

EU TANZANIA NEWS FLASH

A Monthly News Flash of the Delegation of the European Union to Tanzania and the EAC

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TO NEW BEGINNINGS!

It is a pleasure to present the first monthly newsflash of the Delegation of the European Union to Tanzania and the East African Community. While we keep in close touch with you through Face Book and Twitter, our Monthly EU Newsflash gives you some further background and a quick overview of the highlights of the past months.

Enjoy and feel free to react!

Roeland van de Geer
Head of Delegation

It's Official!

The new Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Tanzania and the East African Community (EAC), Roeland van de Geer, presented his credentials to President Magufuli on 5 January.

Presentation of credentials is an important moment; only after handing over his/her credentials to the President of the hosting country, is an Ambassador truly and fully in function.

Meet the man...

Roeland van de Geer served as EU Head of Delegation in South Africa from 2011 to 2015 and was the European Union's Special Representative to the Great Lakes Region from 2007 to 2011. His former assignments include Lesotho, where he taught at the National University from 1978 to 1982 and Mozambique, where he served as the Dutch Ambassador from 1994 to 1998.

The new Head of Delegation drove from Pretoria to Dar es Salaam, visiting his son, a marine biologist working in Watamu in Kenya, before taking up his post in November 2015. Although he did not live in Tanzania before 2015, he has visited regularly; his first visit was in 1971, as a sailor in the Dutch merchant navy.

Roeland van de Geer is looking forward to contribute to close cooperation between the European Union and its Members States with the United Republic of Tanzania.



H.E. Ambassador Roeland van de Geer
Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the United Republic of Tanzania and the East African Community (EAC)



Ambassador Roeland van de Geer presents his credentials to the President of the United Republic of Tanzania H.E. Dr. John Pombe Magufuli at State House on 5 January
(Pics Courtesy of Tz State House Communications)



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Netherlands takes over EU Presidency



EC President Jean-Claude Juncker (L), shakes hands with Mark Rutte (R), Dutch PM & President in office of the EU Council . (EC Audiovisual service)

The Netherlands has taken over the Presidency of the Council of the EU from Luxembourg, on January 1 this year. For six months, the [Dutch Presidency](#) will focus on four key areas: migration and international security, sound finances and a robust economy.

[Netherlands](#) shares the [Presidency](#) trio with Slovakia and Malta, working together to implement an 18 month programme until June 2017. The Presidency works in close coordination with the European External Action Service (EEAS) and the European Commission

Regional integration a win-win strategy



Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier (L) with the EAC Secretary General Richard Sezibera (R)

German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier arrived at the foot of Kilimanjaro on the last leg of his [four country trip](#). His first stop was at the EAC Headquarters where he reiterated Germany's commitment to Regional Integration; commitment that has seen Germany invest more than EUR 213 million in the EAC Cooperation since 1998.

Germany's economic success, he explained, would not have been possible without the European Union. As he put it, regional integration is a "win-win strategy" which would benefit all involved in the long term, even though the journey may not be always easy.

Tanzania Human Rights Defenders' Coalition Meet for 2016



A group photo of the Human Rights Defenders at the Swedish Embassy

The EU held its annual meeting with the Tanzanian Human Rights Defenders Coalition (THRDC) on 4 February. The event has taken place every year since 2012 and is kindly hosted by Sweden, who acts as the EU Focal Point for HRDs. This event provides a welcome opportunity for a frank exchange between the EU Delegation and EU

Missions on one side, and Tanzanian HRDs on the other, who are drawn from the Board of THRDC and its member organisations. This year we discussed the upcoming Universal Periodic Review (taking place in Geneva in May 2016), the 2015 General Election, the situation of HRDs in Tanzania, and preparations for the annual Defenders Day that will take place in April.

Sites for you:

Netherlands Fellowship Program is open for new applications. Private entrepreneurs are especially welcome to apply!

A list of Master's degree programmes and Short Courses in the Netherlands is available on <http://www.studyfinder.nl/>
General information on the NFP programme can be found on the NUFFIC website: <http://www.nuffic.nl/nfp>



Powering North-Western Tanzania

The German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development through the German Development Bank KfW, the French Agency for Development (AFD) and the European Union (EU) on 29 January, signed an agreement to expand power infrastructure in North-Western Tanzania. Together they provide financial support of about EUR 42 million to the Tanzanian government for the electrification of Geita, Kagera and Kigoma regions.

