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Environmental conservators call for lasting protections of migratory birds

By Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

ENVIRONMENTAL conservators and wildlife researchers are calling for an urgent need to enforce policies and legal frameworks to protect and conserve migratory birds.

Speaking over the weekend during commemoration of World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) held at Rufiji District, Coastal Region, Nature Tanzania Executive Director, Emmanuel Mgemwa said deforestation, overexploitation, unsustainable hunting, population increase, population coupled with climate change has caused huge loss of useful migratory birds.

He also said human activities such as shifting agriculture, clearing forests for new human settlements have caused their numbers to decline.

Despite the fact that some migratory birds provide ecosystem benefits such as pest control, pollination of plants, tourism attraction but in recent years there have been people hunting them unsustainably and selling their meat openly along the roads and markets without protection plans and strategies, a situation he said has caused rapid diminishing and loss of biodiversity useful to human beings.

According to him, there are more than 50 billion birds that migrate from one place to another across the world annually. One of their fly ways is the Coastal zone of the Indian Ocean where they nest and feed on fish on their way to other continents.

"Today's commemoration of World Migratory Bird Day unites people from different backgrounds across the world as one community to watch and celebrate their beauty. But what is going on today especially in central Tanzania regions, the birds are being hunted and sold openly and no one cares," he said.

He said there is urgent need for the government and other stakeholders to provide conservation education to the people, local communities and leaders on the importance of migratory birds and their benefits.

"In Tanzania we are celebrating this day to raise awareness to the people. When one country fails to conserve the migratory birds

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L: Ten buffaloes from the Makame Wildlife Management Area in Kiteto District, Manyara Region, stuck in a muddy pond, as captured at the weekend. C-&R: Makame village herders pull one of the buffaloes to safe ground - in line with the logic of ensuring good neighbourliness between humans and wild animals, as it were. Combo photos: Correspondent Gift Thadey

Govt inks investment deal with African-Asian Union

By Felister Peter

THE government yesterday signed a memorandum of understanding with the African-Asian Union (AFASU) on investment in a number of sectors expected to boost economic growth.

The union comprises investors, some of whom have been in Tanzania since early last week and have showed interest in invest in agriculture, education, pharmaceuticals, hotels business and tourism.

Geoffrey Mwambe, Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Investment), has told journalists in Dar es Salaam that the move follows his recent tour of Egypt.

He said the efforts the government has made to improve the business and investment climate have started to bear fruits, as more and more investors have shown keen interest in establishing projects in the country.

"Some of the investors will put up hotels in the likes of Dar es Salaam, Dodoma and Bagamoyo, while there is also the possibility of some establishing an international-class university that will offer internet-based learning - or



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e-education," he explained.

The university, the minister further revealed, will have offices in Dar es Salaam and Dodoma and will offer more than 14 courses and recruit students from African countries and other parts of the world.

AFASU President Dr Hossam Darwish meanwhile said: "We are only waiting for permission from the government to start implementing the university project."

He expressed optimism that everything will go according to plan, with all formalities completed by mid-November, adding that part of their idea was to share with Tanzanians expertise in information and communication technology.

He elaborated: "We are done with all the preparations, including conducting research on the courses and programmes we would be happy offering. We are determined to churn out experts in line with the specific demands of the countries and people we would like to serve, with tuition conducted in Kiswahili, English,

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Special status for diaspora set for tabling in Parliament

By Correspondent James Kandoya

THE government is currently analyzing stakeholders' views on recommended special status for Tanzanians in diaspora before tabling the law in Parliament for amendment.

Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation minister Ambassador Liberata Mulamula said yesterday in Rome, Italy in a meeting with Tanzanians living in the European country.

In a statement issued in Dar es Salaam yesterday, the minister said the first step was collection of views—including the diaspora community—which will be followed by the ongoing analysis before it is tabled in Parliament for changes.

Ambassador Mulamula said once the process was over will give rights of citizenship to the Tanzanians in diaspora except participation in politics because it needs constitutional review.

"Let me assure you that the government is finalising the process and once completed it will be tabled in Parliament," she said.

The minister said President Samia Suluhu Hassan recognizes the contribution made by the country's diaspora and therefore urged them to participate fully in promoting business and attracting investors from different sectors including skill.

Representative of Tanzanian Diasporas

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Africa CDC: Closer continental cooperation on Covid-19 a must



By Henry Mwangonde, Dodoma

THE Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) has advised

Tanzania to embrace strategies aimed at boosting the continent's ability to deal with challenges brought about by Covid-19. Africa CDC Director Dr John Nkengasong

floated the advice here virtually during the opening of the 8th Tanzania Health Summit.

He also called for the strengthening of continental bodies at the frontline of the war against the pandemic.

"The Covid-19 pandemic has highlighted the need for us all to build resilient systems and adapt them so that they can cope with the 21st century trends," he said.

The Africa CDC is a public health agency of the African Union meant to support the public health initiatives of member states and strengthen the capacity of their health institutions to deal with disease threats.

Over 600 health stakeholders, among them policymakers, healthcare investors,

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French and Arabic."

Darwesh said that the education project is under the management of the union's Education, Culture and Technology department and the programmes would be at undergraduate and Master's level, "but there will be an international diplomacy course to run for

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anything from three months to one year".

Commenting on how they would specifically take part in the development of agriculture and other sectors in Tanzania, Darwesh said that experts from Egypt have been around since last week and

have already identified some areas with a high potential for investment, including in seaweed farming.

"The thrust of our mission is chiefly on conducting research and spreading awareness across Africa and Asia, particularly with respect to the development part of

culture. We are also keen on helping local tourism grow by ensuring that the private sector and local communities and private sector take full part in the development of the sector," he noted.

He said AFASU came into being only as recently as about a year

ago "but it already operates in 152 African and Asian countries".

The union was founded under the umbrella of the Egypt-based Afro-Asian People's Solidarity Organisation (AAPSO), itself an international NGO dedicated to the ideals of national liberation and

Third World solidarity.

AAPSO was founded as the Solidarity Council of the Afro-Asian Countries at a conference held in Cairo from December 1957 to January 1958. The name was changed to its present form at the second conference held in the Guinean capital, Conakry, in April 1960.



Former Prime Minister Joseph Warioba speaks at a Mwalimu Nyerere Memorial Academy symposium held in Dar es Salaam yesterday as part of the run-up to the commemoration of the 22nd anniversary of Mwalimu Nyerere's death in a London hospital (Oct 14, 1999). The theme: Mwalimu Nyerere's Vision in Leadership, Ethics, Unity and Peace for the Community's Development. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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scientists, hospital owners as well as local and international NGOs are here for the summit.

The focus of the deliberations is on the future of Tanzania's healthcare, inspired by the theme: 'Leaving No One Behind - 2021-2026: Analysing the Promise and Tracking the Progress'.

The opening ceremony saw Dr Nkengasong deliver a speech on the position of Africa in the global Covid-19 response architecture.

The highly rated virologist underscored the need for African countries to invest in their public health systems and to build respectful partnerships with local partners, the private sector and international actors in a way that leads to an action-oriented partnership.

"We therefore invite and encourage Tanzania to embrace this mission," he said, further stressing the need for countries to develop and strengthen national public health institutes, expand local vaccine manufacturing capacity, diagnostics and therapeutics, and reinforce the development of their public health workforces.

Tanzania's Chief Medical Officer, Dr Aifelo Sichwale, meanwhile called upon the summit to consider deliberating on topical issues that are in line with the country's strategic health plans - including universal health coverage.

With particular regard to Covid-19, he underscored the importance of healthcare experts focusing on ways to conquer the pandemic's chain by boosting vaccine uptakes through sensitization.

He described that as the only way the country would win the war against the spread of the deadly virus, noting: "There is impeccable evidence that vaccines have played a key role in saving lives, so we need to be at the forefront in sensitising and educating our people on the importance of getting vaccinated."

The summit's President, Dr Omary Chillo, said that in the eight years it has been in existence it has offered remarkably useful advice on ways to make the country's health sector tick more.

The sector has gradually grown into a reliable platform where health and other experts come together to discuss various topical issues of national importance.

VP cautions contractors, supervisors of JNHPP

By Guardian Correspondent, Rufiji

VICE President Dr Phillip Mpango has directed contractors and supervisors of the Julius Nyerere Hydro-Power Project (JNHPP) to ensure that the construction of the water reservoir adheres to all the required standards so as to avoid any damage in future.

According to him, if the water storage reservoir is constructed below standards, it may later burst and thus making it hard to address the challenge.

Dr Mpango made the directive yesterday here when he visited the project's site as part of his two-day official tour to oversee progress of the project.

The Vice President and other delegates travelled to the site through rail and were received at Fuga station where they got

the opportunity to visit various areas of the JNHPP including construction of a water system transporting water to the plants, a place where power production plants will be installed and the power transmission area.

Despite expressing his satisfaction with the progress of the project, the VP wanted the supervisors and contractors to be more vigilant when doing various works so as to ensure that the project contained all the required quality standards.

"It is better you conduct every single work with due diligence, adhere to all professional and quality procedures, so as to bar serious damage from occurring later after completion. This project is built by human beings so it is likely to collapse and cause serious damages later, so please do changes whenever

there is a gap," he asserted.

Dr Mpango said that it will be hard to attain the industrialization drive without having enough and stable power, saying the new hydro-power project is going to address all the anxiety.

He commended Tanzanians who are working at the project calling them to continue working tirelessly as they are leaving a good mark to the nation and Tanzanians.

According to him, the government under President Samia Suluhu Hassan is determined to ensure that the project is completed as per scheduled timeframe calling on Tanzanians to continue paying taxes voluntarily as the funds are used to implement various development projects.

He further wanted regional and district commissioners surrounding the Rufiji River Basin to ensure

that they supervise protection of environment and water sources which include fighting deforestation and other human activities conducted along the basin.

John Mangeni, Resident Engineer from the Tanroads Engineering Consultation Unit said despite the project being financed by the government by hundred percent by 6.558trillion/-, they have already paid the contractor 2.832trillion/-.

"The paid amount is hundred percent of the funds needed by the current work, the government will continue releasing funds as per each work until the project is completed," he said.

Energy minister January Makamba said the project carries great significant impacts to the country and this is why the government is monitoring it very closely to ensure that it is well completed.

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it destroys the whole conservation chain," he said.

Country Programme Coordinator at Wetlands International, Clare Haule explained that the WMBD commemoration reminds the government to enforce polices and legal frameworks regarding protection and conservation of migratory birds.

She said Tanzania has good policies and legal frameworks but they are not effectively implemented saying this is a major challenge.

"These bird species and human beings have to co-exist and benefit from the available resources but the challenge comes when the local communities over-utilize the natural resources as a result the resource keep on declining day after day and eventually the birds also decline or have to move to find another better and safer place.

The issue of poverty and economic challenges has also drag people to poach the birds. This unsustainable harvesting of the birds also poses a major challenge for their extinction on earth.

Another challenge is inadequate resources and lack of equipment. At the moment you find that the government has many competing priorities. Sometimes there are not enough resources to accommodate all these needs or to conduct fruitful educational campaigns and increase awareness for conservation.

The way forward will be for all people and leaders to come and work together.

That's why today we are here to raise awareness and educate the general public and leaders how birds are important to the community and their role to promote environmental conservation.

She said the migratory birds are seasonal guests with positive impacts. Birds, they bring people together as some travel all the way from Europe, America and Asia to Africa and as they do so, they need undisturbed natural resources such as trees and grassland at destination point.

They also need nesting places, adequate food for their survival. For example, during winter, some migrate from winter areas and some migrate to seek breeding areas.

"So as we commemorate this day we ask the government to increase efforts for conservation of their habitats because when the birds migrate they need somewhere to

stay. If they come to Rufiji Delta for example and find no conducive environment they will move to somewhere else," she said.

Local communities living along the coast area at Simboulanga and Nyamisati in Rufiji District said in recent years they have witnessed disappearing of many groups of beautiful bird species they used to see before because of climate change and increased human activities.

Omary Mzee Mchangia said that in the past there were useful birds whose actions and songs were predicting and forecasting what the future would look like.

Citing an example, Mchangia said the birds actions and songs could foretell the rise and fall of tidal waves in the Indian Ocean to inform sailors and fishermen of the safety of their journey but now they have all disappeared.

Tanzania Forest Agency (TFS) Principal Forest Officer, Frank Sima said that Tanzania has proven to be one of the conducive destination places for destination of migratory birds.

Migratory birds from Europe and Asia have always found conducive habitats in the well conserved natural environment.

"We have put in place plans and strategies to ensure all natural forests are well conserved and are reviewed regularly and when it is discovered there is weakness somewhere, the government takes action immediately," he said.

Senior research officer and National coordinator water birds, from Tanzania Wildlife Research Institute (TAWIRI) Dr. Ally Nkwabi said the policies and legal frameworks are good and are being reviewed every now and then to accommodate the current needs.

He said the government has signed several conventions including Africa-Eurasian Waterbird (AEWA) and convention on Biological biodiversity (CBD) to conduct and manage migratory birds to conserve the birds and their environment. The government issues guidelines on how better the birds and environment such as forests can be well managed and conserved.

"The government works with several partners such as Wetland international, Nature Tanzania and so many others to conserve the birds and natural resources. I call on the general public to conserve the surrounding communities to conserve plant species and the environment at large," he said.



Energy minister January Makamba (2nd-L) has a first-hand account of progress in the implementation of the Julius Nyerere Hydropower Station project in Rufiji District, Coast Region, yesterday. Left is the project's resident engineer John Mageni. Photo: Correspondent Theresia Mhagama

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in Italy, Anastazia Lubangula commended the government decision to establish the process of special status adding that it will enable them to participate fully in humanitarian services and economy trusting each other.

She called on the government to

work out on the issue of enabling them to open bank accounts in local banks.

According to her, the law infringes the rights to deposit money in their home land through local banks and lose revenues to the government.

The diasporas commended President Samia Suluhu Hassan

leadership and approaches used since taking office six months ago believing that her leadership will hinder obstacles and strengthen multilateral relationships with nations and international institutions for the country's development.

Ambassador Mulamula concluded her tour after attending

the conference of foreign affairs ministers from African countries and Italy and also attended the International conference on peace.

Apart from that, the minister met and holds bilateral talks with head of International Organizations such as Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD).



Faraja Kichali (2nd-L), a worker with Kuza Africa Ltd of Tukuyu in Rungwe District, Mbeya Region, briefs Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank managing director Frank Nyabundege (L) on how a mobile application is helping avocado farmers to register themselves and weigh their produce as well as make sales and receive payments in a timely and efficient manner. Others are TADB's acting director of business and credit, Afia Sigge (R), and the bank's zonal manager for the Southern Highlands, Alphonse Mokoki. The firm grows, outsources, exports and processes avocados. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Health experts call for more research on current traditional remedies for Covid-19

By Henry Mwangonde, Dodoma

HEALTH experts have advised the need to validate and carry out more research on the current traditional remedies to Covid-19 to intensify the war against the pandemic via local solutions.

Speaking during a discussion and the ongoing 8th Tanzania health summit (THS) in Dodoma, the director of the Institute of Traditional Medicine at the Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS) Dr Joseph Otieno said the role of traditional medicine during the COVID-19 pandemic has been evident, but there was need for more research to be done.

According to Dr Otieno more research should be done so that results can be used to contain other viral diseases in the future as there are all signs of others coming.

"Plants have chemicals which can deactivate the process of COVID-19 virus penetrating the human body, therefore we need to validate the current remedies but conduct more studies in the long run," he said.

For her part, Special Seats Member of Parliament Neema Lugangira said the Parliament has also taken part in intensifying the war against the pandemic adding that the recent received 1.3trn/- loan from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) was an evidence of such initiatives as it went through the National Assembly.

Country Representative for Engender Health Tanzania, Prudence Masako said there

is need for collective efforts in the war against the pandemic adding that involvement of the private sector was pivotal in this aspect.

"The Public Private Partnership (PPP) can be used as a tool to fight against the pandemic because this means putting together resources," she said.

The Chief Medical Officer Dr Aifelo Sichwale said the government is now educating the public on the importance of vaccinating but also medical research which is the main source of solutions to challenges affecting the sector.

"Even COVID-19 vaccine is a result of research and in this regard we need to strengthen research institutions to ensure that they carry this task effectively," he said.

He said there is a need to come up with resolutions which must be presented to the ministry for actions as the summit has been very instrumental in shaping ideas but also finding solutions to challenges.



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By Getrude Mbago

THE United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in Tanzania has launched a US\$6,154,748 (14.2bn/-) programme, dubbed "Chaguo Langu Haki Yangu, My Choice My Rights" aimed to accelerate the fight against violence and harmful practices, including female genital mutilation (FGM).

Funded by the embassy of Finland, the three and a half year programme will focus on empowering young women and adolescent girls, including those living with disabilities, to uphold their right to live free from violence FGM and child marriage.

