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Learning Journey

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IN KENYA



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dear friends
of Close the Gap!

It's my privilege to address this foreword to you. The creation of this book has been a real 'mission impossible', trying to capture through beautiful photos the inspiration, laughter and life changing moments of our five days together in Kenya.

I would like to thank you all for making this journey such a memorable and pleasant one. We could not have asked for better travel mates! I have rarely seen such a group of like-minded people, all change-makers in your own way. We enjoyed your energy and enthusiasm to co-create a positive impact; we know for lots of you this journey was an eye-opener. Thanks for joining this adventure, and for having shared so many inspiring moments with us.

A warm thank you to Claudia and Jos from Vintage Productions for offering this 'Memories from Kenya' album to all of us. This journey is now truly unforgettable. I would like to thank Data News for sharing our story with their readers, creating momentum and inspiration for many future corporate supporters of Close the Gap and WorldLoop.

Thanks to all of you for your trust, support and commitment, and for believing in ICT for Development and Innovation. Thanks again for joining this trip and for having shared so many moments together. Please keep in touch, spread the word on Close the Gap and WorldLoop, and I look forward to welcoming you at a next occasion.

Warmest regards & hakuna matata,

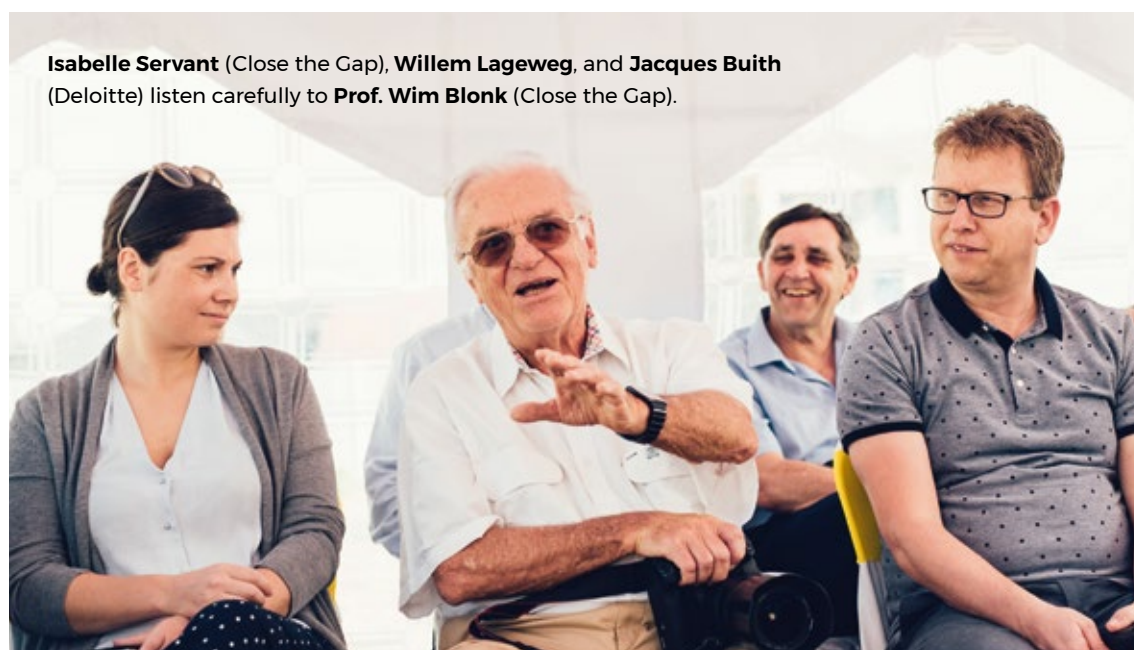
Olivier Vanden Eynde
Founder & Managing Director
Close the Gap & WorldLoop

COMPUTERS *for* SCHOOLS KENYA

Computers for Schools Kenya (CFSK) empowers young Kenyans by facilitating the development of ICT infrastructure and capacity.



Dr. Charles E. Kingsbury (CFSK), **Dr. Thomas Musili** (CFSK) and **Rik Vanpeteghem** (Deloitte) having an inspiring conversation.



Isabelle Servant (Close the Gap), **Willem Lageweg**, and **Jacques Buith** (Deloitte) listen carefully to **Prof. Wim Blonk** (Close the Gap).



Dr. Thomas Musili,
Founder Director of CFSK.



Zakaria Mutua explains the
mission of CFSK.



