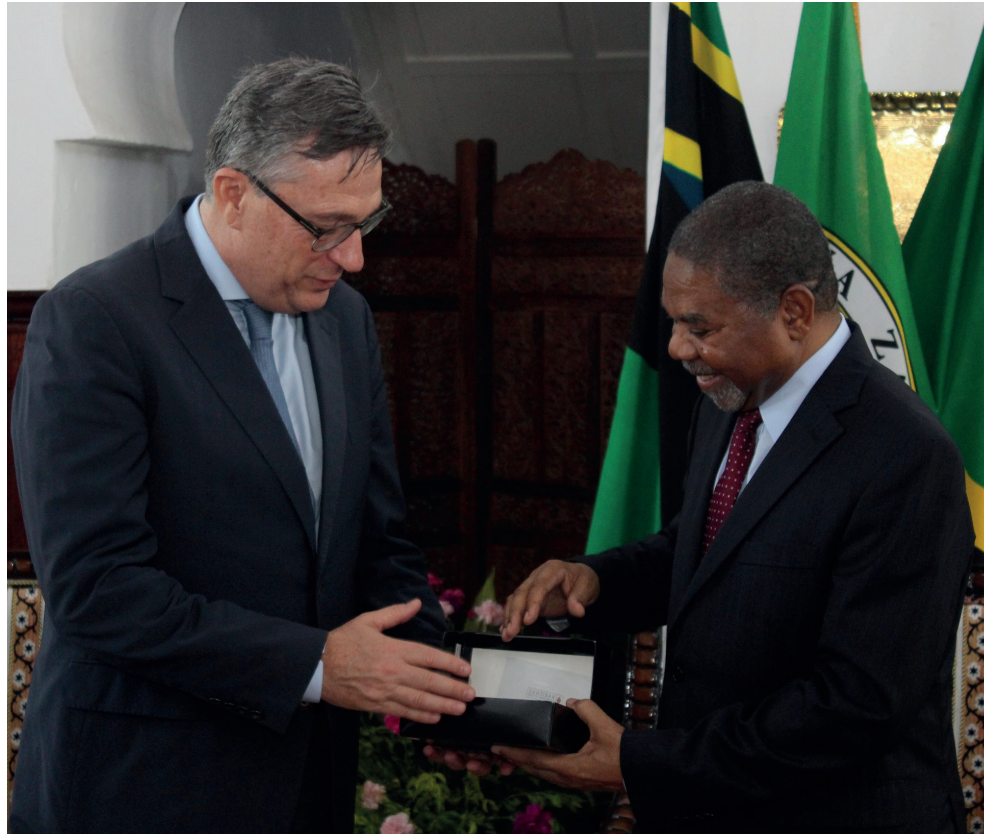




UNV Executive Coordinator visits Tanzania

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UNV Executive Coordinator, Mr. Olivier Adam (left), receives a gift from the President of Zanzibar, H.E. Dr. Ali Mohamed Shein (right), during his visit to the State House. **Photo | State House**

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- Men working hard to ensure safe births in Tanzania's refugee camps
- UN, Government engage Civil Society on SDGs
- Government calls for expanding economic empowerment for women

the government to implementing development and humanitarian activities – including the hosting of over 300,000 refugees from the Democratic Republic of Congo and Burundi.

With 77 volunteers based in different UN Agencies all over the country, UN Volunteers (UNV) is working with communities to find durable solutions in multiple sectors including health, education, women's economic empowerment and

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With a population of over 50 million people in the East African region. The United Nations plays a significant role in Tanzania with 23 UN agencies working closely with

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"I also use this opportunity to thank...UN agencies, including UN Women, UNFPA, UNICEF, and UNDP for their sustained efforts in support of the achievement of Gender Equality for Sustainable Development."



Minister of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children, Hon. Umyy Mwalimu, speaking during International Women's Day commemorations in Mwanza on March 8, 2019

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ending gender-based violence. During his visit to Tanzania, to kick-off his tour of East Africa, UNV Executive Coordinator, Mr. Olivier Adam, got a chance to meet with many of these volunteers and hear about what they've been able to accomplish and about some of the challenges they have faced.