Jacqueline Mahon, UNFPA Representative in Tanzania said in a statement that the project activities will focus primarily on Mara and Shinyanga Regions, mainland Tanzania, and Zanzibar.

"Notwithstanding the progress and commitment by the government of the United Republic of Tanzania to tackle gender inequalities, gender-based violence remains a daily reality for many women. At the same time adolescence is also a period of increased vulnerabilities for girls," she said.

She noted that nationally one in 10 women are subjected to FGM in Tanzania, despite its criminalization, with Mara region reporting one of the highest FGM prevalence rates in the country at 32 percent. More than half of adolescent girls are married by the age of 18 in Mara and Shinyanga regions. Driven by persistent discriminatory norms, gender-based violence and harmful practices deny women and girls their rights, choices and chances to thrive, and are barriers to the realization of national and global development goals and sustainable and inclusive development.

"Every young woman and girl has within her possibilities that should flourish as she moves into adulthood, shaping her future and, with it, the world," UNFPA is committed to eliminating the obstacles that stand in the way of women and girls' voices, choices, consent and equality. Their rights must be at the centre of the better and more equal world we have collectively promised to deliver," Mahon said.

She explained that in Mara and Shinyanga regions, UNFPA will build girls' and young women's agency to uphold their rights to live free from violence, and realize their potential, by leveraging existing structures, including Adolescent Girls Clubs, and initiatives such as Alternative Rites of Passage to FGM.

In Zanzibar, the project will partner with faith-based leaders, who have been working with UNFPA as champions of ending gender-based violence for several years.

UNFPA launches programme to fight against violence alongside female genital mutilation

Young women and girls, including persons with disabilities, will drive programme activities, identifying community needs and solutions, while commitment to uphold young women and girls' rights in project districts will be harnessed through extensive outreach at UNFPA-supported Community Knowledge Centres.

"Police Gender and Children's Desks and One Stop Centres that provide

survivors of justice with comprehensive support and protection services, duty bearers' capacity, and national policies and laws that uphold women and girls' rights will all be strengthened. The UNFPA-supported Jumuishi - Inclusion - database in Zanzibar will also be expanded to collect and analyse data on gender-based violence and harmful practices among persons living with disabilities in Shinyanga and Mara

Regions, to ensure project activities meet the unique needs of this marginalized population," Mahon further stated.

Finnish Ambassador Riitta Swan said: "When young women and girls cannot exercise their rights, including their right to live free from violence, their potential is squandered and economic growth and inclusive development suffer."

She added: "We must work together, and do more and do it better, including

with persons with disabilities, to deliver on our vision of a future where all young women and girls can live in peace, freedom and equality, reaching the furthest behind first and leaving no one behind."

She said with the new programme, Finland aims to ensure that women and girls, including those with disabilities, will be able to participate more fully in society and live free from violence.



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NB: Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. Those who will not be contacted by 15th November, 2021 should consider themselves unsuccessful.

Govt allocates 5.35. 63bn/- for education and health sectors

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE government has allocated 5.35. 63bn/- of the 1.3tr/- Rapid Credit Facility (RCF) from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to education and health sectors as well as empowering small traders.

Minister of State in the President's Office Regional Administration and Local Government Umyy Mwalimu said that 304bn/- is set for the education sector while 226.68 bn/- is for health sector while 5bn/- is to improve business environment.

Addressing a press conference here yesterday, the minister said the government plans to build 12000 classrooms at the cost of 240bn/- for secondary schools in the country in readiness to enroll 1.2 new Form One students in January next year.

She said the government will construct all the classrooms for 2022 Form One enrolments, providing room for 600,000 students, completely ending the shortage.

"It is for the first time in the history of our country that all students who qualify for Form One enrolment will report to schools without delay because of shortage of classrooms," she said.

The minister added that plans are underway to build 3000 classrooms

in some 970 satellite schools at the cost of 60bn/- enabling 135,000 pupils to get classrooms.

Mwalimu said completion of classrooms goes hand in hand with purchase of 45,000 desks to be used by 135,000 pupils in some 143 district councils in Tanzania mainland.

"Construction of new classrooms will help reduce congestion of student, lowering risks of COVID-19 attack and but teachers and students will in a better teaching and learning environment," stated the minister.

At the same time, she said the government has set aside 4bn/- for construction of 50 dormitories, each costing 80mn/-, benefiting 4,000 students.

On the health sector, Mwalimu said the government is committed to improving provision of health services in the country, building 75 emergency medical departments (EMDs) in 75 district councils from the fund.

It will also build 25 intensive care units (ICU) in 25 district councils at the same time purchasing the needed medicines and equipment. At the same time, the government plans to build oxygen plants and 73 distribution machines in accident prone areas and where disease outbreaks always occur.

Part of the fund, she said will

be spent on purchasing 60 x-ray machines to be dispatched to various places.

She explained that all the 184 district councils in the country are set to benefit from the plan to purchase 195 ambulances to be distributed to the marginalised health centers, which hardly access services at the nearest hospitals.

To beef up health services, the minister said the government will purchase 212 vehicles to be used in coordination of health, social and nutrition services in 184 district councils in the 26 regions in the country.

In another development, Umyy said the money will help in building of 116, three in one residential houses for 348 health workers. The government will also purchase 2,208 beds and bed sheets, 60 fridges for blood storage and others.

In empowering small business enterprises, the minister said a total of 5mn/- has been set aside to help improve infrastructure, adding that the money will be disbursed through a competitive approach.

She explained that regional and district commissioners in collaboration under local authority committees should prepare write-ups and only those that meet the criteria shall be funded.



CCBRT chief executive officer Brenda Msangi (L) speaks at an event held in Dar es Salaam on Monday as part of the countdown to the commemoration of the World Sight Day. CCBRT and Police hospitals organised a three-day free eye screening camp for residents of Temeke District. Others are Sadath Mtwara (C) from the Temeke district commissioner's office and the chief physician of police hospitals, Assistant Commissioner of Police Mabula Kawala. The Day, a global occasion observed each second Thursday of October, is meant to draw attention on blindness and vision impairment. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Reporter

IN a move to herald the marking of the International Day of the Eyes on Thursday, the Comprehensive Community-Based Rehabilitation in Tanzania (CCBRT) and the Police Kilwa road hospital are carrying out a three-day free eye screening initiative for Dar es Salaam residents at the police hospital along Kilwa Road.

Temeke District Commissioner Jokate Mwegelo officiated at the launch and praised the two institutions for offering free treatment of the eyes in the three days. She said the pair has been in the forefront in implementing the National Strategic Eye Saving Plan (2018-2022) which ends next year.

The CCBRT chief executive officer, Brenda Msangi, called on Dar es Salaam residents to make most of the initiative and save their eyes.

By Guardian Correspondent, Songea

THE government has embarked on the construction of a fertiliser factory in Dodoma Region that will have the capacity to produce more than 600,000 tonnes of various kinds of the farm input per year.

This was revealed on Monday this week by Tanzania Fertiliser Regulatory Authority (TFRA) managing director, Dr Stephano Ngailo during the launch of Global Fertiliser Day commemoration at Majimaji Stadium here.

This year's slogan for the event is "Use Quality Fertiliser for Profitable Sustainable Farming."

Dr Ngailo said the construction of the factory is among government

Check your eyes, CCBRT calls upon Dar residents

The two institutions, she explained, have a strong partnership, adding that in this year alone 300 patients had benefited from the partnership. She said the three-day eye screening initiative sought to popularise their partnership, give due prominence to eye health and also give due weight to the international day of the eyes that will be marked on Thursday. The day is annually marked on October 14.

Msangi said CCBRT hospital attends to approximately 64,000 eye patients and shares its accumulated experience with institutions it collaborates with. In Dar es Salaam Region alone, she explained, the CCBRT is working together with 23

state health facilities to promote health and train workers in a project that was launched in 2010.

The Chief Medical Officer of the Police Kilwa road hospital, Assistant Commissioner of Police Mabula Kawala said the force is exploring other areas of cooperation with the CCBRT.

"We have had a very successful partnership with the CCBRT. We have reached many patients with eye problems and save people from blindness. We think it is appropriate to extend cooperation to other areas of health," he said. He encouraged Dar es Salaam residents to visit the hospital for eye screening at a designated camp.

Government starts construction of fertiliser factory in Dodoma

strategies to ensure the ample availability of the farm input at affordable cost.

He said the factory is expected to begin production during the 2022/23 season, saying it will be a big boost for farmers in the country including those in Ruvuma Region that leads in food crops production in the country.

Ruvuma Regional Commissioner, Brig Gen Wilbert Ibuge said the region has sufficient food to last for a long time and that in 2020/21 season, it produced 1.38 million tonnes of all food crops with 894,960 tonnes

surplus.

"In regard to maize, 816,242 tonnes as produced thereby having a surplus of 326,497 tonnes," said RC Ibuge.

He said the production was made possible through use of quality farm inputs including fertiliser.

He said Ruvuma Region's total fertiliser requirement was 50,521 tonnes for the 2020/21 season but the only 43,000 tonnes was received and that in 2021/22 season the region expects to use 50,521 tonnes of all types of fertiliser.



Mkwendo Myonga (L), Tigo's head of shops and devices, briefs journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday as the firm and Samsung Tanzania jointly launched Samsung smartphones Galaxy Z Fold3 and Z Flip3. He is with Samsung Electronics Tanzania manager Suleiman Mohammed. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Govt seeks public private partnerships for reviving defunct factories, projects

By Correspondent Geoffrey Nangai

THE government is seeking Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) to revive nine defunct projects and factories as part of its efforts to stimulate the economy.

According to Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC), the joint ventures target key sectors that include manufacturing, agriculture, oil & gas, tourism and real estate among others.

Last week, TIC in partnership with the Prime Minister's office issued an investment project booklet that highlights some of the key investment projects seeking different forms of partnerships this year.

According to the TIC Executive Director Dr Maduhu Kazi, the booklet seeks to profile Tanzania's lucrative projects and promote them to potential partners who will work with the respective companies of government institutions, which supervise particular projects.

Kazi assured all prospective investors that TIC will continue facilitating granting of permits, approvals, authorisations and licences for the proposed projects by relevant government authorities through the one stop shop facilitation centre.

"It is my expectation that potential investors will find this document useful and important source of information for those who will be interested in the projects from respective sectors enlisted in this document," he said in a statement.

According to the booklet seen by this paper, the government among other projects is seeking joint ventures to revive the Arusha Tyre Manufacturing Plant formerly known as General Tyre East Africa

Limited (GTEA).

The government mandated the National Development Corporation (NDC) to revive the 50.4 acres tyre manufacturing plant, which is expected to produce 320,000 tyres per annum.

According to an assessment done, since the tyre plant has not been operational for many years, it must be completely overhauled so as to put in place a state of the art technology to improve its efficiency. The cost of the project will be determined after the completion of the feasibility study.

During the late 1980s, GTEA was one of the largest tyre makers in East Africa with a production capacity of about 1,000 tyres a day, supplying to the eastern and central African market.

The company was established in 1969 under a partnership between the Tanzania government and General Tyre USA before it sold its shares to Continental AG of German.

Continental AG acquired 38 per cent stake in the company in the mid 1990s leaving the government with a majority shareholding at 62 per cent.

Information shows that productivity at the factory started to decline at the end of the 1990s when imported and second-hand tyres flooded the domestic market.

In the year 2005, the firm acquired a loan of about \$10 million from NSSF under the guarantee of the government to revitalise the factory but it failed to do so. The debt is said to have appreciated to \$14 million due to accumulated interests.

GTEA stopped production in 2007 when Continental AG demanded yet another \$2 million loan from the government, which turned down the request.

Govt called upon to support modern rice production methods

By Francis Kajubi

THE government has been urged to develop a conducive market-oriented approach, aimed at promoting modern production technologies and policy tools in order to sustain its national self-sufficiency in rice production and become a market leader in the African region.

This was stated by Engineer Anna Mwangamilo, Director of Mechanization and Irrigation from the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA), during the 8th general meeting of the Coalition for African Rice Development (CARD) held online last week.

Co-organised by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA), the general meeting was attended by focal persons and representatives from 32 CARD member countries, CARD steering committee members, and South-South cooperation partners.

"In order for Tanzania to sustain national self-sufficiency in rice production and contribute to the regional self-sufficiency, and become a market leader in the region, the country has to improve on climate resilience by developing market-oriented rice varieties and promoting other production technologies and policy tools that could mitigate the climatic vagaries.

Also, the country needs to enhance regional market competitiveness of locally produced rice over the imported Asian and other regional rice varieties by reducing the costs of production and improving the quality and regulatory mechanisms," said Mwangamilo who was also the co-chair of the meeting.


The main objective of the meeting was to share information on the progress of CARD activities such as the preparation and implementation of the national and regional rice development strategies within the member countries, and to intensively discuss on designing a comprehensive framework for monitoring and evaluation on how industrialisation could help advance the rice sector in Africa. Additionally, the participants discussed how CARD and other stakeholders can contribute in addressing issues related to the rice-based food systems in Africa, with reference to the RICE approach which is composed of four pillars namely: Resilience, Industrialisation, Competitiveness and Empowerment.

The meeting also broadened stakeholders' knowledge about CARD activities ranging from the preparation to implementation of rice development strategies at regional and national levels. Moreover, the meeting succeeded in creating consensus of the CARD M&E Framework of the RICE approach at regional and national level, as well as the industrial pillar of the approach which will address the continent's food security issues.

However, CARD members agreed to improve the coordination of developmental activities along the rice value chain in all the member countries by engaging CARD steering committee members and other development partners at country level. "CARD will also provide technical assistance to taskforce members in those countries where the National Rice Development Strategy (NRDS) is not yet prepared and validated.

In countries where NRDS is already validated, CARD will assist the taskforce to identifying gaps in funding, and developing bankable project concepts and the execution of which will lead to concrete implementation of the NRDS at country level," she added.

Furthermore, the statement states that at regional level, CARD will work closely with ECOWAS Rice Observatory (ERO) Secretariat and develop projects, build partnerships, and mobilize resources for ECOWAS' regional action plan. CARD will extend technical assistance to the East African Community (EAC) Secretariat in preparing and validating East African Regional Rice Development Strategy (ERDS). Upon validation, CARD will support East African Rice Platform in developing project concepts for implementing the ERDS.



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BANK CHARGES			
ITEM	FEE DESCRIPTION	TZS	
Minimum Opening Balance	Quick Account	20,000	
	Salary Account	FREE	
	Tabasamu Individual	10,000	
	Tabasamu Group Account	50,000	
	Platinum Account	15,000	
	Minor Account	20,000	
	Group Account	FREE	
	Scout Minor Account	10,000	
	Scout Account	30,000	
	Yanga VIP Account	1,200,000	
Yanga Members Account	25,000		
Wawuvi Account	10,000		
Current / Call Account	100,000		
Fixed Deposit Account	100,000		
WADU Account	20,000		

PRODUCT NAME	MINIMUM OPENING BALANCE	MINIMUM BALANCE	MONTHLY MAINTENANCE FEES
Business current account TZS	100,000/=	100,000/=	200,000/=
Business current account USD	100 USD	100 USD	20 USD
Personal current account TZS	100,000/=	50,000/=	7,000/=
Personal current account USD	100 USD	100 USD	5 USD

MAINTENANCE FEE	FEE DESCRIPTION	TZS
Personal Call Account	Per Month	6,500
Corporate Call Account	Per Month	10,000

Savings Accounts	FEE DESCRIPTION	TZS
Quick Account	Per Month	1,560
Salary Account	Per Month	1,560
Tabasamu Individual / Group Account	Per Month	FREE
Platinum Account	Per Month	1,560
WADU Account	Per Month	FREE
Minor Account	Per Month	FREE
Group Account	Per Month	FREE
Scout Junior Account	Per Month	FREE
Scout Senior Account	Per Month	FREE
Yanga VIP/ Members Account	Per Month	1,560
Yanga Members Account	Per Month	1,560
Wawuvi Account	Per Month	1,560

Cash Deposit	FEE DESCRIPTION	TZS
Over the Counter	Per Transaction	FREE
Popote Agents	Per Transaction	FREE
Bank Statement	Per Page	2,000

LETTER OF CREDIT ISSUED BY OTHER BANKS (IMPORT LCS)	CURRENT CHARGES
Charges on Draft LC	USD 60
LC Commission per quarter	1% per quarter or part thereof. Min USD 150 or foreign eqv.
LC commission per quarter with cash cover	1% per quarter or part thereof. Min USD 150 or foreign eqv.
Amendment fee per quarter on the tenor extended or amount increased	1% per quarter. Min USD 150 or foreign eqv.
Other amendments	USD equiv 60 or foreign eqv.
Discrepancy fee per pack	USD equiv 60 or foreign eqv.
Document examination Fee per pack	0
Cancellation charges	USD 60 or foreign eqv.
Swift charges	USD 60 or foreign eqv.
Non - Payment of Bills Due Date	0
Expire unutilised Letters of Credit	0

LETTER OF CREDIT ISSUED BY OTHER BANKS (EXPORT LCS)	CURRENT CHARGES
Advising Fee or commission	USD 200 or foreign eqv.
Bank clients for LC available with us	USD 150 or foreign eqv.
Clients for LC available with other banks	USD 150 or foreign eqv.
Non Bank customer	USD 250 or foreign eqv.
Confirmation Fee (per quarter) USD eqv.	1% per quarter and part thereof. Min USD 250 or foreign eqv.
Amendment advising Fee	USD 120 or foreign eqv.
Cancellation Fee	USD 60 or foreign eqv.
Transfer Fee (per quarter)	0.75% per quarter. Min USD 250 or foreign eqv.
Courier services	Actual costs plus USD 10 or foreign eqv.
Swift charges	USD 60 or foreign eqv.
Document handling commission	---
Discrepancy Fee per document	---

LENDING INTEREST RATES AND OTHER CHARGES		
LOANS	CATEGORY	INTEREST RATE
Consumer Loans	Consumer Loan Administration Fee	1.5% of the Approved loan. Minimum TZS. 10,000/=
Wastaafu Loans	Loan Application fee	TZS 10,000/=
	Loan Administration fee	1.5% Minimum TZS. 10,000/= Maximum TZS. 100,000/=
Other Charges On Individual Micro Credit	MIC Loan Application fee	TZS 25,000/=
	MIC Loan Processing/ Administration fee	1.5% Minimum TZS. 50,000/=
Interest Rates And Charges On Business Loan	Loan Application fee for Business and Personal Loans	TZS. 50,000/=
	Loan Administration fee- Business and Personal Loans	1.5% of the Approved Amount.

