



Message from the Public Affairs Officer

Since my arrival in Tanzania September 2011, I have had the pleasure of meeting many members of the State Alumni community. They have consistently impressed me with their keen intellect, passion for their work, and the impact they are making each day in their communities. The State

Alumni network encompasses some of Tanzania's brightest and most visionary minds, united by common experiences and a common ambition to improve their society.

We believe that the strength of the alumni network is a dynamic force for positive change in your communities. We hope this second newsletter will encourage alumni to learn more about each others' activities, expand your networks, establish programs to promote key issues such as education and women's empowerment, and be informed about grant opportunities available through the www.alumni.state.gov website.

We congratulate alumni members in Zanzibar for founding the Zanzibar Association of U.S. State Alumni (ZAUSSA) in October 2011, and the recent launching of Tanzania U.S.-State Alumni Association (TUSSAA) chapter in Morogoro, for the Dodoma and Morogoro regions.

Your motto, "Networking and Giving Back to the Community", exemplifies the spirit of your service to Tanzania. I look forward to our continued cooperation and to meeting more of you in the future.

Asanteni sana!

Dana L. Banks
 First Secretary
 Public Affairs Officer
 U.S. Embassy Dar es Salaam



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Upcoming Events!

- Launching of Tanga Chapter
- Second Annual Conference
- Alumni Reception

TUSSAA President's Message:

First of all I would like to congratulate our fellow Zanzibari alumni for founding Zanzibar Association of U.S. State Alumni. Congratulations.

I feel honored to be a part of the TUSSAA community, a body of motivated persons who are ready to work together for the common purpose which is giving back to their Tanzanian community. As we have pledged during the 2011 annual conference, TUSSAA leadership envisage to see this organization moving forward in touching the lives of many Tanzanians through our readiness to support, encourage, and taking part in various community - based activities. It is through such engagements, our giving back "motto" will be meaningful.

I take this opportunity to encourage each TUSSAA member to be active, responsive, and co-operative in making our dreams a reality. It takes a volunteerism spirit, proactiveness, and self-motivation to make the difference in our society. Let us join our efforts to make things happen. We can succeed if we want. Step by step, we can bring change in our nation by inspiring others to do what is right in a right way. Many TUSSAA members have a huge resource of talents, skills, professional capacities and energy, which can be mobilized and unleashed in the nation through different projects. I call upon all of you to step forward and do something for our needy community. It is not too late, let us come together and make a difference in our nation.

Finally, I encourage you my fellow alumni to register with the State Alumni website so that you can get an opportunity of networking with all U.S. State alumni around the globe, grant and job opportunities, access to thousands of free periodicals, newspapers and more; create a personal profile with your bio, photos, academic articles and more, share your news and experience with global audience and a lot more.



Dr. Peter Mateso
 TUSSAA President

U.S. Ambassador presents AGGEN women empowerment grant

DAR ES SALAAM -- Ambassador Alfonso E. Lenhardt met with Tanzania U.S. State Alumni Association (TUSSAA) recipients of the \$25,000.00 Alumni Engagement Innovation Fund (AEIF) competition from the Office of Alumni Affairs at the U.S. Department of State on September 14, 2011. The Ambassador presented the recipients with a gift camera and a certificate from the U.S. Department of State signed by Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) Ann Stock.

In his remarks, Ambassador Lenhardt thanked the alumni for their leadership promoting empowerment programs for women and girls. "Promoting active alumni programs is one of my highest priorities. I admire your leadership as U.S.-Tanzania alumni dedicated to 'giving back' to your fellow Tanzanians, and your ideas to promote Tanzania's development. It is essential to include the immense talents and contributions of women towards Tanzania's development. Your grant supports that vision. I congratulate you in that Tanzania was one of 38 chosen from a total of 683 submitted proposals, and look forward to our continued partnership." the Ambassador said.

In his remarks, TUSSAA member and AGGEN leader Mr. James Jesse (Fulbright alumnus 2007), thanked the Ambassador and the American people for their support for alumni programs. "We have been fortunate to receive opportunities that have served our professional goals, and are committed to strengthening our work to promote greater opportunities for young Tanzanians. We thank you and the American people for this opportunity to help women and youth in Sub-Saharan Africa. Through funding our exchanges to the U.S. and through the AEIF, you have contributed to our ability to change lives and improve our country."



