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Dr. Mike Falke

Country Director
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Dear Partners and Colleagues,

Am happy to present to you our work and progress of the first part of the year. Across the globe and particularly here in Tanzania our programmes continue to support women, mothers and children, young girls, people with special needs, and young people in exploring topics such as health, water, biodiversity, Trade and Employment, good governance, human rights, and violence prevention. Am happy to therefore inform you that our work in Tanzania has been successful and continues to be so. We owe this success to the positive relations we have with our highly motivated local partners within the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania and the East African Community, as well as our GIZ experts in the country.

Recently we just marked the official start of cooperation in the wildlife protection sector by signing an implementation agreement on Human-Wildlife conflict mitigation project between GIZ and the Ministry of Natural Resources Management. The project is worth 6 million Euros and shall target 30 villages of the Ruvuma landscape, south of the Nyerere National Park and the Selous Game Reserve, especially in the districts of Liwale (Lindi Region), Namtumbo, and Tunduru (Ruvuma Region).

In the same sector of Biodiversity, we are envisioning a marine conservation project on Transboundary Conservation and Sustainable Management of Coastal and Marine Biodiversity targeting Kwale, Kenya and Tanga, Tanzania. This is strongly linked to Blue economy for job creation and Climate change adaptation, and we are happy to see other major development partners also interested about this and are showing potential for co-funding.

We are also in the final steps of preparing further cooperation in Promotion of Water security and Climate Resilience in urban Areas in Tanzania, the German government committed 3 million Euros of Technical assistance for Tanzania Mainland, and another 3 million for Strengthening Water Security and Climate Resilience for urban areas in Zanzibar. Both GIZ and Tanzania Ministry of water counterparts are positively and actively engaged in the preparations.

As a result of strong bilateral ties between Tanzania and Germany we expect more and fruitful cooperation in the months to come, GIZ remains committed to providing the necessary support and responding with world class expertise towards development in Tanzania.

I wish to welcome you all to read our newsletter, I hope you enjoy it. Am also looking forward to our next engagements as we look forward to more positive outcomes later on during the year.

Regards,

Dr. Mike Falke
Country Director





Ministry of Constitutional and Legal Affairs and the German Development Cooperation agency GIZ sign Agreements for new projects on Access to Justice for Women and Children / Society in Action for Equality (SAFE).

This June 7th, The Ministry of Constitutional and Legal Affairs, represented by Permanent Secretary Mary G. Makondo, the Germany embassy, represented by her excellency Regine Hess, GIZ Tanzania represented by Country Director Dr. Mike Falke and Programme Manager Katharina Kuehn today signed an agreement to implement a new joint project on improving access to justice for women and children with a focus on combating sexual and gender-based violence, and announced a new collaboration in Tanzania as part of the Regional Project Promotion of Rule of Law and Judiciary in Africa.

Sexual and gender based violence (SGBV) remains a big challenge worldwide and in Tanzania. While the Tanzanian government is undertaking significant efforts to combat SGBV, including through different strategies such as the National Plan of Action to end Violence Against Women and Children (NPA-VAWC), the problem still persists in our communities. This calls for different approaches, strategies, and actors to address the challenge. The bilateral project “Access to Justice for Women and Children/ Society in Action for Equality (SAFE)” shall contribute to the Tanzanian government’s efforts in preventing and responding to SGBV, efforts also strongly backed by the German Government. To this end, the partners will work on identifying legal, institutional and social factors that make it difficult for women and children affected by violence to access justice, improving services offered by government entities (including the police) and non-governmental actors such as legal aid units in order to assist victims of gender-based violence and raise awareness on the topic in the communities. The project will be implemented in collaboration with President’s Office Regional Administration and Local government with specific focus in Dar es salaam, Dodoma and Tanga regions.

Re-enforcing the joint efforts towards strengthening human rights and legal aid, the regional project on Promotion of the Rule of Law and Judiciary in Africa will work towards improving access to justice for vulnerable citizens, especially women, and economic actors as well as supporting independent judicial structures and accessibility of legal information for legal practitioners and the public at large.

Both parties recognise that interdisciplinary approaches combining art, media and law can contribute greatly towards strengthening human rights awareness and fighting SGBV. Through creative formats including film and theatre and collaboration with media, state and non-state actors will be able to impart knowledge to the community that will support a reflection on rights, rights violations and possible remedies. Such outreach activities will hence complement the strengthening of legal and institutional frameworks and support services.