ATM Issuance & Replacement		
Popote Card	Per Card	5,000
Yanga Card	Per Card	20,000

Balance Enquiry		
Over the Counter	Per Enquiry	300
At the ATMs	Per Enquiry	300
At POS Branches	Per Enquiry	150
At Popote Agents	Per Enquiry	100
At TCB Popote Mobile Banking	Per Enquiry	300
Internet Banking	Per Enquiry	FREE

TRANSACTION DESCRIPTION TZS		
Dormant Accounts		
Activations	Per Activation	FREE
Dormant Account Fees	1 year to 5 years	1,300
	6 year to 10 years	5,000
	11 year to 15 years	10,000

Closing of Account		
All Accounts	Per Account	13,000 or Equiv. in Foreign Currency

Funds Transfer		
Within TCB Over the counter	Per Transaction	FREE
TCB Popote Mobile Banking/ Internet Banking	500 - 10,000	850
	10,000.01 - 50,000	1,200
	50,000.01 - 100,000	1,500
	100,000.01 - 250,000	2,800
	250,000.01 - 500,000	4,600
	500,000.01 - 750,000	7,500
	750,000.01 - 1,000,000	10,000
From MNOs to Bank (Deposit)		FREE

ATM CASH WITHDRAW		
ITEM	DESCRIPTION	TZS
TCB ATMs	Per Transaction	1,300
Other Banks Umoja Switch ATMs	Per Transaction	1,300

OTHER ATM & NORMAL CARDS FEE		
TRANSACTION / ITEM	TZS	
PIN Re - Issue	FREE	
Collection of ATM Card at Non Domicile Branch	6,500	
Uncollected and destroyed ATM Card	6,500	
First ID Card (Local and Foreign Currency)	4,000	
Replacement of ID Card	2,600	

TRANSACTION / ITEM TZS		
Government Securities Transaction Handling fees		
		50,000/=

TRANSACTION	DESCRIPTION	TZS
Internet Banking Registration	Per Registration	FREE
TCB Popote Mobile Banking Registration	Per Transaction	FREE

FEES		
TRANSACTION	DESCRIPTION	TZS
Transfers	TISS - Outward	10,000 TZS
	EFT - Outward	2,000 TZS
	EFT - In House	1,500 TZS
Standing Order	Within the Bank	FREE
	To other Banks	13,000 TZS
Other Transfers	Internal Transfer	FREE
	Salary Handling - Cheque list	1,000 TZS
Others	Introduction letter to Embassy, etc	FREE

USD TRANSACTION FEES		
TYPE OF CHARGE	TRANSACTION / ITEM	CHARGES IN USD
Maintenance Fee	Savings Account	1
	Call Account	5
Deposit Fee	Non Account Holder	FREE
Opening Balance		50
Bank Statement		FREE
Bank Statement	Balance Enquiry - Banking Hall	FREE
	Confirmation letter	FREE
	Below 50	1
Withdraw fees	51 - 1,000	2.5
	1,000 - 2,250	5
	2,251 - 5,000	15
	Above 5,000	0.25 Per Cent
Dormant	Dormant Account Fee	5
	Re - Activation	FREE
TISS		10

CASH WITHDRAWAL OVER THE COUNTER		
ITEM	DESCRIPTION	TZS
All Accounts	Teller Withdraw up to 10,000,000	2,600
	Teller Withdraw form 10,000,000 - 50,000,000	5,000
	Teller Withdraw form 50,000,001 - 100,000,000	15,000
	Teller Withdraw above 100,000,001	30,000

LETTER OF CREDIT ISSUED BY OTHER BANKS (EXPORT LCS)		
Commission on LC discounting/ Negotiation	0.75% Min USD 200 Max USD 600 or foreign eqv.	
Negotiating Bills under an Export Letter of Credit (Discounting Bills)	---	
Extension - Commissions for unconfirmed LC	0.5% per quarter and part thereof. Min. of USD.200 or foreign eqv.	
Extension - Commissions for Confirmed LC	1% per quarter and part thereof. Min. of USD.100 or foreign eqv.	

COLLECTION (DOCUMENTARY CREDIT)		
Documents processing	1%. Min USD 15 Max 200	
Courier services	Actual cost plus USD 10.	
Outward Documentary bills for collections (OFBC)		
Document handling commission	0.5% Min USD 150 Max USD 350 or foreign eqv.	
Courier services	Actual cost plus USD 10 or foreign eqv.	
Chaser/ Tracer	USD 60 or foreign eqv.	
Inward Documentary bills for collections (IFBC)		
Bill Discounted Handling Commission	0.5% Min USD 150 Max USD 600 or foreign eqv.	
Documents returned unpaid or unaccepted	0	
For each amendment of previous instructions	0	
Every presentation or reminder	0	
Protest fee	0	
Delivery of documents for non - customers	USD 250 or foreign eqv.	
Swift charges	USD 60 or foreign eqv.	
Payment commission for documents value greater than USD 50,000	0	
Payment commission for documents value less than USD 50,000	0	
Availisation commission per quarter or part thereof	1.20%	
Risk margin on acceptance (per quarter)	1.20%	

BANK CHARGES		
TRANSACTION	DETAILS	TZS
Cheque Book	Per Leaf	500 Per leaf or equivalent in foreign currency
Cheque Clearing Fee	Per Cheque	FREE
Unpaid Cheques / Insufficient Funds	Per Cheque	150,000 TZS And Equivalent in Foreign Currency
Stop Payment Order	Per Cheque	30,000 TZS per leaf Max. 300,000/= and Equivalent in Foreign currency.

GUARANTEE ADVISING FEE (FROM OTHER BANKS)		
Issuance or Confirmation of Foreign Currency guarantee commission (per quarter)	1% per quarter or part thereof Min TZS. 250,000 or USD.110 foreign eqv.	
Issuance of guarantee commission (per quarter) for Bid bond	1.0% per quarter or part thereof Min TZS 150,000 or USD.64 foreign eqv.	
Issuance of guarantee commission (per quarter) for Performance, Advance Payment and any other bank guarantees	1.0% per quarter or part thereof Min TZS 350,000 or USD.150 foreign eqv.	
Amendment fee per quarter on the tenor extended or amount increases	1.0% per quarter or part thereof Min TZS 250,000 or USD.110 foreign eqv.	
Text amendment fee	TZS150,000 or USD.64 or foreign eqv.	
Other amendments	USD 60 or foreign eqv.	
Guarantee advising fee (from other bank)	USD eqv. 200 or foreign eqv	
Courier services (Direct delivery to Beneficiary)	0	
Open ended guarantees (charged per annum)	3% p.a	
Cancellation	TZS150,000 or USD.64 or foreign eqv.	

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Njombe Region farmers view improved avocado seeds as game changers

By **Getrude Mbago**

A cross-section of farmers in Njombe has described improved avocado seeds as a 'pearl' following its massive economic benefits.

In separate interviews on the sidelines of stakeholders' workshop aimed to discuss the challenges of climate change on their livelihoods, farmers were contented to share how farming had transformed their lives.

Organised by IUCN- International Union for Conservation of Nature, the workshop was part of the Forest and Farm Facility (FFF) project that supports forest producers organisations (FPPOs) in improving livelihoods, while safeguarding the environment and responding to climate change in Northern, Southern and Western Tanzania.

Lukas Payovela (60), a farmer and chairperson for Ukombozi Tree Farming Group in Njombe Region acknowledged that apart from conserving nature, tree farming is one of the profitable businesses where people can chip in and generate income.

He said that a number of residents in the region are increasingly finding it important to produce trees after learning of its economic benefits from people who already engage in 'tree farming' which also help conserve environment.

Payovela, a resident of Ninga village in Njombe said he started tree farming in a small plot of land over 20 years ago but lately the business has started to pay him.

"I currently own eight acres of farm tree, but also an avocado plot, I started farming as a joke but after going through several trainings from stakeholders including IUCN and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), my mindset changed, I added more plots which provides me with

an income to cater for my family's needs," he said.

He said that the group which he chairs has 59 members who all own their plots of trees or avocados and are reaping big from the activity.

Payovela noted a key share of the economy of the people of Njombe region is now dependent on agribusiness which helps them earn money from selling the trees.

He urged the government to come up with a national campaign to promote and educate Tanzanians on commercial tree farming to fight poverty but also protect biodiversity.

Joseph Nyongole, a tree and avocado farmer from Uliwa village in Njombe district, said tree cultivation is one of the crop farming that is uplifting smallholder farmers by boosting their incomes and that of the national economy from selling the trees. "Trees and avocado farming have changed our lives here, at the household and individual levels from selling the trees, and avocados, luckily enough we have processing factories thus making it easier for us to sell our produce at fair price," he said.

He said agriculture has helped to improve their living standards, enabling them to build good houses, educate their children and buy bicycles, tricycles and motor bicycles to meet their transport needs.

"Currently, agro-forestry is one of the backbones of the economy for the majority of farmers in Njombe. With the exception of short-term crops such as maize, potatoes and beans, trees are our main source of income now," Fausta said.

Joha Mrua, forest officer at Njombe District Council called on investors from all parts to go and embark on tree and avocado farming saying that the government has created a conducive environment to support their operations.



Lavine International Agency CEO Diana Liazer (C) briefs journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday at the launch of this year's Consumer Choice Awards Africa and the announcement of the names of the sponsors: ABSA Bank, PwC, Azam Media and Koncept Online TV. She is with Koncept Media CEO Krantz Mwantepele (L) and Azam Media marketing manager Gloria Chuwa. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

32pc of children who incurred online violence suffer from depression, deputy minister states

By **Francis Kajubi**

DEPUTY Minister for Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children, Mwanaidi Ali Khamis yesterday said that 32 percent of children who have incurred online violence are victims of depression.

Speaking at the climax to commemorate the International Day of the Girl Child held in Dar es Salaam yesterday themed 'Digital generation, my generation', Khamis said that digitisation should play a role of leading girls and young women to tap emerging opportunities, but not being used as an instrument of demoralizing their dignity or discrimination.

She said most of young girls have become victims of depression by being subjected to discrimination acts that some of which are shared

to social media where prohibited content has a room to go viral.

"The government is encouraging the transformation to digitalization that respects girls' dignity and that gives them a chance to explore economic and social opportunities in line with such transformations. The globe is passing through ICT transformations of which most of the consumers are youths;

TCRA data indicate that as of December 2020 51.2million people in Tanzania owned mobile phones of which 28.5million use internet services. All these digital developments must align with the obligation of not violating girls' and young women's rights and dignity," said Khamis.

According to her, the government is encouraging full participation of girls and adolescents in digital work but calling upon close monitoring from parents, guardians and all

responsible adults of the community.

In her remarks the UN Women Representative to Tanzania Hodan Addou said that girls have equal opportunities not only to take part in the digital world, but also lead digital transformation in the increasingly interconnected world.

According to her, available research shows that if 600 million more women are connected to the internet in three years, this would translate to a rise in global GDP of up to US\$18 billion. Yet, throughout the world there is a gender digital divide, where girls have lower levels of access to, and use of digital technology than boys.

Globally, 2.2 billion people below the age of 25 do not have internet access at home, with girls more likely to be cut off. This lack of access to information, she said, leads to more significant economic and social gaps.

"One of the things the COVID-19 pandemic has shown us is that access to technology is not a luxury anymore, it is a necessity especially for girls. Digital inclusion and literacy open new avenues for girls' learning and earning, and technology is a crucial enabler of the change girls are already leading around the world in areas such as gender equality, climate action and social justice," said Addou.

She further noted that to ensure that women and girls can fully participate in the digital economy, girls need to be digitally empowered. Education is vital in integrating ICT in the national curriculum, as well as empowering girls to pursue STEM subjects. Mentorship programmes and the promotion of positive role models are also essential for girls to become the digital leaders of tomorrow.

TANAPA announces campaign to educate primary, secondary school students on history of Nyerere

By **Guardian Reporter**

THE Tanzania National Parks (TANAPA) has announced a three-month campaign to educate primary and secondary school students on the history of the late father of the nation - Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere and the beginning of political liberation movements.

The campaign is part of celebrations to mark this year's Nyerere Day (October 14th) and promote the Nyerere National Park, the largest national park in Africa which is part of the Selous Game Reserve. It was established in the year 2019 and

covers an area of over 30,000 square kilometers.

Addressing journalists yesterday, Head Conservator at the old Mwalimu Julius Nyerere's house at Magomeni in Dar es Salaam, Neema Mbwana said the campaign which was launched on October 1st 2021 will last until December this year.

"There are many school children who are not aware of the country's liberation struggle and the history of the late Nyerere. We want them to visit the house at Magomeni, Ifunda Street as part of domestic tourism but also to broaden

their understanding of the country's history," said Mbwana adding they have so far reached over 120 schools within the city. She said the aim is to reach all the schools in Dar es Salaam by December and that a number of teachers have already confirmed to bring students for the study tour at the house. She said they are working closely with the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology to achieve the target of reaching all the schools.

The government nationalized the house at Magomeni in 2011.

According to her, since the official launch of the house that Mwalimu Nyerere lived in during his early independence struggles in 1950's, there have been a number of local and international tourists visiting the area.

The government through the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism opened the doors of the old Mwalimu Julius Nyerere's house in October 2020, making it one of the centres for tourism in the city. Among historic items preserved in the house include the picture of Mwalimu Nyerere when he was the President of Tanganyika, sewing machine, and iron box.

Meanwhile, Senior Conservator at the Nyerere National Park, Seti Mihayo called upon Tanzanians to visit the park on October 14th 2021 since it is endowed with a variety of wild animals and undisturbed ecological and biological processes.

RAILWAY children

Fighting for street children

PUBLICATION OF STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE PERIOD OF ONE YEAR STARTING 1 JUN 2020 TO 31 MAY 2021

Railway Children Africa (RCA) is registered in Tanzania as the national NGO. RCA fights for vulnerable children who live alone and at risk on the streets, where they face abuse and exploitation. They run away or are forced to leave homes where they suffer poverty, violence, abuse and neglect. They find themselves living on the streets because there is nowhere to go and nobody to turn to. However, the problems they face on the streets are often even worse than those they ran from. We aim to reach the children as they arrive on the streets and intervene before an abuser can, and before they become entrenched in streets life.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE PERIOD OF ONE YEAR STARTING 1 JUN 2020 TO 31 MAY 2021

	2021 TZS'000	2020 TZS'000
INCOME & DEFERRED INCOME		
Operating Income		
Opening balance	150,776	177,667
Fund received during the year	4,899,633	4,507,317
Total Income	4,684,984	4,684,984
EXPENDITURE		
Operating expenses		
Staff Costs	1,118,400	1,315,842
Administration & Support Costs	178,366	224,519
Support to Local Partners & CSOs	1,491,346	1,417,446
RCA Direct Programme Activities	779,530	592,065
RCA Direct Project Work	1,222,773	984,337
Total Expenditure	4,790,415	4,534,208
Surplus (Deficit)	259,933	150,776

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Funder Name		
PACT - USAID Kizazi Kipya	737,413	856,391
UBSOF Via Railway Children	486,443	474,620
UKAID - DFID via Railway Children	2,555,598	2,446,120
The Railway Children	649,090	730,185
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UNICEF	291,088	-
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Furniture and Computers Bidding Start at 10:00am; Sofa set, Sofa bed, China base, Hutch, Chest drawer, Credenza, Dining table, Book case, Office desk, Chairs, File cabinet, Carpet, Beds, Mattress, Fridge double door, Freezer, Washer, Dryer, GYM m/c, A/c split units, Photocopy m/c, TV set, Computer set, Colour Printers, 2 units Empty Container 20FTs Std, Generator KVA 33 Perkins Engine Diesel and etc.