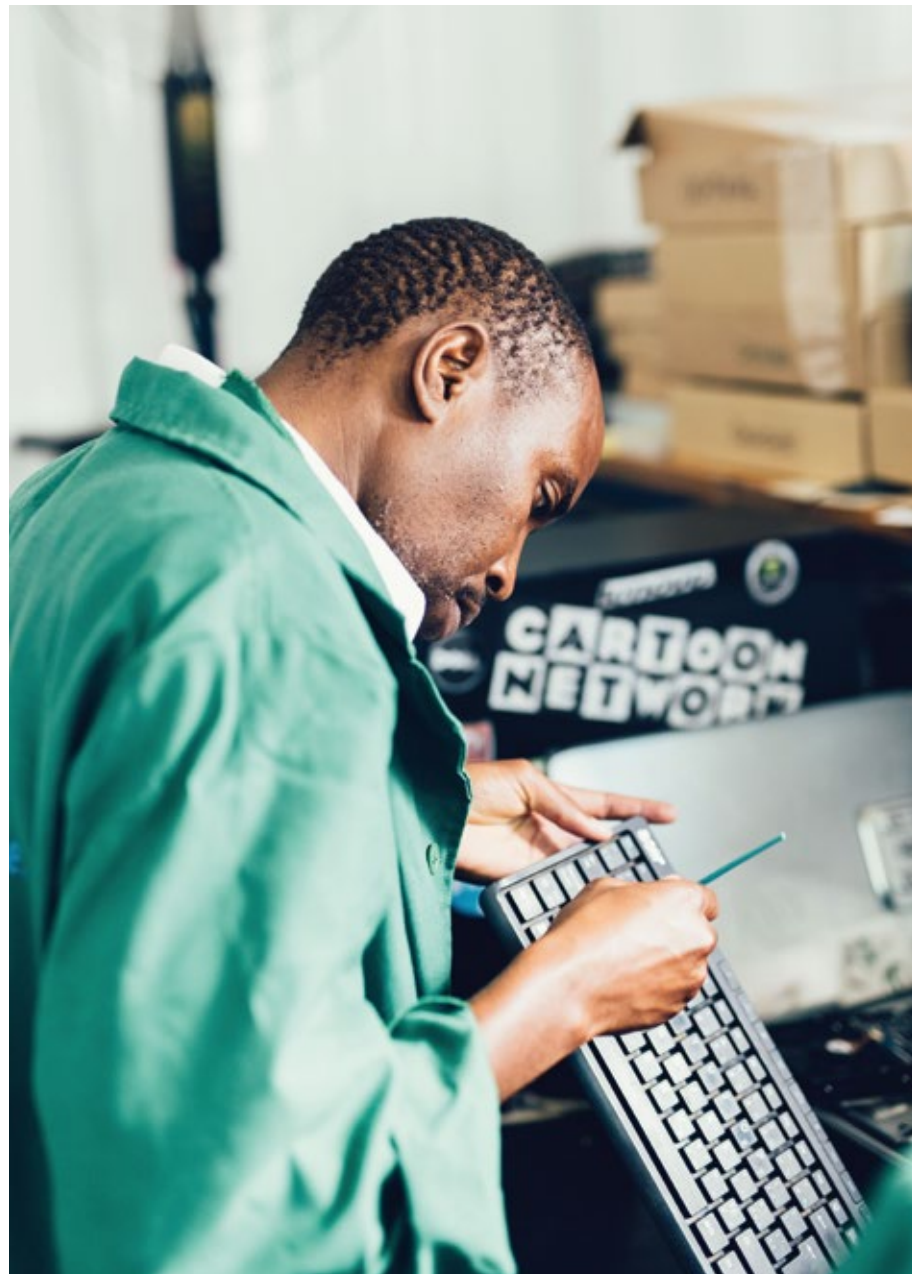
Jeroen Huys (Design is Dead), **Filip Michiels** (TUI),
Hilde De Staercke and **Paul Danneels** (VDAB)
are obviously amused.



WEEE centre

The Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Centre (WEEE Centre) is an e-waste recycling company that takes care of e-waste collection, dismantling and automated processing services in Nairobi and several other major cities in Kenya.

WorldLoop provided seed capital and business plan support for its establishment in 2010.





UNITED *nations* OFFICE (NAIROBI)



Rik Vanpeteghem (Deloitte) and Hilde De Staercke.



The United Nations' Office in Nairobi is the UN headquarters in Africa and provides support services to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).



