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The Dubai Expo 2020, started on October 1st, 2021 to 31st March 2022. The Expo is a platform and festival for people from all over the world to come together and experience the best of art, culture, geography, science, technology, innovation, and invention. The 2020 Dubai Expo was themed around ***‘Connecting Minds, Creating the Future’*** and Tanzania was one of 192 countries that participated. The Dubai Expo had a number of events, to mention a few, traditional crops day, horticultural day, natural resources day, business forum day, and the national day. ***The Tanzania National Day*** event that was held on 26th February 2022 was officiated by H.E President Samia Suluhu Hassan and attended by over 400 members of business communities from Tanzania and the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

ACT was represented by the Chairperson Dr. Jacqueline Mkindi who participated in the Tanzania Grand Business Forum themed around ***“Tanzania is Ready to take off”*** on 27th March 2022 at Jumeira Beach Resort, Dubai UAE. Tanzania has maximized the Dubai Expo by promoting the country’s potential in the sector of tourism, agriculture, oil and gas, minerals, energy, livestock and fisheries, construction, transportation as well as showcasing the ki-Swahili language. In a nutshell, a total of 36 memorandums of understanding (MoUs) valued at \$7.49 billion (nearly to Sh17.3 trillion) signed by Tanzania’s Public and Private Institutions with United Arab Emirates (UAE) counterparts.



President Samia Suluhu Hassan addressed the mass during the Tanzania National Day (Dubai Expo)

DUBAI EXPO 2020 – SUCCESS STORIES

Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Hussein Bashe signed agreements (MoUs) with UAE companies. The agreements foster advancing and promoting the agricultural sector in the country. The Companies that entered into agreements are; - The Private Office of His Highness-Sheikh Ahmed Dalmook Al Maktoum, AFRIDE, DMCC, and Agritech Global.



Hon. Hussein Bashe Minister of Agriculture, signing MoUs with UAE Companies

Dr. Jacqueline Mkindi, a CEO of TAHA Group, signed an agreement (MoU) with MV AGRO FRESH from India purposely to unlock horticultural markets.



Dr. Jacqueline Mkindi (CEO of TAHA Group) signed an agreement with MV AGRO FRESH during the Dubai Expo

36 MoUs were signed by the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania (from the Public and Private Sectors) and the UAE at the Tanzania Business and Investment Forum. The agreements involve investments in energy, agriculture, tourism, infrastructure, transportation, textiles, ICT, and other sectors in the country. The signed agreements are projected to create 204,575 jobs for citizens and non-citizens of Tanzania.

NATIONAL SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES COMMITTEE MEETING

The Ministry of Industry, Trade, and Investment (MITI) organized a 9th National Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures Committee Meeting; with the support from Trade Mark East (TMEA). The meeting was held from 16th to 18th February 2022 at Nashera Hotel in Morogoro Region. The consultative meeting comprised members from Tanzania Official Seed Certification Institute (TOSCI), Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS), Ministry of Agriculture (MoA), Ministry of Industry, Trade, and Investment (MITI), Tanzania Private Sector Foundation (TPSF), Agricultural Council Tanzania (ACT), Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA), Zanzibar Bureau of Standards (ZBS), Zanzibar Chamber of Commerce (ZCC), Tanzania Consumers Association (T-CAS), Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA), Ministry of Blue Economy and Fisheries Zanzibar, Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources- Zanzibar, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Marketing – Zanzibar, Tanzania Trade Development Authority (TANTRADE), TAHA-Green Cert, whereby they provided feedback and discussed issues that emerged during the implementation period.

The meeting was chaired by Mr. Lazaro H. Msasalaga - Director of Quality Control, from the Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS). Members of the committee had the opportunity to discuss and analyse standards components such as quality, biosecurity, and sanitary and phytosanitary. ACT is a permanent member and was represented by Mr. Khalid Ngassa, a Membership Services Manager who presented ACT's implementation progress of SPS measures. TMEA is implementing a three-year project in Tanzania (July 2021 to July 2024) focused on SPS and SQI.

Trade Mark (Trade and Markets) East Africa is an aid-for-trade organization established in 2010 to grow prosperity in East Africa through increased trade. TMEA works closely with regional intergovernmental organizations, including the African Union (AU), East Africa Community (EAC), Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), Common Market for East and Southern Africa (COMESA), Southern Africa Development Community (SADC), national governments, the private sector, and civil society organizations.



Group Photo: SPS National Committee members

TRADE POLICY TRAINING

The Southern Africa Confederation of Agricultural Unions (SACAU) partnered with The Andreas Hermes Akademie (AHA) to organize a three-day training on “*Agricultural Capacity in Trade Policy for Farmer Organizations (FOs)*” which was held from 13th to 16th March 2022, at the New Centurion Hotel in Johannesburg, South Africa. The main objective of the training was to highlight the role of Farmer Organizations in the region in the harmonization of regulations and standards.