Vehicles and Container Bidding Start at 12:00 hrs.

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1	Nissan Patrol Station Wagon	VK56 Petrol Engine	2013	Paid
1	Toyota ALPHARD Station Wagon	2AZ Petrol Engine	2005	Paid
1	Toyota NOAH Station Wagon	1AZ Petrol Engine	2005	Not paid
1	Land Rover Freelander Station Wagon	SAL Petrol Engine	2012	Not paid
1	Ford Ranger Double Cabin	WLTA Diesel Engine	2009	Not paid
3	Mitsubishi Canter P-up 3 Tons & 2 Tons	4M51,4D36,4D33 Diesel	94-2000	Paid
1	Toyota DCM 3.5 Tons Pick up	14B Diesel Engine	1993	Paid
3	TATA 709 3.5 Ton & HCE 0.5 Ton P.up	Diesel Engine	2011	Paid
1	Mitsubishi Pajero Station Wagon	Petrol Engine	2004	Paid

All items may be inspected at Golden Resort Sinza, Lion Street from October 13th to 15th, 2021 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

AUCTION CONDITIONS:

- The winning bidder for Furniture has to make full payment to cashier immediately. For Vehicle, generator and Container winning bidder must pay 25% to cashier immediately and the final payment in full within 4 working days by October 22, 2021 at 4:00pm. For payments not made within 4 working days, the Vehicle or Container will be offered to the next highest bidder and the advance payment will be forfeited.
- Payments via CRDB and NBC Bank VISA & Master Cards will be accepted.
- All items are sold on "as is" basis with no guarantee.
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Sylvia Chrizestom (R), Access Microfinance Bank's Temeke branch manager, pictured in Dar es Salaam last week presenting a Customer Service Week gift to one of the bank's customers, Amir Makwana. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Combating early and forced marriages: No one answer fits all, says Rukwa RC

By Guardian Correspondent, Sumbawanga

RUKWA Region Commissioner Joseph Mkirikiti has challenged stakeholders working to end teen pregnancies, child early and forced marriages in the region to strengthen collaboration across partners, as there is no single solution to ending teenage pregnancies, child early and forced marriages.

Teenage pregnancies, child early and forced marriages have multiple contributing factors, likewise the solution to the problem, calls for multi-sectoral collaboration, short of that, this is going to be a pipe dream.

Mkirikiti threw the challenge over the weekend, to partners collaborating with Rukwa- regional government to end teenage pregnancies, child early and forced marriages.

"I urge you to work together, addressing teenage pregnancies is a big issues," Mkirikiti said adding that the task requires innovation as well as putting adolescents and youth at the center as we design interventions to address the challenge.

Mkirikiti hailed partners, Plan International Tanzania, Youth Education Through Sports Tanzania (YES TZ), Rukwa Sustainable Development Organization (RUSUDEO), People's Development Forum (PDF), Rafiki SDO, and Chala FDC working in the region to end teenage pregnancies, early and forced marriages.

He said partners collaboration has started bearing fruits, but still there is huge work to be done of which if collaboration is going to be strengthened the task ahead will be surmounted easily and hence emancipating girls.

Speaking after the RC, Plan International Programs Director, Peter Mwakabwale, underscored on the need to invest in a girl child. Mwakabwale said that Plan International is collaborating with other partners including UN agencies, some ministries and CSOs as part of preparing girls to take up leadership positions as well as grooming girls to take up power, they have placed about 72 girls in various institutions mentioned above where by the girls are assuming executive and managerial position as part of marking girls takeover week. (#GirlsTakeOver).

Presenting the success that has been recorded since inception of Girls Get Equal Integrated Project to End Child Early and Forced Marriages in Rukwa region Project,

Kisasu Sikalwanda who is the project manager (PM), told attendees that of the 5 outcomes of the project (Keeping Girls in School, Increased Sexual Reproductive Health (SRH) Knowledge among adolescents and youth, Reduce poverty of young girls and their families, Changing norms and inequalities that lead to child marriage and Advocate for policies against child marriage and support community based child protection) there has been notable success.

"Among many successes in outcome one the project has managed to strengthen 15 established IPOSA (Integrated Program for Out of School Adolescents) by providing them with teaching and learning materials—flip charts, numbering, maps, marker pen, masking tapes, pen, exercise books, rulers as well as purchase of IPOSA modules .Through this centres a total of 291 youth joined (117males, 174 females) including with Children with Disabilities," Kisasu said.

Project has managed to Mobilize 86 (56girls, 30boys) dropout students to enroll in open schools for qualifying tests next year, according to the PM.

In outcome two according to Kisasu, the project has been able to print and disseminate Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health manual and data collection tools which will support teachers during trainings to adolescent in all 152 project schools, the project has been able to reach a total 929 beneficiaries (436 female and 493 male) out of the targeted 1,819, with SRHR awareness sessions specifically on communication skills, youth friendly services and male involvement in SRHR and ending child marriages related issues.

"Among of them, 821 were parents, 47 Local government leaders, 18 traditional leaders, 24 religious leaders and 19 influential people," Kisasu said adding that the project has also conducted community talks done in 17 wards out of the 36 project wards, whereby 359 (185 female, 174 male) community members have been reached.

In outcome three the project has been able to train 388 youth out of 900 targeted in 2021 on vocational and entrepreneurship skills courses on domestic electrical installation, tailoring, carpentry and joinery, masonry and brick laying and motor vehicle mechanics, this includes 291 girls and 97 boys, according to Kisasu.

By Henry Mwangonde

CRDB's Nsekela scoops CEO of the Year award

CRDB Bank Plc Managing Director Abdulmajid Nsekela has been named the best Chief Executive Officer of the Year for 2021 for exemplary leadership in corporate management.

Nsekela received the award at a final gala of the 'Tanzania Top 100 Executive list' over the weekend; an annual event which organizers said was aimed at recognizing and celebrating individual and corporate successes.

The awards were organised by Eastern Star Consulting group with an aim of inspiring and motivating others to greater achievements.

Speaking at the event, Minister for investment and Trade Prof Kitila Mkumbo expressed government commitment towards facilitating investments and trade, saying it will boost Tanzanian business's confidence to compete in the international market.

Prof Mkumbo listed down a number of

issues that the government was working on to improve the ease of doing business including engaging the private sector and minimizing government presence in the businesses.

He said there was a big skills gap among Tanzanian graduates with employers blaming higher institutions for the laxity which can be addressed through training.

"As a government, this is the type of initiative we hope the country's workforce can emulate, most importantly it gives investors both foreign and local confidence that the country has skilled, knowledgeable and motivated people to deliver investors' expectations," he said.

The minister said the initiative aims to

identify top executives from both profit and non-profit organizations to share their success stories.

Others who scooped awards at the gala include TPB Bank Plc Chief Executive Officer Sabasaba Moshingi who emerged first run-up, Jared Awando of ICEA Lion General Insurance emerged as Chief Operations Officer of the year and Friedrich Nshekanabo of CRDB bank Plc emerged as chief financial officer of the year. Christina Manyenye of Kenya Commercial Bank (KCB) emerged as chief commercial officer.

In his acceptance speech, Nsekela dedicated the award to his co-workers who he said were behind the achievements he has made.

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Without healthy diets, we can never address hunger

IN politics, humanitarian aid, and the social sciences, hunger is defined as a condition in which a person cannot eat sufficient food to meet basic nutritional needs for a sustained period. In the field of hunger relief, the term hunger is used in a sense that goes beyond the common desire for food that all humans experience.

The most extreme form of hunger, when malnutrition is widespread, and when people have started dying of starvation through lack of access to sufficient, nutritious food, leads to a declaration of famine.

Throughout history, portions of the world's population have often suffered sustained periods of hunger. In many cases, hunger resulted from food supply disruptions caused by war, plagues, or adverse weather. In the decades following World War II, technological progress and enhanced political cooperation suggested it might be possible to substantially reduce the number of people suffering from hunger. While progress was uneven, by 2014, the threat of extreme hunger subsided for many of the world's population. From 2014 to 2019 according to the FAO's 2021 The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World (SOFI) report, the numbers suffering from chronic hunger began to slowly increase. A sharp jump occurred in 2020, leading to 768 million people suffering from undernourishment.

The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) has called for action to stem food loss and waste, which it says are a major cause of hunger and malnutrition around the world.

FAO experts say countries currently are producing enough food to feed the nearly eight billion people who populate the world. Yet

more than 800 million are going hungry.

Another two billion people, they say, are suffering from nutrition deficiencies, which can cause serious health problems.

The deputy director of the FAO's food and nutrition division, Nancy Aburto, says millions of children suffer stunting and wasting, which are deadly forms of under nutrition, and one in three adults are overweight or obese.

That, she says, is another form of under nutrition caused by inadequate vitamins, minerals and unhealthy diets.

"The high cost of healthy diets has put healthy diets out of reach for billions of people around the world, in every region around the world including Europe," said Aburto. "And this trend has been seen to get worse during the COVID-19 pandemic. Without healthy diets, we can never address the problems of hunger and malnutrition."

A 2019 FAO study found an estimated 14 per cent of food produced globally spoils or is ruined from post-harvest to the point of sale. Another study by the U.N. environment programme this year shows an estimated 17 per cent of food that is available to consumers is wasted.

The United Nations says around one third of all food or 1.3 billion tons of food produced globally ends up rotting in retail market or consumer trash bins. U.N. economists value the loss at around \$1 trillion a year.

Aburto warns the U.N. will never reach its sustainable development goal of zero hunger by 2030 if food loss and waste continues unchecked. She says the ongoing problem also undermines the sustainability of global food systems for the future.

What utility in this year's UN climate summit in Glasgow?

ABOUT 25,000 people are expected to travel to Glasgow for the annual meeting of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

This will be the 26th conference of the parties, also known as COP26, and all 197 states which are parties to the UNFCCC are supposed to be represented. As hosts of COP26, the UK has called for attendees to submit more ambitious emissions reductions targets for 2030 that will help the world reach net zero by mid-century, to raise contributions to climate adaptation and mitigation funds and to finalise the rules which would govern the implementation of the Paris climate agreement made in 2015.

This round of the UN climate talks was originally supposed to take place in 2020, but it was postponed because of the pandemic. Around the main talks, from October 31 to November 12 2021, Scotland's largest city will host a series of meetings and events between world leaders, scientists and civil society groups.

In a year plagued by catastrophic floods, wildfires and heatwaves, the need to act on climate change has never been more urgent. So what will the negotiators in Glasgow be debating?

Many of the issues on the table have been left unresolved since the landmark Paris Agreement was concluded. This committed most of the world's countries to try and limit global warming to well below 2°C, and to aim for 1.5°C.

A persistent source of disagreement concerns how international carbon markets should work - Article 6 of the Paris Agreement. These markets would allow countries to receive credits for reducing emissions in excess of their targets, which could

then be sold to countries struggling to meet their own commitments.

Implementing carbon markets is very difficult. Developing countries worry that these markets will allow rich countries to avoid painful emissions reductions at home while making marginal contributions to abate emissions abroad through buying credits. Poor countries argue that developing countries could use the same emission cuts they sell as credits towards their own domestic reduction targets, effectively counting them twice.

Carrying over old credits accumulated under the previous system of the 1997 Kyoto Protocol might also allow emerging economies such as Brazil and India, and carbon-intensive economies such as Australia and Russia, to meet future reduction targets without much additional effort. This clashes with the spirit of the Paris Agreement to increase ambition over time.

Difficult negotiations are also expected over how to support poorer countries to develop sustainably. The Paris Agreement recognised the existential threats to climate-vulnerable countries from mounting floods and droughts. Loss and damage provisions in Article 8 of the Paris Agreement promise poorer countries technical and financial assistance, yet how to put these into practice remains unclear.

Another contentious issue will be the delivery of US\$100 billion (£74 billion) annually in climate finance. Developing countries need this money to kickstart a green transition, but rich countries have consistently failed to provide it at the level agreed in 2010. While President Biden's recent announcement to double US contributions might mobilise other major economies, a substantial shortfall will remain.

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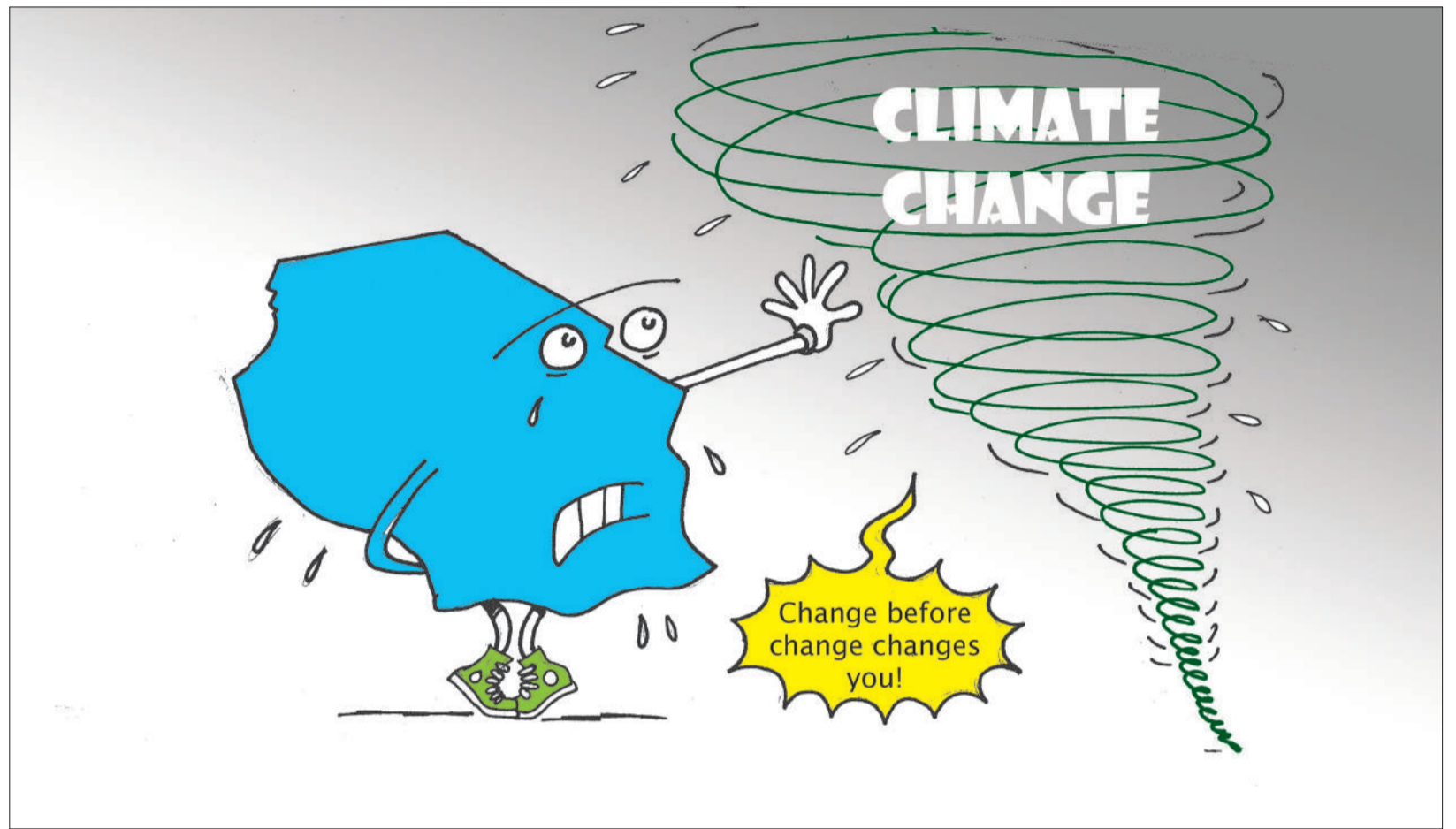
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By Denille Roostee

THERE were an estimated 19.3 million new cases of cancer in 2020 globally. That amounts to 2200 per hour, 37 per min and about 1 every 2 seconds. Depending on how fast you read, by the time you read this article, another 74 new cancer cases would have been diagnosed.

Despite rising cancer incidence and mortality rates in Africa, cancer has been given low priority in research and healthcare services. 57 per cent of all new cancer cases worldwide occur in low-income countries exacerbated by a lack of awareness, preventive strategies, and increased life expectancies.

