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## EU HIGH REPRESENTATIVE, CATHERINE ASHTON VISITS TANZANIA

The EU's High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Catherine Ashton came to Tanzania in May as part of her visit to Africa that focused on countries in the region affected by piracy.

The main objective of her visit was to explore with these African countries options for an effective and sustainable solution to piracy off the coast of East Africa. This was clear in a statement issued ahead of her visit:

"Piracy is one of the big challenges of our times, both for the region and for the international community. It undermines maritime security in the Indian Ocean and stability and development in the region. We need to tackle both the root-causes and the symptoms of the problem in a comprehensive manner. We want to build a partnership with the countries in the region towards sustainable solutions based on local ownership with international support".  
Baroness Ashton came to Tanzania for a two-day visit in May en route to Seychelles to attend a regional summit on piracy. Before Tanzania she visited Kenya for a similar purpose.

While in Tanzania, Baroness Ashton met President Jakaya Kikwete and Foreign Minister Bernard Membe. She later held a meeting with the press at which she said the EU recognised that piracy was a symptom of instability in Somalia and



The EU's High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Catherine Ashton (2<sup>nd</sup> left, front row) in a group photo with EU Delegation staff.

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# EDITOR'S CORNER



Ambassador Tim Clarke

First of all, I salute all Tanzanians for holding a calm, peaceful and generally successful 2010 General Election on October 31. Save for a few shortcomings, the election was largely satisfactory.

I wish to congratulate His Excellency Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete on his re-election as the President of United Republic of Tanzania and His Excellency Dr Ali Mohamed Shein for being elected as the President of Zanzibar.

The year 2010 was named the European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion – a time to think about those who live on the margins of society and are too often left out or forgotten. For the EU Delegation in Tanzania "Living on the Margins" was our slogan for the year. It was the focus for a series of activities during Europe Week in May.

We share with you various events of Europe Week - a week of excitement, fun, dialogue and a learning experience for all of us. We asked for football match with albinos in Dar es Salaam. They agreed and

gave us football lesson! However, despite the humiliation on the pitch, the match was a testimony that albinos have skills and talents which can be put in good use. Former street children expressed their feelings about 'Living on the Margins' by creating a beautiful mural which was unveiled at the IPS building.

We report also on the visit of the EU High Representative on Foreign Policy, Catherine Ashton to Tanzania as part of her mission to African countries bearing the brunt of piracy. The main focus of her visit was to engage these countries to develop a national and regional approach to dealing with the scourge.

With this edition, we close the chapter of printed newsletters. Some of you may miss the smell of freshly printed paper and the tactile experience of reading this publication, but any future edition of the newsletter will only appear on the Delegation's website.

I wish you a happy reading.

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was committed to bringing together the various tools of EU external action service to support regional efforts to find solutions to the problem. She said the European Union was committed to a regional approach that was based on regional ownership and EU support for the countries in the region in their efforts to ensure the prosecution and detention of suspected pirates.

Baroness Ashton commended Tanzania for passing anti-piracy legislation which criminalises piracy in the country and allows prosecution of pirates caught in Tanzania's waters.

She said that the decision to change the law reaffirmed Tanzanian's commitment to the regional efforts to fight piracy and was a significant step forward in strengthening regional capacity to combat the scourge.

The European Union leader also visited a Comprehensive Community Based Rehabilitation in Tanzania (CCBRT) Disability Hospital which is supported by the European Union. She was informed about plans to build a new maternity hospital through a public-private partnership with the Government of Tanzania.

# PHOTO NEWS



The Head of the EU Delegation in Tanzania, Ambassador Tim Clarke and German Ambassador Guido Herz exchange documents after signing of a Memorandum of Understanding in Dar es Salaam this year to authorise Germany Embassy engage strategically on health policy related matters on behalf of the European Commission. The MoU is in line with the EU Code of Conduct on Complementarities and Division of Labour in Development Policy and the subsequent Division of Labour agreements in Tanzania, where Germany, an active partner in the health sector will represent the European Commission which is no longer active in the sector.



The EU Commissioner for Trade, Karel De Gucht makes a point at an EC – EAC ministerial meeting on Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs) in Dar es Salaam last June. Looking on is the former Tanzania's Minister for Industries, Trade and Marketing, Mary Nagu. The EAC and the EC have agreed to accelerate the negotiations for a Comprehensive EPA.

