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Message from EU Ambassador



Dear reader,

While Heads of State meet in Rio de Janeiro to see how far can they promote a green economy to safeguard our planet's long term survival and the EU Heads of States prepare for a

Summit end of June where further important decisions are expected to match the fiscal discipline imposed by the financial crisis with bold measures to foster the economic growth, we look back at latest events in Tanzania and have indeed the sentiment that we live in a global village where most developments are intertwined.

Announcements of new natural gas discoveries offshore Tanzania's coast are almost weekly. With the latest announced by Statoil, the available gas reserves of Tanzania are estimated at 30 tcf and the potential reserves at 60 tcf. This would put Tanzania in position 34 of the world ranking, just after Canada. You can imagine how far these figures could lead to transforming the country's economy, especially if the right choices are made in time for their management. Somehow fortunately, there is a bit of time available: Tanzania will not become rich overnight and the 5-10 years before the commercial exploitation of natural gas can develop will be crucial for the country to prepare the laws, the regulations, the infrastructures and, more importantly, the skills necessary to manage this development in a sustainable, transparent and equitable way.

This is why we are witnessing an ever growing public and media interest on the way public resources –the Budget- are planned, used and accounted for. I must say that for many external partners the process which led to an in-depth reading of the Auditor General reports, an animated debate in the Parliament and a subsequent Government reshuffle, was seen as the reflex of a very vibrant democracy and of the growing influence of the civil society on public choices. These processes are never linear or innocent and one could say that the common citizen has not yet seen the consequences of these convulsions into his daily life. However, I am confident that these are all signs of the growing maturity of the Tanzanian society, which is exactly what she needs to drive the journey towards a middle income economy and perhaps an oil/gas economy. Even the current debate at the Bunge over the Budget 2012-13 shows that every single digit is scrutinised to see if the means available match the necessary ambitions.

The EU, together with other Development Partners, will bring its important contribution to this process. One month ago, I announced in the name of 11 other partners, the firm donor pledge of USD 495 million as Budget Support for the Fiscal Year 2012-13, with the promise to disburse 55% of these resources in the first quarter. In times of financial crisis, these are very significant figures and they cut short the misinformation about donor reducing their aid and delaying their contributions. Budget Support contributions are stabilised since a few years around USD 0.5 billion/year, almost 20% of the development component of Tanzania's Budget, and last year 91% were disbursed by the end of second quarter.

It is true that we all – Tanzanians and external partners - aim at reducing progressively Tanzania's aid dependency from abroad. I told this in my speech on May 9th, the Europe Day, at the official celebration where the just appointed Minister of Finance, Dr Mgimwa, honoured us with his presence and response. The EU is also preparing its next cooperation cycle with Tanzania, from 2014 to 2020, and we will have to address in partnership with Tanzanian stakeholders, the many different challenges: the still persistent poverty, the huge infrastructure gaps, but also the need to move UE-Tanzania relation from a donor/recipient to a more mature mutually beneficial relationship.

The fight against piracy remains one other key aspect of the EU relation with Tanzania and I am happy to say that more frequent visits to Dar port of vessels of the EUNAVFOR-Atalanta operation occurred in the last few months. The cooperation with Tanzanian security forces led in April to the capture of a group of suspected pirates with their armaments and, overall, the number of successful pirate attacks in the Indian Ocean has dramatically decreased.

I would like to thank my staff, my colleagues Heads of Mission of the EU Member States Embassies and the Tanzanian partners for the very fruitful working relations we are enjoying around all these matters. Enjoy reading this newsletter.

Filiberto Ceriani Sebregondi

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President Kikwete inaugurates Iringa Urban water project

PRESIDENT Jakaya Kikwete of the United Republic of Tanzania on March 22 this year inaugurated the Iringa Urban Water Project that benefits over 170,000 people from Iringa town, neighbouring communities and villages.

The function was held at Ndiuka within the Iringa Municipality.

The project cost a total of Euro 33,458,000 (About Tshs. 70 billion) and is implemented through the Iringa Urban Water Supply Authority (IRUWASA). Of

the Government of Tanzania to finance a Water Supply Programme for three regional/urban centres, namely Iringa, Mwanza and Mbeya.

This programme was to be financed jointly by the European Union and the Federal Republic of Germany.

The purpose of the Water Supply Programme was to ensure improved access to reliable and affordable water supply and wastewater services for the people by supporting the Urban Water Supply Authorities in the three regions.

that pastoralists and farmers do not encroach on water sources," he said referring to the recent reports that peasants and pastoralists were returning to the Ihefu wetlands in Southern Highlands which are the principal contributors of water to the Great Ruaha river from where the Iringa Water project draws its water.

The Water Supply Programme underscores the EU's commitment to achieve the Millennium Development Goals on water undertaken by the participants during the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) in Johannesburg in September 2002.

"The European Union believes that access to improved water and sanitation facilities leads to improved health as targeted under the MDGs. As the world leading donor contributing with around 56 percent of the total global aid, the European Union remains firmly committed to support the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals by 2015," said the Head of Infrastructure Section of the EU

Delegation to Tanzania Adam Grodzicki on behalf of the EU Ambassador to Tanzania, Filiberto Ceriani Sebregondi.

