

6th Region African Diaspora Alliance in Tanzania Newsletter

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Honoring the Pan African agenda

The 6th Region African Diaspora Alliance in Tanzania is a strategic liaison for Pan African cross cultural, educational, and development activities between the (African Union) 'Historic' Sixth Region African Diaspora and the African continent, specifically in Tanzania. Helping to peacefully integrate, and contribute to the continued development of Tanzania, in a collaborative effort towards the Pan African agenda.

Pamoja Twajenga.

IN MEMORIAM OF DR. JOHN POMBE MAGUFULI

Featuring - Chato, Tanzania.

The Chato District was formed around 2005 within Kagera Region after being separated from Biharamulo District. In 2012, it was transferred to the newly created Geita Region. Chato District is one of the five districts in Geita Region of northwestern Tanzania. Its administrative centre is the town of Chato. The main ethnic group in the district are the Sukuma. The primary economic activity is subsistence farming. Rubondo Island National Park is located on an island in Lake Victoria just off the coast of Chato District. The birthplace of Dr. John Pombe Magufuli. (Wiki)

HABARI GANI? SAFI DAY

"... Several weeks ago he (Dr Magufuli) made another executive order that on December 9, the country's Independence Day, rather than taking the day off, all citizens should instead take up a broom and clean their workspace.

"How can we celebrate our country's independence when our citizens are dying of cholera?" he proclaimed. As a worker at Kariakoo Market, I joined in on the fun as vendors, salaried employees, and even customers took to the dirty soko ("market" in Swahili) with hundreds of

brooms and rags, as trucks with big speakers passed by reminding everyone to keep working and that there would be a fine for littering. *Many hands make light work and the place looked pretty decent.*"

The vibe in Dar es Salaam on cleaning day, and since Magufuli has taken office, is one of hope for the future of Tanzania...". Following the directive of Dr. Magufuli - to conduct community beautification on the last Saturday of every month - is now known as **Safi Day**.

6RADAT has pledged to adopt a portion of Cocoa Beach, and make it our official beach clean up venue for 1 of our Safi Day activities.

SAVE THE DATE

- ❖ **Please be at our next general meeting on April 25th, 2021 at 2pm.**
- ❖ **We will continue our monthly clean up on the LAST SATURDAY OF THIS MONTH @ 8:00AM to 10:00AM.**
- **We will have t-shirts available for a donation of 25k for members, 30k for non members. *Proceeds towards t-shirts for the beach boys.***

Reflecting on Dr Magufuli.

Marcus Garvey once said, *“If you have no confidence in self, you are twice defeated in the race of life. With confidence, you have won even before you have started.”* When it comes to a man like **John Magufuli**, there is no African leader who stood truer to this mantra in modern Africa today.

Born *John Pombe Joseph Magufuli*, on the 29th of October, 1959 in the small farming province of Chato, Tanzania, then called Tanganyika, a former British protectorate. As a child he began his education at the Chato Primary School from 1967 to 1974, then went on to Katoke Seminary School in Biharamulo, to continue his education between the years 1975 to 1977. He relocated to Lake Secondary School in 1977 and graduated in 1978. He then went on to Mkwawa High School to complete his A Level education in 1979 and he graduated in 1981. Within the year, he went to Mkwawa College of Education (a constituent of University of Dar Es Salaam). He received a diploma in Education Science, Mathematics, and Education, majoring in Chemistry. John Magufuli then earned his Bachelors of Science while teaching at the University of Dar Es Salaam in 1988. He went on to achieve his Masters and Doctorate from University of Dar Es Salaam in 1994 and 2009 respectively.

John Pombe Magufuli began his political career while teaching at Sengerema Secondary School in 1983. He taught Chemistry and Mathematics before leaving his job there to be employed by Nyanza Cooperative Union Limited as an industrial chemist. He was there until 1995 when he was elected as a Member of Parliament in representation for Chato district. From 1995 to 2015 he was elected and awarded several other titles with increasing authority and responsibility from Deputy Minister of Works, Minister of Lands and Human Settlement, to Minister of Livestock and Fisheries.

