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A newsletter of the Delegation of the European Union in Tanzania



Ambassador Filiberto Ceriani Sebgondi,
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Dear readers,

Here we go with another newsletter about EU activities in Tanzania. I hope you will enjoy reading and watching pictures about our engagement for human rights, press freedom, economic development, humanitarian assistance, culture and the likes. It provides a good account of the EU Delegation's work in the last few months, including its partnership with the United Nations and with the EU Member States' Embassies.

This last part of 2015 is a bit special: it's the time of drawing lessons from the Millennium Development Goals and to launch 17 new ambitious Sustainable Development Goals –actually for this reason the EU celebrated 2015 as the European Year of Development- ; it's the time to celebrate 40 years of cooperation and partnership between Tanzania and the European Union, and it is the time for – what most people in Tanzania and around are excited about: the fifth general and presidential elections of the United Republic of Tanzania.

After almost four years spent as EU Ambassador here, I feel like this is the culmination of the experiences I have accumulated in this country and the climax of the expectations of all Tanzanian people for their future. These elections are indeed very special for many reasons: it is the end of Pres. Kikwete's tenure, with Tanzania coming to the rendez-vous with its own constitutional two-mandates rule in a region where almost all countries seem willing to take another direction; it happens at the time when the country wishes to jump towards industrialization, to take forward the gas-boom and to abandon the league of the poorest countries, thus making the issues at the election's stake very crucial; it is also the time of convulsive intra-party transformations, which for the first time have made thinkable even a change of majority. Indeed, whatever will be the outcome of the elections, political Tanzania will be different: CCM if retained power it will not remain the same; UKAWA if it came to victory, will have to change from a protesting opposition to a responsible government; the Parliament will also be different and the easiest prediction is that it will be more contested and dynamic. All in all, the cards are there to make this election the best trampling to project Tanzanian democracy beyond its infancy. All countries around Tanzania look at it with some apprehension, but also with the wish to follow a shining example. Among the supporters, we the diplomats are in the first row. We want our host country to shine by the best standards of elections: competitive, passionate, transparent, credible, and most of all peaceful during and after E-Day. Even the post-election may become a model, with a renewed Parliament more vibrant than before.

As I bid farewell to this beautiful country and to its people, I will keep their wisdom and determination for a better future in my heart and I will join the large group of the Tanzanian Ambassadors abroad.

Asanteni sana and Kwaherini!

F.C. Sebgondi

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THEME ARTICLE - 'A World to Transform'



Picture caption: (L-R) High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the Commission Federica Mogherini, President of the European Council Donald Tusk, Secretary General of the United Nations Ban Ki-Moon, and First Vice President of the European Commission Frans Timmermans. (Photo courtesy of UN/Eskinder Debebe)

On 25th September, the United Nations adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the first ever global agreement setting a universal, comprehensive agenda for action on development. First Vice President of the European Commission Frans Timmermans, High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the Commission Federica Mogherini, and Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development Neven Mimica, joined more than 150 Heads of State and Government from all over the world, in the historic event.

The 2030 Agenda builds on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) adopted in 2000 and includes an ambitious set of 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and 169 associated targets, mobilising all countries and stakeholders towards their achievement and affecting domestic policies. It has built on an inclusive three-year process (previously known as “the post-2015 development agenda”) which was characterised by the unprecedented participation of civil society and other stakeholders.

The 2030 Agenda also includes the United Nations Addis Ababa Action Agenda adopted in July which sets out the different means necessary to its implementation, including domestic resources, private finance and Official Development Assistance (ODA).

The EU has been a leader in contributing to this process from the start: its proposals were presented in the publication “A Decent

Life for All”. The EU is now committed to take the Sustainable Development agenda forward, both inside the EU (through forthcoming initiatives like inter alia, the Circular Economy Strategy which is designed to address more sustainable patterns of production and consumption) and by supporting implementation efforts in other countries, in particular the ones most in need.

One major innovation in the 2030 Agenda is an acknowledgement that working towards sustainable development requires simultaneous progress on three fronts, with economic, social and environmental issues tackled together in an integrated manner. In the run up to COP21, the EU and its member States take a holistic

and inclusive approach in contributing to financing sustainable development. They also are at the forefront of international commitments to reduce green-house gases emission and promoting of green economy.

