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Marquis and partners invite Beny Mwenda to Manitoba!

The Manitoba Council for International Cooperation (MCIC), the Canadian Fair Trade Network (CFTN), and The Marquis Project have invited Mr. Beny Mwenda to Canada to participate in a number of speaking events in Manitoba.



Beny works as a Tutor in Agricultural Extension for the Ministry of Agriculture Training Institute at Ukiriguru in Tanzania. In his volunteer life, he is the Chairperson of the Tanzanian Society for Agricultural Education & Extension (TSAEE) Lake Zone and Chairperson for Misungwi District of the Tanzania Home Economics Association [TAHEA], as well as several other community and faith-based organizations. He holds a Diploma in Rural Development from Assiniboine Community College in Brandon, MB [1998]. He also holds a

Bachelor of Science degree and a Master's degree in Community Economic Development, both from the Open University of Tanzania.

He has coordinated numerous rural development projects in the Lake Zone of Tanzania since 1996 with a focus on supporting rural women's and youth groups to alleviate poverty.

Beny was named a Global Citizen by The Marquis Project



The Tanzanian Society for Agricultural Education & Extension (TSAEE) Lake Zone

TSAEE Lake Zone supports community-based participatory rural development.

TSAEE Lake Zone is a non-governmental organization aimed at promoting a professional spirit among individuals working in agriculture extension, including teachers, researchers, managers, and administrators. These qualified agricultural experts voluntarily facilitate farmers' initiatives to increase agricultural production and income and improve livelihood among rural and peri-urban farmers in Tanzania. Dedicated members provide training, guidance, consultation, and technical assistance to attain community-based participatory rural development.



The most recent TSAEE project supported by Marquis and Manitoba Council for International Cooperation (MCIC) funding was titled *Facilitating Rural Youth in Lake Zone of Tanzania to Increase Marketing Intelligence through Agro-based Community Economic Development*. The main goal of this project was to address the root causes of poverty with sustainable benefits into the future. One hundred thirty-one youth participated in identifying potential sources of income-generating activities within their local villages and eventually developed small individual businesses. Youth have established and are managing their own revolving loan funds to develop their respective businesses

to generate individual income. Enterprises ranged from growing and selling vegetables and rice, rearing and selling chickens, selling items such as cook stoves, cloth and fruits, and operating a tea room. Aside from generating income to become more self-sufficient, the project resulted in increased participation by youth in community and family life, gaining entrepreneurship and technology skills, and increasing awareness of HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases.

TSAEE was awarded the International Recognition Award as an organization from



Past TSAEE Lake Zone Projects

Past themes of TSAEE Lake Zone development projects include the following:

- ◆ **Cooking Stoves and Agro forestry (gender focus)**
- ◆ **Rural Microenterprise Development**
- ◆ **Sustainable Production and Value Chains**
- ◆ **Partnerships and Capacity Building**
- ◆ **Agriculture and Gender [Rural focus]**
- ◆ **HIV/AIDS**
- ◆ **Environmental Health**

Please see the TSAEE Lake Zone website at http://tsaeelakezone.org/tsaee/?page_id=302 for

Speaker's Tour 2016



The education community is excited about the upcoming visit of Beny Mwenda to Brandon and Southwest Manitoba! Beny will be travelling to different schools discussing the topics of Agriculture and Gender and Microenterprise Development for Youth in Tanzania. The Marquis Project has had an overwhelming response and has confirmed presentations in over 30 schools from local Brandon to Virden, Wawanesa, Minnedosa, and Killarney. Beny will also be presenting at Brandon University, Assiniboine Community College, and the Generating Momentum for Our World Youth Conference here in Brandon put on

by the MCIC .

Beny will also be speaking at several faith-based and community group events, including a fundraiser dinner for Marquis (details on back). Additionally, Beny is the keynote speaker at the annual national Canadian Fair Trade Conference held this year in Winnipeg, February 18 – 20.

Beny's schedule is filling fast. To arrange a speaking event with your community group or organization while Beny is in Manitoba, please contact Marquis Project member Dinah Ceplis at Dinah.ceplis@gmail.com or 204-867-2057.

***Speaker's Tour
offers special
learning
opportunities
for Manitobans
this February.***

Thank you to our donors!

Thank you to the individual donors, the Canadian Home Economics Foundation, and civil society organizations such as People to People and the Canadian Agricultural and Rural Extension Society [CARES] who have so generously provided financial support to bring the speaker's tour to fruition. Your generosity has enabled Marquis Project members and friends the opportunity to learn how the projects of TSAEE Lake Zone are making a difference in the lives of Tanzanian women and youth



*Linking Manitobans
with the Developing
World*

Stay Connected

Even though we are now debt-free, Marquis continues to rely on your financial support for long term stability. If you are not already a supporting member of Marquis, please consider taking out a membership. Membership fees are a source of reliable income and help us budget wisely. Student - \$15; Regular - \$30; Family - \$60; Supporting - \$120. For further details and online purchase, please visit the Donate page on our website.

Visit our website or join us on Twitter or Facebook for more details on the work of Marquis and updates on Beny's visit to Manitoba. If you are receiving this newsletter via Canada Post, please consider sending us your email coordinates so we can simplify the process of staying connected. Thank you!

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Sowing Seeds in Rural International Development



Dinner Event Details

Sunday, February 7, 2016

Park Community Centre

1428 Louise Avenue

Brandon, MB

5:00 PM—Cash Bar

6:00 PM—Dinner

(Catered by Chilli Chutney)

6:45—Feature Presentation

Door Prizes & Silent Auction

Ticket Information

Full dinner and Presentation—\$45

(Tax receipt of \$20)

Coffee, Dessert, & Presentation—\$20

(Tax receipt of \$10)

Tickets Available at

Lady of the Lake

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