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Let's welcome Croatia aboard!

On July 1, we hosted a special reception in Dar es Salaam to mark the accession of Croatia to the European Union. Croatia has become the 28th European country to join the world's most ambitious regional integration model and we're delighted to welcome the country into this unique economic and political partnership between European countries.

Croatia's accession is a result of ten years of rigorous negotiations and it brings with it benefits to the country's people and for the rest of Europe, even though it is a small country. The success of Croatia's accession is due to the hard work of the country's people and the Croatian authorities, to the consistent efforts of the EU, and to the valuable support of the rest of the EU Member States.

We look forward to Croatia's participation in the EU, and we expect it to also be a success story – to the benefit of the EU, of Croatia itself, and of the Western Balkans region. Work in the region is not finished, but Croatia's example shows that the EU's doors remain open for countries committed to the EU agenda. Croatia's accession on the 1st of July demonstrates that EU membership remains an attractive and valuable prospect.

Ambassador Filiberto Ceriani Sebregondi

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EU in Tanzania celebrates Croatia's accession



COVER PHOTO: The EU Heads of Mission holding the Croatian national flag at the function to celebrate the country's accession to the European Union effective from July 1, 2013. From the right are Ambassadors Sinikka Antila (Finland), Filiberto C. Sebregondi (Head of EU Delegation in Tanzania and EAC), Koenraad Adam (Belgium), Lennarth Hjelmaker (Sweden), Marcel Escure (France) and Alexander Sarac (a Croatian businessman in Tanzania). TOP: Ambassador Filiberto C. Sebregondi, together with Alexander Sarac joyously holding Croatia's national flag during the reception. BOTTOM: Ambassador Sebregondi speaking at the occasion.

ON Monday July 1 the Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Tanzania and the East African Community, Ambassador Filiberto Ceriani Sebregondi, hosted an event in Dar es Salaam to mark the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

The function was attended by members of the Croatian community in Dar es Salaam, EU Heads of Mission in Tanzania, senior officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation together with members of staff of the EU Delegation to Tanzania.



BACKGROUND

CROATIA applied for membership in 2003 and the European Commission's Opinion was made in 2004 before it was granted candidate status in 2004. Accession negotiations started in 2005 and concluded in 2011.

The Treaty on European Union states that any European country may apply to join the EU if it respects the Union's democratic values and is committed to promoting them. More specific criteria are known as the Copenhagen Criteria.

They state that a country may only join the EU if:

- Politically – it has stable institutions guaranteeing democracy, the rule of law and human rights;

Croatia's accession marks another milestone in the construction of a united Europe

- Economically – it has a functioning market economy and is able to cope with competitive pressure and market forces within the EU;

- Legally – it accepts established EU law and practice, particularly the major goals of political, economic and monetary union.

The accession process has a number of stages, all of which must be approved by all existing EU member states for a country to be accepted as a member. A country is first granted the prospect of membership. It then becomes an official candidate for membership, before finally moving on to official membership negotiations. When negotiations and accompanying reforms have been completed, the country may join the EU.



EU condemns killing of Tanzanian peacekeepers in Darfur



Ms. Ashton

THE spokesperson of Catherine Ashton, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice President of the Commission has condemned the killing of 7 Tanzanian soldiers on Saturday July 13 in Darfur Sudan. In her statement that was made available to the media on Monday July 15, the EU High Representative extended her deepest sympathies to the families of the victims, to the Government of Tanzania and to all UNAMID personnel and called on the Government of Sudan to take rapid action to hold the perpetrators accountable and bring them to justice. Ms Ashton said in the statement that she is deeply concerned about the deteriorating security situation in Darfur. "This latest attack on UNAMID, the third in three weeks, underlines the need to revitalise efforts to achieve a comprehensive and inclusive peace in Darfur and across Sudan," she said adding: "...the EU fully supports the continuing efforts of Joint AU-UN Special Representative for Darfur/Head of UNAMID Chamas to achieve this."