He also met with the UN Resident Coordinator and heads and representatives of the UN Agencies where he advocated for the UN Country Team to open up the door for more volunteerism

as 80 per cent of the current 77 UNVs are spread across just two agencies – UNDP and UNHCR. Mr. Adam reiterated UNV's commitment to working with UN agencies to leverage the talent and enthusiasm of volunteers to enhance the impact of existing programmes in-country.

During his time in Tanzania, the Executive Coordinator also visited Zanzibar where he met with the President of Zanzibar, H.E. Dr. Ali Mohammed Shein, and got the chance to discuss how UNV can support the Revolutionary Government

of Zanzibar's development priorities. Among the areas of potential collaboration that the President highlighted were finding volunteers to support the teaching of science and mathematics in schools where there is currently a shortage and providing technical expertise to hospitals to build capacity for specialization in areas such as orthopedic surgery. The two leaders also discussed the possibility of integrating volunteers into an incubation center where UNVs could help women and youth to develop entrepreneurship skills.

WFP Special Advisor Princess Sara Zeid Visits Tanzania



World Food Programme (WFP) Special Advisor, Her Royal Highness Princess Sarah Zeid (left), visiting beneficiaries of the European Union funded 'Boresha Lishe' Nutrition project in Dodoma. **Photo | Zainul Mzige**

In late March, the World Food Programme (WFP) hosted a visit from Her Royal Highness (HRH) Princess Sarah Zeid of Jordan. Princess Sarah is special adviser on maternal health for WFP and an advocate for good nutrition in a child's first 1000 days.

During her visit, she met with Government officials and nutrition stakeholders to discuss partnerships that can contribute to ending malnutrition in Tanzania.

She also visited the **Boresha Lishe Nutrition** Project in Dodoma where she met

with beneficiaries, observed community lending groups and saw specialised food distributed to pregnant and nursing women. The programme is implemented by WFP and Save the Children through support from the European Union (EU).



Development partners, Government officials and the Tanzania International Model United Nations (TIMUN) organizing committee during the closing ceremony of the event. **Photo | Grace Mongi /UN Tanzania**

This year over 200 national and international youth attended the annual assimilation of the United Nations General Assembly dubbed Tanzania International Model United Nations (TIMUN) which took place in Morogoro in late April.

This year's TIMUN theme dubbed "Youth Voices on SDGs: Empowering Young People and Ensuring Inclusiveness and Equality" focused on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and paid special attention to youth participation in Goal 3 (Good Health & Well-Being), Goal 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth), Goal 13 (Climate Change) and Goal

16 (Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions).

Speaking to the press about the event, the event coordinator and a member of the Youth of United Nations (YUNA) club, Mr. Kelvin Edward said "I am delighted to see so many participants at this year's event— all committed to ensuring that the youth of today and tomorrow are empowered, included and equal. I thank UN Tanzania, including UNICEF and UNFPA as well as our other supporters, for providing this platform for young people to share their efforts and innovation as we work together to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Young people will

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**-Mr. Deusdedit Kaganda,
Acting Director for
Multilateral Cooperation,
Ministry of Foreign
Affairs and East African
Cooperation**



As part of this year's Tanzania International Model United Nations (TIMUN), delegates conducted SDGs outreach for Morogoro Secondary School. **Photo. | Grace Mongi /UN Tanzania**

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have the opportunity to express their views, hopes and concerns about their future throughout the event.”

Speaking during the launch of the event on behalf of the UN Tanzania, National Information Officer, Ms. Didi Nafisa said the UN will continue to support youth involvement on the implementation of the SDGs. She said, “youth make up the biggest chunk of the population. It is important that they are informed and continue to get engaged with the implementation of the SDGs, especially now that we are four years into its implementation. We would like young people everywhere to get involved on its tracking and reporting.”

During the five-day event, there were presentations from different youth involved organizations as well as UN agencies. Speaking

during the closing of the event, Acting Director for Multilateral Cooperation from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Mr. Deusdedit Kaganda said “It is good to see the gathering of young and energetic ambassadors, it is a sign of youth engagement in the implementation of SDGs as well as country’s economic development.” The closing of the event was also graced by a representative from the US embassy, Mr. Jeff Ladenson and Morogoro’s Regional Commissioner, Mr. Kebwe Steven Kebwe.