AGGEN kicks Tshs 16 million to 200 women in Singida and Iringa regions



DAR ES SALAAM -- On October 18, 2011 the Affirmative Action on Gender Equality Network, founded by members of the Tanzania-U.S. State Alumni Association (TUSSAA), presented Tshs16 million to two NGOs in support of women's entrepreneurship programs, in Iringa and Singida regions. The funding will be used to expand business capital for more than 200 local women entrepreneurs. The funding was provided by the Office of Alumni Affairs' Alumni Engagement Innovation Fund in support of TUSSAAS efforts to identify and promote entrepreneurial women's networks.

World AIDS Day: Alumni Volunteer Activity

RUVUMA -- Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study Program (YES) alumni, Justine Fuime and Joseph Rutakangwa of Kigonsera High School commemorated World AIDS Day by organizing volunteering activities at Kigonsera Health Centre in Kigonsera village, in Ruvuma region of southwestern Tanzania on December 1, 2011. The Kigonsera Health Centre is owned by the Tanzania Catholic Church and provides basic services to the villagers and the students of about 4,000 in population. The YES alumni volunteered to clean Kigonsera Health Centre and helping out with basic first aid tasks to the patients. The alumni were joined by 20 other students.

The YES alumni and fellow students also did a number of activities; Fuime (YES, 2010) gave a speech during the school's morning assembly focusing on this year's theme, "Getting to Zero," and the group also presented two poems, a drama, and songs about the risk of HIV/AIDS to youth generations.



IVLP Alumna Makes us Proud



Tanzania U.S. State Alumna member Ms. Happiness Mchomvu 2006 International Visitors Leadership Program Alumna was selected by The International Alliance for Women (TIAW) as a recipient of the 2011 TIAW World of Difference 100 Awards. The 2011 awards recognized 100 achievers from 27 countries for their efforts in advancing the economic empowerment of women locally, regionally or worldwide. Recipients were selected from leaders of communities, organizations, corporations, regions or countries who have taken action to support women's economic empowerment and advancement in society and in business. Ms. Mchomvu has inspired many women to become entrepreneurs through her capacity as an experienced food-processing trainer. 96% of the participants in the food processing courses are women and interestingly, 50% of them end up starting and running successful food-processing businesses. With more than 7,000 trainees' to-date, it can be said that Mchomvu has (both directly and indirectly) contributed to the Tanzanian economy through the successful trainees. Apart from this she has touched the lives of these women as well as those of their families by providing them with a steady source of income, job creation, employment, and an opportunity for creation of successful careers. Under her leadership, 230 trainers were trained who in turn trained 8,200 entrepreneurs (98% women). 50% of them are still in business and have created job opportunities for 6,000 people in Tanzania.

Congratulations Happy!

Our Outstanding Alumni



Ms. Mandari (right) and Makongo High School students during the alumni event on Earth Day at Makongo Secondary School, April 21, 2011

Ms Victoria Benjamin Mandari is an advocate of the High Court of Tanzania and Courts subordinate thereto save Primary Courts and has served as a chairperson of Tanzania Women Lawyers Association from 2007-2010. She is a Senior Partner at LAW CARE CHAMBERS (LCC), a fast growing Law firm in Tanzania. She is also a legal Advisor of the Tanzania United States State Alumna Association (TUSSAA).

In addition Victoria is a specialist in Land and housing matters, Strategic Planning and Management issues, Corporate and Commercial Contracts, Mining, Insolvency, probate and Inheritance matters. She has also participated in various statutory reviews and preparation of various pieces of legislation such as Dispute Courts Act No 2/2005 and its Regulations, Amendment of National Housing Corporation Act No 2/1990,

Miscellaneous Amendment Act No 11 of 2005 which amended some provisions of Land Act No 4/1999 and NHC act No 2/1990, Unit Titles Act 2008 and headed the committee that prepared the Unit Title's Act Regulations (2008). On the strength of her knowledge on Land matters she served as a member of the National Land Use Planning Commission from 2005-2008. Currently she is doing a consultancy on Tanzania Housing Market Study with an international organization based in the USA. She also attended a course on Courts Administration United States of America in 2001 to study American Court System under International Visitors Leadership Program.

Ms. Mandari is an active TUSSAA member; she has been participating fully in all TUSSAA activities and worked on ZAUSSA constitution and TUSSAA's Amended Constitution. Building in this success, Victoria has been instrumental in organizing networking events and meetings for alumni in Tanzania. Her ideas and contributions towards TUSSAA resulted into amended TUSSAA constitution and positive outcomes of TUSSAA activities. Victoria is now in the process of preparing a proposal for women empowerment and entrepreneurship for TUSSAA and she is also involved in the current Tanzania Constitutional Review process under the Tanzania women lawyers Association.

