



# Tangaza Update

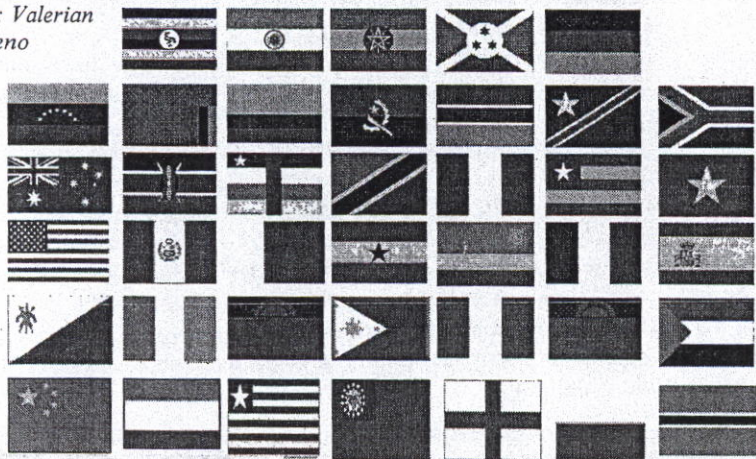


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## United Nations of Tangaza

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### Some of the countries represented in Tangaza

As the semester ends, depart for vacation with some knowledge of a country you had previously barely known. We are in a global village where no country lives in isolation. One person's trouble is the world's trouble.

Some of the latest global concerns are:

**Global warming**, what are you doing about it, and what is your country doing about it.

**Terrorism**, is engulfing nations with fear across the globe. because they don't know when the terrorist will next attack. What is your perception of terrorism and whom do you blame for it?

**Trade**, we depend on each other for existence, only good trade relations will benefit all equally. What are the benefits, from your country, or what can others benefit from you and you from them?

In Tangaza we are together for a common goal 'education'. We benefit from each other in sharing knowledge but can we look beyond that and understand another person's perception of an issue? Each person interpretation of a subject is influenced by his/her world view, hence communication can cease to make sense if we don't have a common ground of understanding. There are thousands of concerns around the world, if there is need for change, then it has to start with you and I.

After reading this information, reflect on who you are. I m happy that quite a number of the students responded to the questionnaire.

## 2006 Tangaza Christmas Party

By: Nicholas Ibeneme CM



Fr. Tim OR Fr. Christmas?

**I**t was all jubilation and excitement in Tangaza college on the 1st December which marked this year's Christmas party for the whole school. It began with a sumptuous meal at 1: 15 pm. The students were seated in groups with their mouth-watering food. The bash officially began at 2:15 pm with a praise song by the youth. The MCs of the occasion were Julie Juma and Joe Archibong SPS. It was quite thrilling. Fr. Tim Redmond welcomed all present, followed by the president, Tangaza Students Union (TANSU), Mr Ronald Kefa.

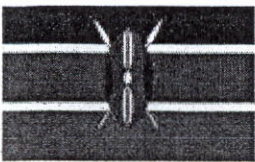
This year's Christmas bash took a different shape because it had to do with reflection on how to protect the many children who are abused from time to time in the Kenya, in Africa and indeed the whole world. How does Christmas help us to protect these young and vulnerable children? It was on that note that some elegant-looking children from Maria Romero Home, (started in 2003,) run by the Salesian sisters gave us a brilliant singing presentation. They indeed sang like angels and the whole audience was greatly thrilled.

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## Merry Christmas!!!







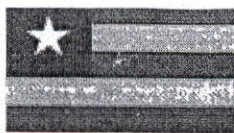
### **Kenya** by Calistas

My country is Kenya; it is in East Africa. It attained its independence from Britain in 1963, and since then it has had three presidents. Kenya is a member of A.U,

COMESA and the E.A Community. Our dress code is varied, The two commonly used languages are Swahili and English. Kiswahili is the national language while English is the official one. Our music is mainly Benga although this is influenced by other cultural factors. Our staple food is mainly ugali and beans.

Kenya has beautiful scenery including snow capped mountains, rivers, lakes, beaches and the world's 7<sup>th</sup> wonder the phenomenal migration of the wildebeest from the Serengetti in Tanzania to the Maasai Mara Game Park. And the spectacular Rift Valley. With more than 46 tribes we have diverse cultures. Our athletes are world famous. Our national day, Jamhuri is on 12th December. If I were to change anything I would change the rampant tribalism in the country.

Tangaza should continue to uphold the cultural day tradition and allocate more time for the performances. I would suggest that those countries that have not yet taken part should be encouraged to participate to make the day more colorful.



### **Togo** by Asotsi Koffi Pascal

Togo is one of West Africa's countries. Togo is situated between Ghana and Benin. The main activity is agriculture. We have many ethnic groups. Togo is a small country with

less than 5,000,000 inhabitants. There is free movement in Togo one does not need an identity card as long as you are declared in the Immigration Office. Togo has a Moderate but more traditional way of life. Our dress code is Kiposso. The most popular music is Gbeko, igbele, agbadza, Akpesse and bebobo.

