On activities, events, studies, articles and more
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First of all we are wishing you courage in these troublesome times. The coronavirus is affecting all of us. In Tanzania and Kenya, in the Netherlands, and in the rest of the world. Our thoughts are with the people whose health is affected and with their families. For many companies, large and small, this is an extremely difficult time. Whether you are an export organization or self-employed, this will be hitting you hard. In the coming period we cannot meet face to face due to the social distancing measures to combat the virus. However we will continue to inform you through social media and our newsletters. You can call or email the agricultural office for all your questions. Despite all the uncertainty, one thing is perfectly clear, the challenge we face is enormous and all of us will have to work together to overcome it. Please stay healthy and safe.

*The Agricultural Counsellor, Ingrid Korving.*

**Corona related news**
Below we have provided an overview of useful information based on the type of questions we receive. In case you have suggestions for useful additions to this list, kindly share them with us by sending an email to dar-inv@minbuza.nl.

**Update: Webinar on COVID-19 Implications for Dutch Businesses in Tanzania 29 April 2020**
**What:** A webinar titled: ‘Legal implications of COVID-19 in Tanzania: Contracts, Employment, Migration and Tax Laws’ during which important (legal) questions will be answered on COVID-19 implications for Dutch businesses in Tanzania.

**Who:** The Netherlands Embassy in partnership with Rex Attorneys

**When:** Wednesday 29 April 2020; 14 - 16pm

**Interested?** Kindly register by sending an email to dar-ea@minbuza.nl. Full details will be shared after registration.

For more information visit this [website](http://www.agroberichtenbuitenland.nl/landeninformatie/tanzania).

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**Information on corona in Tanzania**
For all information about the Corona crisis in Tanzania please use the official [website](http://www.agroberichtenbuitenland.nl/landeninformatie/tanzania) of the Government of Tanzania.

**Information on corona in the Netherlands**
The corona virus outbreak is giving rise to many questions, also from entrepreneurs and businesses. For more information on corona in the Netherlands, visit [this website](http://www.agroberichtenbuitenland.nl/landeninformatie/tanzania).

[Dutch] **Informatie over corona in Tanzania**
De veranderende omstandigheden en maatregelen tegen COVID-19 hebben grote impact op het dagelijks leven en het bedrijfsleven in Tanzania.

Als ambassade staan we voor u klaar. Afgelopen weken hebben we met vele contact gehad om individuele vragen te beantwoorden. Zodra er nieuws is bericht de ambassade hierover op sociale media en de [website](http://www.agroberichtenbuitenland.nl/landeninformatie/tanzania).

Als ambassade zijn wij graag op de hoogte welke Nederlanders zich in Tanzania bevinden. U kunt zich hiervoor registeren bij de [informatieservice van Buitenlandse Zaken](http://www.agroberichtenbuitenland.nl/landeninformatie/tanzania).
Innovation Week: House of the Future
The Innovation Week comprised a series of events exploring innovation in research, entrepreneurship, technology and design curated by HDIF, UKAid and COSTECH in collaboration with other partners under the theme ‘Innovate for Impact’. Purpose of the Innovation Week is to inspire current and future leaders in the country to take risks on new ideas, collaborate across sectors and transform Tanzania through the scaling of innovation.

The Embassy together with eight Dutch organizations organized a “Netherlands House of the Future” representing the Netherlands as the fourth most innovative country in the world. The House of the Future provided these organizations with an opportunity to display their future proof innovations to a large audience ranging from private sector to governments. By sharing insights on innovation in their field, they managed to create business linkages, media exposure, and partnerships.

Would you be interested to share your innovative solution next year, please contact us. For more information on the Innovation Week, visit this webpage.

International Year of Plant Health 2020
Did you know that 2020 is the United Nation’s International Year of Plant Health?

Plants make up 80% of the food we eat and produce 98% of the oxygen we breathe. Plant health is therefore not only important to agribusiness, but to everyone.