The Head of Cooperation of the German Embassy, Gisela Habel, welcomed the successful conclusion of the Iringa water project:

"The people of Iringa town will now feel the impact of improved water supply and sanitation. Now it is on Iringa Urban Water Supply and Sewerage Authority (IRUWASA) to take the responsibility for the sustainable and safe operation of these facilities. This implies providing good service to customers in order to secure income for the utility," she said.



President Kikwete (second left) inspecting the project soon after gracing its inauguration ceremony. Photos: Courtesy of State House

these funds Euro 17,076,000 (About Tshs. 35 billion) came from the European Union and the rest came from the Water Basket, the Federal Republic of Germany and IRUWASA.

The work involved the construction of a new water intake at the Little Ruaha River, water treatment plant, digging of water reservoir, laying down of distribution transmission and sewer pipelines, rehabilitation and extension of waste water treatment ponds.

The Iringa Urban Water Supply project was conceived way back in June 2003 when the European Union signed an agreement with

Almost one million water users in Mwanza, Iringa and Mbeya were expected to benefit directly from the Programme.

President Kikwete commended support by the European Union, its Member States and other development partners in assisting Tanzania to improve essential services to its people including improved access to safe drinking water and sanitation.

The President called upon communities to take good care of water sources in order to ensure reliable water supply by the project.

"Local leaders should make sure

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Campaigning for active ageing, solidarity between generations through cycling



ON May 13 the roads of Dar es Salaam were coloured yellow when over 500 cyclists took to the streets during a cycling caravan that was organised by the Dar es Salaam Cyclists' Organisation (UWABA) with financial support from the European Union (EU).

The caravan was part of celebrations to mark the 2012 EU Week and the 2012 European Year whose theme is 'Active Ageing and Solidarity Between Generations.'

The aim of the caravan was to educate people about the importance of growing old while active in contributing to the society and also encourage solidarity between generations in the society. Besides, it also aimed at promoting road safety which is

the UWABA's primary focus.

It all started from Mnazi Mmoja grounds near the city centre, then passed through the city's major highways i.e. Bibi Titi Mohamed, Ali Hassan Mwinyi, Kawawa roads and before curving back to Mnazi Mmoja grounds through Uhuru Street.

"Indeed, everyone who has participated in this event will bear witness that riding a bicycle is fun," said Dr. Seif Rashid, the Deputy Minister for Health and Social Welfare who graced the caravan as the guest of honour.

Dr. Rashid himself participated in the caravan from the beginning to the end alongside the EU Ambassador to Tanzania, Filiberto Ceriani Sebregondi together with officials from the government, EU diplomatic missions, UWABA members and the general public.

Bicycle riding has many benefits....it's friendly to the environment, economical etc

The British High Commissioner to Tanzania, Diana Corner also took part in the caravan. Another interesting feature of the caravan was the strong presence and participation of older people and people with disabilities.

"Bicycle riding has many benefits....it's friendly to the environment, economical, enables one to

weave in and out of traffic jam, and saves parking space," Dr. Rashid added.

As a medical practitioner, Dr. Rashid affirmed that cycling builds strength and muscle tone, builds stamina, im-

proves cardio-vascular fitness, eats up calories, improves heart health and reduces stress.

These benefits, he said, squarely fell into this year's theme as they promote healthy life which in turn supports active ageing.

He promised that the government would make sure that roads constructed in the country provide for cyclists to encourage more people to use cycling as the mode of transport.

On his part, the Ambassador Sebregondi said that cycling was common in Europe because of its benefits to human health and the environment giving Netherlands as example of one of countries in Europe in which there many cyclists. He also reiterated the EU's commitment in supporting Tanzania as far as promotion of road safety was concerned.

"Road safety is at the heart of the EU wide transport policy and there are many programmes dedicated to road safety that receive funding from EU, both at European and national level," he said.



One of the participants joyously lifting up a bicycle that he won after emerging a winner in a raffle that was conducted by UWABA after the caravan. Right is Ambassador Sebregondi and behind is Deputy Minister, Dr. Seif Rashid.

Tanzania appreciates EU support, promises improvement on governance, accountability



Ambassador Sebregondi delivering his speech at the reception flanked with Heads of Missions of EU Member States in Tanzania together with Minister, Dr. Mginwa (Left). Photos: Emmanuel Kihale

THE government of Tanzania has significantly benefited from the support by the European Union through the European Development Fund (EDF) and promised more cooperation in improving governance and accountability in the country.

Speaking at a special reception to mark the 2012 Europe Day, Finance Minister, Dr. William Mginwa, said that the EU has been a key development partner to Tanzania for long. The Day coincided with the 62nd Anniversary of the Schuman Declaration which gave birth to the European Union.

"We cherish the EU – Tanzania historical socio-political and economic cooperation. The EU is one of our key Development Partners both in terms of magnitude of financial support and commitment to our development agenda," he said.

The Minister also said that the Government was happy with the progress of dialogue with the EU on a number of key issues including governance and accountability.

Dr. Mginwa noted that this was more remarkable last year when the EU chaired the General Budget Support group. He promised to maintain and promote good working relationship that has been established with EU and other Development Partners.