In 2015 after a hotly contested Election campaign, John Pombe Joseph Magufuli was elected the Fifth President in Tanzania’s history. With a majority approval rating of 58% representing the party Chama Cha Mapinduzi which has been the leading party in power since the country's independence. Immediately after his election John Magufuli wasted no time in making immediate changes to how things have been running. He divided his own salary by four, making him the lowest paid African head of state on the continent.

When elected, John Pombe Magufuli promised his people that he would put an end to the wide scale corruption and mismanagement of the nation's funds. On his first day in office, he marched, unannounced, into the Ministry of Finance and dismissed local executives he deemed corrupt or incompetent. He continued by putting pressure on big companies that were present in Tanzania, to allow the Tanzanian State to invest in the companies. He redirected national funds for the Independence ceremony toward Anti-Cholera efforts. He fired the leaders of Tanzania’s Port Authority for making bad deals with foreign investors not in the interest of Tanzania. Also, he rooted out “ghost workers” in the government, who were in fact individuals who were stakeholders in foreign companies, and those who did not have valid degrees or certificates in their field.

In 2017 he found international gold mining company “Acacia” guilty of evading tax, and hit the company with a tax bill of \$190bn. While Acacia denied any wrongdoing, its parent company Barrick Gold eventually agreed in October 2019 to pay \$300m and give the government a 16% stake in their renamed company Twiga.

Dr. John Magufuli cancelled several contracts with the Chinese calling them “exploitative and awkward”. His goal was to renegotiate, and force compromises on the part of multinational corporations in order to win a “better deal” for Tanzanians, whose land these corporations sought to exploit for material profits.

John Pombe Magufuli lived up to his promise, establishing himself as a symbol of strength, decisiveness, and integrity not only in Tanzania, but throughout the entire continent.

Written by Malik Bradley, garnered from various articles



“HAPA KAZI TU”
-Dr. John Pombe Joseph Magufuli
IN LOVING MEMORY

WHAT IS THE 6TH REGION?

Within the African Union, Africa was organized into 5 economic regions. After the awareness of our connection, our contributions, and dedication to be a part of - it was proposed, accepted, and implemented - to create the “**Sixth Region**“. This is the African Diaspora, people of African descent - historic and contemporary, that vows to be a part of Africa’s future.

GRADAT was created with the above in mind, as many from the historic African Diaspora started migrating to Tanzania. Please review the Mission, Vision, and Goals to get a full understanding of who we are and what we do.

Membership applications at info@6regiontz.org.

Mission

A strategic liaison for Pan African cross cultural, educational and development activities, among the African Union 6th Region Historic African Diaspora and the African continent, specifically in Tanzania.




Goal

To help the African Diaspora with the process of repatriating, integrating, and contributing to the continued development of Tanzania, in a collaborative effort towards the Pan African agenda.

Vision

We aim to be the African Union 6th Region resource for Pan African social enterprise, cultural and educational development, and investment opportunities for Tanzania.

BUSINESSES AND EVENTS

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<p>SUNDAY, 18th APRIL, 2021 AT 2PM-4PM</p> <p>6th Region African Diaspora Alliance in Tanzania (GRADAT) Presents Part 1 in the series...</p> <p><i>African Economic Liberation</i></p> <p>This installment will be focusing on investment opportunities.</p> <p>Our guest speakers will present different vehicles of investment.</p> <p>YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS IT <i>Location in Google maps as MeritaTz</i></p>	<p>Saturday 8th May, 2021 <i>Black Sisters Escapes At Home, an online gathering.</i></p> <p><i>The brainchild of 3 sisters' desire to create a safe space for black women to gather, share space and connect emotionally, psychologically, mentally, and spiritually.</i></p> <p><i>Hosted by MeriSaa Heqama</i></p> <p>Get more info on her Instagram: @merisaa_heqama_</p>	<p>NOTICES!!!</p> <p>◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆</p> <p>> OUR NEW #+255-(0)672-345-924</p> <p>> “TCRA would like to inform that effective April 9, the suspension of the issuance of online media content service licences has been lifted by the Authority and applications have started being received.” Online media</p> <p>> UNIFICATION DAY - APRIL 26TH</p> <p>On this day 1964, Zanzibar Island joined the Tanganyika to eventually become the Republic of Tanzania. Keep your eye out for parades in your areas, and join in, its a public holiday.</p>

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