“The SDGs will shape our development policy, and infuse our policies abroad and at home. Ultimately, this is all about governance. About inclusiveness: societies will only accept transformation if people feel their voices have

been heard. And it's about breaking out of silos. Sustainable development is not just an economic or social challenge, or an environmental problem: it's all three – and our efforts on each need to reinforce rather than undermine one another.” ~ First Vice-President Frans Timmermans 'A World to Transform' Post-2015 Development Summit - The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development



EU ASSUMES BUDGET SUPPORT GROUP CHAIRMANSHIP



A group photo of the Budget Support Group officials together with government officials. First row (L-R): AfDB Resident Representative for Tanzania Ms Tonia Kandiero, EU Ambassador Filiberto Ceriani Sebregondi, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Finance Dr Servacius Likwelile and the Danish Ambassador Einar Hebogård

This year the European Union (EU) has taken over the chairmanship of the Development Partners (DPs) Budget Support Group from Finland. Every two years, a representative from the Development Partners Group (DPG) is selected to facilitate the engagement and dialogue between the Group and the Tanzanian government, in high-level forums.

"Budget support has contributed significantly to improved education, health and public financial standards in Tanzania"
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Development Cooperation follows three types of modalities; budget support, basket funding and specific project funding. Budget Support aims to contribute to Tanzania's economic growth and poverty reduction under the guidance of national policies and initiatives, such as the National Strategy for Growth and Reduction of Poverty (MKUKUTA II). This modality strengthens government's ownership of development cooperation; funds flow through national systems already in place, and help improve their capacity.

The EU takes up the role at a critical turn in the future of budget support in the country. In the 2014/2015 budget year, a total of 384 million USD were disbursed. Development partners delayed disbursement, following the so-called IPTL corruption case. To ensure the continuity of an effective aid modality such as budget support, a reform agenda has been launched prioritising enhanced equitable growth and poverty reduction, and transparent, accountable governance. Tanzania has been one of the largest recipients of Budget Support in the world, receiving more than EUR 4 billion during 2005/6 - 2011/12. Currently Budget Support in Tanzania is provided by twelve donors namely AfDB, Canada, Denmark, European Commission, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Japan, Norway, Sweden, UK/DFID and the World Bank.

SUPPORTING DEMOCRACY IN TANZANIA

The European Union and the United Republic of Tanzania share common core values of democracy and good governance. It is in these shared values that the EU supports Tanzania in improving the state of its democracy through various strengthening and reforming initiatives. These include the Democratic Empowerment Programme (DEP) and the Project in Support of a Peaceful and Inclusive Electoral Process in Zanzibar (PROPEL)

Together with other partners, the EU provides funding of EUR 4.5 million to the DEP, a three-year project implemented by UNDP in both Tanzania Mainland and Zanzibar. The project aims at strengthening the credibility and capacity of key institutions of democracy, including the National and Zanzibar Electoral Commissions (NEC and ZEC), to effectively implement their election and political functions.

In Zanzibar, in agreement with authorities including ZEC and a large array of stakeholders including religious leaders a specific initiative to strengthen local dialogue and mediation capacities at community, institutional, and political level was launched under the name PROPEL. The EUR 1 million funded project is being implemented by European Centre for Election Support (ECES) in collaboration with a number of local associates.

Furthermore, The European Parliament is also active in Tanzania as part of its Comprehensive Democracy Support, focusing on parliament to parliament cooperation. Efforts by the European Parliament have so far included a study tour, in April, of a high level delegation from the Zanzibar House of Representatives to Brussels; the visit of MEP David Martin to Tanzania, and a series of seminars in Zanzibar on September 2 and 3 focused on peaceful elections.



