

On activities, events, studies, articles and more

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It has yet again been an eventful year in Kenya, especially when it comes to agriculture. From fertilizers being stuck in the port of Mombasa, a group of Kenyan agriculture journalists traveling to the Netherlands, to the different sector meetings during the year. We will continue in 2019 to address the challenges that companies encounter in doing business and work on the long-standing cooperation between the two countries.

I wish you a prosperous New Year! With warm regards, the Agricultural Councilor, Ingrid Korving.



Financial instruments

- **Consultancy Projects by the African Development Bank (AfDB)** - If you would like to be updated on new projects and calls that open at the AfDB you can register via: www.afdb.org
- **P4G - Partnering for Green Growth and the Global Goals 2030** - is a new initiative, commenced in 2018, with the ambition of becoming the world's leading forum for developing concrete public-private partnerships at scale to deliver on the SDGs and the Paris Climate Agreement. Deadline: 15 February 2019. <https://p4gpartnerships.org/content/2019-call-p4g-partnership-applications>
- **Dutch Fund for Climate and Development (DFCD)** - The Dutch Fund for Climate and Development (DFCD) has been established to finance climate projects in developing countries. Deadline: 1 February 2019 www.government.nl/documents/publications/2018/11/19/grant-application-dfcd

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>

Plant breeders Rights

Please note that in 2019, under the coordination of CIOFORA/IRBA Cut Rose Breeders, there will be enforcement activities to stop the import of unauthorized cut roses into the EU. In accordance with the EU Regulation 2100/94, the non-compliance of breeders' rights constitutes an infringement of the EU Plant Variety Rights and harm the market by creating unfair competition. Flower growers are urged to observe plant breeders rights.



VAT and Agriculture in Kenya: Recent law changes

The recent changes to the value added tax law, introduced through the Tax laws (Amendment) Act, 2018 and Finance Act 2018, contain measures that are of interest to different sectors not in the least agribusinesses. Mr. Bosire Nyamori, Advocate at the High Court of Kenya, writes about the changes and assesses them against the priorities and interests of international business. In the following months Mr. Nyamori will be sharing more articles on financial regulations that affect Kenyan and Dutch agribusinesses. For the full article see: www.agroberichtenbuitenland.nl/landeninformatie/kenia/achtergrond/latest-developments/vat-and-agriculture-in-kenya-recent-law-changes

Studies ICT and Climate Smart Agriculture Solutions for Kenya

The 2 studies identifying the need for Climate Smart and ICT solutions for the agriculture sector in Kenya have started and are expected to be completed in March 2019. Both studies will be presented during a bigger forum. If you are interested in knowing more feel free to send us an email at: nai-lnv@minbuza.nl

Special 'Food Security in times of Climate Change'

With great pleasure we share with you 3 interesting articles that showcase how Dutch companies are creating an impact in terms of food security in an innovative way in the horticulture, aquaculture and soil testing sectors. The full articles can be found on: <https://www.agroberichtenbuitenland.nl/landeninformatie/kenia/achtergrond/latest-developments>



Upcoming events 2019

21 Dec - 2nd Jan: Christmas Break

During this time the Embassy will be closed

18 Jan: New Year's Reception of the HIK

For questions contact Holland in Kenya

6 or 7 Feb: Network Reception Dutch Business Network, Arusha

In the new year the agricultural counsellor will host a network reception for Dutch agribusinesses in Tanzania in Arusha.

4- 5th Jun: Global Entrepreneurship Summit (GES), The Hague, Netherlands

Together with the US the Netherlands is organizing & co-hosting the 9th edition of the Global Entrepreneurship Summit. During GES 2019, around 2,000 entrepreneurs, investors, and other participants from all over the world will convene at the World Forum in The Hague. The summit aims to promote international entrepreneurship and highlight its key role in the development of concrete solutions to global challenges. The number of people who can participate is limited. If interested find more info at: <http://www.ges2019.org>



E-cert cooperation Kenya & the Netherlands

In December 2018 Lex Moret, the E-cert expert at NVWA, had a dialogue with stakeholders on progress and successes of the E-cert system. The system has been stable in the last quarter of the year. There are discussions underway on expanding the system to imports.

New EU Regulation for phytos

The new requirement by EU is to have phytos for all "plants", including vegetables and other plant commodities. This change when adopted will be effective per Dec 2019. The new EU requirement for a phyto for all 'plants' is indicated in the new PHR 2016/2031 art 73. Note in particular the definition of 'plants' in art 2-(1) (living plants and living parts of plants specified). PHR 2016/2031 and the OCR 2017/625 are available via Eurlex. See link: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/homepage.html>



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