Ms. Belinda S. Kancheya from the Zimbabwe Bureau of Standards (ZBS) and a National Coordinator for SADCSTAN gave an overview of SADC standards that govern the Poultry Value Chain within the region. In a nutshell, the SADC region has challenges with information and research components of the poultry value chain. Therefore, there is a need to establish a regional platform that will connect poultry entrepreneurs for market linkages and experience sharing. SACAU is committed to Fast-track the establishment of such a platform for poultry entrepreneurs. ACT was represented by Mrs. Elde Kimaro (ACT Board Member), Miss. Avelina Bernard (Policy Officer- Intern), Mr. Obed Abraham (Project Officer- PFS Project), and Mr. Khalid Ngassa (Membership Services Manager)

EAFF REGIONAL REPORTING AND PLANNING WORKSHOP

Eastern Africa Farmers Federation (EAFF) organized a Reporting and Planning Workshop from 1st to 3rd of February 2022 which was held at Ramada Resort Hotel, Dar es Salaam-Tanzania. The annual event was attended by 50 participants who represented 13 National Farmer Organizations in Eastern Africa. EAFF received a grant from the European Union (EU), International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), and Organization of African, Caribbean, and Pacific to implement the dubbed project “Organizations for African, Caribbean and Pacific Countries (FOA4CP)”. The Agricultural Council of Tanzania (ACT) was represented by Mr. Omary Mwaimu (ACT and EAFF Board member) who highlighted the national implementation progress. FOA4CP project targets smallholder farmers involved in cassava, dairy, Irish potatoes, maize and soya beans value chains in Eastern Africa.

The Eastern Africa Farmer’s Federation (EAFF) is a regional farmers organization whose membership consists of 24 national farmer federations, national co-operative organizations, and national commodity associations in ten (10) countries in Eastern Africa-Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania, and Uganda.



Mr. Omary Mwaimu (ACT and EAFF Board Member) delivered his opening remarks

GOOD NEWS FOR SME'S

The Agricultural Council of Tanzania (ACT) has signed a two years agreement (MoU) with Aceli Africa to build a finance market for an inclusive agricultural sector. ACT and Aceli Africa will play an active role in; -

- i. Mobilizing stakeholders in the agricultural finance ecosystem, providing support in escalating policy-related issues with relevant policy actors to promote a more inclusive enabling environment for agricultural SME finance.
- ii. Supporting agricultural SMEs to grow and scale up by addressing barriers related to access to finance through the provision of business advisory services and training (technical assistance).
- iii. Conducting outreach to agricultural SMEs that meet Aceli support criteria, evaluating SME interest and coordinating applications for Aceli programs, knowledge, and information sharing on SME outcomes and efficacy of Aceli programs, building partnerships/alliances with potential stakeholders, and improving access to finance for SMEs by addressing encountered barriers that deter access to finance

Aceli Africa is a donor-funded non-profit organization that builds finance market for an inclusive agricultural sector in Africa. It envisions a thriving market where capital flows unlock the growth and impact potential of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in the agricultural sector, by bridging the gap between supply and demand for capital for agricultural SMEs.

MEETING FOR FINALIZING THE NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AGENDA (NARA) DOCUMENT

Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI) organized a one-day meeting to finalize NARA document by incorporating comments from stakeholders. The meeting was held at Dodoma airport premises on 10th March 2022. Agricultural Council of Tanzania (ACT) was part of the task force that formulated the Agenda and was represented by Mrs. Susan Masagasi, a PFS Field Operations Officer.

The NARA Agenda prepared to guide research priorities in agriculture to ensure knowledge and practices generated and disseminated contribute to the transformation of the country's economy and the improvement of people's livelihoods. The Task force finalized the NARA document and it is ready to be signed by responsible personnel in the Ministry of Agriculture. Once it is signed will be available for public. The current NARA document will last for 5 years starting from 2022.

Upcoming Events

Mark Your Calendar

1. Agri Expo 2022 scheduled to take place on 13th & 14th April, 2022.
Visit www.africa-agriexpo.com
2. Agricultural Shows (Nane Nene) starts from 31st July to 8th August

Mission and Vision

MISSION

To advocate, coordinate and provide support for a competitive and sustainable agribusiness.

VISION

A vibrant and prosperous sustainable agricultural sector which is competitive and ensures food and nutrition security; and is private sector driven.

ACT Strategic Objectives

- ❖ To advocate for improved agri-business environment.
- ❖ To strengthen the technical and managerial competencies of ACT members so that they can improve service delivery to their respective members.
- ❖ To provide and receive relevant information from and to ACT Members and other stakeholders for development of the agricultural sector in Tanzania.
- ❖ To support and strengthen the Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) at national and district level.
- ❖ To coordinate the Public and private sector initiatives towards the development of agribusiness in Tanzania.

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Partnership for Scale project, coordinates and facilitates different value chain actors and stakeholders under a Public Private Partnership (PPP)> The project intends to complement and upscale achievements made during the previous phase (popularly known as TAP II). TAP II (October 2014-October 2019) thrived to stimulate agricultural growth in Tanzania through commercially oriented interventions and investments. The project is being implemented for 3 years i.e., from October 2020 to September 2023. It is managed by the Agricultural Council of Tanzania.

PFS Goal

The PFS goal is: Improved Food & Nutrition Security and Poverty Reduction. Income poverty is expected to be reduced by 17 percent and child malnutrition decreased by 5 percent.

Approaches

The TAP program, since its inception, has focused on working through partnerships that greatly contributed to its success in the preceding phases. PFS will adopt a similar approach where the key mode of operation will be guided by partnership building. The PFS Management, under ACT, will coordinate and assume a more facilitative role with minimal direct field presence to ensure that these partnerships are strengthened and desired outcomes are delivered.

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