

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

Haye Makorani-a-Mungase VII  
National and Local Government Officials,  
Nobles of Poland,  
Distinguished guests.  
The Barka family,  
All protocols observed,  
Ladies and gentlemen.

Distinguished guests ladies and gentlemen, the Pokomo people of Tana River County of the Republic of Kenya which is part of the vast continent of Africa feel honoured and humbled by your presence at this historic moment. We are witnesses today to the early shoots break the soil of an idea, process and intent by ordinary citizens of two continents to impact the conditions of the marginalized and excluded in society in both Europe and Africa.

We are conscious that all of you have rescheduled various commitments and critical tasks in order to be with us. We are grateful for your support and sacrifice of your time.

Haye Capt (Rtd). Dr. Makorani-a-Mungase VII visit to Poland and the historic engagements is part of the “Africa with Europe” concept and vision of INISE (International Network for Innovative Social Entrepreneurship). INISE which has been inspired by the visionary work of Tomasz Sadowiski and Barka Foundation core mission and objective is empowerment of the excluded and marginalized communities in Africa through principals of Social Market Economy (Solidarity) that have found maturity in the work of the Barka Foundation and its Network here in Poland and Europe.

Barka through Tomasz’s visionary approach have not invented Social Market Economy or Solidarity which are age old concepts practiced over millennia by all peoples of the world. Another concept which mankind relegated to the periphery is compassion and love for each other. This provides bonds and support within individuals and society providing the basis for caring for those in need, want and distress. Tomasz key innovation and success which is admired, recognized and received many accolades the world over is the combination of social economy principles and compassion into one.

The loss of compassion in almost all societies is the main source of conflict among peoples and nations today. We all know and acknowledge compassion in various ways both in our various religions and cultures expressed in a variety of ways among the most regonised is Ubuntu. In Pokomo culture it’s termed Ubinadamu (humaniness) treating the other as your own self. They

also recognize any compassionate person as "*Kamanya Kimpokomu au kibinandamu*) a high valued virtue and thus "*Ni Mumpokomu*".

Despite the conflicts witnessed today all over Africa, the African people remain compassionate at heart. Conferring and admitting Tomasz today into the Kidjo at level of *Mngadji* which is the highest below the *Haye* is clear demonstration it regards persons like Tomasz who are so rare to find or born. The Pokomo do believe as he interacts with Africa honours and recognitions will follow. We are aware our neighbours the Kamba appointed him Elder Mutua with Barbara as Mwikali and Ewa as Mwendu in May 2012.

Everything has a beginning and it would be injustice not to highlight the circumstances of the birth of "Africa with Europe" intervention. The Diaspora in the North West of UK predominantly Merseyside through Transnational Study Exchange program of the European Social Fund visited Barka 30 times since 2009 organised by Chara Trust.

The African Diaspora instincts were awoken by various aspects of Polish and Barka. First was the immense kindness and compassion of the Polish people which is cherished in Africa. Second was the great success in recovery of human capital into productive and inspirational people. Third was the restoration of neglected assets into tools in the recovery of human capital. All three have relevance to Africa.

Vast resources have been invested or gifted to Africa by the world community towards its development. Sadly acute poverty persists especially among rural communities. Tomasz initiative through INISE targets this group which lives in daily hope.

That Africa's development is tied to empowerment of its neglected majority is recognized by many including the Africa Progress Panel headed by Dr. Kofi Annan. The 2014 Africa Progress report underscores the need and states that Africa through empowerment of rural communities can be the granary of the world but there is need to stimulate their capacity through modern technologies. They did not go far enough to the vintage point of Tomasz and INISE combining compassion and social market economy into one package.

In honouring Tomasz through conferring nobility in the Pokomo community, we the Pokomo's reaffirm what others have discovered. This honour is our testament of the ongoing contribution and gift of Tomasz to the world.

I now call H.M Haye Capt. (Rtd) Dr. Makorani-a-Mungase VII to make his observations and installation of Tomasz as a Mkidjo and a noble among the Pokomo.

Thank you.

Mkidjo Baiba Dhidha Mjidho  
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