Read the statement in full at;

http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_Data/docs/pressdata/EN/foraff/138073.pdf



UNAMID troops paying respect to their fallen colleagues in Darfur . Photo: UN

EU team of experts on Nuclear Safety and Security visits Tanzania

ON 7th June, representatives of the European Union met with the Ministry of Energy and Minerals to debrief on the results of a fact finding mission to Tanzania from the European Commission. This mission, dealing with cooperation in nuclear safety, security and safeguards of uranium-mining, was initiated after the visit of Minister Muhongo to the European Union in Brussels from 12-13 April 2013. The mission was composed of experts from the Directorate General for Development and Cooperation and the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission responsible for the Instrument for Nuclear Safety Cooperation.

The EU mission highlighted that the licensing process for uranium mining should be made according to the international standards published by the International Atomic Energy Agency. This will be key to guarantee the safe uranium mining operation. The licensing process relies on the role of the Regulatory Authorities that shall guarantee an independent review of the safety and security provisions linked to each step of the process, from exploration to remediation, including the transport. The existing Tanzanian regulation copes with many aspects of international safety standards and it is felt that there is room for harmonization and clear definition of roles and responsibilities of each concerned organizations. The envisioned cooperation with the EU will target also the strengthening of the ownership of the uranium mining process by Tanzania both in the short term and in the medium term.

EU believes that transparency and communication are good practices in all phases of implementation

Key areas identified for further collaboration between EU and Tanzania could focus on need for supporting the additional permits for U-mining operations, capacity building, training and tutoring, transport and support to the regulatory authority. The EU intends to assist developing the existing capabilities such as available in TAEC (Tanzania Atomic Energy Commission), and to promote at the same time a regional dimension of the cooperation and the engagement with local universities.



EU Nuclear experts meeting with Prof. Muhongo at his office in Dar es Salaam.



Sweden pledges Tshs. 1.4 trillion (Euros 700 million) development aid to Tanzania

THE Swedish Government through its international development agency (SIDA) has pledged development assistance totaling Tshs. 1.4 trillion to Tanzania in the next seven years. The Swedish Ambassador to Tanzania, Lennarth Hjelmaker, said in Dar es Salaam that the new result strategy adopted by the Swedish Government governs the use of funds and activities for the given period of development cooperation between Tanzania and Sweden.

According to him, these activities are expected to lead to identified results in three areas; first more jobs and developed energy and agriculture markets, second improved education and entrepreneurship skills and third strengthened democratic accountability and transparency; and increased awareness of human rights.

Ambassador Hjelmaker discussed these areas when he presented a letter on the new strategy from the Swedish Minister for International Development Cooperation, Ms. Gunilla Carlsson, to President Jakaya Kikwete at the State House in Dar es Salaam recently. The new result strategy comprises a maximum of Euros 700 million for the seven year period.

"This means that Tanzania, in terms of aid volume, remains Sweden's primary partner in Africa," Ambassador Hjelmaker said adding that the result strategy follows a new modality for planning, implementation and follow up of Swedish development cooperation activities, with a focus on expected identified results in a limited number of specified areas.



President Kikwete welcoming Ambassador Hjelmaker at the State House in Dar es Salaam before presenting the letter. Photo: Courtesy of State House

EU Heads of Mission, Home Affairs Minister discuss security



Dr. Nchimbi speaking to the EU Heads of Mission during the meeting. Photo: Courtesy of Home Affairs Ministry

ON May 28 the European Union Heads of Mission met with the Minister of Home Affairs, Dr. Emmanuel Nchimbi, over the state of security in the country and safety of foreigners in Tanzania. The meeting was held at the Ministry's Headquarters in Dar es Salaam. The EU Heads of Mission were led by the Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Tanzania, Ambassador Filiberto Ceriani Sebregondi. Others in the delegation were the former Ambassador of the Netherlands, Dr. Ad Koekkoek, Ambassador of France, Marcel Escure, British High Commissioner, Dianna Melrose, Ambassador of Belgium, Koen Adam, Ambassador of Spain, Luis Cuesta and Mr. Nick Michaels from the Embassy of Ireland and Mr. Tom Vens of the Delegation of the European Union to Tanzania.

