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Ambassador's Note



Dear colleagues,

Welcome to this edition of our electronic newsletter which covers events around our Delegation between July and July this year.

During this time a number of important developments have occurred including the taking over the chair of the General Budget Support (GBS) group by the EU.

We also had the honour of supporting a global sugar conference which was for the first time in history held in Tanzania.

During this time I visited the Kagera region at the Invitation of the Minister for Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development. I must say it was such an eye-opening trip as I managed to see so many projects supported by EU and other development partners.

Besides, we hosted three young European reporters who were the winners of the Young

Reporters Against Poverty competition that was jointly organised by the EU and the European Journalism centre. Please read on about the experiences that they got in their week-long stay in the country.

Celebrations to mark the European Year of Volunteering are still going on in different parts of the country. Jane Goodall/Roots&Shoots and the Global Network of Religious Council (GNRC) have just concluded their activities which were held in different regions across the country.

Again, it is only last week that I together with the Mayor of Dar es Salaam launched in Dar es Salaam a programme of volunteer activities by three European cultural institutions namely; Alliance Francaise, British Council and Goethe-Institut.

Let me take this opportunity to warmly thank all the colleagues who are leaving the Delegation after having worked with; Raimondo, Anne-Claire, Veronique, Dominique, Buberwa and Fernand: You will be missed. I wish you all the best in your new endeavours. Enjoy your reading.

Tim Clarke

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EU takes over GBS Chair

IN May 2011 the Delegation of the European Union to Tanzania has taken the role of the lead development partner in GBS dialogue with the Tanzania government.

Speaking during a TV programme ***This Week in Perspective*** that was aired by the Tanzania Broadcasting Corporation (TBCi) on June 16, the EU Ambassador to Tanzania, Tim Clarke described the new role as an exciting and challenging opportunity.

According to him, the aftermath of



Minister of Finance, Prof. Mustafa Nkulo (right) chatting with the EU Ambassador to Tanzania Tim Clarke (left) soon after reading the Budget Speech before the Parliament in Dodoma on June 8. Centre is Stefan Schleuning Head of the Economic, Governance and Regional Integration Section of the Delegation of the European Union to Tanzania

global economic crises is still heavily felt in the European economies whereby public sector financing in the EU, and other developed countries, is under even heavier scrutiny than before, and development co-operation is not saved from this scrutiny.

“Public opinion, and politicians alike, are demanding reporting on tangible results against the investments made through budget support and other aid instruments,” he said.

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EU new GBS Chair



Press and Information Officer of the Delegation of the EU to Tanzania, Emmanuel Kihale (left), handing over EU visibility materials and publications to Members of Parliament soon after Budget Session in Dodoma on June 8.

He noted that it is a joint responsibility of the government and the development partners to demonstrate that budget support - and implementation of government's policy agenda can deliver pro-poor growth and make a tangible contribution towards achievement of MDGs.

All GBS development partners share this key objective, he added.

Since Financial Year 2009/10 the following are GBS disbursements ;

2009/10:	USD 755 million/approx EUR 540 million
2010/11:	USD 534 million/approx EUR 380 million
2011/12:	USD 452 million/approx EUR 320 million

Tanzania Hosts Global Sugar Conference

FARMERS and agricultural experts from 20 nations gathered in Dar-es-Salaam late last month for an international conference which highlighted the opportunities and challenges for sugarcane and beet farming in Africa.

For the first time, Tanzania hosted a meeting of the World Association of Beet and Cane Growers, an international farming organisation, conference host Dr. George Mlingwa, said.

Dr. Mlingwa, who is also the Chair of the Tanzania Sugarcane Growers Association explained that during the historic gathering, Tanzanian experts and farmers contributed to presentations on developments in sugar production, policies, sustainability practices plus cane and tropical beet research.

"Technical visits were also be made to the Kilombero Sugar complex and outgrower farms and the Sugarcane Research Institute to showcase our achievements," he added.

The meeting, that was officially opened by Hon. Jumanne Maghembe, Minister for Agriculture, Food Security and Co-operatives, also highlighted the highly successful partnership between Tanzanian sugarcane farmers and the European Union.