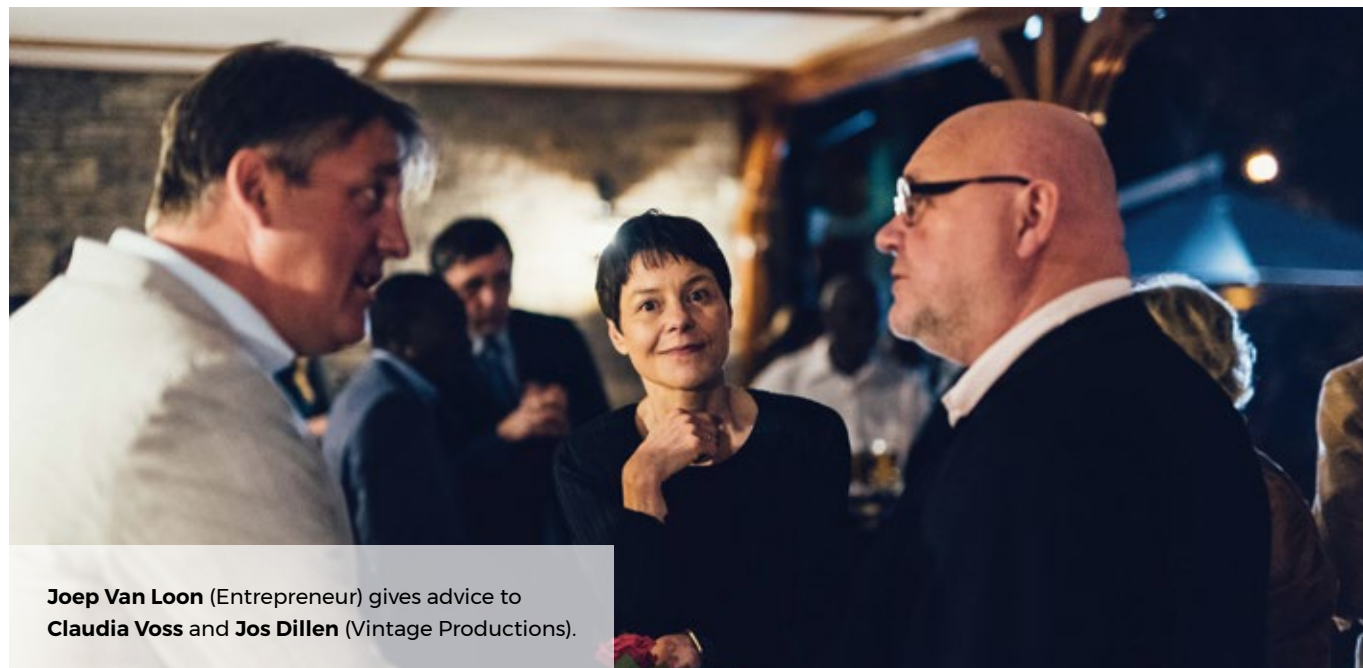
Viviane Vanlerberghe and Peter Sabbe (Recupel).



BELGIAN *ambassador's* RESIDENCE (NAIROBI)

