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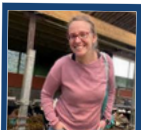
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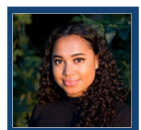
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NEWSLETTER

Introduction



Dear Partners,

I am pleased to introduce the second edition of our newsletter. Our editorial team is happy to bring you the latest business updates in Tanzania. Our Agriculture and Economic teams have joined forces again to ensure effective coverage across various fields. We also developed together with our Dutch partners a Multi-annual Country Strategy, which we use as a guiding framework until 2026. We are happy to share the link to our strategy in this newsletter.

We constantly strive for improvement and sincerely value your input and feedback for future editions. We encourage you to reach out to our editorial team with any suggestions or recommendations to enhance the content. Your contributions are highly appreciated as we work towards optimizing the newsletter.

Happy reading and have a wonderful summer

Ambassador Wiebe de Boer

Updates

Tourism Fair in Amsterdam, January 2024

Discover a 'holiday fair for special trips' where quality and authenticity take center stage. Experience specialized tour operators, unique travel beginnings, and customized exploration. Choose from 250 'live presentations' and uncover refreshing new experiences. Attendance is available live in Amsterdam or online.

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Multi annual Country Strategy

We are proud to introduce to you the Multiannual Country Strategy of the Dutch Embassy in Tanzania: a four year plan that outlines our goals. This strategy concentrates on key areas as trade, investments, agriculture, ports, logistics and youth & women empowerment.

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Africa Food Systems Forum (AGRAF) 2023

The Africa Food Systems Forum (AGRAF) will be held in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, from September 5th-8th, 2023. The theme is "Recover, Regenerate and Act: Africa's Solutions to Food Systems Transformation," emphasizing rebuilding, natural resource regeneration, and urgent action to address food system challenges.

The event aims to engage the public and private sectors in dialogues on wealth creation through agricultural regeneration, with a focus on women and youth.

For more info, contact dar-lnv@minbuza.nl.



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IBFD Tax symposium 2023

The Netherlands continues to support the training of Tanzania tax inspectors on international taxation in order to stimulate Foreign Direct Investment to Tanzania. In May, 2023, the International Bureau of Fiscal Documentation (IBFD) headquartered in Amsterdam hosted the Africa Tax Symposium in Arusha. This symposium is considered the leading global conference on taxation in Africa. The theme of the conference was Trends in International Taxation - An African Perspective.

To celebrate the start of the symposium, the Embassy in collaboration with IBFD, hosted a reception. This special event brought together tax professionals from various sectors, including practice, industry, academia, the judiciary, and tax administration. Over its eight years of existence, the Symposium has gained a well-deserved reputation as a high-quality forum for discussing the key tax policy issues that are crucial for Africa.

This year's symposium marked another milestone as IBFD signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Tanzania Revenue Authority. This partnership aims to enhance capacity building and sharing of taxation knowledge between the two entities with aim to stimulate Foreign Direct Investment. IBFD also has a taxation and fiscal program in partnership with the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA).

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Digitilization: MoU signing on E-Cert

The horticultural sector in Tanzania has seen impressive growth over the past three decades, becoming a significant source of foreign exchange earnings. Tanzania and the Netherlands achieved a milestone in their cooperation by signing an MoU to enhance electronic certification for Tanzania's horticultural sector. The collaboration aims to replace paper certificates with electronic messages, improving efficiency and reducing delays in exporting produce.

The Netherlands will provide technical assistance and capacity building, sharing its expertise in digitalizing certification processes. The project will boost agricultural trade, operational cost reduction, create jobs, and attract investments in Tanzania's horticulture sector. This partnership reflects the longstanding relationship between the two countries, with Dutch companies already operating in Tanzania's agricultural sector. The ultimate goal is to streamline certification processes and position Tanzania as an attractive destination for horticultural investments.

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Formation of Tanzania Fintech Association

In Tanzania the Fintech sector is growing rapidly. This March the membership-based Tanzania Fintech Association (TAFINA) was officially formed. They will offer a platform to unite stakeholders within the Fintech industry and to foster innovation and promote best practices.

The newly chosen board of TAFINA chaired by Cynthia Ponera from MFS AFRICA, will focus on the formulation of TAFINA's strategy. Since the visit of Her Majesty Queen Maxima in her capacity as UN Secretary general's special advocate for inclusive finance to Tanzania last year October, the Dutch Embassy is more engaging into the Fintech developments. We strive to stay in close connection with TAFINA. Furthermore, we already connected them with the Holland Fintech Association to establish an exchange in knowledge and best practices in setting up a successful Fintech association.



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Call for Proposals: Bringing Kids Living with HIV to Care

Aidsfonds announces Call for Proposals: Bringing Kids Living with HIV to Care. Apply to implement the Kids to Care model in Tanzania and other countries!

Aidsfonds aims to end AIDS-related deaths and reduce new HIV infections in children through their paediatric HIV programme. They developed the community-based Kids to Care model to achieve this. Now, Aidsfonds seeks organizations to implement this model in Tanzania and other countries to address urgent paediatric HIV gaps.

Submit your application for the 'Bringing Kids Living with HIV to Care' call on the online grants platform. Maximum funding of €500,000 is available for the period of January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2025.

