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First Sister Cities Pact With Tanzania To Be Signed This Week

Events Include City Hall News Conference & Reception Tuesday

A Sister City delegation from the African nation of Tanzania will be welcomed to City Hall for two events tomorrow (**Tuesday, July 31**) in lieu of an official signing ceremony scheduled to take place during the opening ceremony of **African World Festival** at 7:15 p.m. on Friday, August 3.

A **news conference** that will include **Ald. Joe Davis, Sr., Audifax Choma**, Minister of Trade and Economics - Tanzania Embassy in Washington, D.C., and **Said Kalembo**, Regional Commissioner - Morogoro Region, will be held **at 11 a.m. tomorrow (July 31)** in the first floor rotunda at City Hall, 200 E. Wells St. **Media coverage is invited.**

Ald. Davis, chair of the City of Milwaukee's Sister Cities Committee, will also host a **reception** for the delegation at **1:30 p.m. tomorrow** in the third floor Council Chamber anteroom at City Hall. **Light refreshments will be served, and media coverage is also invited.**

In May the Common Council approved a Sister City agreement with the Morogoro region of Tanzania. The agreement was put together after a group of government and business officials from Tanzania visited Milwaukee late last year. Those officials – hosted by the Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce and sponsored by the Hope in Tanzania Foundation and the City of Milwaukee – networked with Milwaukee business, educational, health and government professionals and were “greatly impressed by the energy and ideas they encountered here,” Ald. Davis has said.

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Tanzanian Sister City Events/ADD ONE

The agreement – set to be signed by Mayor Tom Barrett and the leader of the Tanzanian delegation at African World Festival’s opening ceremony on Friday at Maier Festival Park – makes Milwaukee the first U.S. city to consummate a **Sister Cities International** agreement with a Tanzanian city or region.

Sister Cities International is a nonprofit citizen diplomacy network that creates partnerships between U.S. and international communities. Its mission is to promote peace through mutual respect, understanding and cooperation.

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