, and Tengeru Horticultural Research and Training Institute.

The new project aiming to enhance staff and students' skills and employability while addressing market needs. The initiative contributes to Tanzania's goal of reaching a \$3 billion annual export by 2025 and reflects a more than 50 years solid cooperation and collaboration between Tanzania and the Netherlands.

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Completion of Triple Helix Horticulture Collaboration Project

The Netherlands funded US\$1 million project on strengthening institutional capacity for the three Tanzanian vocational college under the National Council for Technical Education and Vocational Training (NACTEVET) has come to an end. The project focused on improving the curriculum and practical skills for the students of Tengeru Livestock Training Institute, MATI-Uyole, and the Mahinya Institute.

During the closure ceremony held in Arusha on March Ambassador Wiebe de Boer highlighted the importance of collaboration between Tanzania and the Netherlands on innovation and knowledge exchange.

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Making the Agriculture sector greener!

Tanzania's horticulture sector presents opportunities for youth to earn lucrative incomes, but the use of gasoline or diesel-powered irrigation pumps has negative environmental effects. To mitigate climate change and increase agricultural productivity, the Tanzania Renewable Energy Association partnered with the Dutch Embassy and the Climate Response Facility to implement the Climate Smart Agriculture Learning Event, promoting solar irrigation for large and small farms.

The initiative proposed waiving VAT for solar water pumping systems used by farmers for crop irrigation to make these systems more accessible. The takeaways demonstrate the feasibility of solar technology for irrigation and the potential for public and private sectors to work together in promoting Climate Smart Agriculture practices.

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Why settle for just a slice? Let's go for the whole potato!

The potato sector in Tanzania has great potential on food security, adapting to climate change and transforming the agricultural sector in general. Synergies and collaboration among the stakeholders can bring about the required transformation all the way from production to consumption. A recent conference in Mbeya, Tanzania, focused on co-creating smart solutions and inclusive potato sector, further emphasized on creating synergies and strengthening the industry. The launch of a potato varieties catalogue and potato signal book were key milestones from the conference, along with the premiere of a documentary about the Tanzania potato sector. The conference also discussed the need to establish a Potato Council of Tanzania to facilitate coordination and communication among the stakeholders.

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Brainstorming sessions on Tanzania's Agrologistic, potato and avocado sectors

Wonder what it takes for a robust horticulture sector in Tanzania? The recent brainstorming sessions in Arusha focused on solutions and strategies for a more sustainable and horticulture industry focusing on potato and avocado. Key issues discussed include seed quality and agrologistics, with emphasis on the importance of strengthening multiplication of quality seed potato and efficient transport and storage of perishable crops like avocados. Experts shared best practices for producing and distributing high-quality seed to farmers, while participants identified bottlenecks and opportunities for improvement in the value chains.

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Towards a safe and sustainable poultry sector in Tanzania

How do poultry farmers in Tanzania ensure the health and well-being of their chickens? That was the focus of a recent seminar organized by the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in collaboration with the Royal GD Academy. At the event, experts shared practical advice on preventing and controlling diseases in poultry, highlighting the importance of early detection and effective treatment. One key outcome of the seminar was the launch of the Poultry Signal Book, which provides comprehensive information on how to raise healthy chickens. The event also saw the formalization of the Poultry Working Group, which aims to promote collaboration and knowledge sharing among stakeholders in the sector. These initiatives represent a significant step forward for Tanzania's poultry industry, as it strives to become more sustainable and productive. It's all about happy chickens, happy meals, and hopefully, happy farmers too!

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Financial Instruments

The Netherlands Enterprise Agency (RVO) has updated their website on financial instruments that are available. 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](https://www.rvo.nl/en/subsidies-and-programmes)



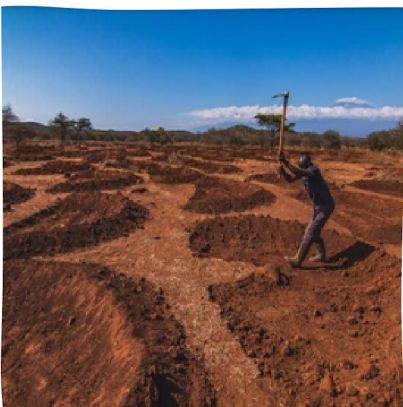
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Traveling to the Netherlands?

