



BRITAIN-TANZANIA SOCIETY

Forty Fourth Annual Report and Accounts for the period

1st July 2019 – 30th June 2020



INTRODUCTION FROM THE CHAIRMAN

It is an under statement to state that this has been a very odd year.

We started the year full of optimism and on 27th July we held our first social event for some time. The 'Tanzanian diaspora and friends of Tanzania Summer Event'. It was held at the church of St Mary-at-Hill Church in Billingsgate, where a Swahili speaking congregation regularly meet. Over seventy people: BTS members, friends and families came together for that event. We were entertained by music from Freddy Macha and Kitoto plus Mvulla Mandondo and Fabra Moses, also a fashion show from Neema, all well received. We were well fed with Tanzanian food prepared by the ladies of the Swahili congregation. We are very grateful to all who made that event such a success. It had been our hope to hold a similar event in June of this year; and when that had to be cancelled our hope had been to combine the AGM with such an event. Current circumstances mean that the AGM is to be held on Zoom.

The need to go 'on line' may limit our social interaction but has its advantages in making it possible for those who live far from Central London and those who live in Tanzania to be able to join in with Zoom. This was a clear advantage at our seminar in May of this year. We trust that it will also be an advantage at our AGM.

Our thanks go to Janet Chapman, Ben Taylor and Andrew Coulson who have arranged an interesting set of seminars throughout the year. These events have been at a high standard. I encourage you to attend wherever possible. It is our hope that we will be able to combine live and online involvement.

We continue to have a good link with TUHEDA who have held events to keep people informed about the Coronavirus and other health issues. We give our thanks for their efforts and look forward to future cooperation.

The Tanzania Development Trust has again given support to many projects, reported in their own Annual Report. In particular they undertook a fundraising campaign to supply PPE to local hospitals and

clinics. Congratulations to Jonathan Pace and his team for all that they have achieved.

Ben Taylor and Sue Mitchell have edited and produced excellent copies of Tanzanian Affairs and the Newsletter respectively. Our thanks to them for all their hard work.

Thanks are due to our whole committee and especially to our Vice Chair, Petronila Mlowe, our secretary Charlotte Pallangyo, membership officer Godlisten Pallangyo and treasurer Gabriel Mgambwa.

We have talked many times of trying to arrange more local events. If you would like to encourage members in your area, please do contact me and we will give you as much help as we can.

Elizabeth Taylor, Chairman

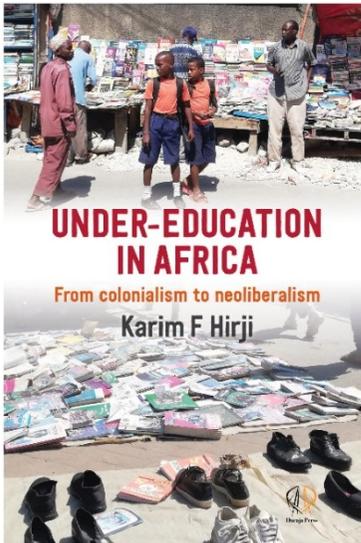
SEMINARS

Global warming in Tanzania – how big is the problem and what can be done?

This was the topic of the seminar held on 2 September 2019.

Andrew Coulson spoke of the impacts of climate change on Tanzanian life, agriculture and fishing. Jo Anderson spoke about the work of Carbon Tanzania, which was set up in 2011 to support the retention of forests. Tim Clarke, formerly EU ambassador to Tanzania, spoke of EU lead projects introducing climate change technologies. His hope is that the government will take up the new challenges and opportunities provoked by climate change.

Under-education in Africa: From Colonialism to Neoliberalism



A seminar in the Brunei Gallery Lecture Theatre at SOAS on Monday 25 November launched a new book by Karim Hirji. This book brings together his writing on education from the 1970s to now.

The seminar looked at Hirji's work, in the context of the outpouring of creativity at the University of Dar es Salaam in the 1970s. It was introduced by Andrew Coulson who has written extensively about Tanzanian political economy. Other contributors were Colin Leys, better known for his critical work on private capital in the UK NHS, Abdul Paliwala, Emeritus Professor of Law at the University of Warwick, and George Hadjivayanis, all of whom were in Dar at that time.