During the last decades, breast cancer has become the most common type of cancer among women worldwide. It is a multifaceted disease involving environmental, genetic, and lifestyle risk factors.

The good news is that mortality is now decreasing in many high-risk countries due to a combination of intensified early detection efforts and the introduction of mammographic Screening, resulting in the diagnosis of more minor, early-stage tumours and advances in treatment.

Information security in Africa: The canon perspective

By Quentyn Taylor

RECENT rapid digital transformation and reliance on cloud-based solutions has made businesses - in Africa as in the rest of the world - more vulnerable to cybercrime. In today's global village getting hacked or being the victim of cybercrime is inevitable.

The shift to hybrid working has expanded network perimeters, which now include the core office location as well as employees' homes. Mobile and remote work can be beneficial to productivity but does open up new threat vectors with device management. The enormous growth in the use of connected devices - such as laptops, printers and phones - results in more entry points for possible attacks.

At the same time, cybercrime is evolving and becoming increasingly sophisticated. It's shifted from trying to infect as many devices as possible to looking for weak links which can enable criminals to steal data or hold corporate systems to ransom.

A mistake or omission by a single employee - or even a third-party provider - can potentially bring down a whole company.

When employees work remotely - at home or in public spaces - they operate outside of the company's usual controls; existing security measures may no longer be

Live with confidence even in the face of breast cancer

Cancer has received low priority for health care services in Sub Saharan Africa. There are pending concerns regarding cancer care in the continent. Therefore, Africans, Namibians, communities, corporates and communities have to stand together to fight and prevent this disease.

Early detection
Cancer mortality can be reduced if cases are detected and treated early. An early diagnosis of breast cancer increases the chance of recovery. There are two components of early detection: Early diagnosis & Screening.

Early Diagnosis
Early diagnosis consists of three components:

- being aware of the symptoms of different forms of cancer and of the importance of seeking medical advice if you are concerned;
- access to clinical evaluation and diagnostic services; and
- Timely referral to treatment services.

Screening
Examples of screening methods are:

- Self-screening (visit the Cancer Association of Namibia's website for guidance on how to do Self-examination)
- mammography screening for breast cancer

Cancer concerns all of us in one way or another. It does not distinguish between religions or race, sex or age, and that is why we all need to join forces, to make a difference, especially if one looks at the stark numbers looming in the future, which suggest cancer cases will double by 2035.

A cancer diagnosis does not only affect the patient. It also affects families, friends, everyone near the patient. This diagnosis is the source of many feelings and emotions. Of sadness, anxiety, anger, denial, even helplessness.

Beyond the emotional toll cancer takes, it also has a tremendous financial impact. It places a massive

burden on the cancer patient and his or her family. Therefore it is important to make sure you go for regular screening and to make provision financially.

Since January 2020, Sanlam Namibia has paid out total claims of N\$600 million of which cancer-related claims made up N\$30 million. Sanlam's Dread Disease solution provides a simple, effective solution for this risk, with enough options to suit your needs. It provides excellent cover against the more severe and prevalent diseases that can significantly impact your quality of life. Let us not be bystanders with no control over our lives or our health. Make the wise decision to take responsibility for our health and the financial impact this disease can have on our lives.

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realty - whilst IS issues are global, they manifest differently in different areas; there isn't a one-size-fits-all solution. Focus on the basics, develop a plan and lead for success. Don't attempt to force people to do as they are told, adjust the message dynamically to fit the actual situation. The priority is to lead in a way that keeps your business and your customers safe.

The first step is to check the internal and external IT perimeter for gaps. A single-entry point can allow an attacker in, rather like an open window is an invitation to an opportunist thief. In today's fully connected workplace, every device is a potential entry point for criminals. Everyone's security and every piece of equipment needs to be on par.

You may have a partner who can assist - at Canon we offer our partners comprehensive assessments to help mitigate security vulnerabilities. Look for third-party service providers with built-in security and a good track record, you may have already paid for security services through your email and internet provider; check what you already have and plan from there. Working at scale allows them to incorporate many security features a much more reasonable cost.

Most importantly, ensure your employees turn on security features in the software and devices they

use. Multi-factor authentication is offered on almost all social platforms, is usually free and is one of the easiest ways to give your security a dramatic boost.

Ultimately, people are both your strongest and weakest link. It only takes one errant click on a phishing mail to open the company to risk. Educate employees on basic cyber hygiene and encourage them to come forward and share mistakes. If an error is out in the open, it can be fixed. Your defence strategy is only effective if breaches are reported.

Develop processes and systems that protect against loss if one person's email is compromised. You don't need to be the most secure business; you just need to be more secure than your neighbours. Most criminals are opportunists, looking to attack easy targets. It's not about spending; some companies invest heavily in IS but haven't turned on email multi-factor authentication.

By taking control of your information and network and educating all your employees, you can keep one step ahead of cyber-criminals and continue to serve your customers with confidence.

The writer is Director of Information Security at Canon Europe, Middle East and Africa, says implementing cybersecurity basics is key to reducing risk and building cyber-resilience.

Why transparency in mining contracts is vital

By Correspondent Daniel Semberya

TANZANIA is endowed with vast quantities and different types of natural resources whose extraction has been central to the country's economic growth.

Mining is one of the leading sectors in Tanzania with value of mineral exports increasing every year.

However, experts say that the country is not benefiting from these resources—some found in Tanzania alone—due to a number of reasons including secrecy in contracts.

In her presentation on 2021 Resource Governance Index (RGI): Findings for Tanzania's mining, oil and gas sectors at a recent Policy Forum's breakfast debate, Senior Africa Officer from Natural Resource Governance Institute (NRGI), Sophia Rwegellela, which was presented on her behalf by Senior Lecturer at the University of Dar es Salaam Dr Abel Kinyondo, she said that findings show that mining sector scored only 58 points out of 100.

She said although there has been an improvement of 9 points from the 49 points scored in the 2017 RGI, the increase is largely attributed to improvements in revenue management and not other equally important aspects.

Hence, the mining sector still falls in the weak performance bracket, she said.

On value realization, there was satisfactory score of 60 points, up by six points from the 2017 RGI score. The subcomponent of taxation attained a good score of 85 points, up 20 points from the 2017 score. She further added that the RGI's duty was to assess the legal framework and the practices that govern a country's extractive sector.

Commenting on the difference between the scores a country receives on the quality of its legal framework and how well a country implements the laws and rules in practice, she said that Tanzania's implementation gap worsened from 26 in the 2017 RGI to 29 in the 2021 RGI.

Rwegellela noted that the widened gap was largely attributable to a weak enforcement of rules on the subcomponents of local impact and state-owned enterprises.

For example, she stated that although rules for disclosure of mitigation plans exist, the plans can only be accessed upon pay-



Participants follow a presentation on research findings on Tanzania's mining, oil and gas sectors at a Policy Forum debate held in Dar es Salaam last week. Photo/Daniel Semberya

ment of a prescribed fee.

The government has not disclosed reports on its finances and operations in the past two years even though it is legally required to do so. The government has only disclosed partial information in press releases, she said.

The findings on oil and gas have indicated that the sector has scored 55 out of 100 points in the 2021 RGI. This translates into two points increase since the 2017 RGI. This improvement is largely attributable to Tanzania's gains in revenue management, she said.

However, revenue management together with value realization and the broader enabling environment remain in the weak performance band. Regarding value realization, it scored 58 points, 7 points less than the 2017 RGI.

According to their findings, there is non-disclosure of contracts as well as limited disclosure of beneficial ownership information. Also, public officials are not required to publicly disclose their financial holdings in extractive

companies.

On local impact, environmental mitigation plans are not publicly disclosed although this is required by law. Thus, rules governing compensation and resettlement fall in the weak performance band due to lack of laws and rules governing resettlement.

Meanwhile, the Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC) scored a satisfactory score of 61 points. However, she added that TPDC should disclose more information about its non-commercial activities. The corporation should also publish costs and revenues of its subsidiaries and its code of conduct.

On the other hand, revenue management scored 53 points, 13 points up since 2017 RGI but still in the weak performance band. Areas of weakness include national budgeting and transparency.

An online data portal that would disclose reserves, production and exports has not yet been established, she said, adding that the implementation gap has narrowed from

28 in the 2017 RGI to 18 in the 2021 RGI.

"The implementation gap of 18 and the low practice score of 49 shows that the government should ensure that the laws governing the sector are enforced," she said.

In their recommendations, researchers suggested that Vice President's Office (Union and Environment) should create provisions in the legal framework that require disclosure of both Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and social impact assessment (SIA).

They added that the government should take steps to enshrine resettlement in the land laws to maintain consistency across both mining and land laws.

Further, they urged the ministry of minerals to stand by its June 2020 commitment to ensuring disclosure mining contracts, saying that would among others, enable citizens to understand the agreed terms of extractive projects and to hold the contracting parties accountable for non-compliance, incentiv-

ize government officials to arrange fair contracts and deter them from concluding contracts that are disadvantageous to citizens.

Also, the experts added that the ministry of minerals should be more cautious on amendments to Tanzania's mineral laws which they said have afforded the government discretionary room to cancel and suspend contracts.

"This will improve rule of law and regulatory quality, creating a more conducive environment for investors," the experts said.

Again, the ministry must improve governance of the State Mining Corporation (STAMICO) by disclosing annual reports, commodity sales information and joint venture projects as well as subsidiary information. This will allow citizens to scrutinize data to ensure revenues generated are managed in the interest of citizens. On oil and gas sector, they have requested the ministry of energy to establish an oil and gas cadastre to improve public administration efficiency and transparency.

They argued that this will also make it easier for all government authorities to upload information into the public domain via an online portal, allowing citizens and other stakeholders to engage in dialogue about how the country's resources are managed.

"Enforce oil and gas contract disclosure rules in order to enable citi-

zens to understand the agreed terms of projects and hold each contracting party accountable for non-compliance," they recommended.

Ted F. Silkiluwasha, a participant, suggested that Tanzanians should be prepared to make the most of the entire value chain of the mining sector.

He said since the minerals are extracted here and sold outside the country, there are some costs which are incurred that people be aware of and grab as business opportunities with big investors.

"We should make it easy for the local people to do business with the investors who come here. The food they eat, medical services and education for children of people working for the mining companies should be provided by locals so that the value chain in the business create a multiply effect in the country," he said.

Pascal Mayalla, another participant, said that although there are a total of 21 Production Sharing Agreement (PSAs), none of them involves locals.

Mayalla recommended that the government should borrow a leaf from Arab countries where oil belongs to the people and not the mining companies. He said by doing so, people will benefit from their resources.

Another participant, Lovelet Lwakatare, said that transparency in the mining sector is crucial for the resources to truly benefit all Tanzanians.

"Transparency remains

a challenge because after having the data, it is easy to hold people accountable," Lwakatare said.

Faheemah Patel concurred with other participants that correct data and transparency were vital for Tanzanians to grasp and learn how to use energy sustainably.

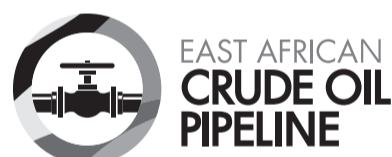
"The more information people have, the better," Patel said.

Other findings indicate that Tanzania is the 4th largest gold producer in Africa after South Africa, Ghana and Mali.

The mining industry experienced an estimated 15.3 per cent growth in the first quarter of 2020 compared to 10 per cent growth during the same quarter in the previous year. There is an increase in mineral revenue collection from \$84.5 million in 2015/16 to \$202.7 million from July 2019 to April 2020.

There has been a number of changes in the mining industry and more are expected due to the 2017 Minerals Act. The government is trying to make the sector more attractive but there are still several restrictive regulations.

The changes in the legislations have increased the royalties, going up from four per cent to six per cent and an introduction of one per cent as well as clearing fees on the value of all minerals exported from the country. Also, the new laws give the government powers to acquire shares in major mining companies.



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR PROVISION OF COMMUNICATION SUPPORT TO THE EACOP PROJECT TANZANIA REF.0010007126

TotalEnergies East Africa Midstream B.V. (Company) Tanzania, an international energy company, invites experienced and reputable specialist large scale printing and products branding to express their interest in providing services to the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) project.

The EACOP project involves the construction and operation of a buried, cross-border pipeline to transport crude oil from the Lake Albert area in Uganda to the eastern coast of Tanzania for export to international markets. The pipeline will run from Kabaale in Hoima District, Uganda, to Chongoleani, Tanga Region, in Tanzania. The length of the pipeline is 1,443 km, of which 1,147 km will be in Tanzania.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE SERVICES:

The COMPANY requires the services of communication company to provide support of the mentioned service/s as per demand :

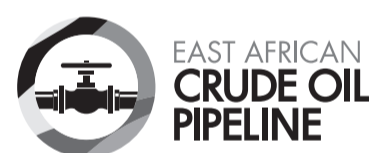
- Provision of Large-Scale Communication materials printing in different formats.
 - Provision of Products branding services including branded notice boards.
- Note: An interested company can apply to provide support in one or more services and suggestion boxes.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- Companies expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:
- Proof of experience and good performance along with samples in delivering the communication support of interest. At this stage, samples will be submitted in form of image and should be shared through links that are not expected to expire.
 - Proof of Technical capacity such as equipment's, facilities, and team composition.
 - Proven experience of working in major projects with high demand for communication support.
 - Ability to install or manage logistics of distributing branded communication along the pipeline corridor where required, specifically in Kagera, Geita, Tabora, Shinyanga, Singida, Dodoma, Manyara and Tanga will be highly regarded.
 - Financial capacity to deliver the services required including submission of financial accounts for 2020.
 - Application for registration with the EWURA Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended.
 - Compliance with Local Content Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition.
 - Appropriate licensing from relevant in-country authorities for the provision of the services where necessary.
 - Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority and Tax Clearance Certificate for the latest year.

Interested companies which have the capacity and resources to provide the services listed above should express their interest by sending together with the above listed documents an email to eacoptz.eoi.1000001@totalenergies.com (max. email size 20Mb) on or before **17:00 hours** East African Time (EAT), on **19th October 2021**. **Email subject: EOI Reference number.**

Note: The EACOP project will review and assess the documents provided by the interested companies to derive a list of prequalified companies. Only prequalified companies will receive, subject to signature of a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), invitation to submit bids in furtherance of the call for tender process. All Expression of Interests should be submitted



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR PROVISION OF COMMUNICATION SUPPORT TO THE EACOP PROJECT TANZANIA REF.0010007127

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The EACOP project involves the construction and operation of a buried, cross-border pipeline to transport crude oil from the Lake Albert area in Uganda to the eastern coast of Tanzania for export to international markets. The pipeline will run from Kabaale in Hoima District, Uganda, to Chongoleani, Tanga Region, in Tanzania. The length of the pipeline is 1,443 km, of which 1,147 km will be in Tanzania.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE SERVICES:

The COMPANY requires the services of communication company to provide support of the below service/s as per demand :

- Graphics designing.
- Motion Graphics, Animation (2D & 3D) and Illustrations.
- Theatre communication along the pipeline route: Kagera, Geita, Tabora, Shinyanga, Singida, Dodoma, Manyara and Tanga.
- Video Production in high-definition resolution and postproduction.
- Photography.
- Audio production.
- Swahili to English and English to Swahili translation services.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- Companies expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:
- Proof of experience and good performance along with samples in delivering the communication support of interest. At this stage, all communication samples should be shared through links that are not expected to expire. Large scale printing companies do not have to share samples at this stage.
 - Proof of Technical capacity such as equipment's, facilities, and team composition.
 - Proven experience of working in major projects with high demand for communication support.
 - Experience of working in the grassroot along the central corridor specifically in Kagera, Geita, Tabora, Shinyanga, Singida, Dodoma, Manyara and Tanga for theatre communication will be highly regarded.
 - Financial capacity to deliver the services required including submission of financial accounts for 2020.
 - Application for registration with the EWURA Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended.
 - Compliance with Local Content Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition.
 - Appropriate licensing from relevant in-country authorities for the provision of the services.
 - Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority and Tax Clearance Certificate for the latest year.

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UN chief, in an unprecedented war of words, battles it out with member state

UNITED NATIONS

A growing diplomatic battle is being played out at the United Nations between Secretary-General Antonio Guterres and one of the world body's member states: the politically-troubled Ethiopia which is desperately in need of international humanitarian assistance.

But the war of words - in an institution where the Secretary-General is traditionally considered subservient to all 193 member states - is rare by UN standards forcing Guterres to exercise his "right of reply" in the Security Council, the most powerful body at the UN.

When the Secretary-General was confronted with a question at a news briefing last week specifically about his right of reply "which we had never seen - seen in the Security Council", it triggered the question: "is this an expression of the level of your displeasure, at the moment, with the Ethiopian Ambassador?"

"It is my duty to defend the honor of the United Nations," Guterres shot back.