TIMUN which is organized by Youth of United Nations (YUNA), is held annually and brings together youth from all over the world. This year’s event has been supported by UN Tanzania, Prime Minister’s office, UNICEF, UNFPA, UNIC, US Embassy, Pathfinder, Plan International and International Youth Foundation.

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ILO Conducts Soft Skills Training for Apprenticeship Graduates



Apprentices participate in group discussions and knowledge sharing during the International Labour Organization (ILO) soft skills training for apprenticeship graduates in Arusha. **Photo| ILO**

The International Labour Organization (ILO) in collaboration with the Ministry of tourism and Natural Resources, the National College of Tourism (NCT), Hotel Association of Tanzania (HAT) and the Association of Tanzania Employers (ATE) conducted a follow up soft skills training workshop in Arusha in late March. The workshop is part of ILO'S drive to strengthen skills development and increase access to the job market amongst Tanzania's youth. It's also an initiative that aims to contribute towards systematic interventions to improve existing capacities of people and institutions by providing tools and experience through direct involvement.

Targeted to about 60 apprenticeship programme graduates, who have since completed their training and are

transitioning to full time wage or self-employment, the objective of the training was to enhance the graduates' interpersonal and communication skills to further prepare them to join the job market.

The project is funded by the Government of Norway and is implemented by ILO in close collaboration with the aforementioned organisations and stakeholders in the private sector stakeholders. The private sector partners involved in the programme have identified soft skills as an area which the apprenticeship graduates needed further training. For example, interpersonal and leadership skills were mentioned by employers as areas requiring more improvement.

Some of the areas covered during the training included customer

care and service provision, supervision, entrepreneurial and business development Services (BDS) and awareness-raising on business opportunities.

Addressing the apprentices, General Manager of Melia Hotels and Resorts, (a long-term partner of the programme based) Mr. Nicolas Konig, commended ILO for conducting the training for the youth who are the right candidates for the existing job opportunities in the country's leading hotels.

The training is part of a three-phase programme slated for Arusha, Dar es Salam and Zanzibar as part of ILO's support to the government's efforts to promote skills training and access to the labour market, targeted to reach over 200 young men and women.

International Day of Forests



Providing children with a foundation to better understand the vital role of forests is a critical step to safeguarding natural resources for future generations.

Photo | FAO Tanzania

In early March, Tanzania joined the world to celebrate the International Day of Forests under the theme 'Forest and Education'. The day, which was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly since 2012, celebrates and raises awareness on the importance of all types of forests.

On each International Day of Forests, countries undertake local, national and international efforts to organize activities involving forests and trees, such as tree planting and public awareness raising campaigns. Here in Tanzania, various stakeholders including the Government through the Tanzania Forest Services Agency (TFS) under the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), among others, carried out various activities to mark the day.

In his statement on the Day, FAO Representative in Tanzania, Mr. Fred Kafeero, underscored the importance of forests for

the earth's environment. "The importance of forests cannot be overstated since all life on earth, therefore our survival, depends on them. They provide livelihoods for humans; are important habitats for animals, they protect watersheds; prevent soil erosion; and help mitigate the negative impacts of climate change," he said.

However, he noted that despite these facts, at the global level, forests are disappearing at an unprecedented scale. Mr. Kafeero referenced the Global Forest Resources Assessment 2015 report which revealed that in 1990 the world had 4,128 million hectares of forest but by 2015 this area decreased to 3,999 million hectares.

In Tanzania, the 2015 National Forest Resources Monitoring and Assessment report, estimated the annual rate of deforestation at 372,816 hectares, while by 2018 the estimates by Tanzania's National Carbon Monitoring Centre showed an increase in the annual rate of deforestation

to 469,420 hectares.

"As the theme for 2019 International Day of Forests focuses on Forests and Education, we need to reflect on the role of forest education in addressing present and future challenges," Mr. Kafeero urged.

Education has long been recognized as a key means to influence the knowledge, skills and values of citizens to support sustainable development. Providing children with a foundation to better understand the vital role of forests is a critical step to safeguarding natural resources for future generations.

