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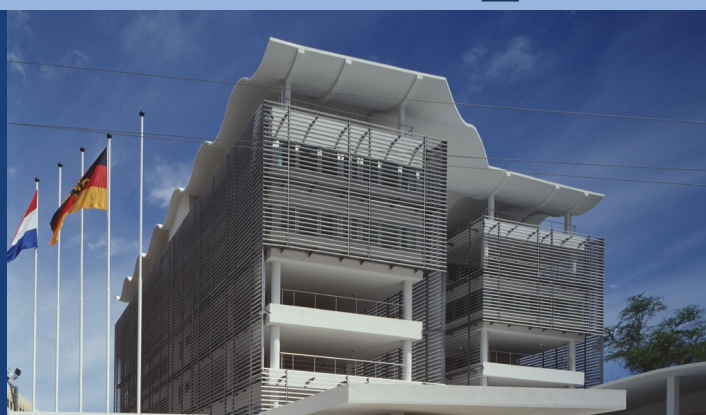
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On activities, events, studies, articles and more

Do not hesitate to contact us in case of questions, tips or trade requests.



With pleasure I share with you our last newsletter for 2021. It has been an eventful year. Tanzania has sworn in its first woman President, who is also the only current female leader in Africa. Since her start regional ties have strengthened and in turn new opportunities are popping up. We also welcomed a new Ambassador, H.E. Wiebe de Boer, who is looking forward to meet the agricultural companies in Tanzania. In this newsletter you will find a summary of the most recent events organized by the Embassy, such as the Arusha agribusiness seminar. You will also find information on several businesses coming with innovative solutions to make Tanzania's agriculture sector more sustainable. Everyday new partnerships are formed between Tanzania and the Netherlands, and knowledge and expertise are exchanged. Together we work on making the agriculture sector more resilient to the face of the effects of climate change and improve food security. I look forward to also working with you in 2022 to reach our shared ambitions. Wishing you a wonderful holiday period and we see each other again in 2022! *With kind regards, Ingrid Korving, Agricultural Counsellor*

News

Karibu Ambassador H.E. Mr. Wiebe de Boer

Welcome on board, Ambassador Wiebe de Boer. Congratulations on your appointment as the new ambassador of the Netherlands to Tanzania. To get to know the Ambassador better the agricultural team, interviewed him aiming to reveal his expectations, plans and strategies for the coming years. Would you like to get to know Ambassador Wiebe de Boer better and find out about his visit to Arusha/Moshi? *Please read the full introduction interview with him on our [website](#).*



Dutch agribusiness seminar in Arusha

On 8th November 2021, the agriculture department of the Netherlands Embassy organized a Dutch agribusiness seminar in Arusha. During the seminar over 50 organizations were updated on agriculture sector developments in the northern region of Tanzania. Furthermore the Tanzania Horticulture Association and the Tanzania Investment Centre gave updates on plans they have in the pipeline. *Click [here](#) to read more about the seminar.*

NEWS

Tilapia aquaculture in sub-Saharan Africa

Aqua-Spark released their first Aqua-Insights report with an in-depth analysis of the tilapia sector in sub-Saharan Africa. It addresses the importance of farmed tilapia in solving sub-Saharan Africa's need to produce sufficient food for its growing population. This report showcases how important it is to further scale aquaculture sustainably and its potential to feed the world in the most resource-efficient and healthy way.

Read the full article [here](#).



Sustainable food systems through diversification and indigenous vegetables

This report on food systems is the third output of the Sustainable Agrifood Systems Strategies (SASS) programme (2017 and 2020). The report analyses the economic, social and environmental sustainability of food systems. The report studies the potential role of diversification of indigenous vegetables to advance its sustainability in southern and central Tanzania.

Click [here](#) to download the report.

50 years of SNV in Tanzania

On October 7th, 2021 H.E Ambassador Wiebe de Boer co-hosted the celebration of 50 years of SNV in Tanzania. With their dedicated work since 1971 they made an impact in Tanzania, especially for people living in poverty since its establishment. Country Director, Mr. Duncan Rhind, opened the ceremony and described SNV's contribution in the water, sanitation sector, energy and agriculture sector.

Watch the testimony video and read more on their [website](#).



The Orange Knowledge Programme Extended

If you are a professional working in the agricultural sectors, then the OKP might be a great opportunity for you! Apply between 2 February and 22 March 2022 for master's and short courses. Please note you will first need to apply for a course at a Dutch University, after which you will apply for the OKP through them. Also make sure that your employer is willing to nominate you for the scholarship.

Click [here](#) for more information.