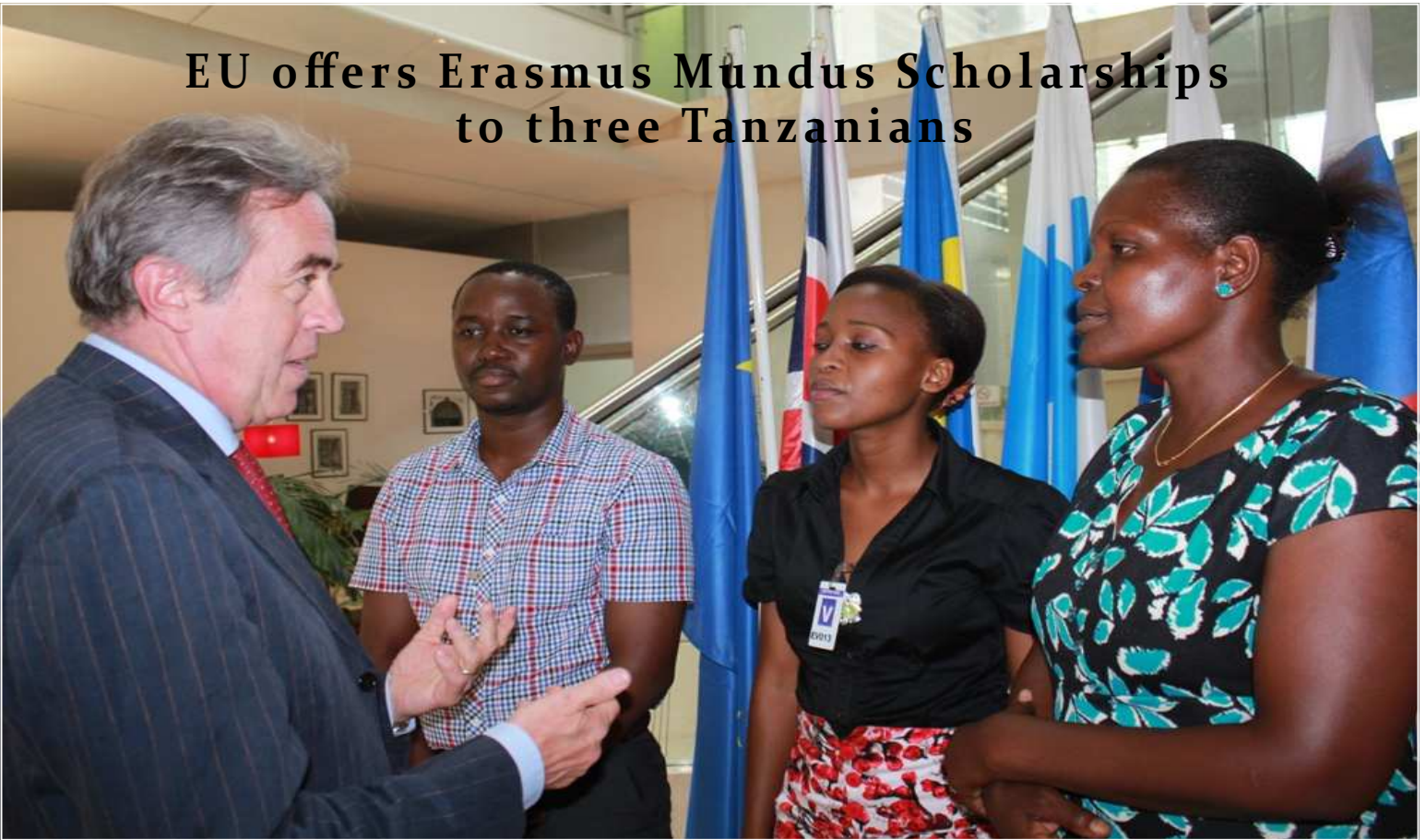
With the Minister were the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Mbarak Abdulwakil, Inspector General of Police, Said Mwema, Kinondoni Regional Police Commander, Charles Kenyela, Dar es Salaam Special Zone Police Commander, Suleiman Kova, among others.