Healthy forests are central in our aspirations to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

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FAO Representative in
Tanzania**

Men Working Hard to Ensure Safe Births in Tanzania's Refugee Camps



One of the women who delivered her baby at Nyarugusu health centre which is supported by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in Kigoma.

Photo | UNFPA

Reproductive and maternal health has traditionally been considered a woman's issue, but men too have an important role to play. Meet Abdul Nyamguma and Hofne Chrisostom Yohana, two of 15 United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) supported nurse midwives delivering comprehensive maternal and child healthcare in Tanzania's Nyarugusu refugee camp in Kigoma region.

There are over 10,000 births a year across the three refugee camps in Kigoma, and demand

for maternal health services is high. On a typical day in the delivery ward Hofne admits patients for delivery, taking note of their antenatal care visits, vital statistics, and any complications. He monitors and cares for women in labour, manages their delivery and reassures them at every stage. Once the baby is born he/she is dried, the airways are cleaned, and the baby is placed on the mother's abdomen for skin-to-skin contact. Within a minute the umbilical cord is cut and the mother is administered oxytocin injections to manage the third

stage of labour – delivering the placenta.

Hofne actively manages the third stage of labour to reduce the risk of postpartum haemorrhage. When complications occur, he talks to the patient to discuss next steps and theatre is quickly prepared if needed. Systems in place for obstetric complications at the camps are working well and saving lives.

Abdul provides postnatal care, monitoring a newborn's weight and completing a comprehensive check-up for both mother and newborn. Mothers must attend three postnatal visits to the health facility after birth: on day 7, day 28, and day 42 when the newborns start their immunization schedule. Health education sessions are also held for women at the facility covering voluntary family planning, nutrition and baby care.

Hofne and Abdul are saving lives and enabling women and girls to realize their sexual and reproductive health and rights deciding whether, when and how many children they would like to have and ensuring those giving birth can do so safely. In 2018, 97 per cent of pregnant women in the three refugee camps gave birth at a health facility under the supervision of a skilled healthcare professional.

UNFPA will continue to provide life-saving sexual and reproductive health services throughout the protracted crisis and recovery phase of the humanitarian emergency in Kigoma, ensuring no one is left behind.

SPECIAL REPORT I: UN, Government Engage Civil Society on SDGs



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Private Sector, Civil Society, youth, development partners and UN officials promoting the Global Goals during the VNR in Zanzibar.

In March, the government in collaboration with the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA), the UN in Tanzania and civil society conducted Voluntary National Review (VNR) consultation workshops in both mainland and Zanzibar to receive inputs from non-state stakeholders on progress being made on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Tanzania.

The workshops brought together a diverse range of government officials and stakeholders including CSOs,

NGOs, the private sector, academia, women and youth groups. It provided them with an opportunity to discuss the good practices, challenges, gaps and opportunities related to SDGs implementation in Tanzania.

In Zanzibar, the consultation was attended by various institutions including the Zanzibar Planning Commission (ZPC) and ANGOZA (Non-Governmental organization of Zanzibar) and other stakeholders.

Executive Secretary from the ZPC, Mr. Juma Reli, noted that the main objective of the

workshop was to promote national ownership and active participation of key stakeholders while also increasing their accountability in implementing and reporting on the SDGs. He also pointed out that it was an opportunity to identify emerging issues and priorities that would need to be considered for further support in pursuit of MKUZA III and Agenda 2030.

In Dar es Salaam, the workshop was well attended by various stakeholders including the Ministry of Finance and Planning, the National Bureau

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of Statistics (NBS), the Tanzania Private Sector Foundation (TPSF), the University of Dar es Salaam, African Philanthropic Foundation, Research on Poverty Alleviation (REPOA) and other organizations.

UN Resident Coordinator a.i., Mr. Alvaro Rodriguez emphasized that the VNR should be used as a means to improve SDGs coordination. "It's important to remember that the VNR is not an end in itself but provides a platform for strengthened partnerships needed to reach the ambitious targets in the 2030 Agenda. It should be used to generate momentum for accelerated implementation of SDGs among all actors," he said.

On his part, the Assistant Director from the Ministry of Finance and Planning, Mr.