Latest Developments



Market study of fruits & vegetables from Sub Saharan Africa

Demand for fresh and processed fruits & vegetables is increasing everywhere. Offering a buoyant market for suppliers who know how to meet this demand. COLEACP published a report to gain a better understanding of trade dynamics and marketing trends at the national, regional and international levels, and specifically to identify the most promising value chains for the actors in agricultural processing in Africa. *Find the full report [here](#).*

Digital learning to develop fish farming

Knowledge and skills are at the basis of a successful and profitable fish farming enterprise. However, access to knowledge, developed to suit the regional context, is still lacking in East Africa. This in combination with the adoption of digital technology in Africa offers significant opportunities to share knowledge and reach farmers, in aquaculture and other agricultural sectors online. Therefore FoodTechAfrica developed an extensive digital curriculum for African fish farmers. *Read more [here](#).*



Germplasm to breed better vegetable varieties

Did you know the World Vegetable Center collects and preserves the genetic material for vegetable crops for the future varietal improvement? The center's genebank contains about 57,264 accessions, making World Vegetable Center the largest public collection of vegetable germplasm. The collection also includes more than 10,000 accessions of indigenous vegetables. The center characterizes vegetable germplasm resources and shares useful germplasm materials with public and private sectors worldwide. *See more [here](#).*



Mashariki Summit 2021

The Netherlands Alumni Association of Kenya ([NAAK](#)) and the Netherlands Alumni Association of Tanzania ([NAAT](#)) hosted the Mashariki Summit in Sep 2021. The summit was dedicated to key emerging questions linking the COVID-19 to agriculture, food, nutrition, and security in Kenya and Tanzania. The summit was achieved its objective of raising awareness and elevating the global discussion about food production, food waste and how reforming our food systems can help end hunger by 2030. *Read more [here](#).*



MASHARIKI SUMMIT 2021

Pathways to addressing food & nutrition security in Kenya and Tanzania.

September 21st -23rd

Virtual Conference

#MasharikiSummit2021

Latest Developments



Sustainable potato farming in Tanzania

Climate Resilient Agribusiness For Tomorrow (CRAFT) is working with smallholder potato farmers to create an enabling environment for wide scale adoption of climate-smart agriculture practices and technologies.

The aim of their project in Tanzania is to improve the climate resilience of potato farmers, and increase their yields and revenues.

Read the full article [here](#).

Organic fertilizer improving avocado yield

As part of the [EAT:FRESH](#) project Guavay Company Limited is a Tanzania-based organic fertilizer blender and manufacturer. It is the first company in Tanzania to locally produce EU and US certified organic fertilizer products, using local available materials. Branded as “Hakika Avocado Fertilizer”, the special fertilizer blend is targeted primarily for farmers growing avocados. In July 2021, the company was officially launched. Their fertilizer has been under research for 3 years.

Click [here](#) to read more.



Kick-off Waendeleze project

The Waendeleze project, supported by the Netherlands Enterprise Agency and the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to Tanzania, offers a training programme for women entrepreneurs in the Tanzanian agribusiness sector.

15 women-led agricultural enterprises are supported to scale up. Read the full article about the project on our [website](#).



Aquaculture training in Tanzania

From 6-17th September, Larive International organized a TMT+ training on aquaculture at the Fisheries and Education Agency (FETA) campuses in Bagamoyo and Mwanza. At each location, 20 trainees consisting of a mix of FETA teachers and farmers participated. Knowledge and expertise were exchanged, helping to improve food security in Tanzania. They managed to train farmers on a large variety of topics to improve food security and make the sector more sustainable. Read more [here](#).



Events & Developments



Information on COVID-19 in Tanzania

For all information about COVID-19 in Tanzania please use the official [website](#) of the Government of Tanzania. Click [here](#) to read the latest travel advisory of the Tanzanian Government.

Information on COVID-19 in the Netherlands

For an overview of all existing measures for traveling to the Netherlands kindly use [this website](#) of the Netherlands Government.

We also share the latest updates on changes on the [Netherlands Embassy Facebook page](#).

In case you haven't done yet, [subscribe to the security list](#) to make sure you receive relevant updates and information.



DIETS tender

On 26 October 2021, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs published a call for grant proposals for the DIETS programme. Organisations with experience in strengthening the implementation of national nutrition-related policies in Sub-Saharan Africa may apply for a grant between 26 October 2021 and 31 January 2022.

Kindly find more information [here](#).

Call for applications: SMEs in the Blue Economy

Are you an African company carrying out activities in areas of the blue economy? Then join in for BlueInvest Africa 2022. BlueInvest Africa is a two-day B2B hybrid event in March 2022 for companies operating in the African blue economy to exchange with African and European investors.

Kindly find more information [here](#).

Financial instruments

The Netherlands Enterprise Agency (RVO) has updated their website on financial instruments that are available. You can find the full overview of instruments applicable for Tanzania by selecting the country under country. See the updated website here: [Subsidies and programmes | RVO.nl](#)

To assist you in finding financial instruments that suit your needs, we have created [this overview page](#).

For upcoming events check our [twitter](#) and our [agenda](#).



*We wish you all happy holidays ahead
and a great start of the New Year!*



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