



**REPORT FROM THE ACTIVITIES OF
THE KENYAN-POLISH FORUM
ORGANIZATION**

2006

<i>Name</i>		KENYAN-POLISH FORUM
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Organization goals:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing friendship between the nations of Kenya and Poland, • Promoting Kenya in Poland within the scope of: culture, tourism and trade, • Promoting Poland in Kenya within the scope of: culture, tourism and trade, • Helping the members of the Organization in emergency situations and accidents, • Cultivating tradition and descent awareness, • Conducting Polish, English and Swahili classes and popularizing the Polish language in Kenya, • Creating new perspectives for the Kenyan students' education in Poland, • Maintaining bonds between the Organization members in Poland, • Supporting social activity of the Kenyan citizens in Poland, • Helping the Kenyans and the Poles exchange information, knowledge and experience in Poland and abroad, • Supporting charity activities in Poland and Kenya.

The form of goal completion:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquiring financial means and material resources to support different forms of the Forum's activities,

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- Inspiring, supporting and carrying out versatile co-operation between the Kenyans living in Poland, in Kenya and in other countries,
 - Co-operating with circles representing different social groups, with legal entities and individuals whose activities are related to the Forum's activities,
 - Initiating and organizing charity campaigns aimed at acquiring financial means for the Forum,
 - Accepting, transferring and organizing humanitarian aid for the Kenyans in Poland, in Kenya and in other countries,
 - Conducting the Business Information Center aimed at, among others, facilitating business relations between companies.

STATUTORY ACTIVITIES

Long-term campaigns

Visit Kenya Year

We proclaimed 2006 the Visit Kenya Year. The number of travels from Poland to Kenya is still far below its potential. In 2005, only just about 3,400 tourists visited Kenya, a result which puts Poland in the 15th place, following Belgium and Canada. Being aware of this fact, we have taken numerous steps in the last several months to change the situation. Thanks to our Forum's contribution, charter flights from Warsaw to Mombassa were launched. In addition, we were able to negotiate lower prices of national park admission tickets and discounts in many hotels. In 2006, we co-organized numerous campaigns in Poland to promote travels to Kenya.

Karibu Kenya

In 2006, we decided to expand our Kenya week event into a campaign titled *Karibu Kenya*. It consisted of many events aimed at promoting Kenya in Poland. The key undertakings included participation in organizing the Warsaw Marathon, participation in TT Warsaw, promotional activities in Polish media and secondary schools. *Karibu Kenya* expands beyond 2006 – some events will be organized or continued in the coming months of 2007.

January 2006

02.01. Co-operation with Pascal

We began co-operating with the Pascal publishing house, which provided a batch of its Kenya travel guides. The books were then distributed among the passengers of the first charter flight from Warsaw to Mombassa. The transaction was barter-based – in return, Pascal's advertisement was placed on the Forum's website. The co-operation will continue. The KPF made an obligation to provide information for the next editions of these travel guides.

08.01. Participation in another edition of the GOCC

As a result of previously-established co-operation with the Great Orchestra of Christmas Charity, the Forum registered a GOCC team in Nairobi. It is worth mentioning that this initiative is the first of its kind in Sub-Saharan Africa. The Orchestra plans to carry out a newborn hearing screening project in Kenya. James Ofwona and Robert Zduńczyk were guests in the Polish Television studio, where they presented the nature of the Forum's participation in this undertaking to the Polish viewers.

	<p>Visit to Kenyan orphanage</p> <p>The KPF representatives visited an orphanage in Nakuru. Financial donations were delivered and an obligation was made to propagate aid for Kenyan child orphans in Poland.</p>
March 2006	
17-19.03.	<p>Realization of the “Ethnic Moods“ program</p> <p>The KPF actively participated in the preparation of the “Ethnic Moods” program produced by TVP3. The program includes a presentation of Kenyans living in Poland. The program shows everyday life, culture, religion and languages of the minorities. The Forum was responsible for establishing relations and organizing a group of persons willing to take part in the program, as well as provide information, advice and suggestions concerning the program, which was aired on April 9.</p>
	<p>The Polish Days in Kenya</p> <p>We began to carry out the project by drafting a detailed program, planning effective propagation of this undertaking and encouraging Polish companies and educational institutions to participate in the Polish Days. The idea of “Polish passports” was realized.</p>
21.03.	<p>The Warsaw Marathon</p> <p>Steps were taken to join the organization of the Warsaw Marathon. The KPF intends to welcome Kenyan sportspersons and organize a picnic at the finish line.</p>
28.03.	<p>Establishing a relation with the Batory Grammar School</p> <p>The Forum’s board and employees took part in a meeting with Dorota Karwacka, Paweł Jedlicki and Paweł Stachniak of the Polish-Kenyan Friendship Circle of the Batory Grammar School, in order to plan mutual co-operation. There was a proposal to organize the Kenya Day, during which the specificity of Kenyan cuisine would be presented, as well as a slideshow and a lesson of Swahili. It would also include a charity collection. Another idea was to establish relations with a Kenyan school, resulting in a visit in Kenya and the organization of a return visit.</p>

April 2006

04.04. The Kenyan-Polish Forum in Tok FM

Sławomir Muturi participated in the “Komentarze” program on the Tok FM radio. He presented the listeners the nature of activities of the KPF public benefit organization.