# NEW WATER, NEW LIFE FOR MUUNGANO VILLAGE!



The village of Muungano is located in the eastern Chamwino District of Dodoma Region, where the semi-arid climate conditions are particularly hard. Rainfall is very scarce and irregular (400-600 mm per year) so traditional water-harvesting methods cannot supply sufficient water to the population. As a result, people are very vulnerable to unpredictable seasonal fluctuations in rainfall.

As a consequence, the spread of water borne and related diseases, such as diarrhoea, typhoid fever, schistosomiasis, trachoma, dysentery and skin diseases like scabies, were very common. Women and children, as well as being the main victims of disease, had to walk long distances to fetch water losing time that could have been used more productively on education or income-generating activities.

A new and better life has finally arrived for more than 4,500 villagers of Muungano in Dodoma Region who now have access to safe fresh water!

Thanks to the Project entitled "Joining efforts in increasing access to safe, affordable and sustainable water and sanitation services in Kongwa and Chamwino Districts in Dodoma Region, Tanzania", funded by the European Union and



At last water is flowing! Residents of Chinangali B Village drawing water from a water facility project in their village that is supported by the European Commission.

implemented by LVIA, together with Mamado and Ufundiko Tanzanian NGOs and the Centre for Geo-Technologies of the University of Siena, Italy, people from Muungano village can finally expect a better access to safe running water

The purpose of this 3-year project (1) is to improve the access to safe and affordable drinking water and sanitation facilities in 7 villages of the Chamwino and Kongwa Districts (for a total number of 27,793 beneficiaries) and 2) to strengthen the capacities of two District Water Departments and the local communities to plan, develop and manage water supply and sanitation facilities and services, profitably interacting with both the public and private sectors.

The inauguration ceremony of the new water scheme of Muungano was held earlier this year with the

presence of Member of Parliament John Samuel Malacela, former Prime Minister, officials from EU and a crowd of happy Muungano villagers.

The Muungano water scheme was designed to provide 20 litres per person per day from a deep borehole of 121m to a distribution network of 7,818m serving ten community water points.

Besides the water component, the project also established 30 VIP sanitation facilities at household level and 1 for the local primary school.

The project also involved an intensive sensitization and mobilization campaign in schools, dispensaries and 10 sub-villages. The campaign addressed principles and best practices in basic hygiene, sanitation and HIV prevention.

# DAR CYCLE CARAVAN 2010



What a joy in riding a bicycle around Dar es Salaam! Ambassador Clarke waves to a crowd of onlookers as he pedals his bike during the event.



Not to be outdone, he made it to the final point

UWABA Cycling Community organised the 2010 Dar es Salaam Cycle Caravan as part of Europe Week which took place on 9th May 2010 starting from Mnazi Mmoja.

The 2010 Caravan is described the best ever with more than 400 cyclists, including 100 disabled cyclists taking part in a wonderful celebration of cycling.

It started at Mnazi Mmoja, went along Bibi Titi Mohammed Road, Kawawa Road, Kariakoo and back to Mnazi Mmoja.

The guests of honour were Hon. Margeret Sitta Minister of Community Development, Gender and Children together with Ambassador Tim Clarke the EU ambassador to Tanzania.

Special guests included Member of Parliament Hon Margreth Mkanga; the Director of Policy and Planning at TANROADS, Jason Rwiza, Councillor Leonard Lupilya from Ilala Municipality, Inspector Swai of

the Traffic Police and representatives of the police and the Mayor of Dar es Salaam.

The guests of honour and special guests took part by cycling in the caravan with the other cyclists. The theme was "Mobility for All" linked to the 2010 European Year for Combatting Poverty and Social Exclusion.

Five bicycles and 3 cycles for disabled were raffled and presented to participants. The event was covered on news bulletins of two national stations.



A cycle caravan is an event whereby large numbers of cyclists gather together to cycle around prominent areas of the city together. It is not race or sport and speed is not encouraged. For the 2010 caravan, all cyclists in Dar es Salaam were invited – young and old, men and women, able-bodied and disabled people and all types of cycles could take part including ordinary bicycles, three wheeled cycles (guta) and hand-cycles for people with disabilities.