The EU has also deployed an independent Election Observation Mission (EOM) with 160 international observers across the country (Photo by Nuru the Light Blog)

EU-UN STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP IN TANZANIA

2015 being the EU year for Development and the year when the UN were to assess the results of the MDGs and adopt the new SDGs, the European Union (EU) and the United Nations (UN) in Tanzania strengthened their cooperation through various joint activities. The EU supports UN agencies in Tanzania with about EUR 32million, thus being a prominent partner of the UN system in the country. To give more visibility to this strategic partnership and to join force in the advocacy for global shared values, they have forged forward visits to development projects and attended jointly events and exhibitions.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

The EU Ambassador and the UN Resident Coordinator took part in the national celebrations of the International Women's Day held in Morogoro on March 8th, officiated by the President of the United Republic of Tanzania, Dr Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete.

The EU and the UN reaffirmed their commitment to support national priorities on women's rights, gender equality and women's empowerment through partnerships with the Government of Tanzania, Development Partners and Non-State actors. Such messages include leadership and participation of women and youth, women's economic empowerment and access to services, governance, law reviews and access to justice for women and girls, combating violence against women and gender responsive budgeting.

During that weekend the two Envoys also paid visits to EU and UN supported projects in Morogoro region. In Kilosa, they visited the EU funded resettlement program for thousands of citizens displaced by floods and were able to hold conference with representatives of Kilosa citizens. While in Kiroka, they met with rice paddy farmers engaged in a project implemented by FAO. Here the representatives learnt of the experiences and challenges of the farmers as they adapt to climate change and its effects on their agricultural production and livelihoods.



WORLD PRESS FREEDOM DAY

As the world celebrates Press Freedom every May 3rd, the EU and the UN joined Tanzanian media stakeholders in celebrating the day in Morogoro. EU Ambassador Filiberto Ceriani Sebregondi and the UN Resident Coordinator Alvaro Rodriguez were invited as the Special Guests and delivered messages on responsible reporting and on protection of media freedom especially in the run up to general election of 2015. The Media Stakeholder's forum discussed at length the controversial bills on cybercrime, on media services and on the Right to Information.

The EU and the UN also visited Pambazuko FM, a community radio in Ifakara District which has benefited support under the Democratic Empowerment Programme (DEP). The radio station produces and airs jingles and EU-UN-donors supported Public Service Announcements on civic and voter education. In the same district they visited the Ifakara Women's Weavers Association (IWWA), supported by the EU through trainings to improve their products and livelihoods. It was a joyous group of women who have shown tremendous proudness of their acquired emancipation, economically and morally.



INT'L ALBINISM AWARENESS DAY

On June 13th, the EU joined the UN International Albinism Awareness Day held in Arusha. Last year when the UN General Assembly passed its resolution to proclaim the recurrence of the Albinism Awareness Day, all the 28 Member States of the European Union voted in favour. The EU joined the President of the United Republic of Tanzania, Dr Jakaya Kikwete, UN Resident Coordinator, Mr Alvaro Rodriguez, and other engaged partners, in condemning the abhorrent and disheartening violence against people with albinism. Special advocacy was for the protection women and children with albinism; promote education and awareness, and ensure alert systems against the possible surge of attacks on PWAs during election period.

The EU joins hands with all stakeholders in this campaign. Moreover, the EU Delegation is honoured to have as its European Year for Development 2015 (EYD15) Champion the famous pop-singer Keisha, who has been a long time campaigner of the rights of people with special needs, including persons with albinism, as she herself has albinism.



Ms Alexa De Plessis - EU Official (L), Mr Alvaro Rodriguez - UN Resident Coordinator (2L), Mr Josephat Torner - Albinism Society (3L) and Mr Alexandre Leveque - Canadian High Commissioner (R)

"ONE PLANET"

7 Billion People: Environment Protection is our responsibility"

In August 24th, the EU joined the United Nations together with other development partners and the government officials in planting over 2,000 trees on the slopes of Mount Kilimanjaro, in Maruwa village, to mark the 70th anniversary of the UN. The tree planting was symbolic to the UN and EU goals for the preservation of the environment for future generations. The UN Resident Coordinator, Mr Alvaro Rodriguez, reiterated the focus on what should be done as a follow up to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), notably through the new Sustainable Development Goals in Tanzania. It includes overarching themes related to People, Planet, Prosperity, Peace and Partnership.