Covid Seminar

On May 28, 2020, BTS hosted an online seminar on the Coronavirus outbreak in Tanzania, chaired by Ben Taylor. The three speakers were opposition leader, Zitto Kabwe of ACT Wazalendo, former president of the Tanganyika Law Society, Fatma Karume, and Roland Ebole, Amnesty International Regional Researcher for Tanzania and Uganda. Each presented typically passionate assessments of the early stages of the Coronavirus outbreak in Tanzania and of the government response, and a lively discussion ensued.

PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLICITY

NEWSLETTER

There have been the usual three issues of the 16 page newsletter, (January, May and September) informing members of visits, small scale projects and initiatives taking place in different areas of Tanzania, regular updates on projects that TDT support, BTS Scottish Group news, plus past and forthcoming seminars and events in the UK. A page devoted to "Swahili Matters" has continued to have an article appear in both English and Swahili, thanks to Donovan McGrath.

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to the newsletters and to Jill Bowden for her careful proof reading of the draft copy, this is really appreciated. Also many thanks to Elizabeth for arranging its printing and mailing.

I have edited the Newsletter now for nearly 7 years, but due to ill health I was unable to edit the September 2020 issue. Many thanks indeed to Dan Hutchinson for stepping in.

Although I hope to make a full recovery, if Dan wishes to carry on as Editor, or anyone else is interested in taking on this work, I am happy to step aside as I had already mentioned in last year's annual report.

Sue Mitchell, Newsletter editor.

TANZANIAN AFFAIRS

The Tanzanian Affairs team of contributors and editors produced three more issues of the journal, which continues to be well-received by society members and others with an interest in Tanzania.

In an election year, with the added complication of a global pandemic, there has been much to report on. President Magufuli has continued to attract both praise and criticism - within the country he is both loathed and loved, while outside the critics grow in number, though not necessarily in cogency of opinion.

In this context, Tanzanian Affairs endeavours to maintain a strong commitment to objectivity, balance and truth. As always, we aim to report the facts, as best we can.

Beyond the news sections, the book reviews section is ever-popular, keeping readers informed about the latest publications, and perhaps prompting a few readers to buy the books and read more.

Past issues are available online at tzaffairs.org.

Ben Taylor, Editor, Tanzanian Affairs

BRITAIN-TANZANIA SOCIETY ON THE INTERNET

Our website <http://www.britaintanzaniasociety.co.uk/> is the source of the most up to date information about the Society.

The website for

the Tanzania Development Trust is <http://www.tanzdevtrust.org/>
and that of Tanzanian Affairs is <http://www.tzaffairs.org/>.

MEMBERSHIP

During the year 2019-2020 the total active membership of BTS was 570. This includes individual, group and corporate membership.

Where members live:

East England	60
East Midlands	22
Greater London	131
North East England	17
North West England	31
South East England	122
South West England	46
West Midlands	32
N Ireland	2
Scotland	34
Wales	15
Isle of Man	1
Tanzania	20
Europe	11
Other Overseas	13

BRITAIN TANZANIA SOCIETY SCOTTISH GROUP (BTSS)

The Group has again not been very active. However about 40 people are on our yahoo group, and another 40 on a separate mailing list and, in this way, we share notices of members' activities and projects, and of other news items related to Tanzania. So, if you are a member of BTS living in Scotland, do contact us and join our mailing list.

Projects loosely associated with BTSS include [RUVUMA DEVELOPMENT AID \(http://rudatanzania.org.uk/\)](http://rudatanzania.org.uk/), [Sashita Scio \(http://www.sashita.org.uk/\)](http://www.sashita.org.uk/) and [Just Wheels Tanzania \(https://justwheels.org.uk/\)](https://justwheels.org.uk/).

The book, 'Ujamaa - The Hidden Story of Tanzania's Socialist Villages' written by Ralph Ibbott (available from Amazon) is being translated into Kiswahili by Anna Nyerere (Julius Nyerere's daughter).

