



Partnership in Apprenticeship Dual System Development

German Foreign Ministers Visit to Dar Es Salaam

The German embassy in Dar es Salaam contacted the project management to propose including the Hwk Hamburg Dual Apprenticeship project in the program of the immanent visit of the German foreign Ministers to Tanzania. Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier would visit Dar es Salaam on the 25th March 2014. The 3 day African tour would include an overnight visit to Addis Abeba followed by 7 hours in Dar es Salaam and an overnight trip to Luanda Angola.

The German Ministers delegation consisted of 60 people including German business reps., (See list below) and members of the German press. All would not come to VETA but some would go straight to the University. The Tanzanian Minister for Minerals, Professor Muhungo would meet the delegation at VETA headquarters in Chang Ombe Dar es Salaam.

German Business delegation:

Ms Heike Bergmann, Member of the Board of Management, Voith Hydro GmbH & Co. KG
Mr Martin Elwert, Managing Director, Coffee Circle
Mr Daniel Gauthier, Member of the Managing Board, Heidelberg Cement AG
Mr Helmut Gauff, Managing Partner, Gauff GmbH & Co.
Mr Stefan Kratz, Member of the Managing Board, Ferrostaal Industrial Projects GmbH
Mr Hans Wolfgang Kunz, Chief Executive Officer, Giesecke und Devrient
Dr Stefan Liebing, President, German-African Business Association
Mr Klaus Overbeck, Director for Africa, German Investment and Development Corporation
Mr Siegmar Pröbstl, Chief Executive Officer, Siemens Africa
Mr Jean-Claude Riesterer, Managing Director, Andritz Hydro GmbH
Dr Klaus Richter, Manager, Inros Lackner AG
Mr Peter Ullmann, Managing Director, Fintec Holding GmbH
Mr Jörg Wellmeyer, Managing Director, Strabag Int. GmbH
Mr Jochen Zerrahn, Managing Board, Meyer Werft
Mr Dieter Walter Haller, Head of the Directorate-General for Economic Affairs and Sustainable Development, Foreign Office
Mr Holger Ziegeler, Head of Division, Economic Relations with Countries and Regions , Foreign Office

The project management together with the Dar Regional Manager Mrs Ngurungo and others staff members arranged to meet the visiting delegation.

The VETA workshop board room was prepared and newly painted, a tent canopy was erected outside and the police band was invited and to entertain the visitors. The TV and local news press were also invited.

The German foreign ministers plane will land at 11, a delegation of 14 members will come straight to VETA, but it was not sure if Minister Steinmeier himself would come due to time constraints. The foreign minister will most likely only do political visits. The visitors are expected at VETA around 11:20 and were to remain until 12:15.

Unfortunately at approximately 9:30 am the acting ambassador Mr Hans Koepel informed the project manager Mr Martin Mac Mahon that Herr Steinmeier's plane has a technical problem and had not, as yet, departed from Addis Abeba. Apparently smoke had developed in the cabin and there remained



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only a slight chance that the delegation will come at all to Tanzania. Furthermore, even if the visit would go ahead, the visit would be shortened and the morning program would be scrapped.

Although it was a huge disappointment to have had such a homogenous event cancelled at the twelve hour it was nevertheless a mammoth complement to have our project and work recognised in this manner. To have been one of the few projects, in Dar es Salaam, important enough to be selected for such an important high level state visit was indeed a recognition of the success and status that our small project has achieved .

After the initial disappointed, the management decided to use the event to maximize publicity. The TV and press arrived and comprehensive tour of the workshops was carried out. The trainers and apprentices were interviewed and aired on TV for a number of days following.

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