The United Nations in partnership with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation and the Dodoma Regional Commissioner's Office commemorated the 74th Anniversary of the Establishment of the United Nations in Dodoma on October 24th, 2019. This year's theme was: "Women and Girls at the Forefront of Achieving the Global Goals"

The day began with a Flag-Raising Ceremony in the morning at Nyerere Square and was followed by an evening reception at St. Gaspar Hotel – both events were graced by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Hon. Palamagamba Kabudi.

In addition to the commemorations in Dodoma, there was also a UN Day Outreach Event in Zanzibar, that was graced by the Second Vice President of Zanzibar, Ambassador Seif Ali Iddi. The outreach highlighted and reinforced the UN's support to women and girls in Zanzibar!!

This journal takes you through UN Day commemorations in pictures. Enjoy!

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For the first time, the UN Flag is raised by the Tanzania People’s Defence Forces (TPDF) at Nyerere Square in Dodoma Region in front of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Hon. Palamagamba Kabudi.

The raising of the UN Flag symbolizes the United Republic of Tanzania’s commitment to continue working with the United Nations and to uphold the values embodied in the United Nations Charter.
“On this day we must commit to make women and girls our partners, we must make sure that they are empowered and are able to participate in decision-making in their families, communities and nations. It’s time to turn promises into action.” - Ag. Youth of United Nations Association (YUNA) Chairperson, Ms. Hortencia Nuhu, speaking on behalf of youth during the Flag-Raising Ceremony

Students from Ihumwa Secondary School in Dodoma perform a song on women empowerment and keeping them at the centre of development during the UN Day Flag-raising Ceremony.
“Today, as we do every year, we renew the long-standing collaboration between the Government and people of Tanzania, development partners and the United Nations,” UNFPA Representative, Ms. Jacqueline Mahon, speaking on behalf of the UN System in Tanzania during the UN Day Flag-Raising Ceremony.

“To all Tanzanian women and girls: pursue your dreams, do not be afraid or shy to show your skills. Take control of your life and your future.”

The theme for this year’s UN Day Commemorations was ‘Women and Girls at the Forefront of Achieving the SDGs’. In addition to Government Officials and UN Staff, the Flag-Raising Ceremony at Nyerere Square Grounds was attended by over 300 youth, development partners, civil society, the media and other stakeholders.
“Tanzania firmly supports the UN and we say that the UN is more critical & important today than even during the Cold War... our support for the UN is unequivocal and we will raise our voice as we did in the past to those who think that multilateralism is not important. It is indeed important.” - Minister of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Hon. Palamagamba Kabudi, reaffirms the Government's partnership with the United Nations

This year was the first time that UN Day commemorations in Tanzania have taken place in Dodoma. UN Agencies have had a presence in Dodoma through WFP as far back as 1999 and in 2017 the UN became among the first international organizations to open an office in Dodoma which currently hosts seven UN agencies. The Government commended the UN for continuing to support the relocation of the central government to Dodoma.
UN Resident Coordinator a.i and WFP Representative, Mr. Michael Dunford (left), gives a plaque of appreciation to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Hon. Palamagamba Kabudi (right) thanking him for being the guest of honor at the commemorations of the 74th Anniversary of the establishment of the United Nations.

Students from Chinangali Secondary School in Dodoma provide entertainment following the guest of honor’s address. The students performed a poem highlighting achievement of the SDGs.
Minister of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Hon. Palamagamba Kabudi (seated centre) shares a moment with Heads and Representative of UN Agencies (above) and UN Staff (below) who attended the Flag-Raising Ceremony.

Above them is the statue of the Father of the Nation, Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere, which stands at the heart of the square.
UN Staff, Government Officials, Development Partners and others arrive at the UN Day evening reception!

(Clockwise) ILO Director for East Africa, Mr. Wellington Chibebe; ILO Staff, Ms. Joyce Nampesya and Mr. Sudan Ndesi

Political Officer – Political, Press and Information Section, Delegation of the EU to Tanzania, Ms. Betül Akdemir; Country Economist, Royal Norwegian Embassy, Ms. Trine Lunde; Governance Team Leader, DFID Tanzania, Mr. Olivier Blake.
Officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation: (from left to right) Ms. Patricia Kiswaga; Ms. Gloria Ngaiza; Ms. Jane Maille; Ms. Jane Mziray; Ms. Faith Masaka.