# CELEBRATING EU WEEK WITH TANZANIANS WHO "LIVE ON THE MARGIN"

In Tanzania it has become a tradition to celebrate Europe Day every year with a week of activities, centred on the European theme of the year. Last year we celebrated Innovation and Creativity, this year our activities focused on the theme "Living on the Margins", in line with the 2010 European year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion.



British High Commissioner to Tanzania, Diane Corner greets Fatuma binti Baraka (aka Bi.Kidude), the queen diva of taarab from Zanzibar

It was a week of excitement, fun, dialogue and learning. We took to the streets of Dar es Salaam during a bicycle and tricycle tour for over 400 able bodied and disabled people, claiming "Mobility for all – Usafiri kwa Wote". We had a football match at the Uhuru Stadium that brought together the Albino United team and "the Euros". Former street children from the Dogodogo Centre and the Kurasini Orphanage made a 30-meter mural painting that was displayed in the city centre, discussions were held on the theme in both Dar es Salaam and in Zanzibar and we enjoyed a memorable performance by the 'Baba Watoto' theatre group. The week kicked off with a football match between "the Euros" (EU Delegation and Member States' staff) and the well-organized and talented Albino United team. It was a match to show solidarity and support. The match took place at the

Uhuru Stadium and was integrated into a mega event marking the visit of 'The Ball' to Dar es Salaam. 'The Ball' was the actual ball used to kick off the World Cup Championship in Johannesburg. In the run-up to the World Cup it travelled to 17 countries and after the Europe Week match each team member had the opportunity to sign this special Ball. It was indeed memorable and a moment of pride and joy for the Albino United players. For the past year 62 people with albinism have been maimed or killed in Tanzania for witchcraft beliefs. The aim of the Europe Week event was to raise awareness among the general public that albinism is not a curse and it became clear that albinism certainly does not prevent people from being excellent football players - the Euro's lost 1 - 4! Another exciting event was a 24 km bicycle and tricycle tour around the streets of Dar es Salaam. Almost 400



Ambassador Tim Clarke introduce his wife Anna to the Zanzibar's Chief Minister, Shamsi Vuai Nahodha

bikers stopped traffic in the usually congested city streets! Dar es Salaamites have never seen so many bikers on the road before - able bodied, disabled, adults and children. The atmosphere was one of solidarity, as the bikers chanted 'sisi ni nani.. wapanda baiskeli.. tunataka nini.. usalama barabarani...' (Who are we..... we are bikers .... we want mobility for all ..... we want road safety). It was indeed a joyful moment for bikers, particularly for the disabled people and especially when able-bodied bikers offered a hand to help them up the hills.

Finally the week was wrapped up with the unveiling of a stunning mural painting by 20 former street children. The young and ambitious artists worked together for a week under a renowned art teacher, Ernest Mtaya. The result was a marvellous 30 metre long mural with paintings by each child on the theme of this year.



A taarab songbird in action



# UGANO COFFEE RESEARCH SUBSTATION INAUGURATED



Mama Chacha, who is a model coffee farmer at Ugano Village shows invited guests well grown coffee plants on her farm. Mama Chacha is a beneficiary of training by Ugano substation of appropriate technologies to improve coffee productivity and quality.

Ugano Village in Mbinga District in the southern region of Ruvuma was a beehive of activity on the 26th of July this year as new facilities of a coffee research substation in their village were inaugurated.



The villagers, coffee farmers, all and sundry in the village, joined their district and regional leaders at the inauguration ceremony of the facilities that were rehabilitated under financial support of European Union of about Tshs 709 million (or about ff 366,545).



Ambassador Tim Clarke and the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security and Cooperatives, Mohamed Muya open a plaque to inaugurate renovated facilities of the Ugano coffee research sub-station in Mbinga District, Ruvuma Region

The rehabilitated facilities include buildings, roads, and a drainage system within the station, as well as water supply system are among rehabilitated facilities. Others include new sprinkler irrigation facilities in coffee nurseries and farm plots.

The Ugano coffee research sub-station is under the Tanzania Coffee Research Institute (TaCRI) which is a beneficiary of European Union financial support of ff14 million from Stabex programme since 2002.

The Head of Delegation of European Union in Tanzania, Ambassador Tim Clarke and the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security and Cooperatives, Mohamed Muya officiated at the inauguration ceremony.

"This marks another key milestone in our development cooperation with Tanzania in the agriculture sector in which EU has been a major partner for many years and will continue to be in the future." said Ambassador Clarke.