During his statement as a representative of the Development partners, EU Ambassador Filiberto Sebregondi said, "The European Union, the UN and other Development Partners support the efforts of the government of Tanzania to overcome the challenges of climate change and to lift people out of poverty. The EU advocates for ambitious decisions at this year's UN conferences on MDGs, SDGs and Climate Change. These are global issues and only a strong UN will lead to the courageous decisions that are needed. We want a strong UN for a better world!"



EU DAY CELEBRATIONS IN TANZANIA

Zanzibar, 5th May

May 5th marked European Union Day celebrations in Zanzibar, where EU Ambassador Filiberto Ceriani Sebregondi together with the Regional Commissioner Abdallah Mwinyi Khamis and other government officials launched the Police Gender and Children desks at the Regional Police Station in Bububu. The EU funded project, implemented by Save the Children, involves development of a comprehensive national Child Protection System where people at all levels work together to effectively prevent and respond to child abuse, neglect and violence.

EU cooperation with Zanzibar including Budget Support amounts to approximately € 26 million (55 billion TZS) of financial commitment

Afterwards, a reception was held in Stone Town in recognition of the restoration and preservation work of the Christ Cathedral Church at the Former Slave Market, supported by the EU through the programme support to culture. The Guest of Honour at the event was the Zanzibar Minister for Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Mr Aboubakar Khamis Bakary.

“The EU has really helped in preserving Zanzibar,” said a local carpenter, who is employed and trained under the EU funded project ‘Zanzibar Built Heritage’, Said Ramadhani Said. “This will help preserve the memory for future generations. It will also be a good attraction for tourists who come to visit the town.”



Arusha, 6th May

6 May 2015 saw the celebrations of Europe Day at the East African Community (EAC) Headquarters in Arusha where a public debate was held. The debate on the “Free Circulation of People: the EU and EAC Experience” was attended by over 200 Arusha-based university and college students and the media. The EAC was represented by its Deputy Secretary General, Dr Enos Bukuku, while Ambassador Filiberto Sebregondi of the European Union (EU) to Tanzania and to the EAC presented the EU experience. Amb. Sebregondi emphasized on “the right to free movement as one of the most visible and cherished advantages of the EU for individual citizens.”

In his address during the event, Amb. Sebregondi emphasized the importance of peace and prosperity for East Africa, saying that, “it is a constant work in progress, something that must be nurtured and protected.” He also called attention to the role of the EAC in fighting terrorism and transnational crime. Through dialogue and political negotiation peace is preserved within the EAC, which is essential for sustainable economic growth.

Dr. Bukuku talked about the 20 years of EU support that have helped the EAC to implement projects improving the livelihoods of East African citizens. “We look forward to learning from EU lessons and best practices and we commend the support received from the EU, which enables the region to realize its great potential,” he said.



Dar es Salaam, 8th May

Europe Day celebrations came to a conclusion in Dar es Salaam at a reception hosted by the Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Tanzania, Ambassador Filiberto Ceriani Sebregondi on the evening of Friday, 08 May 2015.

The reception was attended by the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Relations, Mahadi Juma Maalim, who presided as Guest of Honour; EU Heads of Mission, EU staff, Government representatives, stakeholders, development partners, family and friends of the European Union were present in hundreds.

Deputy Minister Mahadi Maalim, reiterated the government's continued partnership with the EU in development initiatives and in fostering the shared values of human rights, democracy and good governance. In his speech, Amb. Sebregondi stated that the EU is proud to serve in Tanzania, a 'beacon of peace, stability and democracy in Africa'. He further stated that the EU would continue extending its support to Tanzania through development cooperation worth EUR 100 million every year.



Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Mahadi Maalim, delivering a speech during the EU Day reception. Behind him (L-R) British High Commissioner Dianna Melrose, German Ambassador Egon Kochanke, EU Ambassador Filiberto Ceriani Sebregondi, Former Spanish Ambassador Luis Cuesta Civis, Former Danish Ambassador Johny Flento, Italian Ambassador Luigi Scotto and French First Counsellor Claude Blevin

ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE CHALLENGES, OPPORTUNITIES

June 17 this year was the European Climate Diplomacy Day in Tanzania. The European Union together with the Embassy of France and the Embassy of Germany partnered with the Centre for Climate Change Studies of the University of Dar es Salaam and held open discussions to mark the day. The event, which was graced by the Vice President of the United Republic of Tanzania, Hon. Dr Gharib Bilal, was a platform for an exchange on opportunities and challenges for Tanzania and its partners in the run up to the UNFCCC 21st Conference to be held in Paris this year (COP21).