20.04.- 31.05 The Afri-Camera Festival

The Forum actively participated in the Afri-Camera Festival, which is a unique opportunity for the Polish moviegoers to see a review of African movies. The screenings took place in five Polish cities (Warsaw, Cracow, Łódź, Poznań and Konin). This undertaking aims at taking an in-depth look at Africa, leaving aside the European perspective which is mostly narrowed down to information shown on television.

May 2006

09.05 Talks about opening a KPF branch in Cracow

Katarzyna Zwolak and a group of Kenyan students expressed the desire to open a KPF branch in Cracow. They showed commitment in welcoming Ann Nyikuli, the ambassador of Kenya. Talks were conducted to specify the relations between the KPF headquarters and the possible Cracow branch.

12.05 The KPF visits a kindergarten

The Forum organized an event titled “Language – our window on the world. Kenya.” The undertaking was originated by the kindergarten owners, who wanted to promote tolerance and respect for other cultures among the children. Numerous attractions were organized and Mamadou Diouf’s drum performance was the highlight of the event.

15- 26.05. The Africa Days in Poland

The Africa Days took place almost at the same time as the Polish Days organized in Nairobi. They aim at opening the Poles’ eyes to problems that Africa is facing, as well as arousing their interest in the continent’s different culture. The event covered a wide range of issues – we presented cultural aspects, such as the Persian influence on the Azanian countries, travel reports from meetings with the Sahel zone nomads, as well as the analysis of political turmoil in Darfur and Liberia. The participants also had the opportunity to learn about the political and social challenges that African countries are facing.

**17-
21.05****Poland's Days in Kenya**

Poland's Days are one of the key undertakings carried out by the Kenyan-Polish Forum. The program of this year's edition included: a business seminar, an educational forum, and a cultural forum. The organization of this event aims at creating a platform for establishing and developing trade relations, providing educational institutions with the opportunity to meet potential students or begin co-operating with Kenyan secondary schools, as well as presenting our country in Africa. As part of the above, a presentation was organized by the Ethnographic Museum in Warsaw which aimed at showing the specificity of Polish folk culture. The event was accompanied by numerous minor attractions. The Kenyan audience saw a presentation of our country, which allowed to get acquainted with Polish culture, art, literature, cuisine, etc.

An important part of the event was the "economic roundtable" aimed at tightening relations between business partners. Due to the fact that both countries are centers of their respective regions and their economic situation is currently below their potential, the Kenyan-Polish Forum believes that they have a close co-operation in view. At the moment, Africa accumulates to only 1% of Polish trade. Among the African countries, Kenya is just in the 16th place (following Senegal, Cameroon or Sudan).

June 2006**01-
04.06.****The Children's Day in Africa**

The Forum was a partner of the Children's Day in Africa event, organized by Cracow enthusiasts. The undertaking aimed at collecting funds for the purchase of vaccines for children in Sierra Leone. The event was accompanied by Elżbieta Wiacek's lecture and Ryszard Czajkowski's film show.

24.06.**Event for Deloitte and Andersen**

In order to celebrate the merger of Deloitte and Andersen, a special picnic was organized in Warsaw-Bemowo for the employees of these companies. All participants had the opportunity to take part in a lesson of Swahili, admire African dance and register for drum workshops. In addition, numerous other attractions were organized, including a lottery, Africa knowledge contest, etc. Each guest also received a piece of African jewelry.

August 2006

07.08 **Slawomir Muturi in the Tok FM radio**

Member of the Kenyan-Polish Forum's board made appeared in the radio to present the *Karibu Kenya* initiative to the listeners. It is a series of events to be organized in the coming months.

24.08-03.09 **The AIESEC congress in Poland**

Our association took part in the AIESEC 2006 congress, one of the world's largest educational conferences. Each participant of the event has an opportunity to present various aspects of their domestic culture. The congress also takes the initiative to get the employers in touch with the workforce – the companies had the opportunity to present their profile and job offers.

26-27.08 **The Eurizons outdoor event**

On this August weekend, Cracow was the venue for an event organized under the auspices of the Eurizons program. The event included an educational picnic and a scientific conference. The KPF was invited to participate in the undertaking to show how to build global partnership between the North and the South, using the example of Polish-Kenyan relations.

September 2006

12.09. **The Kenya Tourist Board press conference and workshops**

The KPF organized workshops and a press conference for the Kenya Tourist Board (KTB). It accompanied the KTB's visit in three Central-Eastern European countries: Poland, the Czech Republic, and Russia. The workshops aimed at presenting the opportunities offered by Kenya to the representatives of Polish tourism industry. They also helped establish new relations and develop the existing ones.