The EU Heads of Mission discussed the overall security situation and the incidents which also targeted foreign nationals in the country. They called upon the government to ensure that Tanzania redresses the situation so as to retain its good reputation.

On his part, Dr. Nchimbi informed the EU envoys that the Government had put in place special strategies for addressing the situation and noted that these strategies were starting to bear fruits.



EU offers Erasmus Mundus Scholarships to three Tanzanians



The Head of the Delegation of the EU in Tanzania, Ambassador Filiberto C. Sebregondi, chatting with the Erasmus Mundus scholarships recipients when they paid a courtesy call to EU offices at Umoja House in Dar es Salaam. From right is Digna Thobias Nsanya, Everlyne Elitwaza Mbwambo and Amiri Sultani Mziray.

THE European Union has offered scholarships to three Tanzanians who applied to pursue their graduate (Masters) studies in Europe.

The three are Everlyne Elitwaza Mbwambo who is going to do an International Masters in Quaternary Prehistory at the University of Ferrara, Italy; Digna Thobias Nsanya who is going to pursue Masters in Social Welfare at the Lincoln University, UK; and Amiri Sultani Mziray who is going to study Photonic Networks Engineering (MAPNET) that will be jointly conducted at Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna-Tuscany in Pisa-Italy, Aston University – Birmingham-UK and Technische Universität Berlin – Berlin-Germany.

ERASMUS Mundus programme's objective is to promote European higher education, to help improve and enhance the career prospects of students. It also promotes intercultural understanding through cooperation with third countries, in accordance with EU external policy objectives in order to contribute to the sustainable development of third countries in the field of higher education. For more information visit the links below:

Erasmus Mundus website: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus_mundus/index_en.php

Erasmus Mundus joint programmes, partnerships and projects:


http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus_mundus/results_compendia/selected_projects_en.php

Erasmus Mundus Students and Alumni Association: <http://www.em-a.eu>

"Study in Europe" website: <http://ec.europa.eu/education/study-in-europe>



EU to support Tanzania in protecting its forests



THE Joint Research Centre of the European Union (Institute for the Environment and Sustainability) and the Tanzania Forest Services (TFS) Agency under the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism (MNRT) in March this year signed a collaboration agreement aimed to help curbing the alarming rate of deforestation in the country. The agreement is complementary to the on-going NAFORMA , the first ever national forest assessment in Tanzania, initiated in 2009 and currently in its final stages. Under the agreement, both sides have agreed to cooperate in mapping the land cover changes and forest degradation assessment in support of national readiness initiative for REDD+ (Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation).

The signing ceremony was held at the headquarters of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism in Dar es Saalam.

Through NAFORMA, which is jointly financed by the Government of Finland and Tanzania, with technical support by the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) and the EU, Tanzania is mapping the entire country to assess its forest resources including the size of the carbon stock stored within its forests. This information will feed into better policymaking to ensure Tanzania's most valuable forests are either conserved or utilized in a sustainable way. This would help mitigate climate change but would also help the country in other ways such as managing its water resources and sustaining biodiversity and rural livelihoods.

Under the agreement, European Union and the obtaining scientific data needed to produce potential future REDD+ mechanism. They also of co-operation efforts between TFS-MNRT and in the United Republic of Tanzania and in

The agreement gives the opportunity for both partners to benefit from each other's skills on an equal basis

Tanzanian Government agreed to collaborate in scientific information to meet data needs of agreed to improve co-ordination and effectiveness the EU in the field of monitoring forest resources African Countries in general.