Conclusively, both the German government and GIZ as the implementing agency highly regard the cooperation received from the Ministry in the preparation and roll out of this project, reaffirming the basis for the German government to have committed three million Euros for the implementation of the project.



Human-Wildlife Coexistence.



A project implementation agreement between MNRT and GIZ has been signed on April 20th 2023, for a 6 million Euros project on Mitigation of Human-wildlife conflicts, a project that shall be jointly implemented with the Ministry of Natural Resource and Tourism as well as the wildlife division. The Co-existence between wildlife and people is a core objective, while seeking to reduce the negative impacts of human wildlife conflicts. The signing was witnessed by Hon. Mohamed Mchengerwa (MP) Minister of Natural Resource and Tourism as well as Dr. Hassan Abbasi, the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry, and H.E. Regine Hess – Ambassador of Germany to Tanzania. The preparatory phase of the project planning has started with essential conservation implementing partners in the landscape. The focus is to empower institutions and communities to implement the national strategy to reduce the impacts of wildlife on their livelihoods.

Despite the effort to promote conservation in Tanzania, rapidly growing populations, and demand for more land for agriculture and livestock have been contributing to the increase of human-wildlife conflicts (HWC) in communities living adjacent to protected areas. People have been directly and indirectly affected by wildlife and the benefits returned from tourism activities have not been sufficient to pay back the loss. On the occasion of the Member of Parliament visit to Tanzania in early February 2023, the Minister of Natural Resource and Tourism (MNRT) presented the National Human-Wildlife Conflict Management Strategy (NHWCMS) and underlined the government's policy to work towards HW Coexistence.

Based on these challenges and the government's efforts, BMZ funded a three-years project "Mitigation of Human-Wildlife Conflicts" implemented by GIZ to support building human-wildlife coexistence in 30 villages from 3 districts across the Ruvuma landscape in the southern part of Tanzania.



Optimising maternal and newborn healthcare.



The mood at Lupa Tingatinga Health Centre in Mbeya region was exhausting but happy, a mother had just delivered her first baby. It had been complicated, her cervix had ruptured and she had started bleeding strongly during birth. A few months ago, she may not have survived. The nearest health facility with equipment and trained staff to carry out the surgery to stop the bleeding was 90 minutes away by ambulance. But now Lupa Tingatinga could provide the services. Together with Chunya District Council, the Mbeya Regional Administration and the Ministry of Health, GIZ had supported the procurement and installation of equipment, as well as the training of staff that allowed Lupa Tingatinga to provide the full set of Emergency Obstetric and Neonatal Care services and avoid many risky referrals.

This story from Lupa Tingatinga is just one example of the impact of the GIZ implemented project Improving Health Care in Tanzania. Similar stories can be found at each of the 16 health facilities in Mbeya and Tanga Regions that were supported between 2019 and 2023 with funding from the German Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). Doctors, nurses and midwives were empowered to improve the safety of mothers and babies during birth by engaging with the communities in service planning, analyzing health service data, and taking part in more than 1.500 training contacts and nearly 100 on-the-job mentoring sessions offered by skilled experts. In the same way, they were supported in improving their advice for post-partum and youth friendly family planning.

The impacts were striking. The rate at which women die because of delivery complications has reduced by 60%, saving the lives of 56 mothers. In the six newly established newborn care units at District Hospitals and the two extended ones at the regional hospitals, data on newborn deaths improved and the newborn mortality rate started to drop in the last year of implementation. Nearly 20% more women and men are using modern family planning methods in 2023 than in 2019. Lessons from this project informed the reviews of various service guidelines and provide the basis for a new project from 2023 to 2026.





Maximizing the Potential of Small, and Medium Enterprises in Tanzania.

The Employment and Skills for Development in Africa - E4Din partnership with the Prime Ministers Officer Labour, Youth, Employment and Persons with Disability, is supporting local private sector companies to enable them to benefit from tenders coming from large investments. through the consortium of E360, FSME and ITM Tanzania the measure develops the capacity of selected companies in bid Management, Health, Safety and Environment (HSE) standards and systems. These were identified as some of the main barriers for local companies to participate successfully in tenders.