Dr. Mginwa speaking during the reception

Speaking at the occasion, the EU Ambassador to Tanzania, Filiberto Ceriani Sebregondi, said he recognized the excellent cooperation that the EU and its Member States have been enjoying in Tanzania.

He mentioned the areas that the EU has been successfully cooperating with Tanzania such as the fight against piracy in the Indian Ocean, adaptation and mitigation of climate change, promotion of better access to energy and the use of renewable energy. Other areas were trade, investment, fight against corruption and migration.

Ambassador Sebregondi noted that despite the economic crisis in some European Union Member States, EU's EU assistance to Tanzania has not declined.

He pledged support to Tanzania in its efforts to reduce dependence from donor aid in order to boost domestic revenue generation, careful planning and strong leadership and proper utilisation of resources notably off-shore natural gas that offers opportunities for accelerated growth.

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Commenting on the 62nd

Anniversary of the Schuman Declaration, Ambassador Sebregondi said that the European Union has gone through a number of experiences to where it is today.

He said that the declaration laid the foundation of the European Coal and Steel Community, the first European Community, and the forerunner of the European Union today.



Enjoying food at the British High Commission's food stand alongside the reception. Five EU Member States i.e. UK, Finland, Ireland, Belgium, had food stands where they displayed their traditional delicacies and drinks during the reception

"The latest institutional chapter in this history was the creation of the European External Action Service (EEAS) in 2010-the new EU's foreign policy body under the leadership of High Representative Catherine Ashton," he disclosed.

Ambassador Sebregondi explained that unity among EU Member States has enabled it to withstand a number of challenges including the on going economic crisis that faces some of its Member States.

"Undeniably this crisis has tested the EU's resilience and capacity of its leaders to find a set of convincing responses that could also weather the anxiety of global mar-

kets," he admitted.

However, he noted, the EU's short-term financial response to the crisis and the longer term measures to strengthen its economic governance have created conditions for recovery and confirmation of the EU as a global economic leader.



A cross section of guests listening to a speech during the EU Day Reception

EU to spend Euro 2.5 million to support Tanzania's Cultural and Creative Industries



Attaché in the Governance and Economic Section of the Delegation of the European Union to Tanzania, Virginie De Ruyt, explaining a point during the Session. Next is the Head of the Finance and Contract Section of the EU Delegation Geert Anckaert. Photos: Emmanuel Kihale

The European Union and the Government of Tanzania have recently signed a financing agreement for the 10th European Development Fund (EDF) - Support to Culture in Tanzania aimed at providing funds for supporting the country's creative and cultural industries.

Virginie De Ruyt, Attaché in the Governance and Economic Section of the Delegation of the

European Union to Tanzania said that the objective of the support was to promote access to local culture and promotion of cultural diversity in Tanzania.

She was speaking at the information session on the call for proposals for the programme, which was launched in Dar es Salaam on May 10 with the aim of supporting non-state actors in cultural and creative industries in the country.

It was officiated by the European Union Ambassador to Tanzania, Filiberto Ceriani Sebregondi and the EDF Deputy National Authorising Officer in the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, Samuel Marwa.

"The funds are geared towards developing the potential contribution of the creative industries to economic development and economic growth in Tanzania," she said.

Ms. De Ruyt said that the EU's support to culture in Tanzania has two components namely; support to the preservation and promotion of cultural heritage and capacity building to the cultural and creative industries.

In his opening remarks, Ambassador Sebregondi said that the aim was to fund actions which support the cultural and creative industries with a view to promoting and strengthening the capacity of the Tanzanian cultural sector.

"By fully exploiting the potential of this sector, it can contribute to the overall alleviation of poverty," he said.

According to him, the projects to be supported should seek to promote an enabling environment for creativity, cooperation and exchange through the support to organizations that carry out various activities in the areas of music, arts, crafts, design, fashion, film, video, photography, architecture, dance and visual and performing arts, but which also has a long term goal of strengthening the capacity of the sector.

Speaking at the session, the Deputy National Authorising Officer of the European Development Fund (EDF), Samuel Marwa, commended EU for the support saying that it was a boost to country's poverty alleviation efforts.

"Creative industries are one of the fastest growing sectors of the global economy and significantly contribute to the GDP of many developed countries," he said noting that most developing countries including Tanzania have not tapped this great potential.

Mr. Marwa said that the EU support will enable the country to effectively nurture and exploit the potential through creation of jobs and boost income generation which in turn will result into poverty alleviation.



Deputy National Authorising Officer Samuel Marwa speaking at the information session. Next to him is Ambassador Sebregondi



One of cultural and creative industries' stakeholder asking questions during the session

BACKGROUND

The global framework for EU support to cultural and creative sectors in African Caribbean and Pacific countries includes the Cotonou Partnership Agreement. The agreement gives a comprehensive frame for the cultural cooperation ranging from promoting intercultural dialogue, the preservation of cultural heritage to support to cultural and creative industries.

In recent years, the EU has further taken a number of actions in the area of culture and development. In December 2005, the European Consensus on Development recognised culture as one of the key features of human development along with health, education and gender equality. Culture is now acknowledged as a factor for employment and growth.

A recent study titled 'Creative Industries – a Tanzanian Future' showed that there is a high potential in particular for the music sector, but also for performing arts, films, arts and crafts, fashion and festivals.

