

## 2012 Awards Citations

### **The FANRPAN Excellence in Agricultural Journalism Award**

The award is given to journalists who have a track record of reporting on FANR issues. This can be through print, broadcast or on-line media.

This year's winner has been in the forefront in promoting agriculture and value addition, natural resource management, and in dissemination of information educating the Tanzanian public on national, regional and international developments on food, agriculture and natural resources. They use different platforms to reach the public in different segments. Through its quality of news and programmes, they are among trusted sources in East Africa. It is also worth mentioning that its international outreach programme can be traced back to early 1960s.

The organisation has actively facilitated the dissemination of programmes prepared by Agriculture Sector line ministries, including weekly transmission of a programme called "Ukulima wa Kisasa" (Modern Agriculture) which have been running since 1955. This educational programme has undoubtedly broken national record as the longest running programme having been aired before and after independence! Currently, there are two weekly programmes, one on crop farming and another on livestock. It covers issues pertaining the whole value chain from research and generation of technologies (such as new seeds and livestock breeds), adoption of the technologies, extension education on proper husbandry practices, post-harvesting management of crops, processing, packaging and marketing.

A survey conducted by the Ministry of Agriculture sometime back indicated that 25-30 percent of 19 million radio listeners<sup>1</sup>, roughly 6 million adults, keenly followed on these educational programmes. They cover agricultural issues under three segments: Educational Programmes (like “Ukulima wa Kisasa”), Features Programmes (like when covering especially prepared programmes for the Agricultural Sector Development Programme (ASDP), Kilimo Kwanza, SAGCOT, etc); and Live Programme (such as Agricultural Shows, such as the recently concluded “Nane-Nane Agricultural” Show in Dodoma in August 2012.

In keeping to its true spirit of promoting agriculture and natural resource conservation, they have also voluntarily raised awareness of the Tanzanian public on the FANRPAN Annual High Level Regional Food Security Policy Dialogue.

The award goes to:

---

## **Youth in Agriculture Award**

FANRPAN is proud to launch this award here in Tanzania today. In keeping with our vision of giving the youth a voice in the agriculture policy arena; we have also decided to encourage and recognise those young people that saw the opportunities in the sector and made use of them.

The winners this year is a group of three young graduates who are in the milk processing enterprise from a local university.

These young people started out in 2003, since then, they have been a blessing to the farmers in Morogoro Municipality. They started off with one milk supplier, with an initial processing capacity of 30 litres. Today the plant receives milk from over 200 suppliers and has a processing capacity of 750 litres of milk and produces up to three different products: pasteurized cultured milk, pasteurized fresh milk and pasteurized flavored milk.

These young people supply processed milk and other dairy products to retail outlets within the municipality as well as the country's capital city, Dar es Salaam, which is 120 miles away. The graduates use local technology to process their milk and have deployed hygiene standards and other innovative measures to compete among the leading processors in the country. SGE plans to increase their investment by US\$ 78,000 immediately, US\$ 50,000 of which they will raise through a loan facility. They plan to increase the investment to over US\$ 100,000 in three years.

The award goes to: **Shambani Graduate Enterprise**

## **Civil Society Mover and Shaker Award**

The Award, launched in 2009 in Mozambique, this award is set to restore the dignity of the African farmer and non-state actors who (i) safeguard natural resources; (ii) share knowledge; (iii) build local access and capacity; (iv) protect harvests; (v) enable access to markets; and (vi) prioritise research imperatives.

The winner for this year has been playing a major role in empowering small-scale farmers through their effective representation and participation in planning and decision-making processes in the district agricultural development plans (DADPs). This has been done through establishment of farmers' networks at district, ward and village levels, which can engage in dialogue with local government and private service providers. This is achieved through the project entitled **“Enhanced participation of farmer organizations in the planning of the Agricultural Sector Development Programme (ASDP) in Tanzania”**, which is being implemented in 10 regions, both on Mainland and Zanzibar.

This Civil Society organisation plays an important role in innovation and links up (both nationally and internationally) with actors relevant to rural development and agricultural innovation. It is recognized by farmers and other stakeholders as a credible, independent, and democratic membership organization with elected representatives.

This organisation works closely with agricultural Agriculture Research & Development organizations and is a member of several national steering committees and boards. Internationally, the organisation also networks with other NGOs and funding partners. The organization has credibility with both farmers and other agricultural innovation stakeholders who recognize the organization as independent from the government and publicly financed services.

Some agricultural innovations that have recently been adopted by the organisation farmers' groups include –

- Replacement of conventional cultivation systems involving frequent ploughing and tillage to 'conservation agriculture'. For example on the slopes of the Uluguru Mountain in the Morogoro Region, farmers have adopted improved soil conservation measures (such as terracing and contour bund farming, row cropping across the slope and agro-forestry practices), as well as zero and rotational grazing. They have also introduced new crops such as tomatoes, Irish potatoes, and sunflowers, and have dug water distribution canals for better management of irrigated agriculture.
- In the drought-prone Dodoma Region, farmers have adopted techniques such as rainwater harvesting and agro-forestry, and are addressing soil fertility issues by leaving crop residues in the field and incorporating them into the soil to encourage nutrient recycling.

The award goes to: **MVIWATA**

## **FANRPAN Food Security Policy Leadership Award**

The Food Security Policy Leadership Award is given to individuals and organisations that have made extensive contributions through policy development, appropriate technology and other unique interventions that make a significant contribution to food security.

This year we recognise a man who since he took office on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2005, has been striving to put programmes that would bring change to the majority of Tanzanians. These programmes cover various sectors that have direct impact to the people's lives be it in agriculture; health, education or economic empowerment just to mention a few.

His Fourth Phase Government established such programmes to ensure that people's livelihoods get improved by participating in these developmental projects/ programmes. Among them are:

### **His government spearheaded the following programmes:**

- Formulation of the Agricultural Sector Development Programme (ASDP) soon after he became President. This is a 14 year Programme to support and transform the Agriculture Sector through, among other interventions :Irrigation; Input subsidies: development of markets; and the establishment of Agricultural Development Bank.
- To support ASDP there are other programmes such as
  - Kilimo Kwanza (Agriculture first) with a focus on the role of the Private Sector in implementing ASDP
  - Tanzania Agriculture and Food Security Investment Plan (TAFSIP) (under CAADP Framework) and;

- Related PRIVATE SECTOR programmes with the support of development partners, such as
  - Southern Agriculture growth Corridor of Tanzania (SAGCOT),
  - Rural Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise Support Programme or Muungano wa Ujasiriamali Vijijini (MUVI) in Kiswahili,
  - Feed the Future, Bread basket

I would like to particularly recognise the formulation of Kilimo Kwanza, which is Tanzania's green revolution to transform its agriculture into a modern and commercial sector. Kilimo Kwanza declaration of 2009 is a Public Private Partnership initiative. The main objective of Kilimo Kwanza is to raise agricultural productivity through enhanced investments, both public and private, in rural infrastructure such as roads, irrigation, inputs such as high yielding seed varieties fertilizer and technology as well as value addition.

The award goes to: **His Excellency, Dr Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete,**  
**President of the United Republic of Tanzania**