In doing so, E4D is conducting training, coaching, and mentoring aimed at enhancing Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs). As part of the implementation of the project, E4D organised a panel discussion themed “Maximizing the potential of Tanzania SMEs in competing in large investment tenders - Opportunities and Challenges.” The discussion allowed for an exchange of ground scenarios with other attendees.

The following appeals were made to government representatives:

- ◆ Increase access to finance to facilitate SMEs access to capital needed to bid for large investment tenders.
- ◆ Capacity development in technical expertise in areas such as project management, engineering, and procurement to compete with large companies. This shall allow for technical experts with the local context.
- ◆ Introduce policies that preference to the local SMEs in large investment tenders. This will offer higher chances to local SMEs winning tenders.

Public and private sector involved in the project were in attendance, where a panel comprised of representatives from the project beneficiaries, government agency Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA), Tanzania Women Chamber of Commerce (TWCC), Tanzania Renewable Association (TAREA) and Tanzania Chamber of Commerce and Industry (TCCIA).

In the same event, 399 beneficiaries received certificates of participation in the bid management and HSE training, coaching and mentoring. To date, the project has supported 323 companies and generated 1,800 jobs.



VETA centers upgraded with equipment worth TZS 1.3 billion.



VETA Regional Vocational Training and Service Centers in Lindi is now better equipped to provide trainings on welding, domestic and industrial plumbing and mechatronics. Through a partnership with the Prime Ministers Officer- Labour, Youth, Employment and Persons with Disability, and the financial support of the Korean International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) were more than 1.3 billion worth of equipment was handed over to the center. This handover was presided by Honourable District Commissioner - Lindi, Zainab Telack, Ministry of Education, Science and Technology which was represented by Acting VETA Director General Felix Staki, and in attendance was KOICA Deputy Country Director Jieu Park.

The Employment and Skills Development Tanzania (E4DT) project is a provision of short courses and is focused on offering strategic demand-oriented short courses on welding, mechatronics and industrial plumbing to 4000 Tanzanian youth in the regions of Dodoma, Lindi and Manyara. E4DT also supports VETA in Training of trainers (ToTs), equipping VETA workshops, revision of the curriculum, and linkage services of the graduates to internship and employment opportunities.

Out of the TZS 1.3 billion worth of equipment, VETA Lindi received equipment worth TZS 243.3 million (approx. value 100 000 Euros) whereby this occasion in Lindi was a representation of other centers which will receive their equipment throughout the project. The equipment shall support the execution of the training of 4000 beneficiaries. To which to date 640 youth have graduated, and over 300 are in job training. E4Ds' 5 initiatives in skill development to date is 3,304 people in jobs, 4,928 people with improved employment situation.

In conclusion, the programme E4D objective is to improve the employment and economic situation of job seekers, employees and companies through the integrated approach to employment promotion. With the support of KOICA, the programme has increased employability through employment-oriented education and TVET.



Investing in Local Talents.

On 16th April we were delighted to have the Hon. Kassim Majaliwa, Prime Minister of United Republic Of Tanzania, as well as Hon. Professor Minister Joyce Ndalichako - to launch the 2jajiri Project - a regional cooperation initiative between GIZ and the KCB Foundation seeking to support 960 young women and men gain skills in various trades of the construction sector. We believe Youth skills development and employment creation is a prerequisite for a thriving economy, and the partnership we have with KCB Foundation is a good example of investing in local talents.





Transforming the Food Industry by enhancing Resilience and Competitiveness in the baking sector.

Tanzania Baker's Association (TBA) in collaboration with Business Scouts for Development Programme launched an initiative to enhance innovation, competitiveness and productivity of the Baking Industry in Tanzania. In the pilot phase, a total of 28 bakeries from Dar es Salaam participated in a two days' workshop under the facilitation of Experts from German Confederation of Skilled Crafts (ZDH). The workshop acted as a platform for sectoral exchange to increase the quality of their products, knowing the latest trends in the baking industry and proper costing and pricing for a sustainable bakery business.

Among others, the bakers received knowledge on new recipe formulation and product development by using locally available raw materials to enhance their product portfolio and cover the growing demands for nutritious and healthy products.

Business Scouts for Development Programme promotes engagement by the private sector for sustainable development through SME promotion and establishing new business networks among German, European, local businesses and development cooperation entities across the globe.



