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It has yet again been an eventful year in Tanzania, especially when it comes to agriculture. With a signed MoU for poultry and aquaculture between Tanzania and the Netherlands and a visit of Marjolijn Sonnema, Vice-Minister of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality. We will continue in 2020 to support companies 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 Counsellor, Ingrid Korving.*



Update on MoU on Aquaculture and Poultry

In the context of implementing the recently signed MoU on poultry and aquaculture, the agricultural counsellor, Ingrid Korving, and her team visited the Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries in Dodoma in October. A technical meeting was held with the directors to streamline the actualization of stipulated activities within the MoU. In execution, both parties endorsed to play a facilitation role, where a working group for poultry will be formed and aquaculture working group will be continued as a monitoring and evaluation tool of agreed activities. Tanzania and the Netherlands are important trade partners and actively work together towards a sustainable food sector. The team shared the agreed resolutions with the Permanent Secretary of Fisheries Dr. Tamatamah and the Permanent Secretary of Livestock Prof. Gabriel. As an expression of satisfaction of the results, Prof. Gabriel remarked that he is *"happy that we are living the talk"*. We look forward to the future and strong cooperation between the Netherlands and Tanzania.

Please read more about the signing of the MoU [here](#).



Aquaculture Working Group between TZ and NL

During the Aquaculture Working Group in October, Tanzanian and Dutch stakeholders from the public and private sector came together to evaluate current progress within the sector. From the Ministry, Dr. Madala gave an update on efforts in creating a stand-alone policy. The working group also discussed the results of the inception study on aquaculture in Tanzania which can be found [here](#).

The group observed that one of the main challenges is the import of aquaculture equipment, discouraging investments in the sector. After the meeting the aquaculture working group visited the soon to be opened aquaculture demonstration farm in Kigamboni of Big Fish Safina. Showcasing the best practices and technology to inspire entrepreneurial minds to get involved in aquaculture in Tanzania. The recirculation technology has been specifically developed for the East African aquaculture sector. Its closed and compact design offers full control of the culture environment, enables production in urban and rural areas and efficient use of inputs such as feed and water.

For more info on the aquaculture impact cluster please [click here](#).

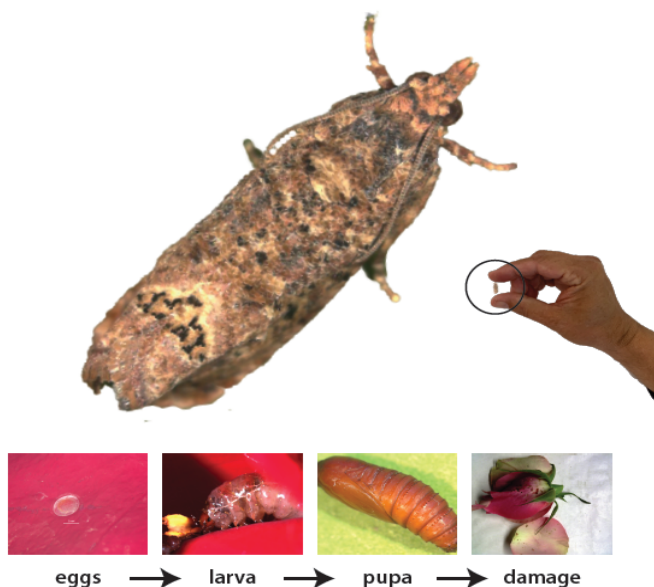
HATARI !

False Codling Moth: this moth is a threat for our export.

Watch out! Do not let this pest enter our farms.

When detected take immediate action.

It is in our common interest to stop this pest, so be aware.



Working together to stop the False Codling Moth

The False Codling Moth (FCM) also known as *Thaumototibia leucotreta* is a pest, which is present on more than 70 host plants crops like roses, citrus, peppers (*Capsicum* spp.), maize etc. making it a challenge to control it. FCM, categorized as a quarantine pest by the European Union (EU) is an urgent threat to export for East Africa as an increased number of interceptions will result in a 100% inspection rate by the EU.

In the week of 16 - 20 September a training was given in Kenya to inspectors, scouts and rose growers also from Tanzania, by three experts from the Dutch Quality Control Bureau (KCB) and Netherlands Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority (NVWA). There was also an option for individual questions during the Naivasha HortiFair. The high level of attendance, questions and cooperation during these trainings is a first step in stopping this pest, it underlines the importance of tackling this threat to export together. Many more strides need to be made to reduce the number of interceptions.