In collaboration with our partners, we work towards improving plant health in Kenya and Tanzania. For instance, we collaborated with relevant organizations to facilitate workshops for producers regarding the control of plant diseases and pests. By doing so we are involved in creating a safe, sustainable and workable business environment for all farmers within the value chain. The FAO has created an informative webpage that we invite you to visit to learn more about the international year of plant health.

Opening of the demonstration fish farm
A consortium of 13 Dutch and Eastern-African companies under the name of ‘FoodTechAfrica’ is transforming the aquaculture sector. By developing the entire value chain, from the fish feed and the fish production system to the training of local partners and fish farmers, they aspire to advance the local agro sector and increase the production of sustainable and healthy farmed fish.

In February 2020, the Big Fish demonstration fish farm near Dar es Salaam has officially been opened. The demonstration fish farm showcases an integrated approach to fish farming, including innovative recirculation-based systems, improved genetics and high-quality construction materials. In total, over two hundred people visited the demonstration farm in just two days and the event was live broadcasted on national television.

If you are interested to learn more about FoodTechAfrica and the opening, please have a look at opening article which can be found on this website.
Doing business in Tanzania
The Netherlands is a big business partner for Tanzania. According to the Bank of Tanzania, the Netherlands is the fourth largest investor in the country. There are some things to keep in mind when doing business in any foreign country, including Tanzania. Therefore the factsheet, ‘Doing Business in Tanzania’, may come in handy for everyone aiming to do business in Tanzania.
In 2019, Tanzania terminated the Bilateral Investment Agreement (BIT) between Tanzania and the Netherlands. This implies that new Dutch investors in Tanzania can no longer rely on the preferential protection that the agreement provided. New investors will therefore have to rely on national legislation and regulations for protection of their investment. The Netherlands has requested to start negotiations with Tanzania for a new BIT swiftly. Read more about business opportunities, getting started in Tanzania, and the Tanzanian business climate in the new factsheet that is published on our website.

Netherlands Alumni Association of Tanzania
Did you study in the Netherlands? Do you want to join the Netherlands Alumni Association of Tanzania (NAAT)? During the last NAAT event more than 100 alumni from different regions and backgrounds attended. Everyone could share his or her own experiences and lessons learned about staying in the Netherlands. There were opportunities for networking and information was shared on participating in refresher courses. If you would like to be part of the network and join the next NAAT event, please send an e-mail to alumninaat@gmail.com.
Indicate your name, organization, the course/program, the institution, and the year you studied in the Netherlands.

NEW Twitter account for Tanzania
The Agriculture team of the Netherlands Embassy in Dar es Salaam now shares news, developments and info on the agriculture sector in Tanzania on @NLAgriTanzania.

Funding by the Netherlands Enterprise Agency
Are you a Dutch entrepreneur or investor with international ambitions and an interest in Tanzania specifically? Then the DHI, DGGF or FVO subsidies might be an interesting opportunity for you.

◊ The DHI subsidy aims to help you demonstrate products and technologies, or to look into the feasibility of your business plan. This funding applies to Dutch entrepreneurs and applications are open until 31 Dec 2020. More info? Click here

◊ The Dutch Good Growth Fund (DGGF) has funds available to support investors, importers and exporters to start up or expand business relations with Tanzania or one of the other DGGF-countries. This funding applies to Dutch entrepreneurs. More info? Click here

◊ The Fund for Responsible Business (FVO) offers a chance to get an insight into all aspects of your value chain relating to business conduct and sustainability. The fund can also be used to implement measures to address risks and misconduct. It applies to "Dutch partnerships" which can include local stakeholders, including companies in Tanzania. Application deadline: 30 September 2020. More information can be found here.

Team News
Our team has some wonderful news to share, our colleague Manou Aelmans gave birth on the 17th of December 2019 to her daughter Maisha Aelmans-Okello.

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