“ The workshop prepared by TBA and GIZ-Business Scouts for Development taught me valuable lessons. For instance, how to equip staff and get them to give their best in the business, focusing on the customer outreach and lastly the importance of passion in the business. The fact that the trainers also run their own business and have personal experience with the baking industry made the workshop more authentic. I am very grateful, and I am looking forward to attending other sessions which will be organized by GIZ-Business Scouts for Development. ”

Esther Msuya
Founder and CEO of Soul
Treats Limited

The Experts also visited seven bakeries and two TVET institutions so as to get a deeper understanding of how bakeries operates in Tanzania and identifying their needs and opportunities that will improve the competitiveness of the whole value chain.



Officials from EAC and other RECs Attend the WTO-World Bank Services Trade Policy in Africa Conference in Geneva.

On 27 February 2023, officials from EAC, ECOWAS and SADC as well as national representatives from Tunisia, Ghana, Kenya, Côte d'Ivoire, Malawi, Ethiopia and Niger attended the joint WTO-World Bank Services Trade Policy Conference in Geneva, Switzerland on the survey of Services Trade Policies and Regulations in African Economies that was conducted from 2020 to 2022.

The objective of the conference was to present the survey and the related quantification of trade policies in African economies, concurrently with the public release of the data. The officials got insights on the increasing importance for trade in services, with specific interest for developing countries.

In her keynote speech, the Director General, WTO, Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, noted that

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Lack of comprehensive information on Services trade policies and regulations have eluded African governments and trade negotiators for a long time. In conducting the extensive regulatory surveys presented this morning, the WTO and the World Bank, supported by GIZ, ITC and the EU, have made an extraordinary contribution to all services trade negotiations in which African countries participate specifically, the AfCFTA and also here at the WTO.

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The regulatory audits survey highlighted how African countries can foster transparency of Trade in Services policies (Services Trade Policy Database) and quantify restrictiveness of policies (WB-WTO STRI) to support national policy reforms with regards to market entry and operational measures.

After the conclusion of the conference, from 28 February to 3 March, the officials participated in a study tour on Trade in Services policies which supplied insights from WTO Trade and Investment, UNCTAD, ITC and the International Institute for Sustainable Development on trade policies.

The study tour was facilitated by GIZ via the GIZ-AfCFTA project.





EAC and GIZ Jointly Celebrate International Women's Day 2023.

On 10 March 2023, the EAC-GIZ cluster in collaboration with the EAC Secretariat and representatives from the East African Legislative Assembly, East African Science and Technology Commission, East African Business Council, Inter-University Council of East Africa, students from the Centre of Excellence for ICT in East Africa and the East African Women in Business Platform jointly celebrated the International Women's Day 2023 through a workshop themed "DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality in East Africa", hosted at the EAC Secretariat.

The workshop provided a platform for dialogue on digital innovation and technology for gender equality in the EAC, it highlighted the status of digitalization, innovation, and technology in East Africa, explored the opportunities, challenges, and impacts of technology on women and youth in the EAC and showcased innovation and technology in practice that were promoting gender equality for women and youth in the region.

In her opening remarks, Godje Bialluch, Cluster Coordinator EAC-GIZ, noted that,

“digital literacy is as important as traditional literacy, although women are slowly making headway into the innovation and technology space in East Africa, there is still more work to be done.”

Godje Bialluch, Cluster Coordinator EAC-GIZ

Further, she urged EAC Partner States to prioritize targeted policy, legislative and transformative programming as well as structural reforms that bridges gender digital divide in the region.

A number of recommendations arose from the discussions:

Finalization of the AfCFTA Protocol on women and youth and AfCFTA e-commerce protocol as a game changer in providing women and youth in Africa, the opportunity to leverage digital technologies in East Africa should be fast tracked.

EAC Partner States should fast track the finalization and implementation of the one area network for telecommunication in the EAC to reduce the cost of doing cross border business for women cross-border traders in the region.

EAC Partner States to provide an enabling environment for women and girls in the EAC to partake in the digital economy by collaborating with businesses and civil society to provide women with access to digital resources, education, skills, and financial support.

EAC Partner States to promote women and girls in the ICT sector by developing their digital skills in areas such as coding and provide opportunities for women and girls to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.



Academic-Private Cooperation is Key to Strengthen Graduate Employability.

