

# Q2 NEWSLETTER

Tanzanian Community Association of Calgary

7/7/2018

Second Release

Tanzanian Community Association of Calgary (TCAC) is a non-profit community organization committed to supporting collaboration among its members through a common heritage and shared interests to improve their lives and fit into the Calgarian community.

TCAC organizes spring, summer, fall and winter activities to engage its members and share its values with other community organizations in the area.

TCAC also participates in events organized by other community organizations to improve the relationship and



TCAC members at the May 12 Potluck Event

*"In today's world one need to make him or herself known and available for opportunities to come along. If I don't know your existence I won't be able to help you" said Shane M. Jaffer, Senior Director, Africa, AIDO & IFI's, Europe and Emerging Markets with the Government of Alberta.*

build strong bonds within the community we live in.

**This Newsletter, released quarterly, summarizes community activities and events that TCAC members were engaged in Q2 of 2018**, which may end up being one of the busiest quarter in TCAC history.

Activities include: -

1. Tanzanian High Commissioner Farewell.
2. Meeting with one of the Alberta Government Officials.
3. Community Awareness & Engagement Potluck.
4. KOLABO Fundraising Support
5. A Series of Community IFTAR Dinners
6. CATP One-on-One Interview
7. Q2 Board Meeting
8. Canada Day Celebrations



Mr. Njau (2<sup>nd</sup> from right) followed by Balozi Zoka at the High Commissioner's Farwell in Ottawa

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

### 1. Tanzanian High Commissioner Farewell

**March 31<sup>st</sup> was the last day in the office for High Commissioner (Balozi) Jack Mugendi Zoka.**

Balozi Zoka will be always remembered and missed by Tanzanian Community members in Canada.

He joined the Tanzanian High Commission Office in Ottawa in February 2015, worked very closely with all Diasporas in the country (visited Calgary several times), supported their agenda and missions with the main goal of staying strong together, improve life

standard & social wellbeing and he connected us with the country where we all originated.

In his farewell letter dated March 27, 2018 the High Commissioner asked the Diaspora members to continue working together and share their support with a new High Commissioner to come and invited all members, on behalf of his

beloved wife Ester and family, to his new home if they happen to visit Tanzania.

His farewell party happened on March 18 and TCAC was represented by Mr. Mark Njau, a Board member and Web designer, (2<sup>nd</sup>. Photo in page 1) who happened to be in the capital city for private business.

### 2. A Meeting with Mr. Shane M. Jaffer

**On April 17th, TCAC Executives met with Mr. Jaffer to discuss several topics summarized in the 180417\_Meeting Minutes with Shane.**

Mr. Jaffer works for Alberta Government pursuing International projects funded by International Financial Institutions (IFIs), manages Alberta trade relationship with Africa and oversees Alberta International Development Office (AIDO).

Among other things, Mr. Jaffer agreed to invite TCAC members to meet with key investors and delegation from African countries, including Tanzania, when they come to Canada for conferences and forums to explore Business opportunities.

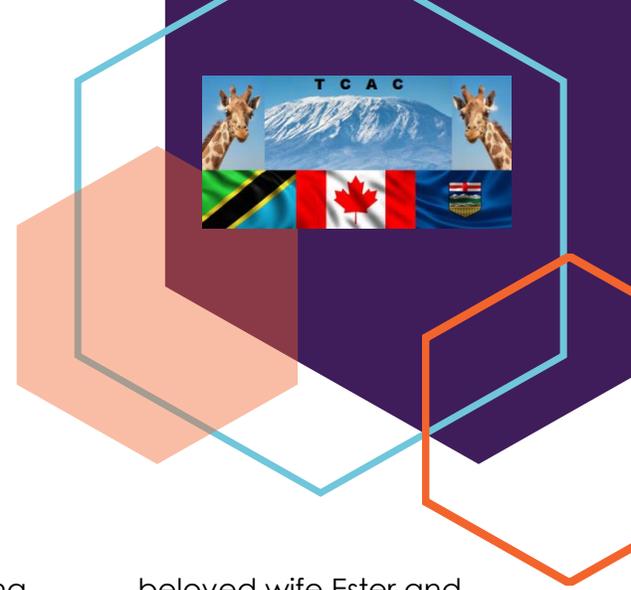
He also promised to connect TCAC with guest speakers and experts in Small Medium Enterprises, if