Other areas of agreement are promotion of mutual interest and co-operation in understanding and resolving issues related to the feasibility of including forest degradation as a key activity of the REDD initiative, deepening of understanding of the scientific, economic and social issues relating to wood extraction as the main national source of energy. Specifically, it focuses on the estimation of fuel-wood supply forecasts and the prediction of fuel consumption under future energy scenarios in Tanzania. Besides, it also entails promotion of exchange of tools based on earth observation techniques, dedicated to deforestation monitoring and forest degradation detection and organization of capacity-building activities and scientific workshops in the domains of monitoring of forest resources.



Energy Minister holds key talks in Brussels



Commissioner Piebalgs welcoming Prof. Muhongo at the EU Headquarters in Brussels. Looking on is the EU Ambassador to Tanzania, Filiberto Ceriani Sebregondi.

BETWEEN April 10 and 12 this year the Minister of Energy and Minerals of the United Republic of Tanzania, Hon. Prof. Sospeter M. Muhongo held a three-day visit to the European Institutions in Brussels where he discussed key issues related to energy development as well as current and prospective cooperation in the energy sector with the European Union.

The Minister met with top-level EU officials, including the EU Commissioner for Development Mr Andris Piebalgs and senior management of the Directorate General for Development Cooperation (DEVCO) and the Directorate General for Energy of the European Commission. Professor Muhongo also had meetings with the European External Action Service (EEAS).

The visit followed a successful joint EU/UN High-Level Sustainable Energy for All missions in October 2012 and comes as Government of Tanzania is trying to address major constraints that are preventing the energy sector from unleashing its potential contribution in support of socio-economic development and poverty reduction.

The high level delegation from Tanzania, which also includes senior staff from TANESCO and the Tanzanian Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC), also visited various European private sector associations, including the Association of European gas producers and distributors, the Association of European electricity producers and distributors, the Association of European electricity systems operators, and the Council of European energy regulators.

EU, WHO, Tanzania agree to improve pharmaceutical systems, access to quality medicine

THE Government of Tanzania, World Health Organisation and the European Union on Friday March 22 signed a collaboration agreement to strengthen pharmaceutical systems and improve access to quality medicines in the country.

The signing ceremony was held in Dar es Salaam where the Government of Tanzania was represented by the Deputy Minister for Health and Social Welfare Dr. Seif Rashid, the World Health Organization represented by its Representative in Tanzania Dr. Rufaro Chatora and the European Union was represented by Mr. Eric Beaume, Head of Operations in the Delegation of the EU in Tanzania.

Under the agreement the parties will closely collaborate to support the implementation of the activities in Tanzania, as outlined in the "Renewed EU/ACP/WHO Partnership: strengthening pharmaceutical systems and improving access to quality medicines in countries in Africa".

The European Union will grant for this programme in Africa 9.8 millions Euros approximately 20.5 billions Tanzanian shillings

This Partnership is based on the Financing Agreement that has been signed by the European Commission and the Secretary General of the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Group of States and the subsequent Contribution

Agreement signed by the European Commission and the World Health Organization. The European Union will grant for this programme in Africa Euros 9.8 millions approximately Tshs. 20.5 billions.

The EU, WHO and Tanzania under the framework Partnership have agreed to work in a consultative and coordinated manner, during its implementation period (from October 1st 2012 to September 30th 2016), towards the shared goal of improving health outcomes, particularly among the most vulnerable, and the identified targets in all or part of the result areas relevant to the country context.



The Head of Cooperation of the EU Delegation, Eric Beaume exchanging agreement documents with the Ministry of Health Permanent Secretary, Ms. Regina Kikuli. Looking on is Deputy Minister, Dr. Seif Rashid(left) and WHO Representative Dr. Rufaro Chatora



Celebrating Europe Day and the EU Year of Citizens



BETWEEN May 6 and 12, 2013 the Delegation of the European Union to Tanzania prepared a series of activities in Dar es Salaam and Arusha to mark the European Year of Citizens 2013. Here is a snapshot of the activities.