The contacts for BTSS are Ann Burgess annpburgess@gmail.com and Jennifer Sharp jennifersharp@me.com

**Minutes of the 44th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of the Britain Tanzania Society held on 5th October 2019 at 2.00pm
at St Mary at Hill Church, Lovat Lane, London, EC3R 8EE**

- 1 **Welcome.** The Chair, Elizabeth Taylor welcomed those present, summarising the year and thanking people for their work in BTS.
- 2 **Minutes of the 43rd AGM,** held on Saturday 27th October 2018 having been circulated were agreed by the meeting as a correct record and signed by the Chair.
- 3 **Matters arising.** No matters arising were reported.
- 4 **Annual Report of BTS(UK)** for the year ended 30 June 2019. The Annual Report had been published on the society's website and hard copies were available at the meeting. The Chair summarised the year and thanked people for their work for BTS during the past year. Janet Chapman proposed the Annual Report be accepted, Anthony Ellman seconded and the report was unanimously adopted by the meeting.
- 5 **Annual Accounts of BTS(UK)** for the year ended 30 June 2019. Gabriel Mgambwa presented the accounts for the financial year and said the financial position of the society was in good order.

Jill Bowden proposed that the accounts be accepted, Janet Chapman seconded the motion and the meeting unanimously accepted them.

- 6 **Election of Officers of BTS(UK)** for the year 2019-20.

Nominations for officers were as follows:

Officer Role	Nomination	Proposed by	Seconded by
Chairman:	Elizabeth Taylor	Charlotte Pallangyo	Ben Taylor
Vice Chairman:	Petronila Mlowe	Elizabeth Taylor	Charlotte Pallangyo
Secretary:	Charlotte Pallangyo	Janet Chapman	Jonathan Pace
Associate (Membership) Secretary:			
	Godlisten Pallangyo	Janet Chapman	David Gibbons
Hon Treasurer:	Gabriel Mgambwa	Elizabeth Taylor	Jonathan Pace

All were unanimously elected.

7 Election of members to serve on the BTS(UK) Executive Committee for the three years 2019-22

Aseri Katanga and Sue Mitchell both reached the end of their term of office.

Nominations for members for 2019-22 were:

Executive Committee Members

Nomination	Proposed by	Seconded by
Aseri Katanga	Janet Chapman	Daniel Hutchinson
Sue Mitchell	Janet Chapman	Julian Marcus
Sheila Farrell	Janet Chapman	Elizabeth Taylor

All were unanimously elected.

8 Annual Report of the Tanzania Development Trust (TDT) for the year ended 30 June 2019.

Jonathan Pace, Chair of TDT, presented the report which is posted on the TDT website. Hard copies were available at the meeting. A summary of the year was given on funds, highlights and the impact of TDT. Elizabeth Taylor proposed that the report be accepted and Petronilla Mlowe seconded. The report was unanimously adopted.

9 Annual Accounts of the Tanzania Development Trust for the year ended 30 June 2019 (see TDT Annual Report).

Detailed accounts had been circulated in the Annual Report and a summary was provided by Jonathan Pace and Robert Gibson on the current fund position and projects. Robert announced that this would be his final day as TDT Treasurer. Brian Medcalf who would be taking over his role was formally introduced.

Julian Marcus proposed the accounts be adopted by the meeting, seconded by Ron Fennell. The meeting unanimously accepted the accounts.

10 Appointment of Independent Examiner for BTS for 2019-20

Elizabeth Taylor proposed that Victoria Taylor be appointed as Independent Examiner for BTS for 2019-20, seconded by Janet Chapman. The meeting unanimously agreed.

11 **Appointment of the Independent Examiner for TDT for 2019-20**

It was agreed that the appointment of the Independent Examiner for TDT will be discussed at the next TDT meeting.

12 **Any other business.**

Jonathan Pace expressed his formal thanks to Robert Gibson on his last day of TDT Treasurer and presented a token of appreciation.

13 **The meeting was addressed by Togolani Mavura**, Private Secretary to the Former President H.E. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete. His topic was

Whither UK-Tanzania Relations?

Members then had the opportunity to network together.

FINANCE

The accounts for 2019/20 show a year end surplus of £674.24.

At the end of the year, there was a balance of £15,483.74 in the current account; the deposit account has been closed.

Gabriel Mgambwa

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee and the Tanzania Development Trust each met on four occasions during the year: 11th September, 20th November, 4th March at Central Hall Westminster and 13th May by Zoom. The Society is most grateful to the management of Central Hall Westminster for allowing us to use one of their committee rooms on a regular basis under more normal circumstances.