The partnership includes vital support for road construction in sugarcane districts in Morogoro and Kagera regions, capacity building for grower associations, and block farming scheme assistance.

This crucial support, coupled with policy changes, is making Tanzania an increasingly attractive destination for sugar sector investment, Dr. Mlingwa noted.

On his part, the EU Ambassador to Tanzania, Tim Clarke, welcomed the conference as a good opportunity for Tanzania to showcase successes of its sugar industry.

"I have seen with my own eyes the amazing results that have been achieved by sugar producers in Tanzania," he disclosed.

He said that he was proud that the EU-supported programme in this sector has brought prosperity to many small-scale sugar producers and hope we can continue to expand our support in the future, bringing more and more farmers and their families out of poverty.



A cross section of some of the delegates who attended the sugar conference

KAGERA SUGAR LTD

A positive sign of Tanzania's agricultural prospects



Visiting Kagera Sugar Ltd. plantations



From left 1. At Maruku Agricultural Research Centre, 2. Handing over a certificate of registration to Ikuza Fishing Cooperative Society leader, Holding the mic is Prof. Tibaijuka. 3. Checking on coffee varieties at Bukop.

BETWEEN June 11 and 14 this year the Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Tanzania, Ambassador Tim Clarke visited Kagera region at the invitation of the Minister for Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development, Prof. Anna Tibaijuka.

During the trip, Ambassador Clarke together with Prof. Tibaijuka, who is a Member of Parliament for Muleba Constituency (Kagera region), visited Mishenyi, Bukoba and Muleba districts where they witnessed various development projects by the government and private sector including those supported by the EU.

Besides, they also visited ruins of the 1978 Tanzania-Uganda War (Idd Amin's War) and the Rubondo Island National Park enclosed by Lake Victoria. Ambassador Clarke was accompanied by his wife Anne and Press and Information Officer of the EU Delegation, Emmanuel Kihale. The Head of Infrastructure Section for the Delegation, Adam Grodzicki partly participated in the trip.

Speaking after the visit, Ambassador Clarke described the trip as amazing.

Rarely in my 30 plus years involved in development have I had the opportunity to see such a variety of projects and programmes with such intensity – rural and urban water supply, primary and secondary education, health, agriculture – sugar, bananas, organic coffee, on-farm research, seed production, fruit processing, fisheries, wildlife conservation, infrastructure, co-operative development, among others, he said.

“Despite the poverty, negative impact of climate change, and massive development challenges – one school we went to had 1 teacher for over 500 children!” he explained.

He went on to describe the visit in the following words: There were lots of positive signs of a real drive for local communities to mobilise themselves for development.

One huge project we saw – Kagera Sugar Development, involving the investment by private enterprise of over \$ 120 million (EU is supporting with construction of smallholder feeder roads), using cutting edge technologies - is a beacon of hope, a star, both for Tanzania and the region.



"Everyone had a bit of a shock in the morning of Day Two of our visit after seeing articles about our visit in three of Tanzania's national newspapers. When we went to Zanzibar people recognised us after the news of our visit was published and aired in the media," Katie



"It was an experience that we'll never forget," Chiara



"It was a wonderful experience for the young reporters," Cara



"Chatting with the African journalism students has been a great experience for sharing impressions, and I think we have seen something of us reflected on them," Alba

Young European Reporters Against Poverty Visit Tanzania



With young Tanzanian journalists at SJMC

THE Delegation of the European Union to Tanzania recently hosted three young reporters from Europe namely; Katie Davies (UK), Alba Malaga Homs (Spain) and Chiara Zappala (Italy).

The three reporters are the winners of the 2010 Young Reporters Against Poverty Competition that was organised by the European Commission in cooperation with the European Journalism Centre (EJC). They emerged victorious out of 180 submissions. During the trip, the young reporters were accompanied by Cara Smith, a project administrator from EJC.

The competition is an initiative by EU that targets journalism students in EU Member States with the purpose of raising their interest for development issues.

The three winners together with 30 other finalists attended and reported on the European Development Days (EDD) in Brussels between December 4 and 8, 2010 which were also attended by President Jakaya Kikwete of the United Republic of Tanzania.