The brouhaha followed the Ethiopian government's decision last week to declare seven UN officials, mostly doling out humanitarian assistance, "persona non grata" (PNG).

In international diplomacy, PNG is based on the principle of reciprocity: "you expel our diplomats and we expel yours" as evidenced during the Cold War era between the US and the then Soviet Union.

In a May 2018 piece, a former Diplomatic Editor of The Times Michael Binyon pointed out that expelling diplomats en masse became a characteristic of the Cold War, when diplomats from the Soviet Union and its allies were often suspected of being intelligence agents and were ordered to leave - usually after a spy scandal.

Inevitably, the Russians and their allies retaliated, kicking out western diplomats. The largest single expulsion was in 1971, when Britain's Conservative government expelled 90 of the Soviet Union's 550-strong embassy in London and stopped a further 15 diplomats from returning.

But the UN does not have diplomatic reciprocity, nor does Guterres have the power or the authority to expel Ethiopian diplomats either from the UN or from New York city.

The Ethiopians say the seven UN officials were booted out of the country because they "interfered in the domestic affairs of Ethiopia".

But as of Friday, there was no response from Ethiopia to the Secretary-General's request for concrete evidence for the expulsion.

Guterres also argues that the concept of persona non grata applies to relations between sovereign nations, not relations between the UN and its



Food is distributed to people in the Afar region of Ethiopia.

member states.

Ambassador Taye Atske-Selassie Amde of Ethiopia said his country was not under any legal obligation to justify or explain its decisions, and listed allegations of "misconduct" by UN officials.

The dispute was apparently triggered by the fact that the UN was also providing humanitarian assistance to rebel forces in a country where nearly seven million people require such aid.

When it provides urgently-needed food and medicine, the UN says, its distribution is not guided by politics, but by human factors.

Kul Gautam, a former UN Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director of UNICEF, a UN agency which has provided humanitarian assistance to millions of people world-wide, told IPS: "Yes, I am aware of several UNICEF and UN Reps being PNG'ed, but never did the UN take as strong and categorical public po-

sition as in this case".

In the past, he said, the UN Secretaries-General and heads of agencies have protested and condemned such expulsions, "but I do not recall the UN ever questioning the offending government's right to declare UN international staff persona non grata."

Thus, it came as a (pleasant) surprise that in the case, involving UN staff PNGed by the Ethiopian government, the Secretary-General made a bold public statement questioning the actions and statements of the Ethiopian government both to the media and at the UN Security Council.

"I hope and trust that the S-G's new-found position has been carefully reviewed and corroborated by the UN Legal Office and that it will be sustained -if the case were challenged at the International Court of Justice."

In the past, Gautam pointed out, UN staff being PNGed by authoritarian governments for tak-

ing a principled stand in the best interest of the UN or the causes they serve (e.g. the best interest of children, in the case of UNICEF), was often seen as a badge of honour for the staff member concerned.

After all, UN staff pledge their allegiance to the UN Charter that speaks of "We the peoples of the United Nations", and not "We the governments of the United Nations".

And UN staff are specifically barred from taking instructions by their national governments or host country governments, he argued.

"Some governments would prefer that the UN and its agencies simply send them a cheque as part of their cooperation. But the UN General Assembly as well as the governing boards of UN agencies, Funds and Programs expect the UN staff on the ground to carefully monitor the utilization and effectiveness of the support

they provide," he said.

"Let us hope that the UN S-G's well-considered response to the unilateral action by the Ethiopian government will lead to empowering UN international civil servants to carry out their humanitarian and development activities without any fear or favour in the best interest of the people to whom such support is intended."

Thomas G. Weiss, Presidential Professor of Political Science and Director Emeritus, Ralph Bunche Institute for International Studies at The City University of New York (CUNY) Graduate Center, told IPS "Lots of UN officials have been declared PNG by a country in which they were posted. SGs sometimes complain and sometimes keep quiet".

Stephen Zunes, a Foreign Policy in Focus columnist and senior analyst, who has written extensively on the politics of the Security Council, told IPS: "I cannot recall any previous time a Secretary General has exercised his right to reply."

But this is not the first time UN officials have been expelled or declared persona non grata, he pointed out.

Most recently, Morocco expelled most of the MINURSO peacekeepers from occupied Western Sahara and invoked PNG status on the Secretary General's Personal Envoy Christopher Ross.

The difference is that with Morocco and with the other previous cases, the government in question had at least one permanent member of the UN Security Council as a staunch ally, thereby limiting the Secretary General's ability to confront them so decisively, said Zunes.

"This unprecedented action regarding Ethiopia may be as much a reflection of Ethiopia's relative diplomatic isolation as it is the seriousness of their anti-UN action," said Zunes, a professor of Politics and chair of Middle Eastern Studies at the University of San Francisco.

Gautam said, Ethiopian Prime Minister and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Abiy Ahmed, like Aung San Suu Kyi in Myanmar, has deeply disappointed the international community by committing or condoning serious human rights violations against the people of an ethnic minority community in his own country.

The fact that some militants within the ethnic community may also have committed atrocities, does not justify the harsh and disproportionate actions against innocent civilians by the ruling government of a democratic state which must be held to a higher standard, he argued.

"While there have been several cases of UN officials expelled from various countries by authoritarian governments, Ethiopia declaring as many as seven UN officials providing humanitarian assistance as persona non grata (PNG) on seemingly trumped-up charges, is unprecedented."

Also unprecedented is the position taken by the UN Secretary-General, whose spokesperson stated that "...it is the long standing legal position of the Organization not to accept the application of the doctrine of persona non grata with respect to United Nations officials".

He went on to say that "This is a doctrine that applies to diplomatic agents accredited by one state to another state. The application of this doctrine to United Nations officials is contrary to obligations under the Charter of the United Nations and the privileges and immunities to be accorded to the United Nations and its officials".



Humanitarian aid being delivered to the Tigray region of Ethiopia by a convoy of 50 trucks last month. UN appeals for faster passage for aid convoys to Ethiopia's Tigray. Credit: WFP

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Energy firm launches lubricants for vehicles, machines

By Guardian Reporter

PUMA Energy Tanzania has pledged to invest over US\$ 100 million in three years, a continuation of supporting the community and ensuring availability of its products across the country.

Puma Energy Head of Africa, Fadi Mitri said the company will continue to support investment and economic growth efforts by President Samia Suluhu Hassan through its products and services.

He was speaking in Dar es Salaam over the weekend during the launch of Puma lubricants for both diesel and petrol engines. He said the newly introduced lubricants are suitable for all types of engine vehicles including motorbikes, buses, trucks as well as railways, mines, industries and agricultural machines.

“We want Tanzanians to have

access to quality, reliable and safe lubricants which lasts for a longer period. Our products cannot be tempered,” he said adding the oils are of superior protection, innovating packaging and advanced technology that uses low sulphur concentration and a high viscosity index.

Managing Director, Puma Energy Tanzania, Domonic Dhanah said: “Tanzania is a big market for lubricants; our products will be available at all our 70 pump stations. We have enhanced security in packaging to protect our customers and ensure they get genuine products.”

He added that the oils are not only advanced synthetic motor oils, but also a modernized mechanism to trigger a new behavior. The lubricants have been developed in Switzerland using a formula that complies with the European standards and some

and some stringent global vehicle manufacturers.

The company’s Lubricants Manager, Prosper Kasenegala said the new products are now available at all its retail stations across the country. He said they have not only entered the market to serve vehicle owners, but also those operating machines at large plantations, mines and railways.

Puma Energy Tanzania is owned jointly by the government and Puma Investments Limited, each with a share ownership of 50 percent. It is a midstream international oil marketing company that is engaged in large storage and distribution of petroleum products.

The company is a market leader in the country with market share boasting a storage capacity of 94 million liters, and operates 56 petrol stations countrywide and servicing 8 airports.



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: MANAGEMENT OF LIVELIHOODS RESTORATION PROGRAMME FOR EACOP PROJECT REF: 0010007128

TotalEnergies East Africa Midstream B.V. (Company) Tanzania, an Oil and Gas company, invites experienced and reputable organizations to express their interest in providing services to the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) project related to the Livelihoods Restoration Programme management.

The EACOP project involves the construction and operation of a buried, cross-border pipeline to transport crude oil from the Lake Albert area in Uganda to the eastern coast of Tanzania for export to international markets. The pipeline will run from Kabaale in Hoima District, Uganda, to Chongoleani, Tanga Region, in Tanzania. The length of the pipeline is 1,443 km, of which 1,147 km will be in Tanzania traversing eight (8) regions, comprising Kagera, Geita, Shinyanga, Tabora, Singida, Dodoma, Manyara and Tanga, and 27 administrative district councils and 23 Villages.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE SERVICES

The COMPANY requires a land corridor and associated facility sites for the construction and operation of the pipeline. Land acquisition process is being undertaken under the Tanzanian legal framework compliant with International Financing Standards. The provision of replacement agricultural and residential land to Project Affected Persons (PAPs) and livelihoods restoration enabling support are provided to Project Affected Households.

Based on the high-level livelihood restoration programmes described in the nine Resettlement Action Plans (RAPs) (one per region and one for the ‘Priority Areas’ or 12 camp sites and coating yard), the Project is seeking a reputable experienced Tanzanian partner organization with ability and capacity to assist in the management and implementation of EACOP’s Livelihoods Restoration Programme for approximately 400 households affected by the construction camps and coating yard sites.

This scope excludes: the pipeline corridor and facility sites and the Marine Storage Terminal site at Chongoleani Peninsula.

The scope requires execution of seven key components of the livelihood restoration programme described in the RAPs:

1. Land Preparation and Planting of Replacement Agricultural Land (LRA1),
2. Maize Improvement program (LRA2),
3. Crop Diversification (LRA3),
4. Poultry Production (LRA4),
5. Livestock (LRA5),
6. Beekeeping (LRA6),
7. Enterprise Development (LRA7).

These programmes need to be designed and delivered in a way that meets the local context, possible delivery mechanisms and, to the extent possible, household choices. It is not anticipated that all programmes will be delivered in all communities.

The scope requires the physical presence of selected partner organization staff in the field as well as direct interaction with local stakeholders and households under the supervision and guidance of COMPANY staff.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Organizations expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:

- Proof of registration as institutions whose activities are directly linked with Livelihoods Restoration, improvement or development.
- Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority and Tax (TRA) Clearance Certificate for the latest year available.
- Brief description of experience and capacity to:
- Implement livelihoods restoration, improvement or development programmes/projects to rural communities or · Implementation of such programmes to international financing standards for large infrastructure projects in Tanzania.
- Manage large programmes and subcontracting partners.
- Work in collaboration with local government and private sector market actors.
- Proposed key personnel indicating their relevant knowledge and experience in implementing such programmes.
- Compliance with Local Content Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition.
- **Application for registration with the EWURA Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended.**

The management Scope may be divided into regional or technical work packages and COMPANY will allow TENDERERS to submit a proposal for one, several or all packages.

Interested organizations which have the ability, capacity and resources to implement the activities listed above should express their interest by sending together with the documents stated in the above section through an email to ecop-tz.eoi.1000001@totalenergies.com (max. email size 20Mb) on or before **17 hours East African Time (EAT), on 26th October 2021.**

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE SERVICES

The COMPANY requires a land corridor and associated facility sites for the construction and operation of the pipeline. Land acquisition process is being undertaken and under the Tanzanian legal framework compliant with International Financing Standards. The provision of replacement agricultural and residential land to Project Affected Persons (PAPs) and livelihoods restoration enabling support are provided to Project Affected Households.

Based on the high-level livelihood restoration programmes described in the nine Resettlement Action Plans (RAPs) (one per region and one for the ‘Priority Areas’ or 12 camp sites and coating yard), the Project is seeking a reputable experienced Tanzanian partner organization with ability and capacity to manage the implementation of EACOP’s Livelihoods Restoration Programme for just over 8000 Project Affected Households (PAHs) across the affected communities located along the entire pipeline corridor in Tanzania

This scope excludes: the ‘Priority Areas’ or campsites and coating yard and the Marine Storage Terminal site at Chongoleani Peninsula

The scope requires execution of seven key components of the livelihood restoration programme described in the RAPs:

1. Land Preparation and Planting of Replacement Agricultural Land (LRA1),
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- Proof of registration as institutions whose activities are directly linked with Livelihoods Restoration, improvement or development.
- Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority and Tax (TRA) Clearance Certificate for the latest year available.
- Brief description of experience and capacity to implement livelihoods restoration, improvement or development programmes/projects under Tanzanian law to rural communities or implementation of such programmes under Tanzanian law and international financing standards for large infrastructure projects in Tanzania; experience and capacity to manage large programmes, subcontracting partners and working in collaboration with local government and private sector market actors.
- Proposed key personnel who will work on this Project and their relevant knowledge and experience in implementing such programmes.
- **Application for registration with the EWURA Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended.**

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MSPH Tanzania LLC, 7th Floor, Jangid Plaza, Plot No. G6, Chaburuma Road (Off-Ali Hassan Mwinyi Road) P.O. Box 80214, Dar es Salaam, email: icap-tz-info@columbia.edu phone: +255 (0) 22 270 0719+255 (0) 22 270 0725

PRE-QUALIFICATION OF SUPPLIERS FOR 2021-2022 FINANCIAL YEAR PROCUREMENT REFERENCE NUMBER ICAP/TZ/03/2021-2022

Introduction:

MSPH Tanzania LLC, known as ICAP, is a non-governmental organization operating in Tanzania since 2004, with funding mainly from the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) through the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). ICAP at Columbia University’s Mailman School of Public Health is the recipient of a five-year PEPFAR-funded cooperative agreement beginning 29th September 2021 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to support comprehensive community- and facility-based HIV and VMMC services in Mwanza region.

MSPH Tanzania LLC - ICAP Intends to identify and enlist reputable and registered suppliers on various goods, works and services for FIKIA + project needs under PEPFAR/CDC awarded funding.

MSPH Tanzania LLC - ICAP now invites reputable and registered suppliers to be considered as part of its Vendor Register for the period 30th October 2021 to 29th September 2022 for the following lots:

Lot No.	CATEGORY A: SERVICES (MWANZA AND DAR ES SALAAM)
Lot 1	Provision of Catering services
Lot 2	Provision of Car hire service
Lot 3	Provision of Flight booking ticketing service
Lot 4	Provision of Internet service
Lot 5 A	Provision of courier service – Local & International
Lot 5 B	Provision of Medical Sample transportation
Lot 6	Provision of Security Services
Lot 7	Provision of office cleaning service (Internal & External)
Lot 8	Provision of fleet management & fuel sensor system service
Lot 9	Provision of monthly electricity top up; water bills and airtime top up service
Lot 10	Provision of Clearing and forwarding services
Lot 11	Provision of Cargo Transportation services
Lot 12	Provision of Hotel Accommodation and Conferencing Services.
Lot 13	Provision of Mobile Data Services
Lot 14	Provision of Warehouse (Dar es salaam)
Lot 15	Provision of Warehouse (Mwanza)
Lot 16	Provision of Motor vehicles repair and maintenance services
CATEGORY B : MINOR WORKS AND REPAIRS (MWANZA AND DAR ES SALAAM)	
Lot 17	Provision of Plumbing Services
Lot 18	Provision of Electrical Repair Service
Lot 19	Repair of Air Conditioners
CATEGORY C : GOODS (Mwanza and Dar es Salaam)	
Lot 20	Supply and delivery of IT related supplies
Lot 21	Supply and delivery of Printing and Promotional Materials
Lot 22	Supply and delivery of Medical, laboratory and pharmaceutical supplies
Lot 23	Supply and delivery of sanitary supplies
Lot 24	Supply and delivery of Stationery and office consumable supplies
Lot 25	Supply, delivery, fixing, balancing and alignment of Motor Vehicle tyres
Lot 26	Provision of Carbon dioxide gas and cylinder

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Interested suppliers are advised to include the following in their applications;

1. Brief overview of the company and key staffs (Company profile) including physical business address.
2. Latest Business Registration Certificate or Certificate of Incorporation
3. Latest Copy of TPIN and VAT registration certificates and evidence of tax compliance in Tanzania.
4. Written endorsement of at least three reputable customers dealt with for the past 2 Years other than ICAP
5. Operating Licenses/ Certificates for services or goods which require such.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Eligible suppliers meeting all stated requirements are requested to:-

- a. Submit one application for each lot they are applying for. If a supplier is applying for two different lots, each lot should have a separate application document with supporting evidence specifically for that lot.
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Gaps in India's government plan to help unorganised workers

INDIA

The Government of India launched the e-Shram portal with the mandate of registering 380,000,000 unorganised workers in the country. The portal aims to bridge the gap in unorganised workers' ability to access social welfare and employment benefits by issuing an e-Shram card (or Shramik card) upon registration.

This card assigns each worker a unique 12-digit number, which enables access to social security and employment benefits. The government also plans to use the data collected via the portal to create India's first Aadhaar-seeded National Database of Unorganised Workers (NDUW).