From left is Ms. Kate, Ms. Doreen, Dr. Mutasingwa, Dr. Kachua and Mr. Jaffer

asked to do so.

TCAC is committed to identify more areas of interest that can be pursued with him.



### 3. Community Awareness & Engagement Potluck

**On May 12th, TCAC hosted its first event of the year which involved the entire community members, their family, friends, neighbors and coworkers.**

The event which was sponsored by Calgary Foundation in collaboration with First Calgary Financials, was meant to engage, bring the community together and raise awareness in areas of Youth Radicalization and Extremism.

ReDirect, Youth and Resource Team, within

Calgary Police Services was invited to present and facilitate the discussion.

The event was managed by a team of youth volunteers shown on the photo.

Standing from left are Kunte, Faraja, Jamal, Katie, Jessie, Maya and Mandy. Sitting are Sada and Sarah.



A team of young volunteers who made the May 12 Potluck Event happen.

### 4. KOLABO Fundraising Event

**On May 31st, TCAC was invited to support the KOLABO fundraising event in Calgary.**

Through the Global Mental Health Project, the university of Calgary has collaborated with Catholic of Health and Allied Science in Mwanza to build a program to train medical and graduate students in the field of mental health. For the past 2 years a group of psychiatrists and residents have travelled to Mwanza to teach a 2-week intensive psychiatry course to medical students at CUHAS.

The Kolabo fundraiser is also helping to financially support a single resident from Tanzania who is currently training in Kenya to finish his residency in Psychiatry.

TCAC supported the fundraising event by sending young local singers, led by Ms. Aliciana Kachua, to entertain the donors.

"I was overwhelmed and inspired by Canadians who care so much about the people of Tanzania" said TCAC President Dr. Shabani Kachua when thanking Dr.

Ray Turner and his beloved wife Barbara who invited TCAC and its members to the event.

"The passion and commitment you have towards mental illness issues will create awareness and positively impact millions of Tanzanians for generation to come. We Tanzanian community here in Calgary are supporting your initiatives and looking forward to working closely with your Executives in the future" added the President.

## 5. Community IFTAR Dinners

**Muslim members of TCAC hosted a series of IFTAR dinners during a holy month of Ramadhan.**

Quoted from speeches delivered by various leaders in the world, IFTAR marks the end of daily period of fasting and spiritual reflection that occur throughout the holy month of Ramadhan. It marks the coming together of family, friends, neighbors or even strangers to celebrate a timeless message of peace, clarity and love. It is a moment that call upon our highest ideals and give thanks to many blessings we enjoy.

TCAC leadership is committed to continue ensuring that all its members live together in unity irrespective of the color of their skin, religion, culture, sexual orientation, personal behavior and political preferences.

One of the dinners was hosted by TCAC Board member Nassir Salum (Dullah) and his beloved wife Zenah, who is also a very active member of our community. God bless them and TCAC.



IFTAR dinners at Mr. Salum's residence (top) and Akram Jomaa Masjid (bottom) in Calgary

## 6. CATP One-on-One Interview

**In the 4<sup>th</sup>. Edition of One-on-One with Tanzanian Professionals, officially released on June 16<sup>th</sup>, CATP had an opportunity to talk to Mr. Juma Mzungu Omary.**

Mr. Omary, a professional engineer and TCAC Secretary General, shared his career journey including, educational background, work experience and cross-over cultural differences in the countries he has lived in.