Academic institutions and private sector companies in the EAC need to develop strong partnerships to produce graduates with skills to succeed in employment. This is the key takeaway of the 12th Academia-Public-Private Partnership Forum (APPPF) and Exhibition held in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania in March 2023.

Speaking at the APPPF, the Tanzanian Minister of Education, Science and Technology, Hon. Prof. Adolf Faustine Mkenda, noted:

“Education institutions, and the private sector should work together to produce market-driven programmes that are responsive to the dynamic needs of the labour market and train graduates that are relevant for the socio-economic development of our region.”

Hon. Prof. Adolf Faustine Mkenda, Tanzanian Minister of Education, Science and Technology

Mr. Johannes Sperrfechter, BMZ Representative and Head of Regional Development Cooperation at the German Embassy, highlighted that “the German Government committed 2.5 million EUR additional funds to the dSkills@EA project to strengthen its support and initiatives in the Master Programme, digital skills trainings, and entrepreneurship support”.

The Digital Skills for an Innovative East African Industry (dSkills@EA) project is part of the technical development cooperation between the EAC and Germany implemented by GIZ. Its core objective is to strengthen employment and innovation-related digital skills of young people in all EAC Partner States. The project builds on its predecessor and continues to support the “Centre of Excellence for ICT in East Africa” (CENIT@EA) by further improving the quality and sustainability of the Master’s Programme “Embedded and Mobile Systems”. The project’s other interventions include demand-driven digital skills trainings, and entrepreneurship and innovation support.

The dSkills@EA project supported the implementation of the 12th APPPF 2023 including supporting CENIT@EA students to exhibit their innovations at the forum. The High-Level Partners’ Breakfast held on the side-lines of the 12th APPPF also saw the signing of a new implementation agreement between the project and its main implementing partner Inter-University Council for East Africa (IUCEA).

East African Community Convenes the 1st Annual Partners' Forum on One Health in Arusha, Tanzania.



Being the first of its kind, the forum established grounds for increased OH stakeholder engagement in the region. Participants jointly developed recommendations for intensified advocacy, partnerships and coordination around pandemic prevention and response in the future.

“Achieving the overarching goal of the Regional EAC One Health Strategy will require coordination across sectors and collaboration through joint efforts and engagement of relevant stakeholders at all levels from the community to the regional level, with support on the continent and globally.”

Dr Irene Isaka,
Director Social Sectors, EAC

On 19 January, the EAC Secretariat with the support of the GIZ Global Programme Pandemic Prevention and Response, One Health (GP PPOH) convened the First EAC Annual Partners' Forum on One Health in Arusha, Tanzania. One Health (OH) represents a holistic, interdisciplinary approach to health that recognizes the interconnectedness and interdependence of humans, animals and the environment.

Under the theme “Strengthening pandemic preparedness and response in East Africa through One Health: The power of partnerships”, the forum provided a platform for stakeholders to explore the potential for enhanced OH coordination and collaboration in the EAC with the aim to strengthening and institutionalizing the OH approach in the EAC region.

It brought together over 100 partners implementing and supporting the OH approach in the region. Experts from the public sector, international agencies, civil society as well as academia shared their lessons learnt and discussed possible actions to prevent and respond to future pandemics in the EAC. All discussions reflected on the experiences made during the COVID-19 pandemic and other recent disease outbreaks in the region.





Lake Victoria Basin Commission elaborates road maps to improve internal core processes.



From 29 to 31 March, Lake Victoria Basin Commission (LVBC) staff attended a workshop in Gisambai, Kenya to assess needs and define priorities to enhance key organizational processes of the LVBC. The aim was to foster LVBC's performance as a service provider coordinating the management and development of the Lake Victoria Basin (LVB).

The workshop was supported by the GIZ Project "Strengthening the LVBC of the EAC in Integrated Management of Transboundary Water Resources". During the workshop, the LVBC team identified four key core processes to be enhanced, making use of internal resources and in cooperation with development partners.

The identified core processes are:

- Resource mobilization and financial sustainability
- Enhancing capacities of support processes
- Review of scope and mandate of the LVBC
- Stakeholder engagement & coordination (visibility and branding)

Measurable Accountability Plans (MAP) have been developed on the above-mentioned areas, covering short, mid, and long-term strategies and approaches. Focal point process managers and resources required have been identified. At the closure of the workshop, an initial concept to prepare a "State of the Basin Report" about the status, challenges and way-forward in management the LVB by end 2024 has been presented to the participants.