At its core, this one-of-a-kind initiative is a welcome change as it will systematically bring unorganised workers under one umbrella. By expanding the scope of defining the term 'worker', it enables the inclusion of erstwhile excluded categories of domestic and migrant workers.

The portal offers both online and offline registration routes. However, as described below, failed attempts by workers to access the digital portal draws attention to the importance of strengthening non-digital infrastructure. This will improve access and effectiveness of digital interventions for the poor and marginalised unorganised workforce, whose reality is marred by a stark digital divide.

Moreover, insights from workers attempting to access and register on the portal highlight the need for proactive and effective collaboration between employers, workers collectives, and civil society organisations (CSOs). This will help the portal deliver to its target beneficiaries.

Barriers in access to devices and the internet

Attempts to register three migrant domestic workers working in New Delhi—two from West Bengal (Amira and Nur) and one from Madhya Pradesh (Rita Devi)—shed light on the barriers in access, awareness, and ability to claim to benefits that many erstwhile excluded groups face.

The first attempt to digitally register Amira failed as she could not access the e-Shram portal using her keypad handset that had no internet. Nur was next—she was unable to access the website as the page was incompatible with her 2G internet connection and handset. And Rita, who did not have a mobile phone, relied on her employer to return her family's calls.

Barriers in access to mobile number-seeded Aadhaar

We then tried using a desktop interface for registration. Amira was unable to register as her phone number did not match the mobile number linked to her Aadhaar. "In



Effective digital intervention for unorganised workers needs to be supported by a strengthened non-digital infrastructure. Credit: Stella Paul/IPS.

the migration to Delhi by train, I lost the registered number that my husband and I used... as a domestic worker, I had never used that number or Aadhaar to get any employment benefits... I didn't know such benefits existed."

Since Amira had not previously accessed employment welfare benefits which required mobile-Aadhaar authentication, she was unaware of the need to update her mobile number over the years. Through the process of trying to register her using Aadhaar, what Amira was most sceptical about was the misuse of her Aadhaar on an online portal that she did not have information about. She said, "This won't take away my family's PDS entitlements back in Bengal, right?"

For Nur and Rita, online registration on the portal failed because their Aadhaar was not attached to a mobile number. As the online e-Shram portal requires a mobile number-Aadhaar authentication, the workers were unable to use the digital intervention to their advantage.

In all three cases, failure to register online highlighted the need for workers to rely on common service centres (CSCs) and kiosks for assistance to register online and get their Aadhaar linked, thus depending on non-digital infrastructure to claim digital welfare benefits.

This is in tandem with findings from previous reports, which showcase that migrant workers' precarity is reinforced due to the challenges they face during the process of updating their Aadhaar. Discussions with the team from Chalo Network, a financial inclusion initiative tell us that migrant workers face barriers firstly due to the lim-

ited awareness about the process, and secondly due to the time and financial cost involved.

This was especially noted during the pandemic when workers faced limited access to welfare due to issues in updating Aadhaar, which made them rely on non-digital infrastructure and intermediaries for support.

Creating an inclusive and conducive ecosystem for e-Shram beneficiaries

As the government takes steps towards building India's Aadhaar-seeded NDUW and ease unorganised workers' access to welfare benefits, few gaps remain to be filled. Filling these gaps is essential to effectively incorporating India's 90 percent informal workforce that has so far remained on the margin of employment-related welfare benefits.

The government and welfare ecosystem need to address the bottlenecks which impinge on workers' ability to effectively use the infrastructure to claim these benefits. Some key areas to be considered are:

1. Bridging the digital divide

Unorganised workers account for 92 percent of India's workforce. In India, only 4.4 percent rural and 42 percent urban households have access to the internet, which is further skewed due to gender and regional disparity.

Poorer states like Odisha averaged at 5.8 percent internet access in rural areas while accounting for 81.5 percent unorganised workforce.

Only 21 percent women have access to mobile internet services.

In this digitally unequal landscape,

the hope for an organic digital uptake of e-Shram seems a distant dream. However, the use of existing non-digital welfare infrastructure—welfare boards, fair price shops (FPS), CSC agents, and CSOs—which are present at the grassroots and have been working with unorganised workers might propel a speedy and effective uptake.

2. Reinforcing trust and reach

Historically, many unorganised workers have remained outside the scope of employment-related benefits by the state. Noting their first-time inclusion, there is a need to create awareness and trust among the beneficiaries and the employment ecosystem about the advantages of registering on the portal.

As informality remains a feature of not merely state-worker relations but also worker-employer relations, it is important to reinforce trust among workers and their employers about the merits that the initiative holds. Here, grounded awareness campaigns with the use of multilingual posters and voice-based awareness initiatives will encourage registration uptake, especially among migrants, women, and adolescents workers, who presently remain marginalised due to literacy and language constraints.

3. Strengthening non-digital infrastructure

Effective digital intervention for unorganised workers needs to be supported by a strengthened non-digital infrastructure. To create impact at scale, the government should invest in the training and capacity building of non-digital infrastructure, including

CSC and kiosks, which will be the first step for workers to use the portal effectively.

Additionally, the existing network of last-mile delivery agents from other government interventions such as Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS), and Public Distribution System (PDS), among others, can be capitalised to create awareness and reach beneficiaries.

4. Avoiding workers' self-selection out of the benefits

The e-Shram portal extends social welfare benefits to categories such as domestic and migrant workers, who so far have been excluded from the welfare infrastructure. It calls for special attention to be given to promote awareness about entitlements among workers whose labour has been excluded both in the policy and societal realm.

Accounting for the historical gendered exclusion of women's domestic work in the realm of policy, a majority of domestic workers remain unaware of their rights and the entitlements they are eligible for. This is worse when workers are migrants in destination states where they have limited bargaining power vis-a-vis their employers. In this context, a proactive awareness campaign will help avoid workers' self-exclusion and promote equitable inclusion as beneficiaries.

5. Integrating employers and CSOs as stakeholders

Lastly, noting the informal relation between employers and employees in the unorganised sector, it is critical to work with CSOs, employers, and intermediaries such as thekedars and contractors to enable an ecosystem that focuses on benefits to workers.

Nudging employers to encourage registration may potentially benefit the uptake, along with creating more awareness about the entitlements that unorganised workers can benefit from, without any penalty to employers. In particular, CSO integration with e-Shram can be seen in two ways.

First, by enabling workers access through non-governmental volunteer-based registration in their existing programmes. Second, by partnering with CSOs for effective delivery of benefits, similar to previous attempts in the health and education domains. Effective grassroots integration can provide a path-breaking space for collaboration and strengthening of the welfare ecosystem for unorganised workers.

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Angela Wamola, GSMA's Head of Sub-Saharan Africa.

EXPANSION

GSMA head says planning for successes of 5G in sub-Saharan Africa important

LAGOS

Spectrum planning is key to the successful rollout of mobile services. While the rollout of 5G is only growing, what happens now with spectrum policy will have a massive impact on the success of 5G and its deployment in Sub-Saharan Africa.

This is according to Angela Wamola, Head of Sub-Saharan Africa, GSMA, who refers to the organisation's "The Mobile Economy - Sub-Saharan Africa 2021" report focusing on 5G spectrum in Sub-Saharan Africa, which looks at current spectrum assignments and future needs across the region.

She says forward-thinking governments and regulators across the region have the opportunity to make decisions to help make the most of the prospects 5G offers. The report also sets out a roadmap to help governments and regulators enable 5G in the most efficient way possible. It also provides recommendations based on international best practice.

According to Wamola, the first step on the path to setting successful 5G spectrum policy is the development of a spectrum roadmap that, step-by-step, sets out a plan from spectrum band possibilities to spectrum awards.

"Importantly, although the steps may be the same for every country, the detailed activities and timing under each may vary. A vital part of the roadmap process is spectrum clearance and defragmentation. Consultations with all parties during the process are, therefore, critical for success. One country off to a good start is Nigeria.

With its recently launched national policy for 5G, the country has pledged to make 600 MHz of mid-band spectrum available in the 3.5 GHz range. Support

for tech neutral licensing also allows mobile operators to use bands such as 2.3 and 2.6 GHz for 5G when needed. That makes it a role model for other countries in the region," she added. Getting spectrum valuation right is another key step.

"A closer look at this has shown that African countries account for a large proportion of the highest spectrum prices globally, which are strongly linked with limited coverage and lower network speeds. Furthermore, when spectrum prices are adjusted by income, Africa accounts for about half of all the high or extremely high spectrum prices worldwide. Even excluding extreme outliers, spectrum prices remain high. Median prices are four times higher than in high-income countries and twice as high as the global median," said Wamola.

Planning and licensing approaches may vary depending on factors such as the density of mobile use in the country, the current development of 3G and 4G, and the plan on moving incumbents to alternative frequency bands or technologies.

For already assigned spectrum, it may be necessary to realign the band assignments to provide contiguous ranges. Spectrum with technology neutral licensing is also critical for a faster 5G adoption, when it is time, in order to maximise spectrum efficiency.

At the end of 2020, 303 million people across Sub-Saharan Africa were connected to the mobile internet, equivalent to 28% of the population, according to "The Mobile Economy - Sub-Saharan Africa 2021" report. With digital services set to be at the heart of a post-pandemic world, the urgency to bring unconnected communities online, particularly vulnerable groups such as women, has never been greater.

WIRED

Absa says COVID has accelerated digitisation of its banking services

By Guardian Reporter

THE outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic has accelerated the adoption of digital banking by consumers in the market as people seek to navigate safely past the deadly virus.

Absa Bank Tanzania Limited's Head of Customer Experience and Digital Banking, Samuel Mkuyu said in Dar es Salaam on Monday during the bank's sponsored inaugural Africa Banking Conference that digital banking has seen an upward trajectory in recent days.

Mkuyu said the trend is the same in all markets that the bank operates in Africa and reflects that digitization and hybrid financial platforms have helped banks and consumers to survive the tremors of the pandemic.

Mkuyu's perspective was on Tanzania banking industry within context of facts and figures from other Absa experts who had been ruminating presentations from and resounding messages of the inaugural Africa Banking Conference hosted by the Johannesburg based banking group.



Samuel Mkuyu, Absa Bank Tanzania's head of customer experience and digital banking, speaks at a past event.

"Digital banking services continue to expand, driven by convenience, increasing financial inclusion and mobile penetration rate. Local banks have quickly capitalised on alternative channels such as mobile and internet banking, smart ATMs, contactless Point of Sale transactions and virtual assistance," he said.

Themed, 'Re-imagining banking in Africa in a post-Covid-19 world,' he said banks across the African

continent remained profitable and capital ratios stayed comfortably above minimum regulatory requirements against the backdrop of the pandemic.

Furthermore, Absa Bank Tanzania's financial performance in the first six months of 2021, indicates a recovery as economies re-open and vaccination rates pick up. "This has strengthened the accessibility of banking and related services, and further

helped to cater to the needs of customers without any physical interactions or branch visitations," Mkuyu added.

He was seconding the views of two Absa officials who had earlier written on the findings of the conference, namely Timothy Wambu, CFA, Head of Equity Research, Absa Kenya; and Khayelihle Mthembu, Equity Analyst, South Africa Banks Research, Absa Corporate and Investment Banking.

"Another major trend observed in post Covid-19 in Tanzania is that of mobile network operators and financial technology partnerships with local commercial banks to deliver multiple solutions with the aim of improving financial diversification and inclusion," he added.

Giving examples like Absa Tanzania's partnership with Tigo Tanzania and Jumo to deliver a microlending solution dubbed TigoNivushe. Bank of Africa has also partnered with Tigo Tanzania to launch a mobile money savings product called TigoPesaKibubu. "These trends are allowing banks to optimise their physical infrastructure and cost-to-serve," Mkuyu noted.

GENEROSITY

Halotel clocks six years with milestone achievement of connecting 15k villages

By Beatrice Philemon

RESIDENTS from 15,000 villages in the country can now access mobile phone communications thanks to Halotel Tanzania Limited's hard work and the government's support.

Halotel's Deputy Managing Director, Magesa Wandwi said in Dar es Salaam yesterday after the telco donated various items to patients at Muhimbili Orthopaedic

Institute as part of activities to mark six years of operations, that most of the villages have never accessed any mobile communication before.

Wandwi said of the 15,000 villages, 4,000 have access to all aspects of mobile phone communications including internet and mobile money which has boosted economic activities and growth.

"We thank the government for giving us the contract to connect

these villages which Halotel has successfully done," he said adding that the telecommunications company is looking forward to more years of fruitful cooperation with the state.

Speaking after handing over the donations, Halotel's Head of Product Strategy and Communications, Sakina Makabu said the items are aimed at consoling the victims who are struggling to recover at MOI hence

not engaging in any income generating activities.

"As we mark 6th anniversary, we appreciate to MOI's management for allowing us to cheer these suffering children and their parents as well as to console them at this pressing time," Makabu said noting that the company will continue working in partnership with the hospital in future.

Halotel which is a subsidiary of Vietnam's Viettel International started operations in October 2015 and was immediately contracted by the government to extend communication infrastructure to rural parts of the country where leading mobile phone companies failed to serve because of poor market concerns.

"As of now, we have laid more than 20,000 kilometres of optic fiber cable and more than 4,200 base transceiver stations to connect the 15,000 villages," she added saying some of the villages have access to fourth generation (4G) network services.

The telco donated drugs, soap, milk, oil, sanitary pads, toilet papers and other products to support the children suffering from hydrocephalus and spinal bifida diseases.

In a vote of thanks after receiving the donations, MOI's Senior Social Welfare Officer, Mary Ochieng and the hospital's Head of Public Relations, Patrick Mvungi paid tribute to Halotel's staff members and management for the support.



Halotel's deputy managing general, Magesa Wandwi (2nd R), presents a donation of various items to Muhimbili Orthopaedic Institute's head of public relations, Patrick Mvungi (2nd L), for use by children hospitalised at the specialised facility. This was in commemoration of 6th anniversary of the company's operations in the country. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala.

INNOVATION

MTN enters digital health service space with new pre-paid solution

JOHANNESBURG

MTN Mobile Money app (MTN MoMo), powered by uBank, has expanded into the digital health service space with the release of a Nurse & Video-Dr Consult pre-paid solution.

According to the operator, the pre-paid digital healthcare solution starts from R370 and is accessed via the MoMo app. The service is offered in partnership with CareWorks, which is a trusted aggregator of pre-paid health voucher services.

The voucher - which is valid for three years and costs R370 - incorporates access to specific select medicine that may be recommended by a nurse or prescribed by the Video-Dr. These vouchers are redeemable at Dischem and Medicare pharmacies.

Felix Kamenga, Chief Officer for Mobile Financial Services from MTN SA, said, "MoMo Health vouchers give users access to a nurse for a health check, and if needed, connect to a Video-Dr for a consultation at the nearest Dischem or Medicare pharmacies. Selected

medication can then be prescribed if needed.

Where the nurse can help resolve your condition and a Video-Dr consult is not required, you will be refunded a portion of the voucher price (R125) into the purchasers MoMo wallet." Kamenga said people can access as many vouchers as they need, and they can even buy vouchers for others.

The following tests are included: blood pressure, temperature, oxygen saturation, glucose, BMI and urine dipsticks. The Video-Dr can also provide you with a sick note or

a repeat prescription if needed. The solution is specifically targeted at helping the elderly with no medical aid to get the professional advice and medication they need, according to MTN.

The company is also positioning the solution as an affordable alternative for those who have run out of medical aid savings, "while the general population gains access to an array of medical solutions that were previously not readily available to them."

Kamenga added, "The high cost of

medical aid and affordability constraints are increasing the need for prepaid medical aid to expand health care coverage more broadly and fairly. The best thing about this is people only pay when they need to access health services. They are freed from large monthly bills for medical care they do not use, but still get the benefit of a one-on-one consultation with a healthcare provider. It saves time and money, but also ensures the most vulnerable are not left without the care they need."

OPTIMISM

Consumer Choice Awards organisers bask in sponsorship galore as more brands join



Lavine International Agency's CEO, Diana Laizer

By Guardian Reporter

THIS year's Consumer Choice Awards Africa promises fireworks as a barrage of sponsors including Absa Bank Tanzania, PwC, Azam Media and Konzept Online television join the list of sponsors of the continental annual event.

Lavine International Agency's CEO, Diana Laizer said in Dar es Salaam on Monday that this year's event will recognize, enhance and promote business excellence through consumers' choice across the continent.

Laizer said organizers of the event, Consumer Choice Awards Africa are thrilled by the support from notable brand names which shows that support from consumers has also been on the increase. "We are grateful for the support from stakeholders and sponsors who have pledged to ensure that this year's event which will cover the whole continent will remain the best ever," she said.

The LIA CEO further noted that her firm is now looking forward to expanding its influence on the African continent by bringing together all nationalities on a single platform through online voting which knows no borders.