The lively discussion was themed: “The Road to COP21 for Europe and Africa; addressing challenges, harnessing opportunities”. In his speech to launch the discussions, the Vice President pressed on the need for Africa to engage everyone who can make a difference, from the private to the public sectors, development partners as well as men, women and youth; to combat climate change.

A recurring concern in the discussions is the increasing effects of Climate Change on Africa, despite global mitigations and policies on greenhouse gases emissions. Even though Africa’s contribution to greenhouse gas emissions is less than 3%, the continent still shoulders the greatest impacts. The EU Ambassador Filiberto Ceriani Sebregondi confirmed the EU’s commitment to climate action with the most ambitious domestic targets and a strong engagement in securing a successful agreement at COP21 in Paris. “We need

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to scale up our support to those most vulnerable to climate change and with least means to cope with its negative consequences. EU and Africa must lead the way towards a more climate friendly future”.

“We all have a responsibility to pave the way for an agreement that can reconcile everyone’s aspiration to prosperity and wealth with the natural limits of our planet”, emphasized Mme Malika Break, Ambassador of France to Tanzania. As France hosts COP21 in Paris, prior events have been organized in Tanzania to raise awareness on the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) negotiations and implications to the country.

The EU also marked the day by signing five EU Global Climate Alliance grants worth EUR 8 million to organizations such as Heifer, CFP, IRDP, OIKOS and ONGAWA who would be working with local communities and partners in Tanzania.

“The Road to COP21 for Europe and Africa; addressing challenges, harnessing opportunities”



The EU InfoPoint is an important source of data providing information on a wide spectrum of sectors that EU and EU Member States support - such as General Budget Support, Support to Democratization Process, Sectoral reforms, sustainable agriculture, oil and gas industry, environment and climate change, sustainable energy, rural infrastructure, culture, education and regional programmes.

CHAMPIONING THE EUROPEAN YEAR FOR DEVELOPMENT IN STYLE!



2015
European Year
for Development

**our world
our dignity
our future**

The EU declared 2015 as the European Year for Development to reflect on Europe's role in achieving results globally. Under the theme "our world, our dignity, our future" the EU and its member states showcase their strong commitment across the globe. In Tanzania, the European Year for Development has been an opportunity to encourage Tanzanian citizens to get involved in development, through various platforms.

Sunday, June 14th awakened to the European Development Day celebrations in Dar es Salaam. The day began with a 7km Cycle Caravan organised in partnership with UWABA (The Cyclist Association of Dar es Salaam), from the Alliance Francaise to Nafasi Arts Space grounds. At Nafasi Art Space, the crowd was able to visit the exhibitions of different projects from EU partners and beneficiaries. Later in the afternoon the day ended with a fantastic performance and a music concert from the European Year for Development Champions.



EU Ambassador Filiberto Ceriani Sebregondi visiting the exhibitions with the Guest of Honour and Minister of Information, Youth, Sports and Culture, Dr Fenela Mukangara (centre) and EYD Champion and Captain of Twiga Stars Football Team, Ms Sophia Mwasikili.

Cycling for a Cause

Hundreds of cyclists of all ages, orientation and background gathered at Alliance Francaise on that Sunday morning. The day's events were meant to bring awareness on social issues that the EU and partners support; such as healthy life and anti-poaching initiatives, road safety, albinism awareness and the creative industry. Peke the "last elephant" led the caravan across Kinondoni District, bringing awareness to the masses on the anti-poaching efforts to save the jumbo population. UWABA made sure everyone was safely clad in reflector jackets and even provided helmets to some of the cyclists who didn't have.

The Development Fair

After an exciting two hour trip across the city, the caravan arrived safely at Nafasi Art Space grounds. An exhibition of EU development partners engaged the masses with information on the many projects ongoing in the country. There was a display of programmes ranging from those that promoted Human Rights, supported the creative industry, to programmes that fostered economic development, sustainable use of natural resources and social welfare.