Be mindful that visa applications are submitted at VFS Global. Check on [VFS Global](https://www.vfsglobal.com) | [vfsglobal](https://www.vfsglobal.com) or call them on +255 (0)222 221914

Due to the easing of COVID travel restrictions worldwide, you may experience longer waiting times for appointments and the processing time may take longer than 15 days.

Companies who are a member of the [Orange Carpet service](#) can make an arrangement with VFS and will be treated with priority.



Video: Africa Climate Change animation- Kijani Kijani

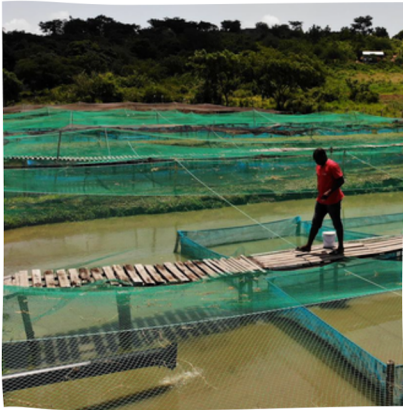
Heri's town is in the grip of immense devastation as the land is plagued by drought, soaring temperatures, and a severe shortage of food. The council's proposal to relocate the town comes as a shock when they learn that the entire world is reeling under the harmful consequences of climate change, leaving no safe haven. Who will come to the aid of Heri's town and its people?

Kijani animation, created in collaboration with the Netherlands Embassy in Tanzania, aims to foster awareness about Climate Change and encourage young people to take action



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Data driven aquaculture development in Tanzania

Understanding key parameters in fishery such as water quality and feeding requirements is essential to determine optimal fish growth rate and profitability of fishery enterprise.

But sometimes it is not easy to collect all the necessary information required to make rightful decision due to skills in data collection and lack of required tools to facilitate the exercise.

To assist farmer venturing profitable fishery business, the Embassy commissioned Larive and Lattice Aqua to develop "ready to use" tool for data collection and interpretation.

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Finding a scholarship step-by-step



How to best prepare for the 2nd OKP Scholarships round!

For the upcoming round of scholarships, one is expected to submit their application between 28 June - 5 September 16.00 CET for courses starting after 1 February 2024.

To increase the chances of being selected, the embassy advises that you prepare in advance by going through the dedicated Netherlands education website "study in netherlands" which has all the necessary information and has clearly stipulated the application process.

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Youth Political Dialogue

Global problems are solved through dialogues. That is why the Netherlands funded the project ran by the Tanzania Center for Democracy (TCD) to cultivate the culture of political dialogues among political youth leaders.

The project enhanced inclusive politics in Tanzania through promoting youth participation in political processes and decision making roles and efficiency use of digital politics. This was the first time to have political youth dialogue in the country.

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EU-TZ Business Forum



On the 23rd and 24th of February, 2023, the EU-Tanzania Business Forum took place in Dar es Salaam. The day before the Business Forum, the Embassy brought together Dutch, Tanzanian and international partners during a reception at the Ambassador's residence.

During the EU-Tanzania Business Forum the focus was on showcasing Tanzania's opportunities and the chances for European investors, facilitating discussions among political leaders of both Tanzania and Europe, offer tools for private investment and private sector development and lastly provide a platform for effective Private-Public dialogue.

On Friday the 24th, the signing ceremony took place of the Dutch bank FMO, French bank Proparco and their \$125 million senior loan to Tanzanian bank NMB. Our Ambassador Wiebe de Boer gave a speech on the importance of this loan from the FMO in front of over 600 attendees, including H.E. Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi, President of the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar.

The Business Forum was a great example of how far the cooperation between the EU and Tanzania has come. We look back at an interesting and well organized Forum with many great sessions and interesting topics.

Call for joint proposals for Tailor-Made Training (TMT) – Orange Knowledge Programme – 2nd round

The **second call round** of 2023 for Orange Knowledge Tailor-Made Training (TMT) will be open for applications from 1 May 2023 - 14 June 2023!

To answer your questions about the call for Tailor-Made Training, we organise an online Q&A on 9 May 2023 from 11.00-12.00 EAT.

The Orange Knowledge Programme is financed by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and is managed by Nuffic.

Register for joining our Q&A session before 8 May 15.00 on our website [here](#)

Q&A on Tailor-Made Training
9 May 2023 10.00 CEST

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