Servus Sagday, said that "the benefits for Tanzania to present a VNR, is that it allows Tanzania to learn from other countries and it contributes to getting people together in an open an inclusive process from the beginning to the end. Civil society and the private sector are important and needed to participate in the process." He added that the VNR draft report has been prepared in collaboration with stakeholders from private sectors and CSOs and that process requires participation of all stakeholders engaged in the development agenda i.e. no one should be left behind.

The inputs of both workshops will factor into the government's Voluntary National Review (VNR) on the SDGs which will be presented in July during the High-Level Political Forum at the UN Headquarters in New York.

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Assistant Director from the Ministry of Finance and Planning, Mr. Servus Sagday, making opening remarks during the Voluntary National Review (VNR) consultation in Dar es Salaam. He stressed the importance of civil society and the private sector participating in the VNR process.

SPECIAL REPORT I: UN, Government Engage Civil Society on SDGs



Panelist discussion on the global goals between representatives from private Sector, development partners, civil society, youth and research organizations.



African Philanthropic Foundation CEO, Mr. Stephen Chacha (left); UN Global Compact (UNGC) Network Coordinator, Mr. Emmanuel Nnko; and moderator Ms. Maria Sarungi discuss the importance of the private sector and civil society working together during the Voluntary National Review (VNR) consultation that took place in Dar es Salaam.

SPECIAL REPORT I: UN, Government Engage Civil Society on SDGs



Delegates from Private Sector, Civil Society, youth institutions, development partners at the VNR workshop.



Government, and UN officials take a group photo with the stakeholders from civil society during the Voluntary National Review (VNR) consultation that took place in Zanzibar in March.

SPECIAL REPORT II:

International Women's Day: Government Calls for Expanding Women's Economic Empowerment



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(from right to left) UN Women Representative, Ms. Hoddan Addou; Minister of Health, Community Development, Gender, Senior and Children; Hon. Umyy Mwalimu; and Ambassador of Sweden to Tanzania, H.E. Anders Sjöberg meet a woman entrepreneur during International Women's Day commemorations in Mwanza.

For this year's International Women's Day (IWD) the Government of Tanzania set aside eight days to celebrate women across the country under the national theme 'Change Mindset to Achieve Equality for Sustainable Development'. In regions all over the country including Dodoma, Zanzibar, Arusha and Kigoma, women and girls spoke out and marched for recognition as equal partners in development and for respect of their right to enjoy a life free from violence.

It was a particularly exciting time for women in business who showcased their products.

One of the women-led

enterprises that stood out in Mwanza was Wanawake Wavuvi Maendeleo Nyamagana. Not only does the group sell the best fish in and outside Mwanza, they also recently started making products such as chicken feed from grounded dry fish skin and bones. They sell the product across the country and even in some neighbouring countries.

Another entrepreneur, Ms. Anchila Petro attracted a large crowd with her home-brewed red Rosela wine. Ms. Petro, who is the Managing Director of Kikundi Cha Upendo-Nyamatala Wineries decided in 2014 to process into red wine the Rosela plant she grows on her farm. After learning how to produce

the wine, she humbly started the business at her home in 2015, producing only 50 litres per month.

Today, Ms. Petro produces up to 200 litres of good red wine each month. which were available and on display during the International Women's Day commemoration which took place in Mwanza region. She managed to sell all the 60 bottles on display. Ms. Petro is one of the business women who last year received grant support from the government to expand their businesses in Mwanza.

The Minister of Health,

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Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children, Hon. Umy Mwalimu, graced the commemorations held in Bujora in Mwanza. Also present were representatives from the European Union in Tanzania; the Swedish Ambassador, H.E. Anders Sjoberg; UN Resident Coordinator, Mr .Alvaro Rodriguez; UN Women Representative, Ms. Hodan Addou; government officials; and civil society representatives. The delegates interacted with the business women, viewed their products and got to hear about their successes and challenges.