The study also found out that even though there is a national policy on culture, the sector lacks institutional framework support and there is still a need for recognition and support, which will validate the creative industries both culturally and economically.

Operation Atalanta reduces piracy along East African coast

ACTS of piracy along the Indian Ocean off the East African coast have significantly decreased in the past year thanks to the European Union Naval Force Operation Atalanta.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam during a recent visit to Dar es Salaam by a Dutch Frigate Van Amstel, the EU Ambassador to Tanzania, Filiberto Ceriani Sebregondi, said that the operation has successfully managed to reduce piracy along the East African coast.

"The EU is concerned with the continuing impact of piracy and armed robbery at sea off the coast of Somalia on international maritime security and on the economic activities and security of countries in the region," he said.



Ambassador Sebregondi (right) together with the Ambassador of the Netherlands, Dr. Ad Koekoek admiring a helicopter on Van Amstel soon after the press briefing. Photos: Emmanuel Kihale

The EU envoy was speaking during a press briefing that was held aboard the Dutch military ship which is part of Operation Atalanta mission. The ship visited Dar es Salaam to rest its crew and also provide training to Tanzania People's Defence Forces (TPDF) marines.

The EU launched the operation in December 2008 within the framework of the European Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) and in accordance with relevant UN Security Council Resolutions (UNSCR) and International Law.

The operation is tasked with the re-

sponsibility of deterring, preventing and repressing acts of piracy and armed robbery off the Somali coast; protecting vessels of the World Food Programme (WFP) delivering food aid to displaced persons in Somalia; and protecting the African Union Mission on Somalia (AMISOM) shipping.

It also has the mandate to ensure protection of vulnerable shipping off the Somali coast on a case by case basis; and in addition, EU NAVFOR - ATALANTA also contributes to the monitoring of fishing activities off the coast of Somalia.

The operation has successfully performed its mission and contributed to improving maritime security off the coast of Somalia and in the Indian Ocean.

Operation Atalanta has achieved a hundred percent success rate in safely providing escorts to vessels contracted by the World Food Programme (WFP) delivering food to the Somali people. It has also provided protection to AMISOM shipments, which are critical to the success of the AU operation in Somalia.

The EU's intervention helped secure food aid delivery to Somalia, which has lacked a functioning central government since civil war erupted in 1991, Richard Reagan, the World Food Programme's representative in Tanzania, said during the press briefing.

"Since our merchant-chartered vessels going to Somalia got this protection, we have not had any piracy incidents," he said adding:

Operation Atalanta has also ensured the protection of other vulnerable ships within the Interna-



Van Amstel Captain, J. T. Veerbeek briefing the journalists

tionally Recommended Transit Corridor (IRTC) and the High Risk Area.

As a result of its close cooperation with regional governments suspected pirates captured by the EU NAVFOR have been



WFP Country Representative, Richard Reagan, talking to the media about EU's support in escorting WFP's ships

transferred to competent authorities with a view to their prosecution and conviction.

Talks are still going on with the Tanzanian government to conclude a transfer agreement for prosecuting and convicting captured pirates. Ambassador Sebregondi also said that the EU was going to establish a Regional Maritime Capacity Building Program for enabling East African countries improve their maritime security.



Soldiers with the Tanzania People's Defence Forces undergoing a training by Van Amstel crew

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Consultations with stakeholders on the 11th European Development Fund (EDF) programming begin



Agriculture is one of the sectors that receive EU's support under the 10th EDF which ends in 2013

THE Delegation of the European Union to Tanzania has started the process for consulting stakeholders as it prepares to adopt the 11th European Development Fund (EDF) which will cover the period between 2014 and 2020.

The Delegation has prepared a list of guidelines which set out the overarching policies, principles and processes which will govern the programming of the EU's development cooperation with the United Republic of Tanzania under the 11th EDF.

The fight against poverty will remain the primary objective of the development policy of the EU

The programming process will take place in two phases - a first phase for analysing the national development plan as a basis for the EU programming and defining the EU response proposal and a second phase for the preparation of the multi-annual indicative programme (MIP).

Sectoral and thematic consultations with CSOs and the private sector are foreseen in the last quarter of 2012/beginning of 2013 whereas the MIP MIP is expected to be finalised in the course of 2013.



Mr. Strampelli

In line with the overall principle of ownership, the EU will, wherever possible, make use of existing national or regional policy documents and implementation plans as the main reference documents for the programming process and will no longer develop bilateral Country

Strategy Papers.

Among the stakeholders to be consulted are Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) and the private sector as partners for development, key to ensuring national ownership, sustainable economic growth and inclusive development.

Others will be National Authorities, the Parliament, EU Member states and other development partners in order to assess whether and to what extent the National Development Strategy can be used as a basis for the programming of EU aid.

Explaining about the 11th EDF programming, the Head of Cooperation of the Delegation of the European Union to Tanzania, Enrico Strampelli, says as set out in the Lisbon Treaty, as well as in the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement, signed in Cotonou in 2000, the fight against poverty will remain the primary objective of the development policy of the EU.

"The EU and its Member States convinced of the catalytic role of Official Development Assistance (ODA) reaffirm their commitment to achieve all their development aid targets," he said.

