

Tanzania and Norway: A Continued Commitment to Agriculture growth

From March 13-15, 2024, the SAGCOT Centre, in collaboration with the regional governments of Iringa and Morogoro, was honoured to host Her Excellency Ms Tone Tinnes, the Norwegian Ambassador to Tanzania, in the agriculturally rich areas of Iringa and Morogoro. [#TanzaniaNorwayPartnership](#)

The visit underscores the strong Tanzania-Norway partnership, further advancing our mutual agricultural initiatives. Ambassador Tinnes toured specifically the Ilemi and Kilombero Clusters in Iringa and Morogoro. The visit, which highlighted the ongoing collaborative efforts in sustainable agriculture, food security, and economic development, marked a continuation of the 60-year diplomatic relationship between Tanzania and Norway. This relationship was further solidified by the recent signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on food security and agriculture during President Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan's historic visit to Norway.

Among the agricultural ventures visited by the Norwegian Ambassador to Tanzania are the following:

Green Valley Agro - A commercial horticulture seed producer for export, notable for working with local villagers to train them in best practices and improve their produce through the application of climate-smart agricultural technologies.

GBRI Business Solutions - A woman-owned business focusing on aggregating avocados for the international market. This visit underscores the role of women entrepreneurs in the agricultural sector and highlights the potential for export-oriented agribusiness.

Vonkavy AGRO Company - Owned by Mr. Eugene Paul Kavishe, this enterprise is a poultry business capable of producing 35,000 eggs daily. The visit to Vonkavy AGRO Company showcases successful poultry farming operations and the potential for scalability in agri-business.

VIWAVI COCOBA Group - A collective of approximately 30 youths who transformed from selling onions by the roadside to becoming commercial farmers on a small scale.

Supported by SAGCOT since 2021, this group exemplifies the positive impact of collective action and support in transforming livelihoods through agriculture.

Wosia wa Baba - A conservation farming group based in Udzungwa, focused on beekeeping. This group's activities demonstrate the diversification of agricultural practices and the benefits of conservation farming in enhancing livelihoods and promoting sustainability.

In the Iringa region, the regional government hosted an iftar dinner for the envoy, serving as a platform for the regional government and SAGCOT partners to express their experiences, challenges, and visions for the future. This gathering provided a unique opportunity for stakeholders to share their personal and collective journeys with SAGCOT, outlining their hopes, aspirations, and strategic plans for expanding their agricultural ventures.

The Norwegian Ambassador to Tanzania commended the partners for their dedication and achievements, acknowledging the vital contributions of SAGCOT to Tanzania's agricultural development. The Ambassador emphasized the importance of collaborative endeavors in driving sustainable growth and food security, aligning with global best practices and environmental stewardship.

Furthermore, the Ambassador underscored Norway's ongoing support for Tanzania's agricultural aspirations, recognizing the significance of international partnerships in achieving scalable and impactful outcomes. She reiterated the shared goals of prosperity, innovation, and sustainability between Tanzania and Norway, reaffirming the commitment of the Norwegian government to assist Tanzania in its journey towards agricultural excellence



During her visit, Her Excellency Tone Tinnes, intently absorbs insights from Said Elias Luvanda, the Acting Iringa Regional Administrative Secretary, on the progress and efforts of the SAGCOT initiative within Iringa



Morogoro Regional Commissioner, Hon. Adam Kighoma Malima, and Her Excellency Madam Tone Tinnes, the Norwegian Ambassador to Tanzania, in a tête-à-tête at the Regional Commissioner's office in Morogoro, on March 15th, 2024.



Her Excellency Tone Tinnes, Norwegian Ambassador to Tanzania, delves into the world of sustainable agriculture with a visit to explore the 'Eat Fresh Tanzania' branded avocados. Here, she is captured having a close-up look at an avocado. The brand is owned by GBRI Business Solutions, founded by the innovative woman in agribusiness, Hadija Jabiri, who serves as Founder and Managing Director.



In a meticulous operation at Green Valley Agro (GVA), a hub for commercial horticulture and seed production for export, Director Ms. Anna Mwangi showcases to Her Excellency Tone Tinnes, Norwegian Ambassador to Tanzania, the innovative artificial pollination technique that propels their export-quality produce.



During her visit to Udzungwa, Her Excellency Tone Tinnes, Norwegian Ambassador to Tanzania, graciously accepts a 5-litre bounty of honey from a proud representative of Wosia wa Baba, a group leading the way in conservation farming and beekeeping. Their commitment paves the way for a sustainable future. Witnessing the occasion is Hon Dunstan Kyobya, District Commissioner of Kilombero.



Her Excellency Tone Tinnes, Norwegian Ambassador to Tanzania, receives trays of eggs from Eugene Paul Kavishe, the enterprising mind behind Vonkavy AGRO Company. This prolific enterprise shines in the agri-business sphere, producing an impressive 35,000 eggs daily, exemplifying the robust potential for scalability in poultry farming