Sunday May 5th: The Citizen newspaper published a one-page interview of the EU Ambassador, Filiberto Ceriani Sebregondi. The article covered a number of issues ranging from the EU-Tanzania cooperation, to the fight against corruption, and the rising of interreligious intolerance and violence in the country.



May 6 EU Heads of Mission Press conference for unveiling the 2013 Europe Week activities was a success: EU Member States' Ambassadors and the EU Naval Force (EUNAVFOR) Liaison Officer were at the event which was widely covered by media. The questions were mainly around EU-TZ cooperation, citizens' rights, freedom of circulation, press freedom and security in the sub region. The EU made statements on the previous day's bombing in Arusha which was widely reported by press, sending condolences to the affected families and calling for national dialogue on religious tensions. This too was widely covered by media. In the evening of the same day the EU Ambassador also gave a one-hour interview with Capital TV during its "Monday Agenda" programme.

May 7 The Legal and Human Rights Centre organized a training for 50 journalists and 20 editors on Human Rights and related reporting with financial support from the European Union. They were also trained in the role that the media has in promoting human rights.



May 7 Launch of the EU-Concern project on Women's Social and Economic Rights: a project to support economic, social and land rights of women small scale farmers in Tanzania. The event was attended by Hon. Umyy Ali Mwalimu, Deputy Minister for Community Development, Gender and Children, the EU Ambassador Filiberto Ceriani Sebregondi, and high-level representatives from Ministry of Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development, development partners and civil society organizations. The initiative will support land tenure and specifically women land rights in close collaboration with districts and village land councils.



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May 8 EU Ambassador to Tanzania Filiberto Ceriani Sebregondi and Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Information, Culture, Youth and Sports M. Seth Kahuhanda officially launched eleven EU funded projects covering the fields of music, arts & crafts, dance, film & documentary, theatre and visual arts. These will contribute to promoting and strengthening the capacity of the Tanzanian cultural sector. The projects seek to promote an enabling environment for creativity, cooperation and exchange. They will help artists, artisans and cultural technicians increase their artistic, management and marketing skills. The event was well covered by local media.

In the morning of 9th May there was an official consultation between Ambassador Sebregondi and the Minister for Finance and Economic Affairs William Mgimwa, and their respective teams. They took stock of EU cooperation developments, discussed the future of EU cooperation with Tanzania

They also signed two new European Development Fund programmes for a total of EUR 9.5 million in support of the Sugar Sector through the so-called *EU Accompanying Measures* and in support to Non State Actors (NSAs) in Zanzibar. Through this contribution the European Union will seek to support the development of an open society and the participation of the people in the development of Zanzibar.



In the evening of 9th May the EU Ambassador hosted the official Reception at his residence with the participation of about 500 guests. The Minister of Energy and Minerals Prof. Muhongo was the guest of honour.



The Minister for Finance and Economic Affairs, William Mgimwa, also attended the reception. Member states participated with food stands offering the culinary specialties of their country. TV media were present and provided coverage of the event with live interviews.



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May 10 For the first time EU Day celebrations were held also in Arusha, Headquarter of the East African Community. A public Round Table Discussion on *Citizen Freedoms* resulting from the EAC regional integration with reference to experience from EU was held in the morning. This proved to be a fruitful event, which brought together representative of the different EAC institutions, and the EU, for a public debate about the opportunities and challenges of East Africa integration. On the same day, a Financing Agreement for the Rwanda-Burundi Power Interconnection, worth EUR 16 million, was signed between the EU and the EAC. An official reception hosted in the EAC premises concluded the day.