However, Mr. Strampelli noted, profound changes in the international context in recent years have also forced the EU to sharpen its analysis, streamline its policy agenda and reinforce its operational instruments in the area of development.

"The rapidly changing global environment and the new international aid architecture require a more comprehensive, responsive and effective approach in the EU external action and development policy," he disclosed.

At the same time, European citizens must be shown, now more than ever, that EU development cooperation delivers clear results and impact on the ground and achieves greater effectiveness and better accountability for public spending, he added.

According to him, this also helps advance human rights, democracy, the rule of law and good governance.

As a result of this, the EU Delegation to Tanzania official said that such changes have led the European Union through the European Commission to adopt the Communication on the Agenda for Change in 2011.

In this communication the Commission sets out important new directions on how to better address these challenges and deliver greater impact, also looking ahead to the Rio+20 outcomes and the development agenda beyond 2015, including the role of ODA and innovative sources of financing for development.

The Mkukuta and Mkuza II Strategies and the Five Year Development Plan have been subject to various assessments and discussions during the last Annual National Policy Dialogue which will inform the EU's analysis.

Main Components of the 10th EDF

Under the 10th EDF (2007-2013) Tanzania benefitted from an initial allocation of EUR 555 million under the national envelope. This was topped up with an additional EUR 51.5 million under the so-called MDG-initiative for water-supply related activities (MDG 7c). Furthermore, the Delegation is managing a EUR 50 million portfolio of projects funded from 'thematic' budget lines in areas such as agriculture, water, energy, environment and health.

The EU has a balanced portfolio of aid to Tanzania with more than half delivered through country systems as budget support and an important number of projects in the priority areas of the EDF country programme (trade and agriculture, transport and governance/support to non-state actors as non-focal areas) and through global thematic programmes.

The EU plays a leading role in policy dialogue with the government and has over the last year(s) been the Chair of the Development Partners' Groups for General Budget Support, Public Financial Management, Transport and Accountable Governance.

The EU and other GBS partners launched a major impact evaluation of General Budget Support to Tanzania at the beginning of the year. Preliminary results are expected towards the end of 2012.

EU funded projects are subject to regular internal as well as external monitoring. In 2011 a portfolio of 12 projects was reviewed by external consultants, which confirmed that the vast majority of projects is implemented as planned with good to satisfactory achievements and positive impact and sustainability prospects.

The EU is also implementing a sizeable regional programme with the East African Community (EAC) based in Arusha and is providing support to deepen regional economic integration (Customs Union, Common Market etc.) as well as in the area of promoting good governance and promoting peace and security.



GBS partners announce USD 495m support for 2012/13 budget, commend oversight institutions

TANZANIA'S development partners have committed USD 495 million (equivalent to Tshs. 776 billion) to support Tanzania's budget in the next financial year 2012/13.

The General Budget Support (GBS) development partners have committed to disburse more than half of their GBS contribution in the first quarter to help the smooth implementation of the financial year 2012/13 budget.

This is an important contribution by the GBS development partners to support the implementation of the national poverty reduction strategy and the five year development plan.

The commitment is based on three key issues: a satisfactory annual review outcome in 2011; an improved dialogue in some critical sectors over the past year; and the reforms of GBS over the last two years that have instilled a multi-year monitoring framework focused on the way public finances are spent.

The development partners have noted that events of the recent past demonstrated that domestic oversight institutions are playing an active role in analysing Government performance and calling for action where underperformance is identified.

They also said that over the coming year continued and strong attention will be paid to the way public finances are spent by closely monitoring how the findings in the latest Controller and Auditor General's annual report are being acted upon, including at local government level.

In addition improvements in budget execution that mirrors the budget approved by Parliament would be important. The development partners also look forward to reinvigorated dialogue through the Public Expenditure Review Group in FY12/13. The European Union Delegation (EU) has chaired the group of twelve GBS develop-

ment partners for the last year.

The GBS annual cycle has been re-energised by strategically focusing on three core themes namely; strengthening dialogue between GBS development partners and key Government partners on Tanzania's development challenges, delivering results by ensuring that development results in Tanzania are regularly monitored and reviewed and improving accountability to increase the ability of the citizens of Tanzania to hold their Government to account.

The new GBS Chair – the UK's Department for International Development – is proposing to manage GBS around the same core themes when it takes over the GBS Chairperson role from May 2012 for one year.

GBS is helping the Government to get more children into school, to invest in transport infra-

Discussions around corruption have improved and are expected to continue in 2012, they said.

However, the development partners noted that there are still challenges such as the crisis in the energy sector, quality of education especially on poor standard 4 pass rates and the recent report by the Controller and Auditor General (CAG) which shows a 41 percent shortfall in development budget transfers compared to the budget approved by Parliament.

Looking to the future the EU Ambassador, Filiberto Ceriani Sebregondi, said:



Controller and Auditor General (CAG), Ludovick Utouh (left) handing over one of audit reports to President Jakaya Kikwete at the State House in Dar es Salaam. Photo: Online source

"The improved results must be sustained. In the coming year the GBS development partners will closely monitor the openness and transparency of the budget and the value for money Tanzanian citizens get from Government expenditure. We will also pay close attention to Government's implementation of the CAG report recommendations."