Apart from the above activities, she is a member of the Tanganyika Law society, an executive council member of Tanzania Women Lawyers Association, a member of East Africa Law Society, and Pan African Lawyers Association. She is currently the chairperson of the HIV/AIDS committee of the Tanganyika Law Society.

TUSSAA Presents Donation to Dar es Salaam Flood Victims



TUSSAA President Dr. Peter Mateso presents alumni donations to Kigogo Ward Chancellor Mr. Richard Chengula

Dar es Salaam -- Members of Tanzania U.S. State Alumni Association visited the flood victims at Gilman Rutihinda Primary School Dar es Salaam to donate the following items: 250 kilos of maize flour, 100 kilos of sugar and boxes of tea leaves, breads, packets of biscuits, 8 cartons of drinking water, suitcases, four boxes of bar soap, clothes and toiletries on December 30, 2011. They were welcomed by the Ward Chancellor, Mr. Richard Chengula and according to him the Gilman Rutihinda camp host more than 300 adults and 200 children from affected low-lying areas of Kigogo.

TUSSAA president Dr. Peter Mateso consoled the flood victims and provided them with the donations on behalf of Tanzania U.S. State

alumni. He said: "We are deeply saddened by the difficult situation you are going through as a result of the horrendous floods that befallen to our city. We, the members of TUSAA are here to console and give you hope."

Kigogo Ward Chancellor thanked the alumni for their support to flood victims and encouraged them to continue with their spirit of giving back to their fellow Tanzanians.

U.S. Embassy Dar es Salaam Alumni Coordinator Rehema Kalinga organized and attended the event with TUSAA President and Legal Adviser Ms. Victoria Mandari and other ten alumni members. The U.S. Embassy staff members donated clothes for the event.

The floods that killed 40 people affected particularly low-lying areas of Dar es Salaam and displaced approximately 10,000 people and left them with no food, clothes and in great problems.



Fortune Alumnae Attend Dinner Hosted by U.S. Embassy Public Affairs Officer

On January 17, 2012 Public Affairs Officer Dana L. Banks and Deputy Public Affairs Officer Roberto Quiroz II hosted a dinner for four FORTUNE 500/State Department Global Women's Mentoring Partnership Program alumni, Mwamvita Makamba, Chief Officer, Marketing & Corporate Affairs at Vodacom (2011); Modesta Lilian Mahiga, Managing Director of Professional Approach Group (2010); Irene Kiwia, Managing Director of Frontline Porter Novelli Management Company (2010); and Emelda Mwamanga Mtunga, Editor of Bang! Women's Magazine (2009).

The alumni discussed women's empowerment programs implemented in their companies to provide young women opportunities in Tanzania's growing private sector. The women also outlined their efforts to raise public awareness on the private sector's key role to promote Tanzania's development through philanthropic endeavors and greater foreign investments. In addition, they detailed their efforts to encourage successful Tanzanian women entrepreneurs to groom a new generation of women leaders around the country in a program called "Pay it Back", which encourages successful Tanzanian women entrepreneurs to groom a new generation of women leaders.



(Left to right) Emelda Mwamanga Mtunga, Irene Kiwia, PAO Dana L. Banks, Modesta Mahiga, and Mwamvita Makamba

- Ms. Makamba was mentored in 2011 by Susan Whiting of The Nielsen Company.
- Ms. Mahiga was mentored in 2010 by Dawn Bridges, Senior Vice President for Communications at Time-Life, Inc.
- Ms. Kiwia was mentored in 2010 by Julie Winskie, President of the public relations firm Porter Novelli.
- Ms. Mtunga was mentored in 2009 by Ann S. Moore, Chairperson and chief Executive Officer of Time Incorporated.

Alumni Reflection Series: Mentorship program

DAR ES SALAAM -- Mr. Masoud Salim Mohamed and Lilian Modesta Mahiga, 2010 President's Forum with Young African Leaders (PFYAL) alumni, held a youth empowerment seminar for Jitegemee Secondary School students in Dar es Salaam on September 14, 2011. Acting Public Affairs Officer Roberto Quiroz II and Alumni Coordinator Ms. Rehema Kalinga participated in the program, which was organized by both alumni and attended by over 50 students and faculty members.

Mr. Masoud Salim Mohamed is Chairman of the Zanzibar Youth Network. Ms. Modesta Mahiga is the Managing Director of Professional Approach Limited Ltd and the Maanisha Foundation. She is also an alumna of the FORTUNE 500/U.S. State Department Global Women's Mentoring Partnership Program.