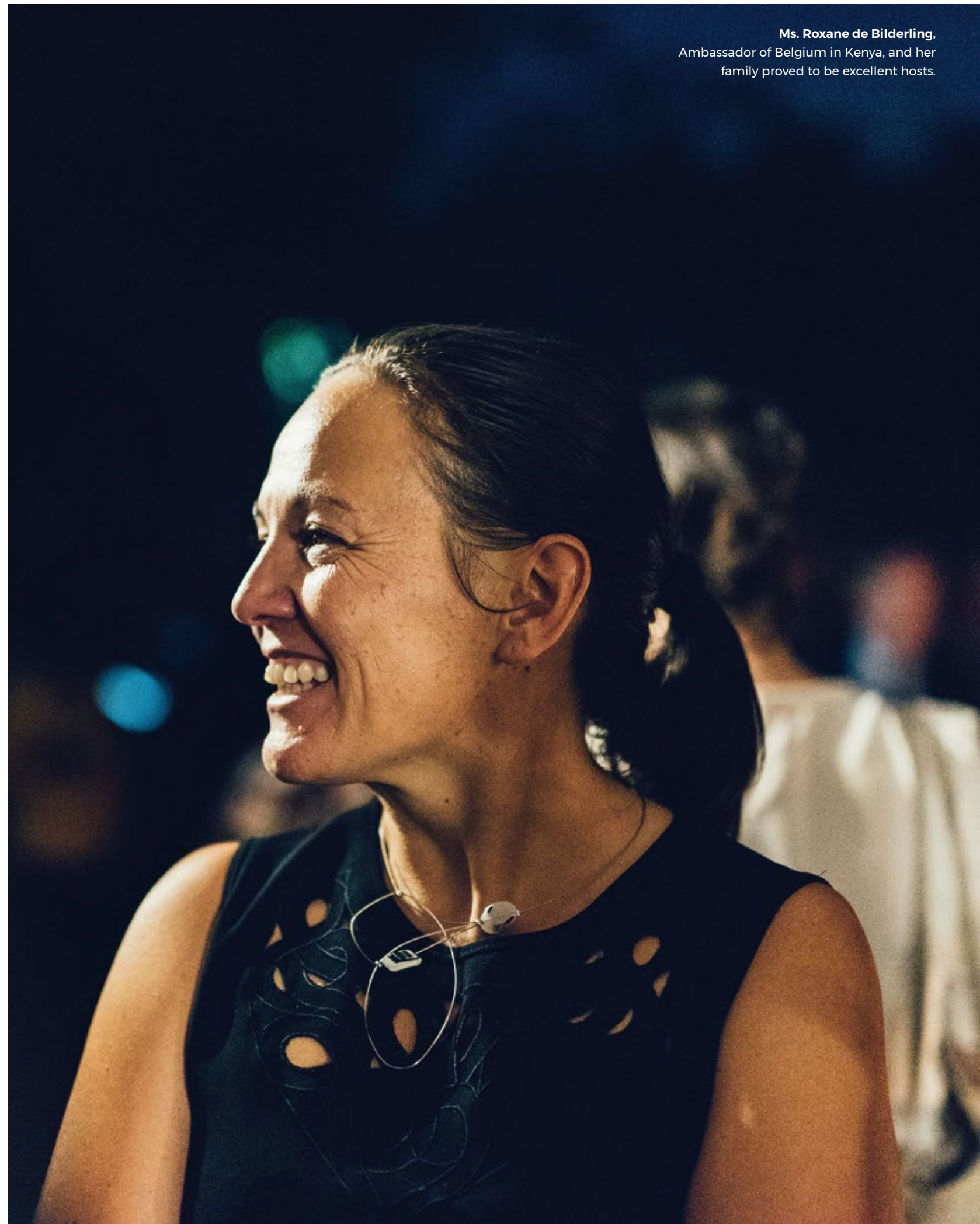


Olivier Vanden Eynde and **Mr. Frans Makken**, Ambassador of The Netherlands in Kenya, enjoy the hospitality.



Joep Van Loon (Entrepreneur) gives advice to **Claudia Voss** and **Jos Dillen** (Vintage Productions).

Ms. Roxane de Bilderling,
Ambassador of Belgium in Kenya, and her
family proved to be excellent hosts.



PUMWANI *maternity* HOSPITAL



Olivier Vanden Eynde and Prof. Marleen Temmerman (member of Close the Gap's Board of Recommendations) with the wonderful hosts from the Pumwani Maternity Hospital management team.



In a fascinating speech, **Marleen Temmerman** describes how the Pumwani Maternity hospital has evolved.



AGA KHAN
hospital



USHIRIKA *secondary* SCHOOL



Inauguration
New classroom with computers
donated by Close the Gap.



Berber Kruimel and André van der Linden (Rabobank) are pleased with the opening of the new classroom.



Willem Lageweg (Close the Gap) dancing during the ceremony.



Ceremony with Dr. Evans Kidero, Governor of Nairobi County.



Happy children show their gratitude to Ellen and Carl Altena (Arrow).



A proud moment: **Debbie Thys** (Agoria) and **Olivier Vanden Eynde**.

WORKSHOP: **DIGITAL FOR** *development* **AND INNOVATION**

Tonee Ndungu, Founder & CIO of Kytabu



Sam Gichuru, CEO of Nailab



Leah Mwangi,
Marketing Manager
of Postbank Kenya,
explains the value
of the innovative
initiatives supported
by Close the Gap.



Interview

Lydia Aseka, Duncan Githingi and Joseph Githinji: Young entrepreneurs talk about the successful start-up of their business.



“
If you
want to
catch
fish, you
need to
listen to
the sound
of the
river

”

Nivi Sharma, President of BRCK Education

MAASAI MARA *national* RESERVE

Joep Van Loon (Entrepreneur) is looking in the right direction.



6-wheel drive to the Mara Engai Tented Camp.



A first stop to taste the beauty of nature.



Hilde De Staercke, Dirk Goossenaerts and Danielle Jacobs (Beltug) look at the beautiful sunset.



Sonja Schoovaerts and Marc De Keersmaecker (Realdolmen),
Sonia de Rijcke and Paul Danneels (VDAB), and Isabelle Servant
(Close the Gap) enjoy the fantastic view.



The magical sunset over the Mara.





Inge Knapen (Close the Gap), **Kevin Jacquemyn** (DNS.be), **Jeroen Huys** (Design is Dead), **Joep Van Loon** (Entrepreneur), **Arnaud Recko** (DNS.be) and **Pieter Jan Van Leemputten** (Data News) have spotted the camera!



A happy group enjoying the discovery trip.



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