The LVBC is a specialized institution of the EAC which works on issues affecting the LVB such as the effects of rapid urbanization going along with wide-spread pollution at environmental hot-spots, while non-sustainable agricultural practices are causing degradation of water catchment areas – all this threatening the long-term sustainability of environment in the Basin.

Regional Stakeholders Meeting Heralds' New Phase of GIZ-Supported EAC Health Project.

From 27 to 29 March, the EAC Secretariat convened a regional stakeholders meeting for the third phase of the Support to Pandemic Preparedness in the EAC Region (PanPrep) Project in Entebbe, Uganda. The meeting was attended by experts and public stakeholders from the EAC Partner States as well as regional and international partners, private sector and civil society. It aimed at refining activity areas of the project and kick-starting its implementation – mostly focusing on food safety.

On behalf of Dr Anna Rose Ademun Okurut, the Chief Veterinary Officer of Uganda, Dr Theophilus Mwesige noted that inclusion of food safety in the PanPrep project was very timely because of the growing importance of food safety issues in the region. Further, Mr Burkard Koemm, the PanPrep Project Manager summarised some of the achievements of previous project phases that include the development of the Regional Risk and Crisis Communication Strategy and SOPs as well as the development of the EAC Risk and Crisis Communication web portal which is currently being populated.



Stakeholders were sensitized on issues of food safety and control of disease outbreaks, and the upcoming situational analysis study. Among other things, the participants developed criteria for identification of Border Posts Ports of Entry and Exit (POEs) that will be covered by the project and drafted a road map for the development the veterinary inspection guidelines and/or SOPs for the animal source foods in EAC.

Dr. Eric Nzeyimana, Head of Health at EAC Secretariat, observed that the meeting was important because it contributed to achieve the Directive of the Sectoral Council of Ministers of Health,

“The Ministers want to make sure that before any project is implemented, there is extensive consultation with stakeholders and a blessing of the Sectoral Council.”



EABC and GIZ join hands to develop Private Sector capacity on AfCFTA.

As part of EAC's and GIZ's joint effort to support the East African private sector, the Support to the East African Integration Process (SEAMPEC II) programme is partnering with the East African Business Council (EABC) to enhance effective private sector participation in the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).

Since the re-establishment of the EAC, private sector has been a very active stakeholder, participating in policy formulation and more importantly taking advantage of the opportunities presented by the regional integration process through intra-EAC trade and investment. Now, the launch of trading under the AfCFTA is seen by the private sector as a huge opportunity to drive Africa from a low 15% intra African trade to even 40%. The main objective of the AfCFTA is to create a single continental market for goods and services.

To enable the EAC private sector to contribute effectively in the ongoing discussions at AfCFTA level, SEAMPEC II through its support to EABC has embarked on developing capacity of the private sector across all EAC Partner States through regular trainings on the AfCFTA agreement, specifically the Trade in Goods Protocol. The goal is to have private sector participating in the effective implementation of AfCFTA as well as developing policy briefs/positions of SMEs on regional integration and AfCFTA which SMEs will present to policy makers for a more conducive business environment.

So far, a regional training of trainers workshop was conducted in Nairobi, Kenya with a total pool of 19 regional master trainers trained and equipped with knowledge to conduct regular trainings. Additionally, four national workshops facilitated by the master trainers have been held in Rwanda, Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda. This support is expected to be extended to have similar workshops in Burundi and South Sudan and at a later stage in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.



EAC Briefs Regional Journalists on Status of Regional Integration as Part of Media Capacity Development.

In November 2023, the EAC Secretariat invited 40 journalists from all seven EAC Partner States to Arusha with the aim to update the media on the status of regional integration, in turn enabling more accurate and timely reporting on matters of EAC.

As part of the workshop, the EAC organised sessions on topics such as the implementation of the Common Market Protocol, progress towards a Single Currency and sources of EAC news – all with inputs from EAC experts. The training was facilitated as part of support to enhancing communication of successes of regional integration under the joint EAC-GIZ project “Support to East African Integration” (SEAMPEC II).