Mr. Masoud Salim Mohamed shared with the students his personal story and encouraged them to "dream big and work hard." Discussing the origins of the Zanzibar Youth Network, he and a group of friends were inspired by then-Senator Barack Obama's presidential candidacy and their group grew significantly into the Zanzibar for Obama organization.

Ms. Lilian Modesta Mahiga offered the students self-empowerment lessons on developing life skills, opportunity searching, and exposed them to the power of volunteerism. She



Mr. Masoud Salim Mohamed and Ms. Lilian Modesta Mahiga address students at the Jitegemee Secondary School in Dar es Salaam

also underscored the power of networking and the importance of acquiring internet skills to pursue their academic and professional goals. Highlighting how dreams are achieved through action and not inaction, she counseled on the importance of developing strong work ethics and integrity. She also shared her 2010 experiences as a Fortune 500 program participant at Time Warner in New York City, and her meeting with President Obama later that summer. She closed her presentation by urging students to believe in themselves and look for mentors who can inspire and guide them towards achieving their dreams.

During the question and answer session, the students inquired further on their experiences as young leaders and shared some of their dreams and obstacles to realize them. Summarizing their common vision, they outlined the need for greater education, empowerment networks, and employment opportunities for students as they enter the work force.

Mr. Masoud Salim Mohamed and Ms. Lilian Modesta Mahiga thanked the American people for their continued support, and the teachers and students of Jitegemee Secondary School for making the event possible.



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Alumni Coordinator Rehema Kalinga presents Dr. Emmanuel Matechi appreciation gifts at the U.S. Embassy on September 29, 2011.

World Heart Day: Healthy Heart, Longer Life Presentation

Dr. Emmanuel Matechi offered a presentation at the U.S. Embassy in Dar es Salaam to 60 Tanzanian guests and alumni members titled "Healthy Heart, Longer Life" to honor World Heart Day on September 29, 2011. The World Heart Federation created World Heart Day in 2000 to raise global awareness on the impact of heart disease and stroke. Dr. Matechi is a 2007 International Visitors Leadership Program Alumnus and member of the Tanzania U.S. State Alumni Association (TUSSAA).

Acting Deputy Chief of Mission Charles F. Werderman welcomed Dr. Matechi and guests by noting that his presentation supports the U.S. Mission's goals to promote health in Tanzania. "Dr. Matechi's presentation will provide us with guidance on maintaining a healthy heart, the importance of exercise, lifestyles changes to prolong lifetime expectancy, and the impact of individual choices to our health.

On behalf of Ambassador Alfonso E. Lenhardt, I am pleased to congratulate you on your achievements as members of the Tanzania-U.S. State Alumni Association (TUSSAA). Dr. Matechi demonstrates a commitment to serve others and promote health in Tanzania. The American people have contributed to Tanzania over \$1.3 billion through the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, in addition to programs implemented by the President's Malaria Initiative, USAID, the Peace Corps, and others. Dr. Matechi is an example of the visionary individuals who form your alumni association, committed to attaining the best education and experience with the goal of returning to Tanzania to contribute to your nation's development," said Mr. Werderman.

In his presentation, Dr. Matechi explained the wide misconception that only individuals above the age of 40 have reason for concern about their heart. In fact, he said, many people under that age around the world die from heart disease, strokes, or heart attacks. He also underscored the importance of care and prevention by stating: "Many deaths are preventable. The fact is that lifestyle choices determine our hearts' health. Daily aerobic exercises such as running or walking, eating a balanced diet, avoiding alcohol and tobacco, and a stress free life prolongs our lives. The opposite is true. Fried foods, a sedentary lifestyle, and vices are proven to harm our health."

During the question and answer session, Dr. Matechi noted recent medical advances in cardiovascular medicine to assist patients who have suffered heart ailments. However, the best option for prevention is to adhere to lifestyle changes because treatment such as heart transplants and others are expensive, not guaranteed, and found overseas. He also labeled stress "an unseen threat" which affects the heart. He also called for increased public awareness on the importance of mental health to the heart and general well being.

The event was attended by distinguished alumni from key sectors, including government, sports, health, education, interfaith, and the media.