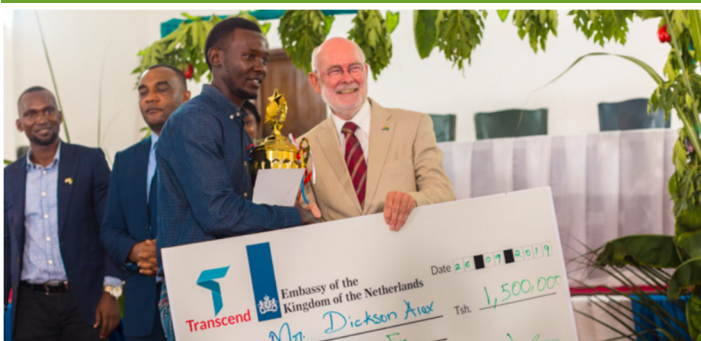
To access the presentations of the experts and find [more info on the FCM click here.](#)

New EU regulations on plant materials

Please note that effective 14 December 2019, it will be mandatory that a phytosanitary certificate accompanies all plants (including living parts of plants) to enter into the EU. The list of plants exempted from the obligation to carry a phytosanitary certificate from 14 December 2019 are pineapples, coconuts, durians, bananas and dates.

Exporters are urged to ensure that they comply with the new requirement and liaise with KEPHIS to ensure a smooth transition into the EU.

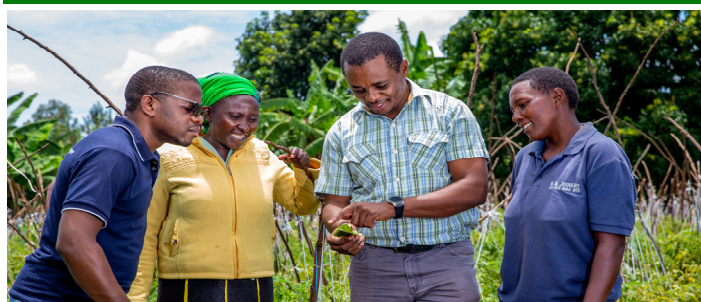
Please read more on the new regulations [here.](#)



Youth Agro Excellence Awards in Dar es Salaam

Demonstrating agribusiness opportunities for the youth

On 26 September, the finals of the Youth Agro Excellence Awards took place in Dar es Salaam. The event, supported by the Netherlands Embassy, identified the best-performing, youth-led, agricultural projects across all of Tanzania over the course of multiple months. The purpose of these awards is to build interest in the agricultural sector for the youth, and to encourage and build up a culture of youth who will venture in agriculture as a business and not as a last resort. The three sectors that were represented were poultry, horticulture, and potatoes. A jury decided on the winners per sector. The choice was difficult as many inspiring young entrepreneurs showed how one can be a successful farmer. The prizes, such as trainings, seed capital and business linkages were awarded by the Dutch agro-companies. *Please read more about the Youth Agro Excellence Awards [here.](#)*



Agriculture, nature and food: valuable and connected



Circular agriculture in Dodoma

Circular farming is a system in which arable farming, livestock farming and horticulture primarily use raw materials from each other's supply chains and waste flows from the food industry and food supply chain. Moving towards circular agriculture is the ambition of the Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality of the Netherlands. Furthermore, it is also in line with the circular economy objectives of the Dutch government. In Tanzania, the ex-Prime Minister Mizengo Pinda has a farm, which is an excellent local example of circular agriculture. The agricultural counsellor and her team visited Pinda's farm and witnessed how the farm has integrated aquaculture, horticulture, poultry and cattle in a 70 acre farm in Dodoma. Water from fish ponds is being used to irrigate crops and harvest from crops goes towards feeding cattle while livestock waste is collected and thrown back to the soil as organic fertilizer.

Find a video showing the vision "Agriculture, nature and food: valuable and connected" the Netherlands as a leader in circular agriculture of the Dutch Minister Schouten for Agriculture, Food Quality and Nature [here](#).