The guest of honour was the Minister for Information, Youth Sports and Culture, Dr Fenela Mukangara, who officiated the day's events alongside her host, EU Ambassador Filiberto Ceriani Sebregondi. Minister Mukangara made a tour of all the stalls and joined the public to post her message on Peke. Next was the traditional ruffle contest which saw five winners of tricycles for people with disabilities and many others who were given accessories for their tricycles. The afternoon events also witnessed the signing in of the new EYD Champion, Sophia Mwasikili, captain of the national female football team.



European Year for Development champions in a photo with EU Officials. (L-R) Artist Paul Ndunguru, Human Rights activist Dr Kijo-Bisimba, EU Ambassador Filiberto Ceriani Sebregondi, Pop-singer Khadija Shanahan (Keisha), Hip-hop artist Fareed Kubanda (Fid Q) and EU Head of Cooperation Eric Beaume.

The Artistic and Musical performances

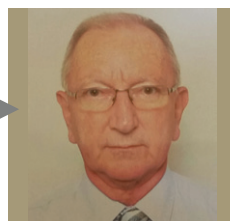
The day ended with performances from Tunaweza band, Cocodo African Music Band and Baba Watoto; they are beneficiaries of EU support. EYD Champions, Paul Ndunguru, Keisha and Fid Q gave fantastic performances with messages on human rights, vote for peace and youth and development. It was certainly a successful European Year for Development celebration in Tanzania!

FIVE EU MEMBER STATES ALTERNATE AMBASSADORS



Ambassador Koenraad Adams presented his letters of Credence on 10th September 2012 and left Tanzania on 25th July 2015. He was the Non Resident Ambassador to the Republic of Malawi, Mauritius and Zambia with residence in Dar es Salaam

Ambassador Adams has taken up a post at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Brussels.



Ambassador Paul Cartier arrived in Tanzania on 7th September 2015 and presentation his Letters of Credence was to follow.

Previously, Ambassador Paul Cartier was the Minister Counsellor for Belgium at the Permanent Representation to the UN in Geneva.



Ambassador Johny Flentø was accredited to Tanzania in December, 2011. Before that he was the Royal Danish Ambassador to Mozambique from 2007 to 2011.

During his time in Tanzania Ambassador Flentø was a great supporter art, culture and the creative industries for development.



Ambassador Einar Hebogård began his work in Tanzania on the 15th August 2015. He was the Head of the Humanitarian Action, Civil Society and Personnel Advisors Department at the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, before his current posting.

Ambassador Hebogård is well versed in subjects of Environmental Protection, Development Assistance and Energy.



Ambassador Sinikka Antila was posted in Tanzania from 1.9.2011 to 31.8.2014. She was also non-resident Ambassador to Rwanda, Burundi and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Mrs. Antila acted as the Chair of Development Partners' Budget Support Group in 2014/2015.

To date, Ambassador Antila is the only Ambassador accredited to Tanzania to arrive in Tanzania by train. She took the TAZARA train from Lusaka, where she was the Ambassador of Finland before her posting in Tanzania.



Ambassador Pekka Hukka is the Ambassador of Finland to Tanzania since September 2015. However, he is no new-comer to Tanzania. He has been posted to the Embassy twice before; from 1985 to 1988 and again from 1996 for another three years period.

In addition to Tanzania, Ambassador Hukka has served in Abidjan, Washington D.C. and Paris in different roles related to work with development banks and OECD.



Ambassador Luis Manuel Cuesta Civis was accredited to Tanzania in June 2012 until his time ended in July 2015. Ambassador Civis was also accredited to Rwanda, Burundi and the East African Community.

In Tanzania he will be remembered for championing social protection initiatives and cultural promotion.



Ambassador Felix Costales Artieda has been accredited as Ambassador of Spain to the United Republic of Tanzania on 4th September 2015.

He has also been the Ambassador of Spain to the Democratic Republic of Congo from 2008 to 2012. Before coming to Tanzania he was also the Secretary General of the Spain-Brazil Council Foundation



Ambassador Lennarth Hjelmåker took up the position of Swedish Ambassador to the United Republic of Tanzania, in September 2010 until August, 2015.