These interviews are intended to provide Tanzanians and

and other immigrant community members with the ammunition necessary to succeed as a professional in a foreign country.

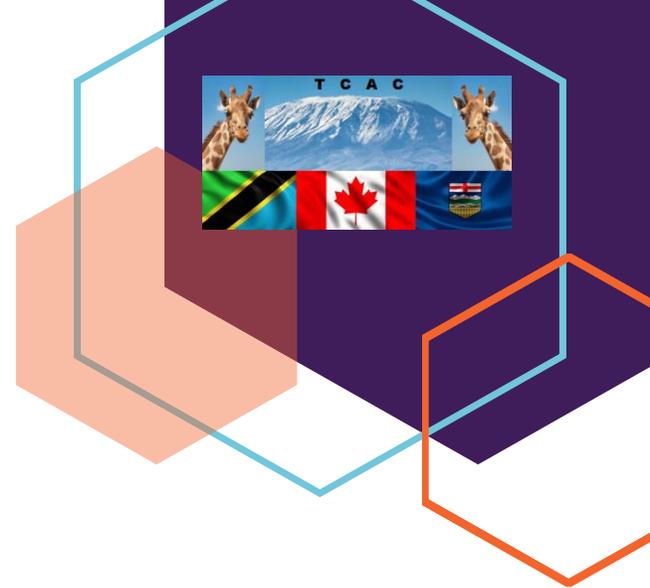
They also fit within the TCAC goal of uniting and working with other community associations in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, North America and the World.

Please join the CATP Secretary General, Ms. Irene Gloria Kinabo on the link as she interviews Mr. Omary.



One-on-One b/n Mr. Omary and Ms. Kinabo

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wSDFiH0dpw&t=115s>



## 7. Q2 Board Meeting

**On June 23, TCAC hosted its Q2 Board Meeting where the following was discussed: -**

### OLD BUSINESS

1. Upcoming Events Planning & Progress
2. Community Engagement & Grants
3. Charity
4. Constitutional Reform / Amendment

### NEW BUSINESS

5. Areas of Interest to be pursued with Shane
6. TCAC Instagram, Facebook & Tweeter Accounts
7. Introduction to Tanzanian Diaspora Council (TDC) Global.

The outcomes and actions from the meeting was documented in the 180623\_Q2 Board Meeting Minutes shared to the members on June 29.

## 8. Canada Day Celebrations

**On July 1, TCAC members joined the rest of Canadians in celebrating Canada Day.**

This is a day of celebration and riotous fun with family-friendly activities that go all day long throughout the country.

At Fort Calgary the celebrations began with a free pancake breakfast followed by live local music, the Treaty 7 exhibit, the NWMP (North-West

Mounted Police) Commemorative Association patrol camp, food truck caravans, the Enmax's 'Living Flag' event and many more.

TCAC Deputy VP, Isaria Kwayu and her daughter (shown on the photo below) were among the celebrating citizens in Fort Calgary Area.



Canada Day at Fort Calgary

## 9. Upcoming Events

**August 4** – Family BBQ & Sports

**August** – Q3 Board Meeting

**September** – Tanzanian Communities in Alberta Executives Meeting.

**October** – Q4 Board and Annual General Meeting.

**November 24** – End of Year Party.

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Tanzanian Community Association of Calgary is committed to facilitating successful socio-cultural integration of Tanzanians residing in Calgary. We value the importance of sharing, gathering as a community within the greater society of Canada where we live. The value of this association shall be reflected on various social cultural and economic exchanges that will foster valuable integration into The Canadian society with subsequent improvement in wellbeing of newly arriving and existing members of the association.

---

## CONTACT ADDRESS

192 Schooner Close, NW

Calgary, AB T3L 1Y8.

## WEBSITE AND EMAIL ADDRESS

[www.tcacalgary.ca](http://www.tcacalgary.ca)

[[tcacexecutive@gmail.com](mailto:tcacexecutive@gmail.com)]