In her address, Minister Mwalimu emphasized the need for increased support to women in business to enable expansion of their enterprises, which will in turn contribute to employment creation. The Ministry has since

“Women and girls should not only be consumers of innovation but also become innovators. Through their engagement, both in design and execution of solutions, they can address their unique needs. These range from the creation of decent work to delivery of products, services and infrastructure for all women,”

**- Ms. Hodan Addou,
UN Women Country
Representative**



Minister of Health, Community Development, Gender, Senior and Children; Hon. Umy Mwalimu making remarks during International Women's Day Commemorations in Mwanza. She directed all local government authorities to ensure that they provide women's groups with more sizeable loans to promote women's economic empowerment.

announced a new policy, the Women Development Fund, to ensure they implement a new innovative way of providing support to women businesses for growth.

Speaking on behalf of the UN Women Executive Director, Dr. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, the UN Women Country Representative, Ms. Hodan Addou congratulated women for their innovative approaches in business throughout the country. She said there was need for

deliberate actions focused on the use of innovations to enable positive impact on the lives of women and girls.

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SPECIAL REPORT II:

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Amani Girls Home, a local NGO that works to empower girls for sustainable development, take part in a march for gender equality during International Women's Day Commemorations in Mwanza. The sign their holding reads: 'Equality is a deal for me, Violence against girls and women is not a deal'.



International Women's Day commemorations in Mwanza brought communities together to celebrate women and their contributions to the development of Tanzania. This year's theme was *Change Mindset to Achieve Equality for Sustainable Development*.

President Shein Awards ILO Apprenticeship Programme Graduates



The 2017/2018 Apprenticeship graduates at the State University of Zanzibar (SUZA) on Graduation Day.
Photo | ILO

In late April, the 52 Apprentices enrolled into the Zanzibar Quality Apprenticeship programme in 2017 graduated at the State University of Zanzibar (SUZA). Out of the 52 graduates, 24 received a certificate in Front Desk Operations, 16 in Food Production and Bakery, and 12 in Housekeeping Operations. The graduates are set for more gainful employment as 33 of them have already secured jobs at various hotels and resorts even before graduating.

SUZA Vice Chancellor, Prof. Idris Rai commended the International Labour Organisation (ILO), government and programme partners for launching and implementing the first certified apprenticeship programme in Zanzibar. “The ILO Apprenticeship programme is helping us to train young men and women who want to join the tourism sector. As we

know tourism is very important to our economic development and it is important for young people to gain the skills to work in this sector.” Rai said.

President of Zanzibar, H.E. Dr. Ali Mohamed Shein - who is also the Chancellor of SUZA - praised the program and awarded Apprentice Saada Mzee with the Vice Chancellor’s Prize for best overall student for all certificate programmes for 2017/2018.

Mr. Jealous Chirove, ILO Employment Specialist, speaking at the event on behalf of the Director for the ILO Office for Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda and Burundi, Mr. Wellington Chibebe, urged the new graduates to think about the future of work and continue to upgrade their skillsets in order to grasp new opportunities. “The emphasis is on lifelong learning; we are

looking for different ways to keep on supporting and training you, but the responsibility is also on you to use the many online and other learning resources available to you.” he said.

With funding from the Government of Norway, the Quality Apprenticeship Programme in Hotel Operations was officially launched in August 2017 and is the first apprenticeship certified programme to be approved by the National Council for Technical Education (NACTE) in Tanzania. This is also the first time that SUZA has recognized and issued certification to apprentices and recognized apprenticeship as an accredited module of learning. The graduates will soon be replaced by a new stream of more than 150 apprentices expected to start training in early May 2019.

WFP Hands Over \$170,000 Grain Cleaning Machine to Government



WFP Country Representative, Mr. Michael Dunford (left), and the Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Japheth Hasunga (right) participate in a ceremony for the handover of a maize grain cleaning machine from WFP to the Ministry. *Photo | Alice Maro WFP*

In mid-March, the World Food Programme (WFP) handed over a maize grain cleaning machine to the National Food Reserve Agency (NFRA). The

ceremony was attended by the Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Japheth Hasunga; Acting Chief Executive Officer of NFRA, Ms. Vumilia Zikankuba; and WFP

Country Representative, Mr. Michael Dunford.

The grain cleaning machine, valued at USD 170,000, can process 12-18 metric tonnes of maize grain per hour and enables the NFRA to clean maize grain more quickly than through other methods. The machine also ensures the reduction of foreign materials, impurities and dust which lowers the risk of contamination and losses.