Ambassador Hjelmåker has also served in Africa as Ambassador to Zimbabwe and earlier as an Economist in the Swedish Embassy in Nairobi, Kenya.



Ambassador Katarina Ragnitt presented her credentials in September 2015, as the new Swedish Ambassador to Tanzania.

Ambassador Ragnitt has comprehensive knowledge in Humanitarian Affairs, Development Assistance and Aid Management: portfolios she's worked with in her past assignments.



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MEET THE TANZANIAN CLOWN DOCTORS

“It’s always a joy to put a smile on a child’s face and an even greater joy to lessen their pain with a smile,” says Alice, who is one of the 17 clown doctors in Tanzania.

Clown doctors are part of Art Against Poverty, a two year project which aims to empower youth for better income generation and to improve their social welfare. The EU-ACP funded project was officially launched in January 2014 in Tanzania. The project has already recruited more than 180 young artists in Dar es Salaam. Through participatory training the young artists are groomed in different fields of fine art, performing art and digital production.

“I remember when we placed the call for proposals aiming to get 150 participants. More than 350 turned up for the screening. It was amazing seeing so much talent,” Marina Mazzoni who is the Programme Coordinator with the implementing partner CEFA, recalled. “Clown Doctors was a foreign concept in Tanzania and so we had some professional clowns from Italy who stayed four months in Tanzania training 20 volunteers. In December 17 of them certified to become clown doctors. They all come from different backgrounds, some with touching histories, and they have all shown amazing progress”

The 17 clown doctors now visit hospitalized children in Dar es Salaam and Mwanza regions using art therapy as part of the healing process. Dressed as clowns delivering tricks and treats, they assist children in physiotherapy get through it with less pain and more to look forward to.

“The first day we went to Muhimbili (National Hospital) was one of the most difficult days of my life. It was hard to see children in pain and yet we had to make them smile and laugh. We gave it our best shot and we even made the parents feel better. It feels good to do something positive for my community” relates the teenaged Abdulrahman.



(Photos courtesy of CEFA Tanzania)

EUROPEAN UNION IN PICTURES



Vice President of Tanzania, Dr Gharib Bilal officially inaugurates the Youth Economic Empowerment (YEE) Programme together with the EU Head of Cooperation, Eric Beaume, and Director General of the Vocational Education and Training Authority (VETA), Eng. Zebadiah Moshi, in September 30, Dar es Salaam



In August and September, the EU signed Memorandum of Understanding for the deployment of an electoral observation mission; with the government of Tanzania- Ministry of Foreign Affairs & International Cooperation, and National and Zanzibar Electoral Commissions (NEC and ZEC). Picture: EU Ambassador Filiberto Ceriani Sebregondi signs the MOU with NEC Chairman Justice Damian Lubuva at the NEC Offices



In July, EU took part in observing the Biometric Voter Registration in Dar. EU Officials, Susanne and Serena observing at a registration center in Kinondoni District



Road safety measures (R-L), EU Official Fabrizio Moroni, Ilala Education Officer Khamis Mlangala, Police Commander of the Road Safety unit Abel Swai and Amend Director Tom Bishop, hand over school bags with reflectors to pupils of the Kasulu and Ilala Primary schools as part of the EU funded project by Amend to improve Road Safety.



Peace forum
EU Ambassador Filiberto Sebregondi (1-L), Chairman of the Media Owners Association of Tanzania Dr Reginald Mengi (3-L), EAC Head of Communications & Public Affairs Owora Richard Otieno (2-R) and Religious leaders released white doves at the Media Peace Forum to launch the Media Peace Campaign on September 17, Dar es Salaam.