May 11 There was a friendly football match at the Karume Stadium between the European Union and Tanzania, represented by the Ministry of Finance Team-Hazina FC, with the motto 'Scoring together for a true partnership between Tanzania and the EU'. The successful team was the European Union, scoring 5-2.



May 12 The EU in cooperation with the Dar es Salaam Cyclists Association - UWABA, invited the public to participate in a **cycling caravan** to raise awareness about road safety and the promotion of human and citizens' rights. The caravan rallied with hundreds of cyclists and joggers across the main axis of the city and concluded with an official function officiated by EU Ambassador Sebregondi and the Deputy Minister for Justice and Constitutionla Affairs A. Kairuki. New bicycles and wheel-chair tricycles for disabled people were distributed to several lucky winners.

Both the Football match and the Cycling Caravan were broadcast with interviews for the Tanzanian public on a popular programme in Swahili (the national language) on Channel 10 TV.



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The President of the European Council in Tanzania for a private visit



On 19th July, Herman Van Rompuy, the President of the European Council, and his spouse Geertrui Windels, arrived at Kilimanjaro International Airport for a private visit. They were received by the Arusha Regional Commissioner, Hon. Magesa Mulongo and Arumeru District Commissioner, Hon. Nyerembe Munasa, the Acting Head of EU Delegation to Tanzania, Tom Vens and EU Delegation Programme Officer, Alexa du Plessis.



STAFF CORNER

Welcome



Thanks to all my new colleagues who have given me such a warm welcome to the Delegation. I have thoroughly enjoyed my initial three months working with the Regional Cooperation and Infrastructure section team, as well as those throughout the delegation. I am excited to pursue greater East African Regional Cooperation, an area I believe the European Union can truly make a difference in.

Alexa Du Plessis-Programme Officer
Economic and Governance Section

I have recently joined the EU Delegation to Tanzania. My previous posting was in a mountainous and land-locked country, so my challenges ahead are not only on the professional side. I thank everybody for the help received in this first period and I hope to be helpful to all as well.

Michele Piras

Programme Officer

Finance and Contracts Section



For 5 years I worked as a journalist discovering and addressing challenges facing the citizens of East Africa. Today I am at the European Union proud to have the privilege to work directly in programmes and projects that are meant to change people's livelihoods from the grassroots. EU assists Tanzania in tackling extreme poverty and violation of human rights while promoting good governance.

This gives me the opportunity to be part of the solution!

Kulthum Maabad

Programme Officer-Aid Effectiveness and Visibility

Development Cooperation

I am glad to be part of the team in furthering European Union-Tanzania partnership through working with the EU Delegation in Tanzania.

I would like to see development cooperation continues to grow beyond this generation.

Immaculate M. Tibaikana

Executive Assistant

Administration Section

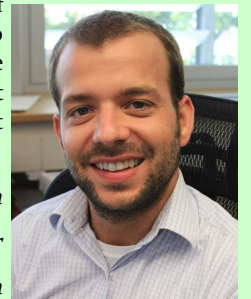


Since 15th of May I have become a new member of this EU Delegation to Tanzania. I am very pleased to join this great team and I am looking forward to the challenges ahead. I am sure we will have great moments together and if I can be of any help, do not hesitate to pass by my office and knock on the door!

Rodrigo Romero Van Cutsem

Programme Officer

Economic and Governance Section



Good-bye



There is no such a difficult moment in life than the time for saying good-bye. However, life has to move on. For over two and half years I have had a good time at the EU Delegation-learnt a lot of new things and also met and made great friends! Time comes when I have to say good-bye and as William Shakespeare puts it 'we meet to part and part to meet' meaning that the parting today is the beginning of another meeting elsewhere! Let's stay in touch.

Emmanuel Kihale

Outgoing Press and Information Officer

It is a great pleasure to be part of EU Delegation in Tanzania. I greatly appreciate your warm welcome and I count on constructive cooperation with the entire community for EU success.

Godfrey Mwinuka-Archivist

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