

Tanzania at a crossroads - one year before elections;

- *What direction for democracy, human rights, environment, and economic development?*
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A Development and Environment Conference, hosted by Norwegian Church Aid and WWF-Norway in cooperation with Care Norway

Time: Friday, October 31st, 2014

Venue: Festsalen, Håndverkeren, Oslo

Programme

0900-0905	Welcome & Opening Remarks	Nina Jensen, Secretary General WWF Norway and Anne-Marie Helland, Secretary General Norwegian Church Aid
0905-0925	Norway's engagement with Tanzania	Hans Brattskar, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway
0925-0940	Q&A	

PANEL ONE:

0940-1040	Elections; Opportunities and Challenges in a changing Tanzania	Panel discussion, led by Trine Hveem, Norwegian Church Aid, former Country Director, NCA Tanzania Office
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The United Republic of Tanzania is entering a critical phase, with potentially large consequences for the future state of politics in the country. Key is the parallel process of general elections and the revision of the country's Constitution, accompanied by emerging voices calling for the independence of Zanzibar. In addition, large discoveries of offshore gas are testing the political economy of the country. What are the prospects for fair elections, free of political violence and human rights abuse? Will the operating space for civil society and the media be reduced in the run-up to the elections, particularly given the large stakes and power struggles linked to the emerging petroleum development? Will there be less violence on Zanzibar than during past elections? Or will the violence spread to the mainland?

Speakers:

0940-1000	Gender, political participation and the media: Civil Society and the elections	Mzuri issa Ali, Director, Tanzania Women's Media Association. Panellist and partner of Care-Norway
1020-1040	Norway's possibilities and challenges ahead of the elections	Ingunn Klepshvik. Panellist and former Norwegian Ambassador to Tanzania
1040-1100	Q&A	

PANEL 2:

1100-1230	Is environment, climate and development issues disappearing from Norway's Tanzania agenda?	Panel discussion, led by Inger Næss, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
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Tanzania hosts some of the world's largest and most iconic remaining natural ecosystems, along with unique cultures living in and of these ecosystems – from the Serengeti plains and Selous woodlands, to the rainforests of the Eastern Arc Mountains and the coral reefs and mangroves of Zanzibar. These areas, some of which have formal protection, are of extremely high conservation value, as well as being essential systems providing water, resources, tourism income, sustainable livelihoods, carbon storage, and protection against droughts, floods and erosion. Poor governance and weak management of natural resources are threats to the integrity of Tanzania's ecosystems and local cultures, and can undermine the high-value products and services provided by such ecosystems. These challenges are growing, as prospects of large petroleum revenues emerge. Norway's development engagement relates to both, through the Oil for Development program and environment initiatives such as REDD+ and the Clean Energy Initiative. How does Norway balance its economic interests and its climate and environmental engagement? What is, and should be the role of civil society?

Speakers:

1100-1120	Main challenges as seen by Tanzanian civil society	Zubery Mwachulla, Panellist and Chairperson Mazingira Network Tanzania (MANET), umbrella organisation for 71 environmental organisations
1120-1140	Dilemmas facing Norwegian politicians in relation to Tanzania's environment and economic development	Ola Elvestuen, Panellist and MP, Head of the Norwegian Parliament's Energy and Environment committee
1130-1200	Environmental implications of investments	Åsgeir R. Almås, Panellist and researcher at NMBU / Norwegian University of Life Sciences
1200-1230	Q&A	

1230-1300	Lunch	Sandwiches, juice and hot drinks provided at the venue.
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PANEL 3:

1300-1540	Business and investment, the new engine for development?	Panel discussion, led by Odd Helge Fjeldstad, Senior researcher, Coordinator Public Finance Management, CMI
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Tanzania has since independence been financially dependent on development aid. Tanzania was the first African recipient of Norwegian development aid, and has received more money from Norway than any other country, NOK 16,4 billion in total. Tanzania is still perhaps Norway's most important development partner. Of late, the country's natural resources have drawn increasing attention from international investors, particularly through an emerging petroleum sector. Statoil is now the biggest actor. How can Norway contribute to ensure that gas revenues benefit the population of Tanzania as a whole? How can Statoil as key actor secure good local content in its areas of investment and activity?

Speakers:

1300-1320	Norwegian business in Tanzania	Tore Myhre, Norwegian Council of Enterprises (NHO), Director International Department
1320-1340	State, civil society and companies: roles and responsibilities	Silas Olan'g, Senior Regional Associate (Africa), Natural Resource Governance Institute
1340-1400	Statoil, a responsible investor?	Christer af Geijerstam, Asset Manager, Statoil Tanzania
1400-1420	Looking back from 2050; Were Norway's contributions beneficial to Tanzania	Stefan Norris, Senior Advisor, Africa & Energy, WWF Norway
1420-1440	Tanzanian energy sector: opportunities and challenges	Joachim Nahem, Programme Director, International Law and Policy Institute
1440-1540	Q&A	

1540-1600	Closing remarks	Tor-Hugne Olsen, WWF and Trine Hveem, NCA
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