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UNIDO Goodwill Ambassador Sir Ronald Grierson in Tanzania

Dar es Salaam, 6 - 8 April, 2005



Tanzania's Prime Minister Frederick Sumaye and UNIDO Goodwill Ambassador Sir Ronald Grierson at the launching of the UNIDO Recycling and Processing Centre in Tanzania

Sir Ronald Grierson visited Tanzania 6 - 8 April, 2005 in his capacity as UNIDO Goodwill Ambassador ([see UNIDOScope 17 - 23 October 2004](#)). During his stay in Tanzania, Sir Ronald attended the launching of the UNIDO Recycling and Processing Centre in Dar es Salaam by Tanzania's Prime Minister, Frederick Sumaye. Initial funding for the project came from the Czech Republic, while the bulk of the money for machines, spare parts, training and study tours was provided by Norway.

At the launch, Sir Ronald praised the initiative and was impressed that the centre will be owned and managed by the stakeholders after the transition phase which UNIDO is responsible for. He also spoke of the need to build productive capacities to promote exports and jobs. In that connection, he was happy to see that UNIDO's programmes

helped to enhance skills among the women and youth of the country.

Over 90 people, from government, the private sector and the diplomatic community attended the launching ceremony. In addition to Prime Minister Sumaye and Sir Ronald, participants included: the Minister for Industries and Trade, Juma Ngasongwa; Minister of State, Vice President's Office In Charge of Environment, Arcado Ntagazwa; Mayor of Dar es Salaam, Kleist Sykes; National Environment Management Council ([NEMC](#)) Chairman, Reginald Mengi; Confederation of Tanzania Industries ([CTI](#)) Chairman, Arnold Kilewo; Tanzania Industrial Research and Development Organization ([TIRDO](#)) Director General, Col. Dr. Nanyaro; TIRDO Chairman John Masuwa; Permanent Secretary Ministry of Industries and Trade, Wilfred Nyachia, the Ambassadors of Spain, Nigeria, Libya, the First Secretary of the Norwegian embassy, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative, John Hendra; and UNIDO Representative to Tanzania, Felix Ugbor.

In his statement at the launching, Prime Minister Sumaye said that he hoped the project will stimulate the development of other industries that can use the products of the centre. "We call on UNIDO to assist small and

medium sized enterprises that could benefit from the products of the center. That way, the industrial dimension of the project will be realized if it provides training and exposure to entrepreneurs. Although the center is starting with the recycling of waste plastics, we expect it will cover other forms of waste such as paper, glass, etc. – in the near future." The Prime Minister urged the Tanzania Industrial Research and Development Organization and other relevant institutions to help those who want to establish such centers in other urban areas of the country. The Prime Minister also made reference in his statement to the award given to UNIDO by Tanzania's President Mkapa in March, 2005, "in appreciation for support to the private sector in general and the Tanzania National Business Council in particular". ([see story this issue](#))

UNIDO Representative to Tanzania, Felix Ugbor also made a statement at the launching. Mr. Ugbor drew attention to the close working relationship of UNIDO with its sister agency, the International Labour Organization (ILO), which had been training waste collectors to manufacture various products from waste materials. He also acknowledged the help that had been provided by the Dutch based NGO, WASTE.

Sir Ronald, a renowned British banker and industrialist, is one of five UNIDO Goodwill Ambassadors, selected on the basis of their experience with the private sector and international trade to raise awareness of the strong links between the poverty alleviation aspects of economic growth, private sector development, and participation in international trade. The other UNIDO Goodwill Ambassadors are: Mamadou Mansour Cama, (see UNIDOScope 17 - 23 October, 2004), Long Yongtu; Jorge Alberto Blanco Villegas; ([see UNIDOScope 12 - 18 Dec 2004](#)) and BP Chairman Peter Sutherland ([see UNIDOScope 6 - 12 March 2005](#)).

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Tanzania President Mkapa presents award to UNIDO

Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, 15 March 2005



Tanzania's President Benjamin Mkapa presenting the award to UNIDO Representative in Tanzania, Felix Ugbor
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The fifteenth of March 2005 was UNIDO's special day in Tanzania. On that day, at the 3rd Meeting of the Tanzania National Business Council (TNBC), President of Tanzania and Chairman of the TNBC, Benjamin William Mkapa, presented awards to UNIDO and twelve private companies "in appreciation" of their "support to the TNBC". Accepting the award, UNIDO's Representative in Tanzania, Felix Ugbor said "I consider the events as a tribute to the Tanzania Integrated Programme Team."

The TNBC is the forum for public-private dialogue in Tanzania. It has equal membership from the government and the private sector with the President as chairman. The TNBC was set up as part of UNIDO's Integrated Programme for Tanzania. UNIDO helped the Tanzanian authorities define the objectives, functions, structure and working

modalities of the Council. UNIDO in fact assisted in drafting the Presidential Circular that created the body. Although UNIDO was the only UN agency to receive the President's award, in his statement at the TNBC dinner held on the evening of the March 15, the President expressed his thanks to other bilateral and multilateral development partners: USAID, UNDP, DANIDA, SIDA and the World Bank "that helped us to develop the idea of TNBC to its fruition, and for supporting it."

In the same statement, President Mkapa referred to the inauguration of the TNBC on 9 April and enumerated

the seven objectives set out for the TNBC at the time and made reference to the plea for sustainability made at the inauguration by "our brother, Felix Ugbor. Quoting Mr. Ugbor, the President said, "He said that to be sustainable the process had to be anchored on 5 "Cs": Commitment – Commitment of all members, both private and public sector, to the process as well as commitment of time and resources; Consensus – Creating consensus on future directions and priorities; Co-ordination – Coordinating the activities of government and the energies of various economic agents in the private sector to achieve national goals; Communication – communicating and pulling everybody together; Concentration – Concentrating on the achievable." The President said that he was convinced that not only have the objectives of the TNBC had been met, but also that sustainability has been attained "because we have lived up to these 5 "Cs"".

The seven objectives of the TNBC are: To provide a forum for public-private sector dialogue with a view to reaching consensus and/or mutual understanding on strategic issues relating to the efficient management of development resources; to promote the goals of economic growth with social equity and even development; to review from time to time developments in the external and domestic business environment, the challenges they pose to Tanzania, and propose appropriate courses of action; to exchange views on the prevailing operating and regulatory environment, and propose ways to facilitate the public service to improve on service delivery and make the civil service business friendly; to review and propose changes in the policy environment to enhance the attractiveness of Tanzania for both domestic and Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), and improve the competitiveness of Tanzanian products in the world market; to encourage and promote the formulation of co-ordinated policies on social and economic matters, including consideration of existing and proposed economic legislation, and make appropriate recommendations; and to consider any other matter deemed relevant to the achievement of the above objectives.

The ceremony was attended by the Prime Minister, six ministers, the Chief Secretary to the Government, Chairman of the Confederation of Tanzania Industries; President of the Chambers of Commerce, Industries and Agriculture; the Chief Executive Officers of various companies and multinationals; Resident Representatives of the World Bank, UNDP, AfDB and the African Capacity Building Foundation

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