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Subject: Ambassador Lazaro Nyalandu of Tanzania - Request to meet with Secretary Noem- This material is distributed by Ervin Graves Strategy Group on behalf of Ambassador Lazaro Nyalandu. Additional information is available at the

Dear Reese,

On behalf of Ambassador Lazaro Nyalandu, Advisor to the President of the United Republic of Tanzania, please accept this request with respect to meet with Secretary Noem next week, February 2-6. Attached for your convenience is the bio for Ambassador Nyalandu.

The objective of the requested meeting is to discuss matters of mutual interest between the United Republic of Tanzania and the United States of America as Tanzania seeks to deepen its relations and cooperation with the United States.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Curriculum Vitae – Ambassador Lazaro Nyalandu

PROFILE

Ambassador Lazaro Nyalandu is the Advisor to the President of the United Republic of Tanzania on Diplomatic Affairs, having been appointed to this role in November 2025.

He is a former Minister for Natural Resources and Tourism. Prior to his appointment as Cabinet Minister, he served as Deputy Minister for Natural Resources and Tourism and Deputy Minister for Industry and Trade. Ambassador Nyalandu was elected as Member of Parliament for Singida North Constituency on the CCM ticket in 2000 and was re-elected in 2005, 2010, and 2015. He served as an elected Member of Parliament from 2000 to 2017, leaving Parliament as a ranking member of the Foreign Relations Committee and the Public Accounts Committee. During his tenure, he represented the Parliament of Tanzania in numerous national and international engagements.

As Minister for Natural Resources and Tourism, Ambassador Nyalandu pioneered cross-boundary conservation collaboration within East Africa through EAC ministerial consultations, including initiatives on the Mara–Serengeti ecosystem shared by Tanzania and Kenya, protection of miombo woodlands across Southern and Eastern Africa, national elephant population surveys, and the establishment of the Tanzania Wildlife Authority (TAWA). He also led the formulation and signing of the Selous–Niassa Corridor Agreement between Tanzania and Mozambique in 2015, with participation from Germany, the United States, UNDP, the World Bank, and ICCF (USA).

He remains a strong advocate for stakeholder and community participation in global collaboration, particularly in conservation, transboundary ecosystem management, and sustainable development policies that balance environmental protection with community livelihoods.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Cabinet Minister for Natural Resources and Tourism

Government of the United Republic of Tanzania | February 2014 – 2015

- Oversaw national departments for Wildlife, Forestry, Antiquities, and Tourism.
- Led national policy on sustainable conservation and utilization of natural resources.
- Promoted tourism as a key pillar of the national economy, contributing approximately 25% of foreign exchange earnings.

Deputy Minister for Natural Resources and Tourism

Government of the United Republic of Tanzania | May 2011 – January 2014

- Led forestry conservation and climate change initiatives.
- Promoted beekeeping and established international markets for Tanzanian honey.
- Strengthened tourism performance, making it the leading foreign exchange earner by 2014.

Deputy Minister for Industry and Trade

Government of the United Republic of Tanzania | November 2010 – May 2011

- Oversaw development of small-scale industries in rural and urban areas.
- Participated in bilateral and multilateral trade negotiations within EAC and SADC.
- Represented Tanzania in engagements with the USA, China, EU, India, and other partners.

Member of Parliament – Singida North Constituency

Parliament of the United Republic of Tanzania | 2000 – 2017

- Elected four consecutive terms with an average vote share of 91.2%.
- Championed anti-corruption initiatives and rural development.
- Led successful clean water initiatives that significantly reduced waterborne diseases and improved education outcomes.

International Affairs and Development Advisor

Equal Opportunity Trust Fund, Tanzania | 1999 – 2000

- Advised the First Lady and Board of Trustees on international development financing.
- Mobilized donor funding from China, Japan, the USA, and EU partners.
- Established the Women Entrepreneurs Trade Fair at the Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair.

Operations Banker

Northwest Bank, Minneapolis, USA | 1998 – 1999

- Managed same-day transaction processing, clearing, and reconciliation.

BOARD MEMBERSHIPS AND GOVERNANCE

- Board Member, Food for the Hungry (USA)
- Chairman, Faulu Africa (Microfinance)
- Founding Chair, MajiTech
- Co-Chair, Tanzania Water Fund
- Finance Committee Chair, Tanzania National Parks
- Founding Chair, Tanzania Young Parliamentarians Association

EDUCATION

MA (Research) in International Affairs and Diplomacy

University of Buckingham, United Kingdom | 2014

Associate of Arts (Magna Cum Laude)

Waldorf University, Iowa, USA | 1996

Advanced Secondary Education

Ilboru High School, Tanzania | 1993

Secondary Education

Kibaha Secondary School, Tanzania | 1991

INTERNATIONAL MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

- BBC HARDtalk
- CNN International
- CNBC
- BBC World Service
- Sky News
- Deutsche Welle
- People's Daily (China)
- Radio France Internationale