On September 30, the EU Election Observation Mission led by the Chief of Mission and member of the European Parliament Ms Judith Sargentini (Center), held a preliminary Press Conference at Serena Hotel Dar es Salaam to announce deployment of 140 observers countrywide. Ms Tania Marques (L) Dep. Chief of Mission and Ms Sarah Fradgely (R) – Press Officer



A group photo of Communication Officers from Diplomatic Missions, UN agencies and government institution during a workshop organized on September 8th in Dar es Salaam. Seated (L-R): Mr Raphael Hokororo (Tanzania Information Services), Ms Awa Dabo (UNDP Country Director), Prof Herman Mwansoko (Guest of Honor and Director of Culture Development), Ms Luana Reale (EU Head of Politics, Press & Information), Mr Amon Manyama (UNDP Dep. Country Director a.i.)



Kisarawe WASH Plan Project Launch
On September 10, EU Head of Infrastructure & Regional Cooperation, Fabio Di Stefano, launches a water facility under the Kisarawe Water & Environmental Health project implemented by Plan International in partnership with TWESA & Kisarawe District Council.

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF ...

... Janeth Ndonde handles the Project Accounts in the Finance & Contracts Section at the EU Delegation to Tanzania. This year she celebrates 25 years of being an EU team player! Janeth is a widow and a mother to Tunish (42), Moyo (40), Malisi (38), Dorothy-Liz (32) and Dafrosa (24).



I'm sure you are as interested as I am to walk her 25 years-foot-steps at least in a day; so here we go



Kinyerezi, Ilala District:

I admit I was still yawning when I got to her place at 5am to watch Janeth start her day. I quickly sobered up when I was welcomed by a choir of dogs, 9 of them, plus Janeth



Off to work

Each morning she leaves the house at 05:45am with her daughter to beat the morning traffic. It's also an opportunity to catch up with her daughter, Tunish.

While at work,

By 7:30am Janeth is already busy following up on payments of invoices, handling financial identification & guarantees; as she juggled between her computer and answering calls. Janeth enjoys her work and believes in adhering to regulations, learning from people and always striving for excellence. To her every detail matters. She is part of a team of seven in her section.

Janeth & her Officemate, Godfrey



Lunch at Umoja

It's 12:30pm and time to catch up with colleagues during the half hour lunch break at the Umoja House Cafeteria.



25 years in a frame

"For all the years I've been with the EU I have met so many people in these walls; I have made friends, learnt different cultures and collected a fortune of exciting memories"



In fond memory

In August, 2015 Janeth lost her husband and best friend Habil. On the day we walked in Janeth's shoes, Habil was stepping into his 73rd birthday. We offer our deepest sympathy to Janeth and her family. May his memory always bring forth love and promise; may his soul rest in peace.

STAFF CORNER

It is another time to bid our farewells to colleagues who have completed their time with the EU team in Tanzania. We wish them well as they take up new ventures. We also warmly welcome new players to the EU team.



Farewell to the Head of Administration, Johannes Lancee (M), as he hands over to Reiner Barczinski (L); in a photo with Virginie Sirecki (R)

We will miss our efficient Head of Finance & Contract Geert Anckaert and wish him all the best.

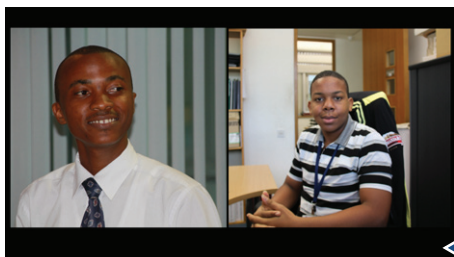


Ambassador Sebregondi (L) welcomes the new Finance & Contracts Assistant, Edouard Van Vlasselaer (2L), the Head of Finance & Contract, Hans-Juergen Scheck (2R) and the Project Manager-Infrastructure, Olivia Gervasoni (R)

Farewell to our Finance & Contracts Assistant Antonio De Velasco Fernandez (M) who is in a photo with Fabrizio Moroni (L) and Olivier Coupleux (R).



After more than 4 years in Tanzania, we say *kwaheri* to our Project Managers for Economics and Governance Serena Bertaina (2R) and for Natural Resources Alexandre Serres (2L); here in a group photo with Mikael Melin (L) and Rodrigo Romero Van Curtsem (R).



A warm welcome to our young intern, Silvia Silva, who has joined the Press & Information section

We wish all the best to our two very supportive interns Emmanuel Ernest (R) and Alex Swai (L) who have been with us for 6 months