During their visit in Tanzania, the reporters visited EU-supported projects and EU partner organisations in Dar es Salaam, Bagamoyo and Zanzibar. The visited organisations included Tanzania Media Women Association (TAMWA), Sense



Touring the Roman Catholic Church Museum in Bagamoyo



Visiting children with disabilities at Buguruni Primary School in Dar es Salaam



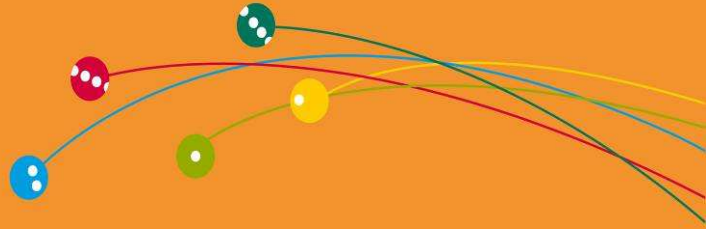
Posing for a picture with the Managing Director of ITV and Radio One under IPP Media, Joyce Mhavi (right)

International, Tanzania Traditional Energy Development and Environment Organisation (TATEDO), Radar Development, the European Committee for Training and Agriculture (CEFA), and Comprehensive Community Based, Rehabilitation in Tanzania (CCBRT). Besides, they also visited the National Authorising Office at the Ministry of Finance, IPP Media and the University of Dar es Salaam School of Journalism and Mass Communication SJMC).



Being briefed about a solar power equipment at TATEDO in Dar es Salaam

European Year of
Volunteering



Dar Mayor calls upon Tanzanians to carry on volunteer work

THE Mayor of Dar es Salaam, Dr. Didas Masaburi, has called upon Tanzanians to take on volunteer work as part of civic responsibilities.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam yesterday, Dr. Masaburi said that it was high time for people in the country to make volunteering as part of their lives. "Everyone needs help of some kind in his/her daily life. We should therefore be ready to support those in need by volunteering our time, skills and resources," he said.

Goethe-Institut, Eleonore Sylla, British Council, Sally Robinson together with the schools' communities and the general public took part at the launch.

Ambassador Clarke said that the celebrations were part of the volunteer activities that he launched in May this year to mark 2011 as the European Year of Volunteering.

He said that so far community activities, cycle caravan to educate the public on volunteering, road safety campaign, and environmental programmes



'Nobody can do everything, but everyone can do something'



'Kindness is the language that the deaf can hear and the blind can see'



Alliance Française
de Dar es Salaam

**Volunteer: Make a
Difference**



The Mayor of Dar es Salaam, Dr. Didas Masaburi (right) and the EU Ambassador to Tanzania, Tim Clarke (left) planting trees at Zanaki Secondary School in Dar es Salaam to signify the launch of volunteering activities.

The Mayor said this while presiding over an official launch of a series of volunteer activities by three European cultural institutions namely; **Alliance Française, British Council** and **Goethe-Institut** as part of celebrations to mark the European Year of Volunteering that started in May this year.

The celebrations, which will take place throughout July, have been prepared in collaboration with 12 secondary schools from Dar es Salaam and Coast regions and are being financially supported by the European Union.

The Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Tanzania, Ambassador Tim Clarke, together with Deputy Heads of Missions for Germany, Hans Koepel, UK, Susie Kitchens and French Embassy Cultural Attache, Charlotte Pinet attended the function which was held at Zanaki Secondary School in Dar es Salaam.

Others who attended included the Directors of Alliance Française in Tanzania, Didier Martin,

have been conducted in both Tanzania Mainland and Zanzibar by local and international organisations.

"We're happy to carry on these activities at a time in Tanzania's history when citizens are looking back at their achievements over the last fifty years... it's highly fitting and appropriate that we in the EU celebrate those who have done so much to help others," he said.

Speaking on behalf of the participating EU cultural institutions, Goethe-Institut Director, Eleonore Sylla, said that a number of activities were going to be carried out in Dar es Salaam and Coast regions.

