

## **Inauguration Speech by H.M. Haye Capt.Rtd.Dr. Makorani-a-Mungase VII on Induction of Mr. Tomas Sadowiski to The Kidjo Council of The Royal Nation of Pokomo Communities**

National and Local Government Officials

Nobles of Poland,

Representative of the Royal Nation of Pokomo Communities in Great Britain and Europe Mkidjo

Baiba Dhidha Mjidho,

Mrs. Winnie Baiba,

My dear brothers and sisters of the Barka Family

Invited Guests all protocol observed,

Ladies and gentlemen;

It gives me great pleasure and honour to stand with humility before you for the purpose of induction of Mr. Tomas Sadowski to the highest level of the traditional governance of the Royal Nation of Pokomo Communities – the Kidjo Council as a full member.

The Pokomo Communities is a collection of 11 tribes practicing a hybrid Federal Democratic Autocracy form of traditional government in the East Coast of Kenya, in Tana River County. The Communities comprising of 200,000 people, sharing their ancestral land comprising 6% of the total land mass of Kenya with other communities of about 100,000 people mainly from the Wardei and Orma pastoral Communities. The Pokomo Communities exhibit a high level of social tolerance exemplified by the ability of Christians and Muslims living in the same village and even in the same household. A personal example is myself with a staunch catholic brother and sister, a protestant sister and again a muslim brother and sister; we all love each other so much.

We are among the Marginalised Minority Groups in Kenya and in Africa, but we have a great resolve of social empowerment as a tribe to turn the tide of need to net surplus. The County has a high poverty index of 75 % lying fourth at the tail end behind Turkana at 93%, Wajir at 85%, and Samburu at 78%; however the paradox lies in the fact that Tana River County is endowed with a plethora of natural resources.

Since arriving in Poznan – Poland, there are many lessons learned to enumerate but a few is that when a people have the will power and resolve even dead buildings can spring back to life. Most inspiring is the story of a young man who had lost hope and faith in society but was successfully transformed from a social misfit to a beacon of hope; a community leader and a politician. He is not only a Politician with a bright future but a decent family man. This is a veritable example of the many ‘children’ of Tomas Sadowski. Before I continue let me salute Mr. Tomasz Flinik of Chudobczyce and his entire community for their collective exemplary work

under his leadership. They have an island of self sustainability and are a beacon of hope not only to Poles far and wide but other communities in the world over especially in Africa.

Yesterday I saw eyes of hope and I dared dream with women from the Gmina of Kurchnik who were on the verge of setting up yet another social cooperative to assist in uplifting their lives. Their instructional materials, teachers and round trip to learn from others who were like them in other thriving social cooperatives on the Sadowski's model in three different Gminas; their stories told through smiles, sweat and dirt but with self dignity.

It is against this background that Mr. Sadowski was recommended for inclusion into the Kidjo Council in recognition of his innovative successful work spanning over 40 years in Social Integration and Social Empowerment not of individuals but communities here in Poland, EU member states as well as Africa. When his nomination came up to the Kidjo Council sitting in Bondeni on August 16, 2014 the unanimity of the decision was a resounding YES!. It should be noted that after the Kidjo honoured Mr. Sadowski with a place among themselves a position no other none tribal member has occupied for more than 400 years or living memory, he went ahead to receive 3 (three) more awards globally including an EU as well as a World recognition.

Barbara Sadowska in the book 'New Beginning –social market economy pg 247' says about social integration *"it requires.....the will to share experiences, courage in confronting attitudes, humility in discovering one's role in meeting with another human being, reciprocal relations."* These are the qualities required in building a better world as embodied in Mr Tomas Sadowski.

Ladies and Gentlemen I do hereby call upon you to celebrate this momentous occasion of induction of Mr Tomas Sadowski of Poznan into the Kidjo Council of the Royal Nation of Pokomo Communities on recommendation of Mkidjo Baiba Dhidha Mjidho.

Long Live the Pokomo Communities, Long Live Kenya, Long Live Poland.

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