He added that the coming year will see a renewed focus on a selected set of issues such as management of natural

resources which is a critical component of Tanzania moving beyond aid and to increasingly rely on revenues from agriculture and its mineral and potential gas reserves.

GBS partners include the African Development Bank, Canada, Denmark, European Union, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Japan, Norway, Sweden, United Kingdom and World Bank.

structure, and bring down the costs of doing business.

Notable results tracked in 2011 included the delivery of annual capitation grants of Tshs 25,000 per student to all government secondary schools, and the reduction in the number of days taken by the Business Registration and Licensing Agency (BRELA) to register a company from 6.9 days in 2009 to 3 days in 2011.



Over 600,000 Tanzanians to benefit from EU support to water, sanitation MDGs initiatives

On March 12 this year the European Union and the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania signed an agreement worth Euro 51.51 million (approximately Tshs. 108 billion) in the framework of its Millennium Development Goals Initiative.

The funds were aimed at supporting improved access to drinking water for an estimated 500,000 people and access to sanitation services for some 140,000 inhabitants of the towns of Lindi, Sumbawanga and Kigoma, based on a proposal from the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania discussed with relevant stakeholders.

The signing ceremony was held at the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning in Dar es Salaam where the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania was represented by Dr. Servacius Likwelile, the Ministry's Deputy Permanent Secretary whereas the Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Tanzania, Ambassador Filiberto Ceriani Sebgondi represented the EU.

Proposals from Tanzania were amongst thirty five that qualified for funding

This intervention, funded from the 10th European Development Fund (EDF), is additional to the Euro 555 million financial envelope under the Country Strategy and National

Indicative Programme for Tanzania and is meant to boost efforts to achieve MDG 7 on environmental sustainability by 2015.

"The European Union, as the world leading donor contributing with around 56 percent of total global aid, remains firmly committed to support the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals by 2015," said Ambassador Sebgondi after the signing of the agreement.

On his part, Dr. Likwelile appreciated the support by the European Union to efforts by the Tanzanian Government in improving lives of its people through the attainment of the MDGs.

Recent reports have indicated that Tanzania is on track in attaining MDGs on universal education and reduction of child mortality rate.

However, the country still lags behind in terms of poverty reduction, gender equality, maternal mortality, access to safe drinking water, reduction of malnutrition and prevalence of HIV/Aids rates.



Ambassador Sebgondi exchanging documents with Deputy PS Dr. Likwelile after signing the agreement. Photo: Emmanuel Kihale

BACKGROUND

The MDG Initiative was announced by European Commission President José Manuel Barroso at the UN High Level Summit of September 2010. Under the Initiative the European Union decided to devote up to Euro 1 billion to advance progress on most off-track MDGs in *African, Caribbean and Pacific partner countries*, in recognition of their performance, engagement and needs.

Fifty six proposals from African Caribbean and Pacific countries were received. Proposals from Tanzania were amongst thirty five that qualified for funding.

Access to drinking water and basic sanitation are essential in the fight against poverty. Millions of people, especially children, die each year from diseases related to unsafe water, or for lack of access to water. Millions more are forced to waste whole days of work or school just to fetch water from remote locations.

The numbers of those forced to emigrate by drought and climate change climb every year. Despite overall progress in drinking water coverage and basic sanitation provision, in developing countries entire areas, especially rural, are lagging behind

Finnish International Development Minister visits Tanzania

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Minister for International Development for Finland, Heidi Hautala, visited Tanzania between May 29 and June 3 this year.

During the visit she had an opportunity to learn about topical Tanzanian development issues and the development cooperation financed by Finland.

She also held talks with the Government of Tanzania concerning the implementation of the new Finnish development policy programme, and participated in the annual meeting of the African Development Bank (AfDB).

The special theme of the trip was sustainable use of natural resources and the equitable distribution of their benefits among citizens.

During her trip, Minister Hautala and the Tanzanian Minister of Finance and Economic Planning, Dr. William

Mgimwa signed a budget support agreement between Finland and Tanzania at a function that was held on the sidelines of the African Development Bank meeting in Arusha recently.

"Budgetary support is the support form Tanzania wished for, because it increases the government's ownership and power of decision and thus reinforces the use of national systems," said Dr. Mgimwa in his speech.

He thanked Finland for the important support, which strengthens the long-term relations between the countries and helps Tanzania reduce poverty.

In addition, Minister Hautala met with Dr. Richard Sezibera, the Secretary General of the East African Community (EAC), and was also a panelist during a public discussion that was held at the Finnish-funded Dar es Salaam Institute for Sustainable Development (Uongozi). During the discussion she spoke about development cooperation in a multilateral world. Later on she met with representatives of Finnish and Tanzanian civil society organisations.

The Finnish Minister also made a field trip to the Iringa Region where

Economic growth has been continuing for a decade at a rate of seven per cent per annum and there is an influx of investments, particularly from developing countries and the growth is expected to double from the present level when the natural gas deposits discovered in the southern sea area are taken into use, the Embassy said.