Hospitality and security make me proud of my country, also the local dress, food and the generosity of the people. In Togo, We have never had war nor have one now but that does not mean we don't have problems.

The latest event in my country is the nomination of the prime minister who comes from the opposition side, this event has strengthened peace and reconciliation.

**If you were to change anything what would it be?** I would like to bring real democracy in my country. The country has suffered for long time because of dictatorship by our leaders.

Tangaza should accept Togolese cultures as they are and if possible let the Togolese present in Nairobi share their culture on Tangaza cultural day. Also sell some of their traditional clothes.

I appreciate the cultural day. It helps one to know a little better other's cultures to see people show pride in their unique culture and dress culturally.

## **IN A NUTSHELL**

By Cyril Papa

Politics is all about allocation of resources. Political power is all about controlling this allocation. Africa as a whole has practiced a western styled political system for only fifty years. Yet it has gone through dictatorship, Coup d' Etats and failed states. It took Europe centuries, to develop the current global political system that, in truth, suits their social and economic development to date. It has taken Africa fifty years to finally start indigenizing this borrowed political system and Kenya has been in the lead when it comes to this campaign, until now.

Who in the year 2002 would have thought that Kenya's political outlook would be in the situation it is today? Finally the country downed its tribal outlook and elected a president from a community the rest of Kenya vowed never again to give the mantle to. The elections truly showed the political maturity this country had reached with Kibaki, the statesman, nationalist and economic mastermind stepping in as a transitional, I repeat, a transitional President.

It didn't even take two months before this blissful political climate collapsed under the weight of political deceit and tribal appointments. The political dream

team that Kenya gave the go ahead to form the new government under the leadership and 'wise' guidance of President Kibaki collapsed, and when the government attempted to fulfill its second promise to the Kenyan electorate, after successfully giving the country free primary education, failed once again due to politics, shifting of goal posts but most importantly, due to Kibaki's dismissal of the Memorandum of Understanding amongst the NARC leaders, as an irrelevant agreement.

Despite this Kibaki proved himself by guiding the country into economic growth, and political freedom never before seen in Kenya, winning the praise of other African states. The economic growth, however, has not managed to trickle down to the majority of Kenyans and the beautiful political freedom has degenerated into the tribal demarcation of Kenya politically. Allow me to correct myself, the political freedom has led to the balkanization of the political environment with Central Province and a portion of Eastern Province on President Kibaki's side and the rest of the country on the other side under the direction of one shrewd politician called Hon. Raila Odinga.

The sad thing though is, President Kibaki preaches National unity but runs the country on tribal lines with the whole country benefiting from his rule but the Central Region being allowed by

the government to economically own these benefits. On the other hand we have Hon. Raila Odinga clearly bringing together tribal chiefs to do one thing, throw out Kibaki and his men. Raila successfully got former President Moi out by uniting, not tribal leaders but the opposition at the time against Moi. The fact that Raila Odinga is openly rallying tribal chiefs against Kibaki, and Kibaki on his part is preaching unity but allocating resources using a tribal back drop clearly shows us that Kenyan politics has taken a large step back, into tribalism.

As if that is not enough, now the government has opted to throw the countries national political interest out of the window by masterminding political party coups and illegally registering government friendly new party leaders in opposition and potential opposition parties. It is true that politics is all about power and doing anything to hold on to it but if the tribal route is the direction Kenyan politics will take. God help us, for tribalism and the government's abuse of its office are steps back to hatred and coup de tars Coup d' Etats that plagued Africa in its first thirty years of independent rule. There is a place we don't want to go, again. All I can say is pray. Pray for Kenya for once again the continent's eyes are on this East African country.

**Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to Kenya's election year. Merry Christmas and a happy new year**





**South Africa** by Clarence Warts

**Give a brief history of your country**

"Discovered" by the Dutch in 1692, the Bushmen were the first inhabitants and are almost 20000 years old. The British colonized S/A in 19<sup>th</sup> century. S.A got its independence in 1994 with the 1<sup>st</sup> multilateral election.

**International foreign policy**

Cooperate with U.N; it is a member of Commonwealth and African union.

Our dress code is a mixture of African & Western. The official language is Kwasto, which is the most popular in the townships. We have a rich Jazz and culture too. Our food consists of maize, rice, meat and seafood.

**What makes you proud of your country?**

Our rich diversity, unity and a growing economy.



**The Gambia** by Gomez

The Gambia was the first British colony and the smallest in Africa. It is situated on the bulge of West Africa, its often referred to us, "the smiling coast of Africa". The country is

in a 'finger like' projection into the head of Senegal which surrounds it on all sides except on the Atlantic coastline on the west. The Gambia has a population of about 1.4 million.

We have the best weather and climate in West Africa, situated in the Sahelian agro-climate zone; the Gambia has a sub tropical climate with distinct dry and rainy seasons,

The country is generally flat and low lying with not more than 60 meters above sea level.

I am proud of my country's peace and tranquility, friendliness of the people, unity, honesty, hospitality and uniqueness of the people.

The latest event is the meeting of the U.N heads of state summit, general elections- presidential and legislative.

I did not participate in the Tangaza cultural day due to appointments and my research work.