Ms. Betül Akdemir, European Union Delegation to Tanzania; Milou Vanmulken, European Union Delegation to Tanzania; Ms. Trine Lunde, Royal Norwegian Embassy
Minister of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Hon. Palamagamba Kabudi (left) is received by UN Resident Coordinator a.i. And WFP Representative, Mr. Michael Dunford (centre), and Ag. Director of Multi-lateral Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Mr. Deusdedit Kaganda (right) upon arriving at the reception.

(From left to right) UN Coordination Advisor, Mr. Helge Flard; Country Economist, Royal Norwegian Embassy, Ms. Trine Lunde; and UNFPA Representative, Ms. Jacqueline Mahon.
“Today is a celebration of everything that the UN stands for and represents. This evening is an opportunity to really get to know each other better, enjoy each other’s company and to reflect on the great work that the UN is doing in Tanzania.” - UN Resident Coordinator a.i. And WFP Representative, Mr. Michael Dunford
“I'm joining you this evening with the assurance of your commitment to continue working together...the Flag-raising event this morning was colorful and it will remain in my memory for life.

I commend the Office of the Resident Coordinator, the entire UN Country Team and my Ministry Team, for joining efforts in making today's events successful.”

- Minister of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Hon. Palamagamba Kabudi (far right) speaking at the reception before proposing a toast to the 74th Anniversary of the Establishment of the United Nations.
Members of the UN Tanzania Communication Group (UNCG), (from left to right). UN Communication Analyst, Mr. Edgar Kiliba; UN Communication Associate, Ms. Grace Mongi; UNFPA Communication Analyst, Mr. Warren Bright; National Information Officer, UN Information Centre, Ms. Nafisa Didi; and UNESCO National Programme Officer, Communication and Advocacy, Ms. Nancy Kaizilege.

Director of Community Development, Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children (MoHCDGEC), Mr. Patrick Golwike; UNICEF, UNFPA and UNWOMEN Desk Officer, Department of Multilateral Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Ms. Khadija Othman; Mayor of Dodoma Municipality, Hon. Prof. David Mwamfepe; Director of Children Development Department, MoHCDGEC, Ms. Mwajuma Magwiza; Deputy Director of Children Development Department, MoHCDGEC Mr Sebastian Kitiku; Plan International Mr. Oscar Kimaro.
On October 26th, the UN and government commemorated UN Day in Zanzibar that was graced by the Second Vice President of Zanzibar, Ambassador Seif Ali Iddi. The event highlighted and reinforced the UN’s support to women seaweed farmers in Zanzibar as part of the Zanzibar Joint Programme (ZJP).

The Guest of Honor visits exhibition booths upon arriving at the commemorations. In aligning with the theme, there was an exhibition on combating Violence Against Women and Children (VAWC) to enable women and girls understand what they can do when they experience cases of violence. This included a One Stop Center, Police Gender Desk, District Child Protection Unit and Family Planning counseling desk.
A Youth of United Nations (YUNA) youth group performs a poem and short skit during the commemorations. The group's performance demonstrated challenges related to gender-based violence (GBV) that girls face in their schools and communities and highlighted how the UN is working to deliver a world where every young person's potential is fulfilled. Photo By: Imani Nsamila

The commemorations were attended by Government Officials, UN Staff, Women Seaweed Farmer's Groups, CSOs, NGOs, Youth and other partners. Photo By: Imani Nsamila
“The UN’s ongoing support to seaweed farmers and processors is strengthening their position in the seaweed value chain as well as their capacity to produce value-added seaweed products. This support has economically empowered and improved the working conditions of around 24,000 women and young people employed in the seaweed value chain.” - UNFPA Representative, Ms. Jacqueline Mahon, speaking on behalf of the UN System in Tanzania during the commemorations. Photo By: Imani Nsamila

(From left to right) IOM Chief of Mission, Dr. Qasim Sufi; UN Women Representative, Ms. Hoddan Addou; UNDP Resident Representative, Ms. Christine Musisi. Photo By: Imani Nsamila
“This year’s theme goes hand in hand with the implementation of the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar’s programmes to enhance the rights and welfare of women, young and old as outlined in our country’s development plans.” - The Second Vice President of Zanzibar, Ambassador Seif Ali Iddi speaking during the commemorations. Photo By: Imani Nsamila

The guest of honor hands over a gift to a representative of ‘Umoja Ndio Njia Safi Group’. This group located in Bweleo, processes products like soaps, jams and massage oils. They were presented with a three-phase electricity service line to support their factory. The service line has made its connection to the electricity grid more stable which means the group will be able to increase their processing capabilities.