

# TIC says happy with EcoEnergy sugar plantation project

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THE Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC) has hailed development made so far by EcoEnergy Tanzania Limited in its endeavour to produce sugar and energy by using sugar cane.

EcoEnergy is developing a modern agro-industry project in Bagamoyo, together with the local community and the government of Tanzania.

The main objective is to produce sugar and renewable energy for the domestic market.

The TIC Executive Director, Juliet Kairuki commended the company during a tour to the company's plantation in Bagamoyo, Coast Region at the weekend.

She was with American businesspersons from Vallejo town, California in the US.

The delegation led by the Mayor of Vallejo, Osby Davis was on a tour to Tanzania to learn of the business and investment opportunities.

The Bagamoyo Project comprises approximately 11,000 ha of sugar cane plantations and a sugar cane processing facility is set to be established on the estate.

As Tanzania has a large structural domestic sugar shortage, it is expected that the Bagamoyo project will maximise sugar production. The company aims at producing sugar and renewable energy.

Kairuki said that they decided to take the US delegation to the plantation to show them what is happening on the ground as a result of Tanzania's conducive business and investment environment.

"We expect that this project will generate a lot of employment," she said, adding that technology transfer will be another advantage.

On his part, Davis hailed efforts taken by the government to develop the country's agricultural sector.

"We have witnessed how this project is performing, I hope this encourages Vallejo business community to come and invest in Tanzania," he said.

TIC coordinated the tour of Vallejo delegation to Bagamoyo.

The Mayor of the US town met President Jakaya Kikwete at the State house in Dar es Salaam before they left.