17.09. **The Warsaw Marathon**

During the Warsaw Marathon we organized a picnic at the finish line, where we greeted Kenyan sportspersons. This year, this African country was represented by four runners. The KPF had its own stand, where it informed the interested persons about its activities and distributed small gifts.

21.09. **Initiation of co-operation with the OTEP**

The Forum concluded an agreement with the Overseas Tertiary Education Placements (OTEP), an agency recruiting talented students from Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda. It aims at creating opportunities for these students to learn in Europe or America. The Kenyan educational market satisfies only 20% of higher education needs. Meanwhile, the Western European schools are expensive, which is frequently an insurmountable obstacle. Thus, the Kenyan-Polish Forum took the initiative to offer the Kenyans educational opportunities in Poland. This initiative creates new opportunities for the students once they return home, while maintaining affordable financial conditions.

22.09. The "Kenya – a land of diversity" workshops

As part of the International Travel Show TT Warsaw Tour & Travel, the "Kenya – a land of diversity" tourism workshops were organized in the Palace of Culture and Science. The Kenyan-Polish Forum was the main initiator and organizer of this event. Active participants included Her Excellency the Ambassador of the Republic of Kenya Ann Nyikuli and the Kenya Tourist Board representative – Jacinta Nzioka.

October 2006

7-17.10 The "Afro-Enthusiasts" Festival

The festival took place in the first half of October. It was organized by the Kenyan-Polish Forum, the Simba Friends foundation and the Motto Café, where the campaign took place. The event was cultural in its nature and created a unique opportunity to get acquainted with African music, art, handicraft, dance and the Swahili language. Apart from numerous speeches and shows, a collection was organized for the new project of the Simba Friends foundation concerning the reconstruction of a primary school in the Western Kenyan village of Sega.

25-28.10. A visit of Kenyan parliamentarians in Poland

At the end of the month, a group of Kenyan National Assembly delegates came to Poland on a study visit, following the invitation from the Polish parliament. The Kenyan-Polish Forum took part in welcoming the guests to our country in an enthusiastic manner. We managed to arouse the dignitaries' interest in the issues concerning the development of tourism and trade between Poland and Kenya. Together, we searched for means of tackling the problems arising in these two areas.

November 2006

06-14.11 The Kenyan week in Profuturo

Persisting in our efforts to promote Kenya among the Poles, especially the secondary school children, we conducted an educational campaign in the Warsaw-based Profuturo school, together with the Simba Friends foundation. During this week, the classes conducted in this school concerned African issues. In addition, an African paid a visit to the school and added variety to English classes as a *native speaker*. The crowning achievement of the event was the ProAfrica day, during which we cooked African dishes together with the children and we presented the African dresses and dances.

20-24. Start of the *Closer to Kenya* project

This project is co-financed by the *Education for Democracy* Foundation and is carried out as part of the foreign aid program of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The first part of the project focused on teaching – the Forum employees conducted talks in Warsaw grammar school about Africa's cultural diversity, its history, current challenges, etc.

December 2006

Organization of the www.serceafryki.pl website

The completion of the Heart of Africa website is another stage of the Closer to Kenya project. The above website includes information about the African countries, the Millennium Development Goals, the Polish-African relations and developmental education. In the future, we plan to add publications and academic works concerning Africa-related issues.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

A billboard campaign

The Kenyan-Polish Forum believes that the main cause of the unsatisfactory growth of the number of travels to Kenya is the lack of appropriate information – the number of tourists traveling to Kenya every year (3,400) contrasts with the number of people traveling to Egypt in the same period (150,000). That is why, we plan to organize a wide-scale billboard campaign in the largest cities of Poland, with the support of the Kenya Tourist Board. It is aimed at promoting Kenya among the Polish globetrotters as a destination of holiday travels.

The Closer to Kenya project

The project described above is a long-term venture which is planned for the next few years. We have educational materials at our disposal which the teachers will use while conducting developmental education in their institutions. We will visit Polish schools ourselves to organize discussions about Africa, its history, problems and challenges.

Creating educational perspectives for the Kenyans

In the coming years, the KPF will actively carry out its recently started participation in creating opportunities for the Kenyan graduates of secondary schools to study in Polish higher education institutions. Thanks to the above-mentioned co-operation with the OTEP, we plan to expand our current scope of activities. We make the effort to promote the Kenyan educational market among the Polish universities, announcing the Kenyan educational expos and developing the co-operation between Polish universities and institutions in Kenya.

Debate between Wangari Maathai and Lech Wałęsa

Wangari Maathai, a well-known Kenyan activist, is the winner of the 2004 Nobel Prize. The Kenyan-Polish Forum took the initiative to organize a debate between Maathai and the Polish Nobel Prize winner – Lech Wałęsa. We also plan to publish the unreleased book of the Kenyan Nobel Prize winner titled *Unbowed*.