These include formation of volunteer clubs in schools, provision of education on volunteering through showcasing the work of volunteers in the country, free education on road safety to school children, school debates and gap seminars, environmental cleanliness and tree planting, among others.

Jane Goodall, GNRC mobilize children, youth to take volunteer work countrywide

CHILDREN and youth in different parts of the country have conducted a number of volunteer activities as part of celebrations to mark the European Year of Volunteering. The activities, which were conducted in Dar es Salaam, Pemba, Kigoma, Moshi, Mbeya and Unguja between May and this month, were jointly organized by Jane Goodall/Roots&Shoots and the Global Network of Religious Councils (GNRC) with support from the European Union.

In Pemba school children, youth and members of the general public planted over 4000 tree seedlings along Kilima Punda area in Micheweni District as a way of mitigating soil erosion that was experienced in the area due to deforestation. The seedlings were provided by the Micheweni District Council.

As part of efforts to curb recurrent fires in Kitwe Reserved Forest in Kigoma on the shores of Lake Tanganyika, the second deepest fresh water lake in the world, school children, teachers and parents created fire-breaks in order to save the forest which is rich of Miombo trees, that are in the endangered species' list. The fire breaks came at a time when the dry season was about to start in Kigoma a time which is characterized by frequent bush fires.

In Mbeya apart from being equipped with education on environmental protection, school children and youth planted vertiver grass at Mwansekwa area on the slopes of Mbeya mountain ranges in order to address soil erosion in the area as suggested by the Mbeya City Council. The grass were planted in several lines as contours on an area of over 1000metres (1kilometre) that was very much affected by the erosion.

Unguja children, youth and members of the general public took on an environmental cleanliness campaign whereby by a



School children busy creating fire breaks within the Katwe Forest Reserve in Kigoma

number of streets namely; Amani, Mwana Kwerekwe, Saateni and Mwembeladu were chosen for the exercise. The streets were characterized by heaps of garbage all across and haphazard littering was a commonplace. The cleaning up campaign was followed by distribution of leaflets and provision of public education on responsibilities of everyone in making sure that the areas were clean.

In Moshi, members of the GNRC peace clubs and Jane Goodall/Roots&Shoots clubs spent a whole day at Njoro village by cleaning areas especially those around natural water sources and helping old people. The activities included picking up non-biodegradable trash, cutting bushy grass, fetching water for old people being kept at a care centre.

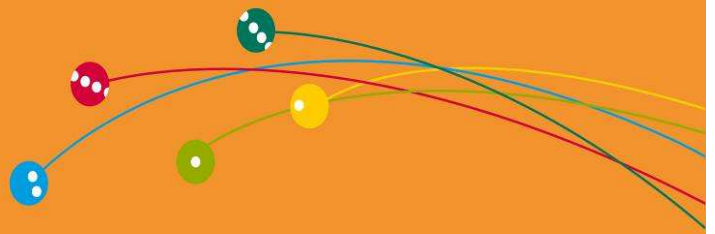
These activities were a continuation of celebrations to mark the European Year of Volunteering that were launched in May this Year. In May both GNRC and Jane Goodall/Roots and Shoots kick-started their activities in Dar es Salaam where they mobilised efforts to help a local school to mitigate floods on the school compound by erecting sand barriers.



An area affected by erosion at Mwansekwa area in Mbeya



School children and youth planting bamboo trees and vertiver grass to mitigate erosion in the area.



Volunteer: Make a Difference
Jitolee: Leta Mabadiliko

The EU encourages and supports volunteering and increases the visibility of voluntary activities through;

- Working towards an enabling environment for volunteering
- Empowering organisers of voluntary activities to improve the quality of voluntary activities and encourage networking
- Recognising voluntary activities to encourage appropriate incentives for individuals, companies and volunteer-development organisations
- Raising awareness of the value and importance of volunteering

Upcoming Events

- 1) Nomination of names for volunteer continues. For more information visit www.jitoleetanzania.com
- 2) Volunteer Activities organised by Alliance Francaise, British Council, Goethe Institute in collaboration with 12 Dar es Salaam Secondary School ongoing up to the end of this month.
- 4) Award Night for Tanzania Gives Back–November

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