THE UK EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Ex Officio	President	HE Ali Hassan Mwinyi
	Vice Presidents	
	David Brewin	Trevor Jaggar
	Andrew Coulson	Julian Marcus
	Elizabeth Fennell MBE	Professor Esther Mwaikambo
	Ronald Fennell MBE	
The Officers	Chairman	Elizabeth Taylor
	Vice Chairman	Petronilla Mlowe
	Executive Secretary	Charlotte Pallangyo
	Hon Membership Secretary	Godlisten Pallangyo
	Hon Treasurer	Gabriel Mgambwa
	Editor Tanzanian Affairs	Ben Taylor
	Editor Newsletter	Sue Mitchell
The members		
	Janet Chapman	Gideon Mlawa
	Ida Hadjivayanis	Jonathan Pace
	Hassan Mohamed Hamza	David Gibbons
	Peter Kaiza	Alex Paurine
	Aseri Katanga	

BTS SCOTTISH BRANCH

Leaders
Ann Burgess
Jennifer Sharp

THE TANZANIA DEVELOPMENT TRUST COMMITTEE

The Trustees
Janet Chapman
David Gibbons
Jeremy Lefroy
Petronilla Mlowe
Jonathan Pace
Elizabeth Taylor

The Officers
Chairman
Hon Treasurer
Executive Secretary
Website
Jonathan Pace
Brian Medcalf
Kristina Putzova
Peter Kenworthy

Project Officers
Janet Chapman
Kevin Curley CBE
David Gibbons
Phil Grant
Dan Hutchinson
Jonathan Pace
Ian Powell
Steve Scorer

Members
Dan Cook
Andrew Coulson
Sheila Farrell
Elizabeth Fennell MBE
Ronald Fennell MBE
Tony Goodchild
Aseri Katanga
Julian Page
Charlotte Pallangyo
Godlisten Pallangyo

Local Reps.
Linus Buriani
Benedict Carshia
Benedicto Hosea
Atselmo Kapandila
Ezekiel Kassanga
Robert Kasaaju
Evelyn Leonard
Ramson Lucas
Godfrey Makenzi
Danny Mwasandube
Alpha Ngaila
Rhobi Samwelly
William Shayo
Wilhard Titus

Note: The next Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday 24th October at 2.00pm by Zoom

BRITAIN-TANZANIA SOCIETY				
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE A/C Year ending 30th June 2020				
			2019-20	2018-19
INCOME				
Subscriptions		10,074.69		12,093.47
Sales of Tanzanian Affairs		81.80		64.80
Events income		345.53		279.00
Sundries		4.76		1.09
Legacy, A/c Transfer				6,789.07
TOTAL RECEIPTS			10,506.78	19,227.43
PAYMENTS OUT				
Grants to TDT		3099.00		3,000.00
OPERATING EXPENSES				
St Mary's Venue Hire		660.00		150.00
AGM - Food		115.00		199.67
Events expenses		250.00		670.00
Purchase of PA System		161.80		178.75
TDT Website upgrade		1,000.00		
Transport and Visas		40.15		1858.23
Room hire committee meetings		207.00		102.30

Annual Reports, Leaflets, Stationery			662.19	
TA & Newsletter Production and postage	4299.59		6,293.13	
Stationery and miscellaneous expenses			29.59	
TOTAL OUTGOINGS		9,832.54		13,143.86
Net Surplus/Deficit	<u>674.24</u>		<u>6,083.57</u>	

BALANCE SHEET as at 30 June 2020

FUNDS	2020	2019
Balance brought forward	13903.50	7819.93
Surplus/ Deficit	674.24	6083.57
	14,577.74	13903.50
 ASSETS		
Current a/c	15483.74	9305.63
Deposit a/c		5640.87
	15483.74	<u>14946.50</u>
 CREDITORS		
TDT	-906.00	1043.00
NET ASSETS	<u>14,577.74</u>	<u>13903.50</u>

Notes to the Account

BTS received **£906.00** on behalf of TDT (£1043) previous year.

Membership subscriptions are taken into account on cash basis.

Expenditure is included on a cash basis.

Business account has been closed and money transferred to the BTS Society account.

Examiner

I have examined the above statement of assets and liabilities and accompanying income and expenditure account which are prepared and drawn up in accordance with the books of the society and from explanations given to me.

Victoria Cruz signed

28.08.2020



The Britain-Tanzania Society aims to increase mutual knowledge, understanding and respect between the peoples of Britain and Tanzania through seminars, events and publications, and through the development of education, health, water and sanitation and other self-help community development activities and the promotion of gender equality.