"We hope that this sub-station will provide coffee farmers with relevant and practical technological innovations and advice to boost productivity and improve quality in order to increase competitiveness of Tanzanian coffee on the world market," he said.

Financing of rehabilitation of facilities at Ugano sub-station is an expression of the European Union intent to support the efforts of the Tanzania's government to develop its agricultural sector as the main drive of growth and poverty alleviation.



# LAUNCHING OF A TREE PLANTING PROGRAMME AT IGODA



Breaking new ground: a first for Tanzania and the European Commission; The Delegation of the European Union launched a tree planting programme in south western region of Iringa last July to offset the carbon emissions of its office in Dar es Salaam.



The former Deputy National Authorizing Officer of the European Development Fund (EDF) in the Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs, Eliud Nyuhenga, plant a tree at the launch of the tree planting programme at Igoda.

Ambassador Tim Clarke launched the tea planting programme at Igoda demonstration farm of the Tea Research Institute of Tanzania (TRIT) in Mufindi District in July 2010.

An energy audit of Umoja House in Dar es Salaam, showed that about 1,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions were being created every year by its occupants for air conditioning, incinerating waste etc. It will take the equivalent of 5,145 trees every year to offset these emissions.

The building, located at Garden Avenue and Shaban Robert Street, accommodates over 300 employees of the United Kingdom, Dutch and German diplomatic missions, as well as the European Union and the UK Government's Department for International Development (DfID).

Along with a series of other measures to cut down on unnecessary carbon emissions, the EU Delegation has agreed a programme with TRIT that will lead to over 5,000 trees being planted every year to offset this consumption.

"It's a win-win for all parties," said Ambassador Clarke. "We will be making a significant contribution towards running a carbon neutral EU office; TRIT will be able to use the trees to finance its own research running costs; the Tanzanian authorities will be able to demonstrate leadership in addressing climate change issues; and a small contribution will have been made to reducing our negative impact on the planet," he said.

The Delegation plans another tree planting event, this time at Umoja

House in the presence of European Union Ambassadors to Tanzania. The tree planting programme at Igoda came against the backdrop of increasing recognition by world leaders of climate change as one of the greatest challenges to civilization in the 21st century.

There is a consensus emerging among the scientific community that rising atmospheric concentrations of greenhouse gases, particularly carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), threatens to have severe impacts on food production, natural ecosystems and human health over the next 100 years.

TRIT has been a beneficiary of EU financial support of ff 3 million since 2001 to support institutional set up, development of tea small holder farmers through training and development of tea nursery schemes.

The institute will receive another ff 2 million over a period of three years from 2010 to continue supporting its activities.

# PICTURE GALLERY



A computer class of the centre for Agriculture and Livestock Development at Mahinya Msindo Village in Namtumbo District, Ruvuma Region. The centre is under a Sustainable Agriculture Against Food Insecurity (SAAFI) project run by an Italian NGO, CEFA under the financial support of the European Union



A Cycle Caravan in one of the Dar streets. UWABA Cycling Community organised the 2010 Dar es Salaam Cycle Caravan as part of Europe Week which took place in May.



Mrisho Mpoto, poet, actor, director and a story-teller recites one of his poem during the unveiling of a stunning mural painting by former street children.



Albino United and the Euros players after a football match to mark the beginning of EU week at Uhuru stadium with the financial support of the European Commission.



Potato farmers at a demonstration plot of improved Irish (round) potatoes at Bomalang'ombe Village in Kilolo district, Iringa Region. Demonstration plots for the new variety of Irish potatoes are under Sustainable Agriculture Against Food Insecurity (SAAFI) project which is financed by European Commission and implemented by CEFA.

Improved variety of Irish potatoes at a demonstration plot at Bomalang'ombe Village in Kilolo district, Iringa Region. This new variety has been introduced in Kilolo District by an Italian NGO, CEFA which is implementing a Sustainable Agriculture Against Food Insecurity (SAAFI) project financed by the European Union.



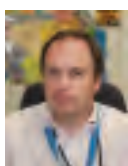
Former Minister for Finance and the first Governor of the Bank of Tanzania, Edwin Mtei admires ripe coffee beans at a demonstration farm at Ugano Village, in Mbinga District, Songea Region. This was during the inauguration day of facilities of Ugano coffee research substation in July.