WFP's demand for maize for its humanitarian and development operations in the Eastern and Southern African region offers an opportunity to procure maize from Tanzania. This in turn supports smallholder farmers with access to quality driven markets (through the NFRA).

Leaving No Tanzanian Youth Behind

The Tanzania Voluntary National Review Youth Consultation on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) was held in Dar es Salaam on the 28th March 2019, under the theme 'Leave no youth behind'. Tanzania has volunteered to present its National VNR report to the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) in July 2019 - a positive step towards inclusive SDGs implementation. The HLPF is the main United Nations platform on sustainable development with a central role in both the follow-up and review of the SDGs at the global level.

The consultation was organized by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in collaboration with the United



The Voluntary National Review (VNR) Youth Consultation on SDGs brought together young people to get their inputs on SDGs implementation. *Photo | UNFPA*

Nations Association (UNA), in collaboration with Restless Development, Mulika Tanzania

and AfriYAN, and welcomed 50 representatives from youth-led

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and youth-serving organizations working in different thematic areas across Mainland and Zanzibar. The zonal/regional representation ensured a diverse range of young people's voices were heard.

The youth consultation, designed to embrace the **"Leaving No One Behind"** theme of the SDGs, focused on youth's meaningful participation in the implementation of the SDGs with a special emphasis on Goals 3, 4, 5, 8, 10 and 16. Youth-led and youth serving

organizations shared their experiences, successes, as well as what they see as key challenges to implementing the SDGs.

The 2030 Agenda and the SDGs cannot be achieved without the full participation and engagement of Tanzania's youth. While youth are often disproportionately affected by issues outlined in the SDGs, they are also well placed to tackle many of them. Addressing the participants at the workshop, UNFPA Deputy Country Representative, Dr. Hashina Begum, called on youth

to define the world they live in and shape the world they will inherit in 2030 adding: "We cannot always build a future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future. Youth must be at the centre of achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and transforming our world."

UNFPA's support to the VNR process for youth is the continuation of past initiatives to advance the mandate of young people in the implementation of the SDGs.

UN, Government Partnership Meeting on Economic Growth and Employment in Tanzania



(from left to right) UNIDO Country Representative, Mr. Steven Kargbo; UN Resident Coordinator a.i., Mr. Alvaro Rodriguez; and UNDP Resident Representative a.i., Ms. Natalie Boucly, at the Economic Growth and Employment Outcome Group partnership meeting. **Photo | ILO**

In mid-March, the Economic Growth and Employment Outcome Group of the Inclusive Growth thematic area of the UN Development Assistance Plan II (UNDAP II) organized a well-attended partnership meeting,

aimed at ensuring continued joint ownership of UNDAF II implementation and enhanced coordination of UN/Government interventions in economic growth and employment.

In her opening remarks, the Chairperson of the Inclusive Growth Thematic Results Group, UNDP Resident Representative a.i., Ms. Natalie Boucly, underscored the role of the UN in supporting Tanzania to achieve inclusive growth through increased decent employment opportunities, expanded social protection and enhanced access to quality education. She further commended the Government for its partnership and commitment to achieving inclusive growth. This was echoed by the UN Resident Coordinator Mr. Alvaro Rodriguez, who further emphasized the role of SDG 8 on Decent Work and Economic Growth in ending absolute poverty, with a focus on promoting job-rich economic growth.

The Executive Secretary of the Zanzibar Planning Commission, Mr. Juma Reli, commended the UN for being a trusted and effective partner in promoting the national development

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agenda, and highlighted key achievements in promoting inclusive economic growth.

In a presentation on key achievements, the Economic Growth and Employment Outcome Coordinator, Ms. Kristina Weibel, emphasized support to development of evidence-based policies and action plans as well as capacity development, resulting in improved performance of government and private sector institutions. She also highlighted support to value chain development, resulting in more than 51,000 enterprises (44 per cent women) having improved productivity and incomes.

Some 40 participants attended the meeting, including the Embassy of Sweden who supports the Outcome Group



UN Officials participating at the Economic Growth and Employment Outcome Group partnership meeting. *Photo | ILO*

through the One Fund. Participants agreed on the following strategic priorities: specialized skills development; industrialization and investment promotion; policy coherence; innovation; and value chain

development. A call was made to hold similar meetings for the Social Protection and Education Outcome Groups which also form part of the Inclusive Growth thematic area of the UNDAF II.