Investment Guide for Tanzania

The agriculture sector with an annual growth rate of 6% accounts for: nearly half of the national GDP of Tanzania, 70% for rural household income, and absorbs 80% of the entire workforce. Recently, the government of Tanzania has launched the Agriculture Sector Development Program Phase 2 (ASDP2) and Tanzania Livestock Masterplan zoning priority crops, livestock and fisheries. The two are set as strategies to move Tanzania to a mid income country by 2025. Tanzania could achieve this ambition through industrialization and attraction of more investments to the country. In preparation, the Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC) has set up a guide for foreign investors that are interested in starting or expanding their business to Tanzania. *Please read the full report [here](#).*

Highlights of Agricultural Department 2019

We would like to give you an insight into some of the activities we have been working on this year:

- ♦ Visit of the Marjolijn Sonnemans, Vice Minister of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality to Tanzania to strengthen the relationship.
- ♦ Signing of the MoU on the development of aquaculture and poultry sector.
- ♦ Successful trials of 6 Dutch seed potato varieties
- ♦ 30 inspectors of Plant Health Service & Tropical Pesticides Research Institutes trained.
- ♦ Start of the Impact Cluster Poultry.
- ♦ Launch of the institutional capacity building project in horticulture (OKP).
- ♦ Networking events with Dutch agricultural companies in Moshi and Arusha.
- ♦ 207 Trade requests of companies answered, we visited 16 companies in Tanzania and received 69 incoming visits.
- ♦ Inception study aquaculture sector.
- ♦ Aquaculture Working Group Tanzania and NL.
- ♦ Construction of Hanse Potato Storage at Centre for Development of the Potato Industry in Mbeya.

We look forward to assisting your business as well in 2020. To enable us to do this we will send you an email with a request to update your most current contact details in the near future.



Update on the Centre for Development of the Potato Industry in Mbeya

To strengthen the production of potatoes in Tanzania, the Center for Development of the Potato Industry Tanzania (CD-PIT) started in 2017. CD-PIT is a public, private partnership between Tanzania and the Netherlands. In line with the potato MoU and activities committed on sector development, project partners teamed up in Mbeya to evaluate the progress made and what should be the focus of 2020. In the first half of 2020 its expected that the construction of the Field Visit Centre will be completed.

Are you interested in reading more about CD-PIT? Click [here](#).

Financial Support

- **DHI** - You can apply for the subsidy scheme for demonstration projects, feasibility studies and investment preparation projects (DHI). *More info can be found by clicking [here](#).*
- **DGGF** - The Dutch Good Growth Fund (DGGF) offers loans, guarantees and export financing. The fund can help you take the first step towards trading and investing in developing countries and emerging markets abroad. *For more info visit [this page](#).*
- **SDGP** - SDG Partnership Facility Grant Programme (SDGP) applications are open from the 15th of Nov till the 16th of Dec 2019. You can find more information about the application process [here](#).

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

Upcoming Events and Info 2019-2020 Tanzania

5 - 7 Dec - Africa Agri Business Show (AABS)

AABS is an exhibition focusing on agribusiness at the Saba Saba International Trade Fair in Dar es Salaam. *More info [here](#).*

23 Dec - 1 Jan - Embassy Closed

Due to holidays, the Embassy will be closed from the 23rd of December 2019 till the 1st of January 2020.

20 - 22 Oct - Poultry Africa 2020, KICC, Nairobi

The third sub-Saharan Poultry Africa Expo organized by ViV will take place in Nairobi. For an impression of the fair last year [see: link](#)



New Intern and Agriculture Officer

Our team in Tanzania is strengthened with the arrival of Sandu Teodor (left), a Bachelor student International Business & Management in Leeuwarden. The team is also being strengthened by Robin Bongers (right) from December. She will be taking over from Manou Aelmans who is going on maternity leave (Dec - Apr). Robin has an extensive agriculture background and used to be an intern at the Embassy in Kenya.

Orange Knowledge Program 2020

Study an Agriculture course in the Netherlands

The Orange Knowledge Programme (OKP) aims to contribute to a society's sustainable and inclusive development. In Kenya, the OKP focusses amongst others on food & nutrition security.

Call for proposals for Tailor-Made-Trainings

The Orange Knowledge Programme-Tailor-Made Training promotes capacity building by providing grants for customised group trainings. This means you can also apply as a business or institution. To apply for this grant check the call for proposals clicking [here](#)

Individual scholarships for mid-career

professionals - There are three application rounds for individual scholarships every year. These rounds open in February (deadline 2 April), June and September. The application round in September is only for short courses. The other rounds are also for Master courses. How can you apply?

You can find a list of universities and courses that are offering OKP scholarships in [Studyfinder](#), using the filter 'OKP qualified - Yes'. The exact application deadline for each course is different for each university.

NOTE: It is only when you are accepted by the university that you can apply for the OKP scholarships. You need to contact the selected university of your course and ask how to apply for the OKP scholarship.



The Team

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