Workers at Kilocho Seminary Tea Farm in Njombe District, Iringa Region demonstrate the use of labour-saving hand held motorised tea harvester during a visit of EU Head of Delegation, Ambassador Timothy Clarke to the project. The Tea project has benefited from EU support through the smallholder nurseries component coordinated by the Tea Research Institute of Tanzania (TRIT)."

# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE DELEGATION

## WELCOME



### Tom Vens

Tom is the new Head of the Political, Press and Information Section. He joined us from Brussels where for two years he worked as international relations officer for the countries of the Horn of Africa. Tom Vens did three earlier postings in Africa, the last one in Uganda. "Coming to Tanzania feels like coming home. With the elections around the corner I arrived at an exciting time. The EU is already a strong brand in Tanzania and I am eager to contribute further to the good relations between the EU and Tanzania."



### Udo Gebel

Udo Gebel is the new Head of Administration. He comes from Kenya where he assumed the same function since 2006. "I'm sure my

family and I will enjoy the four coming years in Tanzania. I am already enjoying the work with my colleagues in my section as well as with all Delegation staff."

### Diego Sanchez

Diego Sanchez has joined the EU Delegation in Tanzania as the Regional Security Officer. Prior to that, he was the Regional Security Officer for the Horn of Africa at the EU Delegation in Ethiopia.

"I'm pleased to live in Tanzania and I'm sure I will enjoy here as much as I did in Ethiopia. Outside of my duties, I like helping local projects especially ones which focus on education, sanitation and people living on the margins. I'm also a member of Rotary International," he says.

### Buberwa Kemibaro



Buberwa Kemibaro joined the Infrastructure Section in June this year. Prior to joining the Delegation, he worked in the construction industry as a project manager. This young and ambitious engineer also left his mark at Knight Frank Tanzania, where he worked as property manager and at Beakim Consultants in Mombasa as a consulting engineer.

"I believe that working for the EU in the infrastructure section will provide me with interesting challenges and broaden my engineering skills. I am looking forward to working with my colleagues in the section as well as all staff in the Delegation."



### Antonio Velasco

Antonio has recently joined the Finance and Contracts Section at the Delegation. He arrives straight from the Delegation in Khartoum,

Sudan, where during a number of years he worked in the humanitarian and development fields. "I am pleased to be in Dar and a member of a very active and committed team. I have received a lot of support from colleagues and already feel at home" he said while adding "I look forward to contributing to the great efforts of the Commission and the European Union in this country".



### Peki Tunze

Peki is another new face in the team. She joined the Delegation last July. "It is my pleasure to join the EU Delegation. I am eager to learn and so that I fit in the team properly." It is another journey in my career which I hope will be both exciting and rewarding."



### Esnert Lusekelo

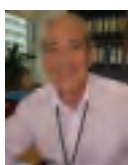
Esnert joined the Delegation this November. "I am meeting different people in a new another working environment. I am looking forward for exciting time. I believe I will learn a lot and will certainly enjoy my time here."

## GOOD-BYE



### Rene van Nes

Rene left the Delegation this summer. He worked for three years in the Economic section and was the Head of Political, Press and Information section for about one year until the end of his tour of duty in Tanzania. Rene will take up an assignment in Brussels as Desk Officer for Zimbabwe. "I enjoyed my four years in Tanzania, I thank all my colleagues in the Delegation and outside for their support."



### Felix Barahona

It is usually sad to say good bye, says Felix Barahona. This time, it is even sadder for me because I like it here. I do believe that things have gotten better and better during the past few years. My Finance and Contract Section and the Delegation in general, are better places than they were four years ago when I

arrived. In this farewell, I would like to thank my family, my colleagues, my friends and my hierarchy for their support and trust in me over the years. Felix is going back to Headquarters and will be assigned in the Finance and Contracts unit.



### Carl Ringberg

After four years in Tanzania as the Head of Administration, Carl Ringberg has left for Brussels he will be sorely missed!



### Sawiche Wamunza

Sawiche Wamunza left the Delegation in June after working for two years as Press and Information Officer. She was also the Staff Representative and a Leader of the HIV and AIDS Taskforce in the workplace. "I am glad I had the opportunity to work with the EU. I have learnt a lot and enjoyed every minute here, even in the most challenging times." Sawiche will be taking up a new assignment with UNFPA as Communications Analyst.