

EU TANZANIA NEWS FLASH



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

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Dear readers,

The months of April and May were packed with a broad range of activities, including visits, launches, dialogues and the signing of agreements that further strengthened the ties between the European Union and Tanzania. Also this year May was "Europe Month" and the programme of Europe Month, with activities in Dar es Salaam, Dodoma and Arusha was presented in detail in our special Europe Month flash that you received earlier.

Both Europe and Tanzania as well as the East African Community are integral parts of a world that faces ever increasing challenges and dialogue between the EU, the EAC and Tanzania took place on a broad range of issues, including international cooperation, trade, security and regional integration.

The EU Delegation in Tanzania is a vital link in the relations between Europe, the EAC and Tanzania and the Delegation's team is committed to increased cooperation between the EU, Tanzania and East Africa. Enjoy our Flash!

*Roeland van de Geer,
Head of Delegation.*

Meeting between EU Head of Delegation and President Magufuli



(Pictures courtesy of State House)

On 6 April, President John Pombe Magufuli and Roeland van de Geer, the Head of the EU Delegation, met at the State House to discuss developments in Tanzania and Europe, the relations between the EU and Tanzania and between the EU and the EAC. In the ensuing press conference President Magufuli stressed that the relations between Tanzania and the EU are solid, allowing for open and robust dialogue.



ESPS Galicia Docks in Dar es Salaam



On 5 April, the "ESPS Galicia" of the European Union Naval Force Atalanta visited the port of Dar es Salaam. Forces of Operation Atalanta deter, prevent and repress acts of piracy and armed robbery off the Somali coast and the EU Naval Force protects vessels of the World Food Programme (WFP) delivering aid to displaced persons in Somalia. The EU Heads of Missions in Tanzania visited the vessel and were briefed on the situation in the operational area.



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Horticulture dialogue by EU & AKF

On Tuesday 23 May, the European Union (EU) and Aga Khan Foundation (AKF) organized a forum on 'Exploring Systemic Constraints and Opportunities to Strengthen the Horticulture Market System for Smallholder Farmers across Tanzania'. The platform was designed to be interactive, action-oriented, and participatory, with almost 100 horticulture related stakeholders representing the private sector, financial service providers, farmers, traders, implementing organizations and international development partners. With market linkages that need further development and little access to improved technology and mechanization, smallholder farmers continue to produce at subsistence levels. In the forum, possible linkages between actors in the horticulture value chain and the use of appropriate technologies to increase production were discussed.



Official Launch of the Good Financial Governance Programme



On Wednesday 17 May, [GIZ](#) (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH) together with key stakeholders, [officially launched the Good Financial Governance \(GFG\) Programme](#) in Dar es Salaam. The GFG is a technical cooperation programme implemented by GIZ and funded by [the European Union \(EU\)](#), [Germany](#) and [Switzerland](#) over a period of four years.



The programme's objective is to strengthen Tanzania's public finance, particularly with regards to accountability and revenue mobilisation.

Women and Youth Political Representation Enhanced project launched



On Tuesday 25 April the European Union and We Effect East Africa (WE Effect), the Tanzania Women Lawyers Association (TAWLA) and the Tanzania Youth Coalition (TYC) launched the 'Women and Youth Political Representation Enhanced (WYPRE)' project. The EU funded project seeks to promote full participation of women and youth in the 2019 and 2020 elections at both the national and local levels.



The project is intended to break the barriers that prevent women and young people from participating in political processes and from being represented at decision-making levels. The project also aims at increasing participation of women and youth in activities of political parties in Tanzania.



Amb. Roeland van de Geer giving his remarks during the launch of WYPRE project.



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Third University of Dar Es Salaam Research Week

Under the theme 'Research towards Industrialization and Middle Economy for Tanzania' the University of Dar es Salaam held its third Research Week. The Research Week aims at presenting research and information-based solutions on a range of societal challenges. When closing the week at the University of Dar es Salaam on 12 May, EU Ambassador Roeland van de Geer underlined the crucial importance of universities in society and their vital role in supporting Tanzania's industrialisation agenda.