TUSSAA Launches New Chapter

MOROGORO, Tanzania -- On December 17, 2011, Tanzania-U.S. State Alumni Association (TUSSAA) members launched a chapter which will represent all alumni members residing in Morogoro and Dodoma regions. During a ceremony held in Morogoro, Alumni Coordinator Rehema Kalinga lauded the leadership and vision of its members to start Morogoro and Dodoma Chapter which will strengthen the ties between alumni members and their association. She encouraged them to spread the message and lessons learnt from their U.S. exchange. "I urge you to continue to seek opportunities to use the knowledge gained through your exchanges to the benefit of your community and other Tanzanians." She congratulated the alumni for the launching of their first chapter which intends to broaden their network, and urged them to empower women, girls and youth through programs "Tanzanians to Tanzanians"

The event was also attended by TUSSAA president Dr. Peter Mateso and over 25 alumni members from Morogoro and Dodoma. Zanzibar Association of U.S. State Alumni (ZAUSSA) was represented by two alumni, Nasra Seif and Habib Mohammed. The program included elections for new leadership positions, fundraising, a presentation on U.S. Department of State alumni programs, and breakout sessions to discuss upcoming programs and activities.

In her remarks, the chapter's Chairperson, Professor Edith Ndemanisho said, "We have been struggling a couple of years to find each other and do something for our community but today, with a support from American People the unity and network has become a reality. We thank the American people for their support, because through these educational and cultural exchanges we have established progress in many sectors. We also thank the American Embassy for their support in alumni programs and activities. We are ready to give back to our fellow Tanzanians residing in Morogoro and Dodoma regions, and this chapter will be a platform for doing so through community outreach and programs."

The alumni elected the following to key positions:

- ~ Chairperson: Professor Edith Ndemanisho (USAID, 1981)
- ~ Vice-Chairperson: Yassin Makunja (Citizen Exchanges, 2009)
- ~ Secretary: Maria Mgulambwa (Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant, 2003)
- ~ Vice Secretary: Dr. Fredy Kilima (Fulbright, 1999)
- ~ Treasurer: Dr. Nyambili Amuri (Fulbright 2005)



Zanzibar Corner:

Zanzibar Association of U.S. State Alumni Officially Launches



Zanzibar Affairs Officer Jefferson Smith (front left), Public Affairs Officer Ms. Dana L. Banks and alumni members.

ZANZIBAR -- Zanzibari alumni members from U.S. exchange programs launched the Zanzibar Association of U.S. State Alumni (ZAUSSA), a sister organization to the Tanzania-U.S. State Alumni Association (TUSSAA) on October 22, 2011. During a ceremony held in Zanzibar, U.S. Embassy Public Affairs Officer Dana L. Banks lauded the leadership and vision of its members to empower others and underscored the importance of U.S. exchange programs as essential to strengthen the partnership between the people of the United States of America and the United Republic of Tanzania. "Your work as alumni members represents our commitment to promote education and cultural exchanges, and to encourage individuals to lead their own nations forward through their own ideas and efforts. I urge you to continue to seek opportunities to use the knowledge gained through your exchanges to the benefit of your community and other Zanzibaris," she said. U.S. Embassy Zanzibar Affairs Officer Jefferson Smith also highlighted U.S. support for the empowerment of Zanzibari youth.

The event was also attended by TUSSAA president Peter Mateso, Secretary Grace Mushi, Treasurer Halima Mamuya, Legal Adviser Vicky Mandari, U.S. Embassy Alumni Coordinator Rehema Kalinga, and over 60 alumni members from Unguja and Pemba. The program included elections for new leadership positions, local dancing performances from the Matofali dancing group, a presentation on U.S. Department of State alumni programs, and breakout sessions to discuss upcoming programs and activities.

The Honorable Juma Duni Haji, Zanzibar's Minister of Health and a 2005 International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) alumnus, was the guest of honor.

Mr. Abbas Muhunzi, former member of the House of Representatives and 2007 IVLP alumnus, who was also serving as ZAUSSA Interim Chairperson in his remarks said, "We thank the American people for their support, because through these educational and cultural exchanges we have established progress in many sectors. We also thank the American Embassy for their support following our return to Tanzania. We are ready to give back to our fellow Zanzibaris, and this association will be a platform for doing so through community outreach and programs."

The alumni elected the following individuals to key positions
Chairperson: Hashim Salum Pondeza; Vice Chairperson: Fatma Mabrouk Khamis (IVLP, 2011); Secretary General: Masoud Salim Mohamed (PFYAL, 2010); Deputy Secretary General: Awatif Ghalib Awadh (Fulbright FLTA, 2009); Treasurer: Rabia Abdallah Hamid (IVLP, 2009) and Vice Treasurer Shughaib Yussuf Abdi (YES Program 2008)

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