On human rights and good governance, Minister Hautala a recently adopted EU policy will underline human rights and good governance even more in future budgetary support agreements



Ministers Hautala and Dr. Mgimwa briefing journalists in Arusha after they signed the a budget support agreement between Tanzania and Finland. Photo: Courtesy of Embassy of Finland in Dar es Salaam

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she held discussions on challenges associated with the Finnish private forestry sector project that is now beginning.

These included land use and its planning, tree planting by small farmers, biodiversity and development of the region's forest industry.

According to the Finnish Embassy in Dar es Salaam, the Minister's trip took place at an interesting time with regard to Tanzania's development when the country is now experiencing a major economic transformation.

In Tanzania, she said, the questions of good governance and accountability are all more important now that the country's vast natural gas deposits have been discovered.

"It is a top priority that the benefits gained from the natural resources will be distributed to all and used for promoting equal opportunities."

Annual assessment for 2011 reports improvements in the country's situation. Particularly welcomed improvements include results oriented approach, increased transparency and enhanced anti-corruption activities, all pledged by the country's top leaders.



EU re-affirms commitment to sustainable energy for all by 2030

HIGH level representatives from the European Union, the United Nations, developing countries, industry and civil society gathered in Brussels, Belgium on April 16 to attend the Sustainable Energy Summit for All initiative (SE4ALL) hosted by the European Commission.

Tanzania was represented at the conference by the then Minister of Energy and Minerals, William Ngeleja and the Deputy Minister for Community Development, Gender and Children, Ummu Mwalimu, and other government officials.

The initiative which was launched last year by UN Secretary General, Ban Ki-moon, seeks to achieve the goal of Sustainable Energy for All by 2030 by meeting three interlinked global targets: universal access to modern energy services, doubling energy efficiency and doubling the share of renewable energy in world's energy supply.

"I greatly welcome this initiative" said José Manuel Barroso, the President of the European Commission speaking at the opening ceremony.

"These goals are inspirational. At the same time, it is important to state it, they can be achieved. They reflect also what the EU has already been doing, and will continue to do," he added.

President Barroso further noted this was in an effort to underscore the fact that the EC already took a unilateral commitment to cut greenhouse gas emissions by 20 percent more than double the EU's

share of renewable energy in energy mix, and improve energy efficiency by 20 percent all by 2020.

In announcing a new EU energy initiative, which will provide access to sustainable en-

The EC President explained that the link between energy and development is fundamental and that without energy access; the Millennium Development Goals will never be met.

According to him, the EU is committed to the aim of providing universal access to sustainable energy for all by 2030.

"By bringing together our partners, the private sector and civil society, we will work shoulder to shoulder to make this aim a reality... making sure that by 2030, energy access is no longer a privilege but



President Barroso (left) sharing a light moment with the UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon during the April 16 summit

ergy for an additional 500 million people in developing countries, President Barroso informed participants of the commission's proposal which includes a new EU Technical Assistance Facility worth Euro 50 million over the next two years, geared towards supporting developing partners who adopt the initiative where the EU will provide expertise in the field and thus promoting sustainable development and inclusive growth.

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In the run-up to the UN Conference on Sustainable Development in Rio in June, the "Rio+20" conference, "the EU and Member States will look to mobilise additional support of up to several hundred million Euros to support concrete new investments in sustainable energy for developing countries – working with banks and the private sector to create a leverage effect to multiply this amount many times over," Mr. Barroso noted.

the right of all" he continued.

For his part, UN Secretary-General, Ban Ki-moon welcomed the commitment by the European Union in support of the Sustainable Energy for All initiative.

"Its strong leadership in making energy central to its development policies, and for advancing the issue of energy access, helps place energy at the forefront of the global development agenda" said Mr. Ban.

Speaking after returning from the conference, Minister Ngeleja said that Tanzania would benefit from the initiative in various areas including grants and loans to implement projects, technical assistance, preparation and improvement of policies, laws and institutional set up.

He said the conference agreed that every country including Tanzania should establish their own initiatives to reach the goal.

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EU-Tanzania match in photos

On Saturday May 12 the European Union football team which included members of staff from EU Member States' missions to Tanzania played the Tanzania's National Assembly (Bunge) football team as part of celebrations to mark 2012 Europe Week. In the well played game the EU team emerged victorious after defeating the Bunge team 4-2.



EU team coach and player, Gianluca Azzoni planning his team ahead of the match



Rain almost disrupted the match but it later on stopped and gave the way for the game.



Some Bunge team reserve players following the match alongside other spectators who turned up to watch the match



EU team's Gianluca Azzoni (centre) passing the ball to a colleague, Pontian Kaganda as a Bunge team player struggles to snatch it from them



EU team with some members of their families celebrating the victory soon after the end of the match . Photos: Rosie Hayatta and Emmanuel Kihaule



EU Ambassador to Tanzania, Filiberto Ceriani Sebregondi handing over a trophy to Bunge team captain, Hon. William Ngeleja (left) in appreciation of the well played game . In the middle is the Bunge team coach, Hon Joel Bendera and left is EU team Coach and player, Gianluca Azzoni



Pictorial of EU Delegation Activities



Head of Political, Press and Economic Section of the EU Delegation to Tanzania, Tom Vens, officially opening a training for journalists on the role of the media in promoting active ageing and solidarity between generations as part of the 2012 EU Week activities. The training was organised by HelpAge International and financially supported by EU Photo: Emmanuel Kihaule