EU awarded as distinguished National Human Rights Defender 2016



Around 120 Human Rights Defenders (HRD) from across the country as well as government officials, media practitioners, development partners, and other international and regional stakeholders in the human rights came together on 28 April in Dar es Salaam to celebrate Human Rights Defenders Day. The meeting was an opportunity to discuss challenges affecting HRDs, strengthen networks and share experience among HRDs and relevant stakeholder and foster collaborations and cooperation with Government and national, regional and international human rights bodies.

Ambassador Roeland van de Geer underlined that support to HRDs was a main priority of the EU's external human rights policy. In the ceremony the EU was awarded as a distinguished National Human Rights Defender in 2016.

Picture courtesy of the Embassy of Sweden

Reform Contract on Economic and Fiscal Governance signed

On 3 April, the Permanent Secretary in charge of Finance and Planning and EDF National Authorising Officer, Mr Doto James, and EU Head of Delegation Roeland van de Geer signed a Sector Reform Contract on Economic and Fiscal Governance. [Ambassador van de Geer explained that](#) the Contract is intended to assist in the urgently required economic and fiscal governance reforms, required to improve the livelihoods of all Tanzanian citizens.

The contract focuses on policy reforms initiated by the Ministry of Finance and Planning and on budget credibility, revenue mobilisation, efficiency of public expenditure, transparency and accountability. The funds under the contract will become available in tranches over the coming years depending on concrete and measurable progress made in these areas.



#YOUTHTAKEOVER: Leave No Child Behind

On 21 April, four young Tanzanians took over the EU Delegation's Facebook and Twitter accounts sharing their views on children's rights in Tanzania. The '#YouthTakeover: Leave No Child Behind' campaign was organised in partnership with Plan International and celebrated the adoption of the revised EU Guidelines on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of the Child. The Guidelines are key to the overarching EU strategy to defend and promote children's rights globally, providing recommendations for EU institutions and services, including EU Delegations, and for Member States, to better implement the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

In the #YouthTakeOver, the four young Tanzanians - Petrider, Aidan, Specioza and Mwanahamisi - discussed children's rights, child marriage, female genital mutilation (FGM), and challenges facing children, notably children with special needs, in education. Prior to the takeover, the youngsters met with different interlocutors including the Minister of Health Hon. Umyy Mwalimu, EU Ambassador Roeland van de Geer, [Plan International](#) Country Director Jorgen Haldorsen and Founder of #ChangeTanzania Maria Sarungi Tsehai.



R-L: Amb. Roeland van de Geer with Specioza Maganya 21, Mwanahamis Yusuf 24 and Aidan Tarimo 22 during a visit to his office.



Petrider Paul 23 (2nd left) joined the other three young Tanzanian during the #YouthTakeover action at the EU Delegation's offices.

European Youth Film Competition launched



On 29 May, the European Union, in collaboration with the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the French Embassy, the Alliance Francaise as well as the British Council [launched](#) the [European Youth Film Competition](#).

Young and aspiring Tanzanian video producers (between 18 to 35 years) were invited to compete for the prize of the best short film around the topic: "The Growing Population: a development challenge or an opportunity?" The winning film will win prizes worth TZS.7Million, while the first runner up will win prizes worth TZS.5Million and the second runner-up will win prizes worth TZS.3Million.

Meeting with the EU Business Group on business climate

On 30 May, the Head of the EU Delegation, Roeland van de Geer hosted a meeting between Heads of Missions of the EU Member States, [Norway](#), [Switzerland](#) and [the EU Business Group](#) (EUBG) to discuss the business climate in Tanzania. The EUBG, which supports the European private sector operating in the country, was inaugurated in April 2015 and today represents 118 members in 20 sectors of the economy.

Members of the EUBG provided a short briefing on their sector and the ensuing debate focused on the state of the economy, challenges in the current business climate and the way forward for the EUBG.