The project is implemented by the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania through the Ministry of Energy and Minerals and Tanzania Electric Supply Company Limited (TANESCO). TANESCO is responsible for the implementation and operation of the project and will contribute around EUR 1.5 million (around TSHS 3.5 Billion) for social and environmental compensation measures. ([More](#))



L-R: Emmanuel Baudran-AFD Country Representative, Eric Beaume-EU Head of Cooperation, Claudia Imwolde-Kraemer-German Head of Cooperation, Dr Helmut Schoen-KfW Country Director, Eng. Felchesmi Mramba-MD TANESCO & Norbert Kahyoza-Acting Energy Commissioner at the signing ceremony.

A New Tourist Information Center Launched in Kilwa



EU Head of Economics and Governance, Mr. Olivier Coupleux, the French Head of Cooperation and Cultural Affairs, Mr. Philippe Boncour with the Deputy National Authorising Officer Mr Godlove Stephen and District Commissioner of Kilwa, Mr. Juma Abdallah Njwayo



On 15 January the EU participated in the launch of the new Kilwa Tourist Information Centre and the Kilwa inventory of heritage sites, as part of the EU project "Promoting Heritage Resources in Kilwa to Strengthen Social and Economic Development", which is funded by the EU for an amount of EUR 500 thousand and co-financed by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development.

The project is a very interesting initiative to bring cultural tourism to Kilwa. The centre is beautifully finished and designed, the tour guides are very helpful, extremely knowledgeable and well trained.

The launch was followed by a lovely tour of Kilwa, including a visit to the new bird hide and a salt farm. [Click to see more](#)

Would you like to visit Kilwa?

You can visit the project's website www.kilwatourism.com for more practical information.



CULTURE IN ACTION! —Utamaduni kwa Vitendo!

The 'Culture and Creative Industries Networking for Sustainability Forum' was hosted by the European Union from 31 January to 2 February. The Forum consisted of two days of discussions related to the evaluation of projects funded by the EU under the 10th European Development Fund (EDF) programme for Culture, as well as a walking tour of the city centre and a dinner reception.

The projects support the development of tourism, the arts, and skills for job creation across Tanzania. The evaluations have highlighted the excellent work that is being carried out by the projects, supporting the conservation of heritage, the development of new artistic expression, and working towards sustainable jobs and economic growth. The European Union is one of the largest investors in the arts and cultural heritage in Tanzania, and the 10th EDF Support to Culture programme has been highlighted as an outstanding and innovative programme by the evaluators. Under the Support to Culture programme, the EU provided EUR 10 million for a range of initiatives. Eighteen projects were selected in cultural heritage and creative industries to support Tanzanians with jobs and livelihoods through dance, weaving, production skills, music, theatre, and art. In addition, the EU budget through a programme called "Investing in People" has supported skills development through traditional restoration techniques in Zanzibar.

Speakers at the Forum were truly exceptional! We hosted four speakers from the region to share best practice and innovative examples. The stories they told were inspiring; parklets and public art in Cape Town, wild arts festivals in Uganda, fashion revolutions and artistic development in Kenya. We learned the importance of time and perseverance, the benefits of networks and how important it is to plan for fiscal sustainability in the arts.

The Tanzanian speakers provided valuable insights on the national legislation and resources for tourism related projects, and the best practice examples of project implementation were very useful for projects facing similar challenges.

International Speakers

George Gachara: The Nest and HEVA Fund, Kenya
www.thisisthenest.com

Faisal Kiwewa: BAYIMBA, Uganda
<http://bayimba.org/>

Joy Mboya: The GoDown Centre, Kenya
www.thegodownartscentre.com

Mike Purdham: Creative Cape Town partnership, South Africa
www.capetownpartnership.co.za



A dancer performs at the dinner reception, trained by MUDA



Female students from *Sounds of Tomorrow* show amazing talents at the reception



Music students from Music MayDay wait to perform at the reception

Looking Forward: The EU is considering what further support to the culture sector could look like, as the current round of funding winds up over the next 9 to 12 months. Let us know if you have some good ideas! You can contact Alexa at Alexa.DU-PLESSIS@eeas.europa.eu