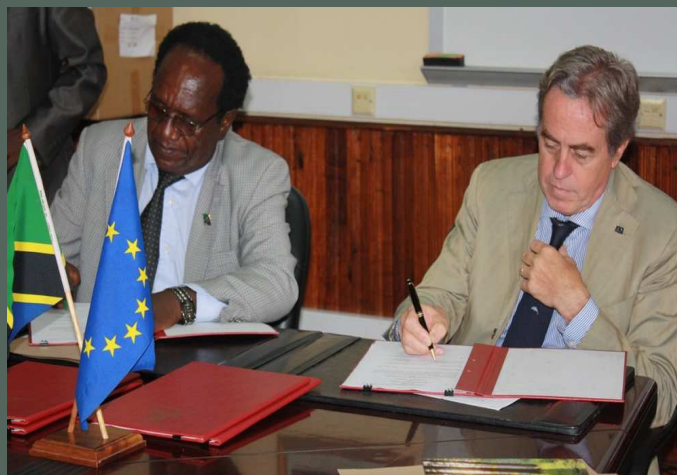
One of the participants contributing during a public discussion on Regional Integration: EU and EAC Perspectives that was held on May 8 at the University of Dar es Salaam as part of celebrations to mark the 2012 EU week. It was organised by the Department of Political Science and Public Administration of the University of Dar es Salaam with support from EU. Photo: Deusdedit Munthali



The Mwananchi Communications Managing Editor, Theophil Makunga (right) explaining something to the EU Ambassador to Tanzania, Filiberto Ceriani Sebregondi, when the latter paid a visit to the media house on March 9. Looking on is the Head of Political, Press and Information Section of the Delegation of the European Union to Tanzania, Tom Vens. Photo: Emmanuel Kihaule



French Ambassador to Tanzania, Marcel Escure, speaking before screening of the movie The Artist from France soon after the official inauguration of the European Film Festival 2012 that was held at the Alliance Française in Dar es Salaam. Photo: Emmanuel Kihaule



Tanzania Finance Minister, Dr. William Mgimwa and the EU Ambassador to Tanzania, Filiberto Ceriani Sebregondi signing four financing agreements through which the European Union is going to support the country in its efforts to realize MDGs. Photo: Emmanuel Kihaule



Staff Corner

WELCOME



It is with great pleasure that I have been transferred from the EU Delegation to China to the Delegation of Tanzania. I had been here 10 years ago and always promised myself I would be back. This time, it is to work hard on cooperation and development issues in the economic and governance section. One of my first main tasks is to put in place a large programme on Culture for Development.

Virginie De Ruyt- Attaché Governance and Economic Section



I would like to thank everyone in the EU Delegation for welcoming me so warmly since I arrived at the end of April. Although not a formal member of the Delegation, your assistance and advice has helped me in my job of enabling EUNAVFOR Counter Piracy operations in Tanzania. Equally, your support has made me feel at home and I look forward to spending the next 5 months working with you. Finally, if you see any Pirates (Eye patch, beard and parrot) in Umoja House, let me know!

Andy Panther-Liaison Officer EUNAVFOR



After nearly four years at the EU Delegation to Mozambique, I'm very happy to start working at the Delegation to Tanzania. Living in Tanzania looks very nice and working at the Delegation very interesting in particular for the challenging sector of agriculture. I really look forward getting to know more about the sector, the country and its people.

Alexandre Serres - Programme Officer Natural Resources Section

GOOD-BYE

It has been a great time in Tanzania and in the Delegation. I would like to thank all the colleagues who have accompanied me in this journey, which lasted more than 5 years. We will meet again!

Enrico Strampelli- Outgoing Head of Cooperation



After four and half years in Tanzania and three in the EU Delegation it's not easy to say good-bye. But I leave with very good memories. I really enjoyed my work and the opportunity to meet so many interesting people- colleagues at work, in the government and other stakeholders in the agriculture sector. This experience will stay with me and will help me in my future carrier. Kwaherini Tanzania!

Ana Margarida Mariguês- former Programme Officer Natural Resources Section



Upcoming Events

- June 12 High Level Mission on Sustainable Energy for All (jointly organised by UN and EU)
- June 25-27 EU Head of Mission visit to Tea Research Institute of Tanzania (TRIT), Iringa
- June 14 Budget Speech, Dodoma
- June 15-16 GBS Troika discussions and launch of new 5 year Public Finance Management Strategy
- June 21 CSO and private sector consultations on EU EDF 11 programming, Dar es Salaam
- June 21 SAGCOT Working Group and SAGCOT Kilimo Kwanza Executive Committee meetings, Dar es Salaam
- June 25 EU Naval Force Flag Ship FS MARNE visits Dar Es Salaam

Working in the Delegation here was a great experience. Thanks to all colleagues for their support and, who knows, maybe our paths will cross again.

Stefan Schleuning-Outgoing Head of Economic Section



It was great having worked at the EU Delegation in Tanzania though I stayed here for only a short period of time. My family too visited Tanzania in December last year and they have good memories about the country.

Dennis Ryan-former Liaison Officer-EUNAVFOR

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