WFP Signs \$600,000 Agreement with Tanzania Railways Corporation



TRC Executive Director, Mr. Masanja Kadogosa (left); Minister of Works, Transport & Communications, Hon. Eng. Isaac Kamwelwe; (middle); and WFP Country Representative, Mr. Michael Dunford (right) presenting the signed MoU for the refurbishment of 40 train wagons. *Photo | Alice Maro/WFP*

Country Representative, Mr. Michael Dunford.

During the ceremony, Mr. Dunford emphasized that WFP will continue to support the Government in achieving its industrialization vision and support the people of Tanzania. The statement was well received by the Minister of Works, Transport & Communications, Hon. Eng. Isaac Kamwelwe, who commended WFP for their continued support.

The arrangement represents a win-win, with TRC receiving refurbished wagons, steady demand from humanitarian operations in the region and increased capacity while WFP receives the cost savings and time benefits from regular access and utilization of the railways.

In mid-March the World Food Programme (WFP) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Tanzania Railways Corporation

(TRC) for the refurbishment of 40 train wagons for USD 600,000. The MoU was signed by TRC Executive Director, Mr. Masanja Kadogosa, and WFP

UNDP Builds \$100,000 of WASH Facilities for Four Primary Schools in Iringa



The modern toilets that were constructed by the schools and local government authorities through support from UNDP will contribute towards healthier and cleaner school environments which will help provide a more inclusive and equitable quality education for the students – especially girls. **Photo | Edgar Kiliba/UN Tanzania**

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has supported the construction of USD 100,000 worth of clean water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) facilities for four primary schools in Iringa region. The facilities were inaugurated in March by the Minister of Constitutional and Legal Affairs, Hon. Dr. Augustine Mahiga; UN Resident Coordinator a.i., Mr. Alvaro Rodriguez; UNDP Resident Representative a.i., Ms. Natalie Boucly as well as regional government authorities. The toilets were constructed by local authorities and the management at the schools themselves and are expected to contribute to a healthier and cleaner environment which will help provide a more inclusive and equitable quality education for the students.

Iringa Regional Administrative Secretariat with USD 100,000 to build the WASH facilities in four primary schools to ensure adequate and reliable sanitation infrastructure to support boys and girls as well as teachers. When completed, the facilities will serve a total of 1,900 students - 842 girls and 1,058 boys. Additionally, both the boys and girls blocks have special rooms for students living with disabilities. Furthermore, each of the girls' blocks has a special room for girls to use during their menstrual cycle.

Minister Mahiga stressed the importance of clean water and sanitation and told the students that in addition to what they learn in the classroom, it's important that they also learn about issues related to good health and well-

being, including how to properly use toilet facilities.

UN Resident Coordinator

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**- Mr. Alvaro Rodriguez
UN Resident Coordinator a.i.**

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Minister of Constitutional and Legal Affairs, Hon. Dr. Augustine Mahiga (right), is given a tour of one of the newly constructed toilet facilities. Directly behind him (from right to left) are UN Resident Coordinator a.i., Mr. Alvaro Rodriguez, and UNDP Resident Representative a.i., Ms. Natalie Boucly. *Photo| Edgar Kiliba/UN Tanzania*

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a.i., Mr. Alvaro Rodriguez, commended the UNDP project and the partnership with the government and local schools as this constitutes one more step in promoting sustainable development, improved educational facilities for boys and girls, and enhancing the potential to reach the Global Goals by 2030. “Lack of proper sanitation facilities is a major challenge for schools and this disproportionately affects girls the most. Girls in particular will

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On her side, UNDP Resident Representative a.i., Ms. Natalie Boucly, said that “I believe that this UNDP project will improve hygiene and sanitation at the school and it will provide an enabling environment for students to study - especially girls and people living with disabilities.”

Upcoming International Days

29 May - International Day of UN Peacekeepers

5 June - World Environment Day

8 June - World Oceans Day

13 June- International Albinism Awareness Day

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