Apply through the Aidsfonds online grants platform by August 28, 2023, at 5:00 PM (CEST). For more details, refer to the provided document.

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Paving ways: Positioning Tanzania as a potato hub

Tanzania and the Netherlands are collaborating to establish a joint roadmap for developing a strong potato seed sector. This agreement was reached during a workshop in Dodoma, attended by horticulture stakeholders from public and private institutions.

The Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Hussein Bashe, and the Netherlands Ambassador to Tanzania Wiebe de Boer, emphasized the importance of public-private collaboration to promote a sustainable potato industry and position Tanzania as a potato hub. The partnership has already resulted in the registration of 12 Dutch certified potato seed varieties in Tanzania, improving farmers' productivity. To address the country's population growth and limited land availability, innovative approaches and efficient practices are necessary.

The horticulture sector is growing rapidly, with 30,000 metric tons of produce exported in 2022, but postharvest losses and access to quality certified seeds remain concerns. The government is working on an enabling environment for the private sector and has launched an avocado guideline to support sector development.



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PUM in Tanzania

PUM Netherlands, a renowned organization specializing in volunteer expert advice, has been actively engaged in Tanzania, supporting local businesses and fostering economic development. PUM recruits experienced professionals who volunteer their time and expertise in areas such as entrepreneurship, business development, manufacturing, engineering, tourism, waste management, agriculture, and more.

Through various channels like webinars, consultations, training programs, and partnerships, PUM shares valuable knowledge to address challenges and promote growth. The organization has made a positive impact by collaborating with the Tanzania Bakers Association, assisting community-based tourism initiatives, enhancing production processes for furniture manufacturing, improving post-harvest management and food processing, and empowering women entrepreneurs. PUM's activities in Tanzania have significantly contributed to economic empowerment and knowledge exchange, benefiting local businesses and communities.

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Kingsday

The Ambassador's Residence in Dar es Salaam hosted a spectacular King's Day reception, honoring King Willem-Alexander and celebrating Dutch heritage. The event brought together esteemed guests - among them the guest of honor minister Stergomena Tax - including government officials, community leaders and Dutch residents in Tanzania in a vibrant display of national pride mostly represented by the color orange.

The evening showcased traditional Dutch cuisine, such as cheese, herring and poffertjes, but also local businesses shared their products with us. Of course melodious music was well taken of. The 2023 King's Day reception at the Ambassador's Residence served as a remarkable celebration, strengthening the bond between the Netherlands and Tanzania.



Orange Knowledge Programme Announces Second Round of Applications



Orange Knowledge Programme



Scholarships for studying in the Netherlands
Apply between 28 June - 5 September 2023

www.studyinNL.org/okp

The Orange Knowledge Programme in
the Netherlands 2023-2024



www.youthopportunitieshub.com

Enhance your knowledge and skills through various courses with the OKP scholarship! The Orange Knowledge Programme (OKP), funded by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, is pleased to announce the second round of masters and short courses scholarships for mid-career professionals in Tanzania. The OKP addresses key themes such as horticulture, climate smart agriculture, entrepreneurship, human rights, ports and logistics, trade, and private sector development.

- **Scholarship Details:** Round 2 applications close on September 5th, 16.00 CET. Selected courses will begin after February 1st, 2024, and must be completed before August 31st, 2024. Be aware of specific deadlines set by your chosen educational institutions. Contact the institution for accurate information.
- **Application Process:** Visit the Study in NL website for detailed application procedures and selection process guidelines. Follow the Embassy's Instagram and LinkedIn accounts for updates.
- **Additional Resources:** For more information about studying in the Netherlands, visit the Study in Netherlands website, and join their Facebook and Instagram pages.

Contact dar-nfp@minbuza.nl for questions about the OKP scholarship or visit www.studyinnl.org/

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Update on Ports and Logistics



Changes are underway in Tanzania as Parliament has passed a resolution proposing the ratification of an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Tanzania and United Arab Emirates. The agreement aims to foster economic and social cooperation, with a particular focus on enhancing the operations of the esteemed Dar es Salaam Port.

This will further solidify the collaboration between the Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA) and DP World, a prominent multinational logistics company headquartered in Dubai. As this progresses, we will closely follow the updates and provide you with comprehensive insights into the potential implications for both the agricultural and economic sectors.

Stay tuned for further developments on this new chapter of cooperation between Tanzania and Dubai.

Financial Instruments

Are you a Dutch company operating or 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](#) or reach out to our economic department through dar-ee@minbuza.nl.



Traveling to the Netherlands?

Be mindful that visa applications are submitted at VFS Global. Check [VFSGlobal](#) 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.

Did you know that.....?

- Rotterdam is also the biggest reefer container port for food and vegetables in the world?
- The Netherlands has a rich museum culture with many world-famous institutions?
- Dutch people are the biggest coffee drinkers in the world, per capita?
- The Dutch national anthem, the Wilhelmus, is one of the oldest in the world?
- The Port of Rotterdam is the largest port in Europe and the sixth largest in the world by volume and the biggest reefer container port for food and vegetables in the world.
- The Netherlands is the world's biggest flower exporter?
- That you can follow the Embassy on [Instagram](#) to stay up-to-date?