In the opening remarks of the EAC Secretary General, Hon. Dr. Peter Mutuku Mathuki, read by the Director of Social Sectors, Dr. Irene Isaka, the Director commended the regional media for reporting on the importance of EAC integration. Still, she noted that more needs to be done to improve media coverage on EAC integration.

GIZ Communications and Cooperation Manager, Marius Weist, noted that EAC integration needs the support of the region's citizens to flourish. He further highlighted that it is crucial to showcase the benefits and opportunities of regional integration, in order to gain the support of the common mwananchi.

“The most obvious vehicle to convey this information is the regional media. And there are a lot of successes to talk about.”

Marius Weist,
GIZ Communications and Cooperation Manager

GIZ, on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, is eager to support the EAC in bringing the successes of regional integration to the people and hence making it tangible and allowing for citizens to utilize the benefits already present. This is in line with the 6th EAC Development Strategy as the strategy defines “Increasing the visibility of EAC stakeholder knowledge and awareness, and the participation of EAC citizens in the integration process” as a core objective.



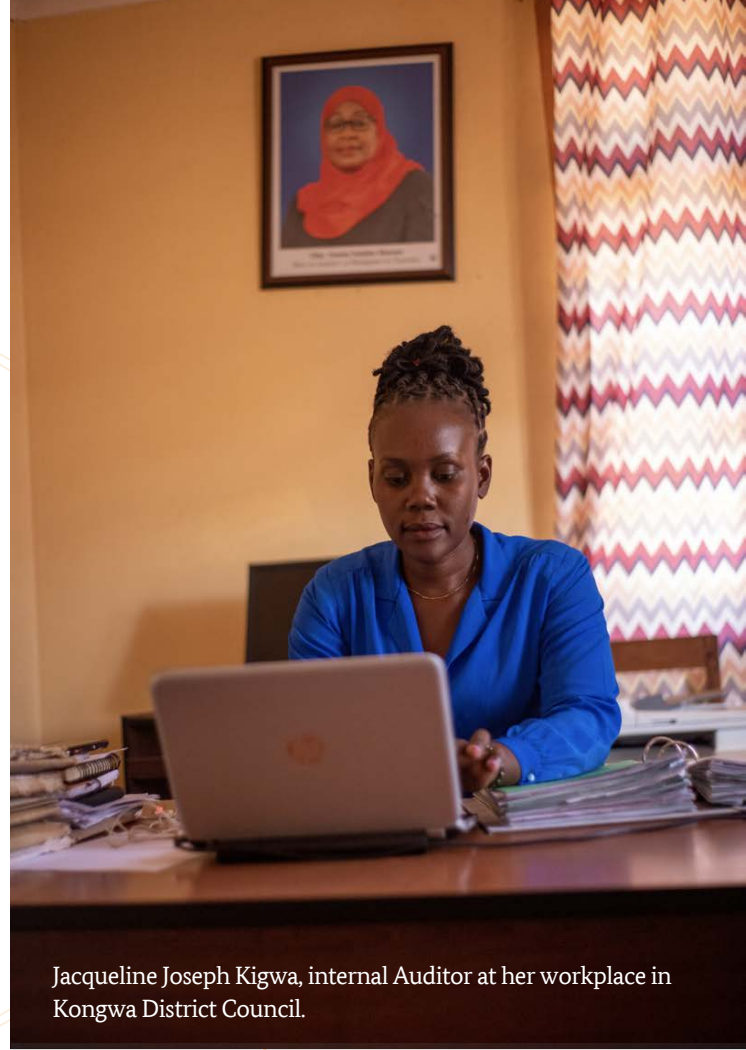
“ Now I can do my job better.”

Internal Auditors CISA certification.

Certified Information Systems Auditors (CISA) are professionals who specialize in identifying and managing risks associated with information systems. They help ensure that organizations' information systems are designed and operated effectively to safeguard against potential risks such as data breaches, cyber-attacks, and fraud.

The Good Financial Governance programme funded by Germany, Switzerland, and the European Union supports the creation of conditions for an effective internal audit function in the public sector of Tanzania. The program provides strategic and organisational advice to the Internal Auditor General Division (IAGD) as well as targeted capacity-building measures to internal audit units. GFG supports the IAGD in the capacity building of internal auditors in the International Standards of the International Professional Practices Framework (IPPF) as well as CIA (Certified Internal Auditor) and CISA (Certified Information Systems Auditor), globally recognized internal audit certifications, which are funded jointly with Ministry of Finance and Planning.

