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I would like to welcome you to this stakeholder session in which we discuss important developments that affect the floriculture sector. We greatly value meeting the industry as it gives us insight into current developments that affect the business climate. This newsletter provides you with additional information on some of the developments and challenges which we will also discuss during this meeting and gives an overview of activities that may be relevant for you. With warm regards, the Agricultural Councilor, Ingrid Korving.



**We have moved to a new location!**

During the summer holidays the embassy has moved! As of 01 August 2018 we are located in Keystone park. You can visit us at Riverside Drive 95, block B.

**Financial instruments**

- **New Funds Combatting Child Labor** - The aim of this fund is to eliminate child labor in the production chain of Dutch companies. Deadline: 3 December 2018
- **Open: Subsidy for Demonstration projects, Feasibility & Investors Preparation Studies (DHI)** - DHI subsidizes demonstration projects, feasibility studies and investment preparation studies. The subsidy is intended for companies that want to carry out a specific project abroad, want to invest in a company or convince potential customers of their technology. Deadline: 21 September 2018.
- **Sustainable Development Goals Partnership Facility** - A financial instrument to stimulate PPP's that focus on SDG's 2,8 &17. The fund focusses on nutrition, efficient value chains, circular economy in the agro sector and improved income for woman and young adults. Deadline: 1 October 2018

RVO provides an overview and selection of the programs run by the Netherlands Enterprise Agency. For a full overview, check their website.

(<https://www.rvo.nl/subsidies-regelingen>)



**Are Kenyan flowers actually more sustainable?**

Kenya is the biggest exporter of roses to Europe, transporting almost 160,000 tons of cut flowers in 2017 (KFC). An increasing awareness of the virtues of buying locally has triggered debate around importing flowers. However, Kenya has a perfect climate for natural growth whereas greenhouses are of essential importance in the Netherlands. When taking greenhouse heating and lighting in account, some studies estimate that production in Kenya is 123 times more carbon efficient. Including the transport to Europe, Kenyan production still creates 6 times less carbon emission. (*Find out more at Ecolingo.com*)

## New intern

We welcome a new intern, Camiel Drenth. He will continue with the mapping of Dutch companies based in Kenya in GIS. If you have not been contacted yet by Robin Bongers, you can expect a call from Camiel in the upcoming weeks.



## Fall Army Worm (FAW) Regulations

The EU established emergency measures, to prevent the introduction into- and the spread within the EU of the harmful organism *Spodoptera frugiperda* (FAW), came into force on 1 June 2018. The following specified plants will be subjected to requirements, when these are exported. Fruits of *Capsicum* L., *Momordica* L., *Solanum aethiopicum* L., *Solanum macrocarpon* L. and plants, seeds and grains, of *Zea mays* L. Refer to ([https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/ec\\_impl/2018/638/oj](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/ec_impl/2018/638/oj)).

Farms closer to maize plantations should be cautious, while FAW is not main host of roses the latest data indicate it can be a minor host (<https://www.cabi.org/ISC/datasheet/29810#8ec87468-c467-468c-9073-cc78fd880978>)

## Upcoming events

### 21-22<sup>nd</sup> Sep: Naivasha Hortifair, Naivasha

Showcases products and services from the horticulture industry ([naivashahortifair.com](http://naivashahortifair.com))

### 12<sup>th</sup> Oct: Seminar on the Kenyan Finance Act 2018/2019, Nairobi

This seminar organized by the Embassy will focus on the tax changes for the 2018/2019 Financial year. ([nai-ea@minbuza.nl](mailto:nai-ea@minbuza.nl))

### 18<sup>th</sup> Oct: Netherlands Business Network Kenya Network Event, Nairobi

Networking event for Dutch businesses in Kenya.

### 7-9<sup>th</sup> Nov: International Floriculture Trade Fair (IFTF), Vijfhuizen, NL

Trade exhibition for international flower growers and buyers ([hppexhibitions.com/iftf](http://hppexhibitions.com/iftf))

### 20<sup>th</sup> Nov: Flower Logistics Africa, Nairobi

Enhance collaborative actions between growers and the rest of the supply chain. ([logupdateafrica.com/fla2018](http://logupdateafrica.com/fla2018))

## Immigration alert

Due to the administrative and policy changes recommended by the Kenyan Ministry of Interior and Coordination, the following new procedures are being instituted:

1. All foreigners wishing to work in Kenya should have an approved work permit before arrival in Kenya.
2. Foreigners who need to renew their work permit should submit their application for renewal at least 4 months before expiry of their current permit.
3. Committees will be formed to consider special pass and dependent pass in the same manner as has been for the work permit.

This means that the previous practice where a foreign national could potentially engage in work-related activities, holding only a valid tourist visa, as the work permit application is being processed will no longer be possible. The Government of Kenya is yet to issue official circular explaining the changes. The embassy shall relay this information as soon as this is made available.



## Study Airfreight Kenya

With great pleasure I present to you the study on Airfreight Kenya. This study provides insight into the current and future airfreight situation of Kenyan floriculture products and the role of the Netherlands as a key logistics hub. The full study can be found on: (<https://www.agroberichtenbuitenland.nl/landeninformatie/kenia/achtergrond/studies--factsheets/>)

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