**Chad** by Remadgi Germain

Chad attained its Independence in 11.8.1960

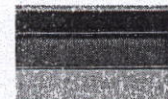
There is Division between the north

(Muslims) and the south (Christian). Our national language: Arabic, French and Sara. We

have an international defense force, a member of UN.

What I like about my country is, Solidarity as fraternity – unity and Natural food. Currently there is attack for power in city, which is not good at all. I would like girls to be given opportunity to go to school and also to improve Development in rural areas. Tangaza students should be asking questions about my culture and showing interest in knowing.

Yes, it was interesting to learn that there are many countries represented in Tangaza a variety of cultures.



**Germany** by Anton Haslbergur

Germany became a founder member of the single European currency, the Euro. Germany took part in NATO's military action against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia in Kosovo, Johannes Rau becomes president. Some of the main events were, 1989 The East German government opened the Berlin Wall. 2005 World Youth day in Cologne and 2006-World Cup. Germany has many different dialects i.e. Bavarian, we listen mainly to international music just like in Kenya. I don't like to be proud of anything, even my country!

**How can Tangaza show greater appreciation of your culture?** Third of October is our national feast day, please make it a holiday!!! I participated on Tangaza's cultural day I presented my country's flag and that of the region, Bavaria. Cultural day was great for me to see the different presentations, and witness the richness of the different cultures. Thank you very much for taking time to prepare and present, I was greatly enriched!

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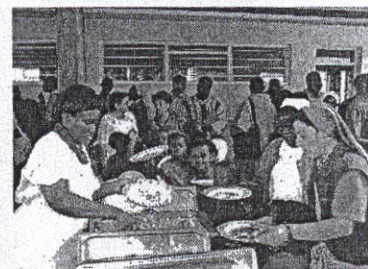
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One of the most interesting items was the wonderful talk given to us by the Ms Deborah Ajwang, a legal consultant, who spoke on the plight of an abused child and how it affects him/her in adult life. It was quite enlightening and educative.

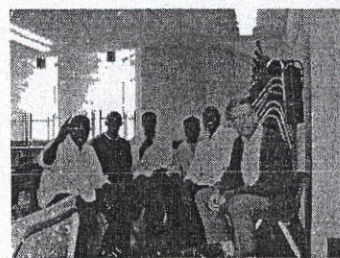
There were other presentations as well as entertainment. The school choir entertained the audience with a beautiful Christmas carols. The St. Francis youth group also gave us a nice treat by presenting a fascinating drama. There were also some soloists and small groups singers who kept the whole celebration lively.

Later, some awards were presented to Mr Tangaza and Miss Tangaza ; JohnPaul Uchendu SDB. And Linda Mwilemela, and in addition some awards were given to those who participated in the Tangaza Sports tournament. The bash ended at about 5 pm with everyone looking refreshed and satisfied. It was an interesting event. Try and be there next time. Wishing you a merry Christmas.

**Let the pictures tell the rest of the story**



**It's Meal Time! Let's Eat!!!**



**We are equal in Tangaza**



**Doing what they know best**



## Food For Thought

### CHOICES *By Fr. Ottone Cantore*

What choices are you going to make today, or from here on?

When it comes to making choices....

- Choose to love - rather than hate.
- Choose to smile - rather than frown.
- Choose to build - rather than destroy.

- Choose to persevere - rather than quit.
- Choose to praise - rather than gossip.
- Choose to heal - rather than wound.
- Choose to give - rather than take.

- Choose to act - rather than delay.
- Choose to forgive - rather than curse.
- Choose to pray - rather than despair.

**I pray that you will use wisely your power of choice!**



#### D.R CONGO *by Jean Bosco*

D.R Congo was colonized by Belgium, it got independence in 1960 and was called Democratic Republic of Congo, then Zaire and Back

to DR of Congo. Our president is Joseph Kabila. At the moment we don't have any International Foreign Policy; we are still in a transition government. We are involved in trade of natural resources like gold and diamonds. We dress well in kitenge for women. We have more than 450 languages, four national languages, French being the official one. We have Lingala, rumba Congolese music.

I am proud of our natural resources, our music history and the unity despite the war,

In my country we need a sense of responsibility, to be more aware of the country's greater concerns that prevails.

Tangaza should give presenters time to finish their performance on the annual cultural day.

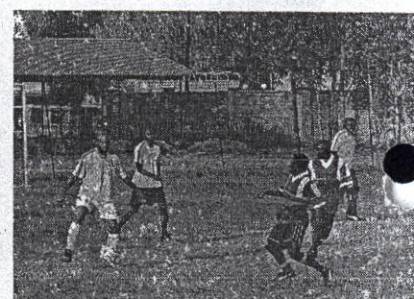
I did not participate because the time coincided with elections in my country, which I thought was more important.

Culture is not only what we perform or present in color with joy and humor but that which makes us unique people among others.

## Sports Update

From the Sports Representative's Desk- Polycarp Otieno

Last year it was the Spiritan community. This year it is the Consolata Community. And next year? Bravo Consolata team! We are proud of you; keep up the sportsmanship spirit. Bravo! Bravo!! Bravo!!!



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