The need for information system auditors and information technology security professionals in Tanzania was informed by the ongoing accelerated digitization and automation programs for government processes at all levels of governments (i.e., central governments ministries, departments and agencies, local government authorities, regional secretariats, and



Jacqueline Joseph Kigwa, internal Auditor at her workplace in Kongwa District Council.

Jacqueline Joseph Kigwa, Internal Auditor in Kongwa District Council, is one of the beneficiaries of the CISA training and certification. She told us that:

“ The CISA certification in my current work as an Internal Auditor in the LGA helps me plan risk-based audit across every aspect of information systems, from reviewing and evaluating IT governance, system resilience, application controls, IT project management, projections of the information assets and similar. It has enabled me to provide insightful advice to the organization. ”

Jacqueline Joseph Kigwa,
Internal Auditor in Kongwa District Council



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Partners visit
GIZ Projects.

German development cooperation is among the oldest and long-standing development cooperations in Tanzania, dating back before 1975, and has grown ever since together with Tanzania as the country develops. This week we had the pleasure of hosting a diverse delegation of senior Government officials from crucial Ministries including the Ministry of Finance and Planning, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, President's office Public service management and Good Governance, TAMISEMI, Ministry of water, and Prime Minister's Office. The delegation paid visit to several major projects being implement by GIZ Tanzania in Tanga, Moshi, and our region cooperation project supporting the EAC achieve greater integration based in Arusha, all primarily financed by the German Government, and others with joint co-funding from the EU and SWISS.



“ In Tanga, the delegation got to meet nurses on the job who have been trained and mentored at providing excellent maternal care services. With GIZ support Tanga referral hospital has become a center for coaching and mentoring other nurses from other health facilities in Tanga region. The delegation also got to see a recently established COVID19 laboratory fully equipped and functioning at full capacity, and an oxygen plant with the largest output capacity in the country surpassing the hospital's needs and able to cutter the needs of other health centers in the region. This has been supported by GIZ project on Improving Health Care Services in Tanzania. ”



“ For the past year, Tanga City Council has been the best performing city council in local revenues collection across the Country. GIZ through the Good Financial Governance programme has been supporting Tanga City Council towards this end by helping to strengthen its internal revenue mobilization systems and the technical competencies of revenue officers, internal audit unit, legal unit, and other specialized units within Tanga CC. GIZ GFG promotes digitalizing of local revenue administration and management in order to better account and reduce losses, and has been instrumental in the role out of TAUSI – a TAXPAYER PORTAL that facilitates Taxpayer access to services offered by Local Government Authorities (LGA) through self-service, services with regard to acquiring licenses, permits, land plots, rental houses and levies payments are available on this Portal.



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“ A breath-taking scenery at Himo Moshi region of a tree nursery housing many indigenous and exotic trees and siblings, born out of the partnership between city of Kiel Germany and Moshi District council. This Project started in December 2018 and is now the largest tree nursery facility in the Country with future ambitions of becoming a training center on tree nursing to other artisans. Locals so impressed with what the center has become they call it “Mazingira” meaning “Environment” - and indeed a breeze of freshly produced air engulfs all its visitors with a spectacular feeling of bliss. The project engages local efforts to conserve biodiversity and is linked to mitigation of climate change effects – an endeavor strongly backed by the German Government with projects implemented by GIZ in Tanzania.

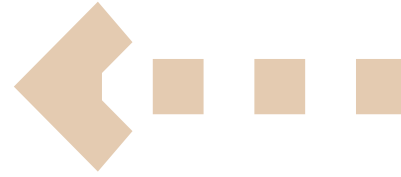
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Himo Moshi.

Largest tree nursery facility in the Country.

Partnership between city of Kiel Germany and Moshi District council.



“ Lastly, the delegation had the honor of touring the East African Community headquarters in Arusha, a visit hosted by our EAC-GIZ regional cooperation programme. We had the honor of showcasing our regional portfolio in promoting regional trade, advancing and enhancing Digital skills in the region, supporting Pandemic preparedness just to mention a few. EAC-GIZ programme has a long standing cooperation with the EAC, with strong support from the German government to ensure that the oldest and most advanced regional integration in Africa achieves better and deeper integration and cooperation. ”





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