She pointed out that digital innovations are quickly converting

the whole world into a global village with consumers accessing the CCAA from anywhere. "With support from the government through TanTrade and our sponsors, Lavine International Agency will achieve its goal of promoting competition among companies and businesses across the African Continent," Laizer added.

Banking on the influx of world class sponsors, Laizer further stated that this year's awards will be very special because they will inspire consumers and companies across the African continent.

"We are currently in the process of announcing the names of companies that will compete in this year's awards so that consumers from all over the African continent can start voting," she explained while noting that the competing companies will be announced online.

"Voting will take place on social media mainly of our media partners including Azam Media who are the main sponsors on the media category as well as TVE, E-FM Radio, Konzept Online TV and East Africa Herald," she said.

Commenting on their participation, Azam Media's Marketing Manager, Gloria Chuwa they are happy to be part of this year's Consumer Choice Awards Africa because it assists to build brands and promote

businesses through involvement of customers. "For being the media category's major sponsor, Azam Media will provide all the support by broadcasting live all of the CCAA's events through our UTV channel," Chuwa said.

Chuwa's observation was backed by Konzept CEO, Krants Mwantepele who promised that as media outlets, they will ensure that the Consumer Choice Awards Africa reaches consumers both at home and abroad. "We, as Konzept have a large network that connects all journalists across Africa and as such believe that the information concerning the event will reach all Africans," Mwantepele said.

In remarks on the event, PwC's Associate Director, Benjamin Mkwizu said the accounting and audit giant is happy to be part of the prestigious award because it is a platform that recognizes the best on the continent's markets.

"Consumer Choice Awards Africa promotes excellence in the delivery of goods and services as well as positive social interaction in our diverse communities. These attributes form part of our core values at PwC," Mkwizu said adding that PwC is tasked with reviewing of the technology platform used to collect, store and tally consumers' votes.



DSE's CEO, Moremi Marwa.

APPRECIATION

Share trading at DSE more than doubled thanks to local investors

By Geoffrey Nangai

SHARE trading at Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange continued its rally with turnover more than doubling to 1.37bn/- compared to 510m/- that was generated during the previous week.

According to Orbit Securities' weekly market report for a period ending October 8, 2021, a total of 3,589,772 shares were traded on the bourse during the course of the week as compared to 686,039 shares traded in the previous week.

"CRDB was this week's top mover, accounting for 54.856 percent of the turnover," the report said. Other major gainers of the week included JATU, DSE, NICOL and TCCL who traded 47,040; 5,230; 14,605; and 6,350 shares.

The All Share Index (DSEI) lost 22.50 points in value as EABL, KCB and NMG lost 4.49; 2.06; and 3.16 percent respectively of their share value by the end of the week. The Tanzania Share Index (TSI) on the other hand, gained 0.46 points as JATU and DSE counters increased by 10.61 and 8.33 percent respectively.

"Local investors dominated the market as they accounted for 99.44 percent of purchases in the market and 100 percent of sold stocks while foreigners accounted for the remaining 0.56 percent," the report added. The net foreign inflow for the week was 7.67m/- compared to the week prior's 110.810m/- as participation from foreign investors in buying shares slowed down.

Meanwhile, the Interbank Foreign Exchange Market (IFEM) traded a total of 22.38m/- which accounted for a decrease of 79.58 percent from the 109.6m/- generated during the previous week. A total of 49.8bn/- was transacted on the Inter Bank Cash Market (IBCM) last week at a weighted average rate of 3.53 percent. According to Bank of Tanzania (BoT), the total amount of the traded sum dropped by 44.36 percent from the 89.5bn/- that was traded during the preceding week.



TanTrade's logo.

COMPETITIVENESS

TanTrade director targets Gulf market for local agro-processed produce at Dubai Expo

By Francis Kajubi

THE lucrative market of United Arab Emirates and other Gulf states is the target of Tanzania Trade Development Authority when it leads 600 local companies to the Dubai Expo 2020 global exhibitions.

Addressing editors in Dar es Salaam on Monday TanTrade's acting Director of Trade Promotion, Getrude Ng'weshemi said the country's private suppliers have an opportunity to find international

buyers of commodities and agro-processed produce such as fruits, mutton, honey and fresh flowers, among others.

"We expect the business community to explore the untapped potentials UAE market because we currently have potential to supply US\$130 million of legumes," Ng'weshemi said while urging the private sector to seize such opportunities.

She pointed out that the expo which is expected to attract over

207,600 people from 191 countries across the globe by March of 2022, will also have opportunities from Asia and the Far East where agro-produce is in big demand.

"In 2017 for example, the value of total exports to UAE was worth US\$96 million while imports from the Gulf state stood at US\$592 million. In 2018, the value of exports dwindled to US\$88 million while imports increased to US\$871million," she noted adding that the export figure peaked US\$754 million while

imports were worth US\$824 million last year. The TanTrade Director further noted that there is a market potential of US\$160 million for locally dried chick peas while tea has US\$917 million market room with gems and gold also being sought for by the Arabs.

Ng'weshemi asserted that it is important for the country's private sector to exploit the huge market potential that will be provided at the exhibition in addition to seeking a bigger share of the UAE market as

imports have been increasing.

"We have already shipped 97 samples of processed agro-products to Dubai that will feature at the Expo 2020 which started on October 1st," she explained saying Tanzania has opted to participate the mobility category to promote ongoing mega projects to the world hence attract new investments. The expo which is themed, 'Connecting minds, creating the future,' is organized by the Bureau of International Expositions and hosted by the UAE government.

RELIEF

NAIROBI

At least 15 charter flights are expected in Mombasa from Europe including Germany and Poland ahead of the December peak season, boosting the international tourism at the Coast.

Mombasa County has partnered with cities abroad to market the coastal tourism circuit to woo international visitors and revive the sector that is reeling from the negative effects of the Covid-19 pandemic on travel. In January, the county signed a deal with Ukraine that saw the Ukrainian government boosting Kenya's tourism destination with direct weekly charter flights to the Moi International Airport.

"Currently, we receive one charter flight every 10 days from Kyiv bringing 200 tourists.

Mombasa expects 15 charter flights

We are working to have another charter flight from Odesa. We are expecting Qatar and Turkish airlines to resume together with Ethiopian airlines which will fly directly to Mombasa," said chief officer in charge of Tourism, Finance and Trade Asha Abdi.

She said tour operators from Ukraine are working with the international airlines to woo tourists to the coastal region, targeting at least 100 tourists every week per airline. Ms Abdi said the scheduled flights will boost Coast tourism.

Governor Hassan Joho said his administration adopted the Sister Cities programme to revive the tourism sector urg-

ing more countries to fly directly into the coastal city of Mombasa to boost tourism. More than 1,000 Ukrainians have visited Kenya since the signing of the partnership.

Some 22 cities that have partnered with Mombasa through the Sister Cities programme include Seattle, Long Beach, Honolulu in the US, Guangzhou, and Fuzhou in China, Tangier in Morocco, Odesa in Ukraine and Durban in South Africa. Last month, the county government deployed a delegation to Ukraine to woo tour operators. "These are the results of our visits," said Ms Abdi in an interview with Nation.

The Ukrainian honorary consul Oleksii

Sierkov said more charter flights have been planned to ferry Ukrainians to Mombasa. "The fourth charter since the partnership will arrive in Mombasa with 289 tourists on board on October 15. Kenyans will also visit Ukraine," he said.

Sister Cities Director Salma Noor said: "International cities have shown interest in signing up with us. This will increase the number of tourists to our destination." Kenya Hotelkeepers and Caterers Coast executive Sam Ikwaye lauded the initiative, saying it is the best concept of attracting international tourists and marketing the destination abroad.

Hotelier Mohamed Hersi said: "We need vigorous marketing to attract more international tourists." This comes as the sector counties to peak with hotels enjoying between 40 to 60 percent bed capacity. Last month, managers of major hotels at the Coast trooped to Ukraine to market Mombasa.

"The leaders of the best hotels and safari companies presented their products to Ukrainian agents to support the charter program from Kyiv to Mombasa, which will begin on October 15 on the Ukrainian Bees Airlines wings," said Ms Abdi. Royal Dutch Airlines also announced direct flights from Amsterdam to Mombasa. The maiden flight is expected on November 2, 2021.

RELIEF

IMF board keeps Georgieva as chief after data scandal review

WASHINGTON

Having looked at all the evidence presented, the executive board reaffirms its full confidence in the managing director's leadership and ability to continue to effectively carry out her duties.

Kristalina Georgieva will remain as head of the International Monetary Fund after the lender's board reviewed accusations that she improperly influenced a World Bank ranking of China's business climate.

The fate of Georgieva – a Bulgarian economist and the first person from an emerging-market nation to run the IMF – had been in limbo since September 16. That's when a report written by law firm WilmerHale and commissioned by the World Bank, her previous employer, asserted that she pressured subordinates to boost China's position in the bank's influential "Doing Business" report.

"The executive board considered that the information presented in the course of its review did not conclusively demonstrate that the manag-

ing director played an improper role regarding the Doing Business 2018 Report when she was CEO of the World Bank," the fund said in a statement following board deliberations Monday.

"Having looked at all the evidence presented, the executive board reaffirms its full confidence in the managing director's leadership and ability to continue to effectively carry out her duties." Even with the backing, the allegations against Georgieva and her subsequent fight for her job threaten to overshadow the annual meetings of the two institutions – which kicked off in Washington Monday – at a time when both are tasked with supporting economies through the Covid-19 pandemic.

The accusations will likely also impact Georgieva's remaining time at the IMF, which is expected to deliver unbiased analysis and serve as an honest broker and tough advice-giver among governments, especially those seeking its aid.

'Legitimate' concerns
The US – the largest shareholder in

both the IMF and World Bank – had called the allegations regarding Georgieva's time at the World Bank "serious," and debated calling for her resignation, Bloomberg News reported last week. Other major shareholders had held back from voicing support pending the outcome of the IMF's internal review.

On Monday, the US decided that the allegations ultimately didn't warrant removing Georgieva, a move that helped clear the way for her to stay. However, Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen told Georgieva in a call Monday that the law firm's report "raised legitimate issues and concerns."

"Accordingly, the US believes proactive steps must be taken to reinforce data integrity and credibility at the IMF," the Treasury said. The executive board, with 24 directors representing 190 member nations, had been racing to reach a decision, after hours of discussions over multiple days with both WilmerHale and Georgieva.

Georgieva, the World Bank's chief executive officer from 2017 to 2019, denied the allegations, telling the IMF

board that the report did "not accurately characterise my actions" nor "accurately portray my character or the way that I have conducted myself over a long professional career."

In a statement released by her public-relations firm late Monday, Georgieva thanked the IMF board and said it agrees with her "that the allegations were unfounded." "Trust and integrity are the cornerstones of the multinational organisations that I have faithfully served for more than four decades," she said.

The multitude of pressing concerns facing the global economy along with the lack of appetite for a change of leadership likely swayed thinking on the matter, said Alicia Garcia Herro, chief economist for Asia-Pacific with Natixis SA and who previously worked for the IMF.

"My impression is that the board realizes this is not the right time to jump on another horse," she said. "Europeans might be worried about losing their driving seat if Georgieva needs to leave. China surely finds Georgieva a relatively benign MD."



Kristalina Georgieva, managing director of the International Monetary Fund.

CONCERN

Cyclone shuts one of world's busiest ports

BEIJING

The number of vessels waiting to enter one of the world's busiest ports jumped to the most since August, threatening to further snarl global supply chains strained by a surge in consumer demand for everything from cars to computers.

China's Yantian port in Shenzhen suspended pick-up and drop-off of containers as tropical cyclone Kompasu approached the nation's southern coastline. The number of ships waiting outside the port rose to 67, the most since August 26, according to shipping data compiled by Bloomberg.

Located near China's tech capital of Shenzhen and the manufacturing belt of the Pearl River Delta, Yantian is one of the world's busiest ports, with a cargo throughput of 13.34 million twenty-foot equivalent units in 2020, according to figures from the Shenzhen Transportation Bureau. It typically serves about 100 ships a week.

Kompasu is the second tropical storm to affect southern China in the last few days, after Lionrock brought flooding to some low-lying areas of Hong Kong over

the weekend. The damage from Kompasu could be more severe based on its current track and intensity forecasts, Bloomberg Intelligence analyst Steven Lam wrote in a note Monday.

Bottlenecks at container terminals around the world have added to pressure on supply chains already struggling to keep up with demand. Covid-19 outbreaks at ports, along with shortages in shipping containers and labour have exacerbated the problem, with China – the world's biggest manufacturer – seeing a number of port disruptions this year.

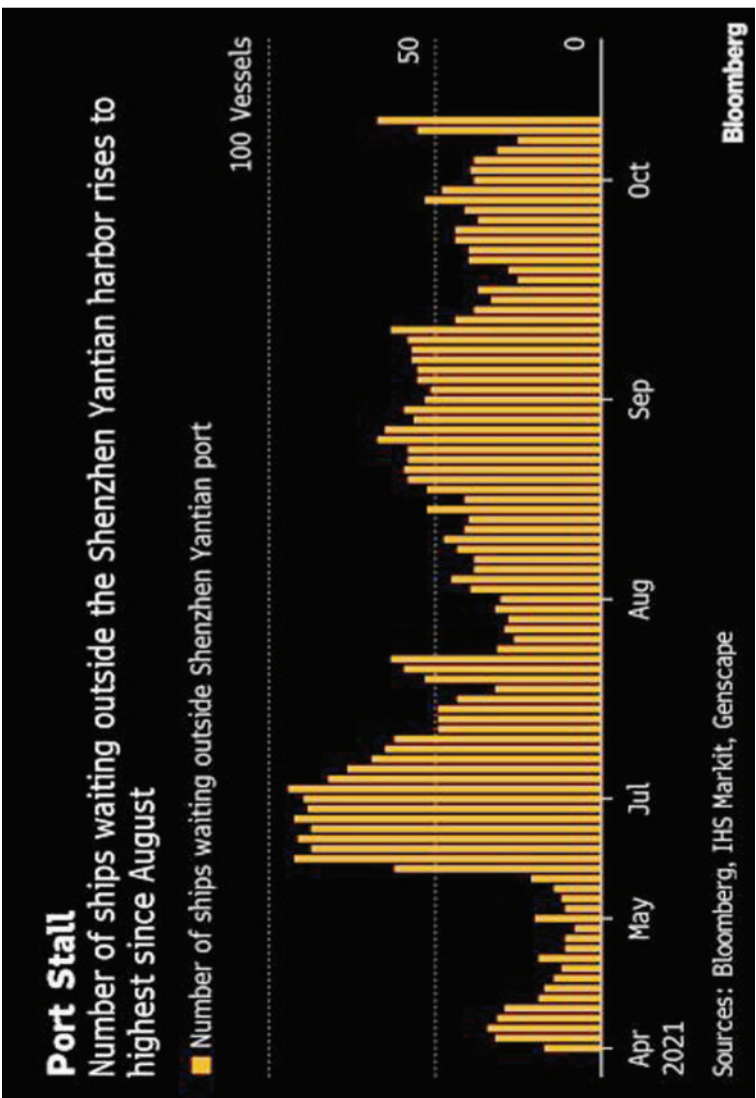
The country has a zero tolerance approach to the virus, and has shut down port operations on single cases in the past. An outbreak at Yantian in June saw it closed, resulting in falling volumes as far away as the Port of Los Angeles. The Ningbo-Zhoushan port shut for two weeks in August because of a delta variant infection. Weather has also played havoc, with Shanghai's container port, the world's biggest, halting some operations last month amid a typhoon.



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A graph showing cargo ship flow at China's leading port.

WORLD

UN calls for mental health investment across Africa

NAIROBI

AS the world marked World Mental Health Day on Sunday, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Health Organization called on African countries to increase investment and access to mental health prevention and response services.

The UN agencies said investment in mental health remains extremely low in Africa, with government expenditure at less than \$1 per capita.

"The most recent data indicates that on average, African ministries of health allocate about \$0.90 per capita to mental health, up from \$0.10 from the 2016 report.

This is often allocated to large psychiatric institutions, in the bigger cities with only about 15 percent getting to the primary and the community health levels," the agencies said.

They urged countries to prioritize

investing in child and mental health, saying the initiative will literally pay off in the future.

"We simply cannot afford to let millions of children needing care go without help," said Matshidiso Moeti, the WHO regional director for Africa.

According to the latest UNICEF State of the World's Children report, school-based interventions addressing anxiety, depression and suicide provide a return on investment of \$21.5 for every \$1 over 80 years.

The report said the biggest results were in lower- to middle-income countries, with a return of \$88.7 on every dollar invested.

Professors Crick Lund and John Joska of the University of Cape Town said for every dollar invested in treatment for depression and anxiety, there would be a \$2-\$5 return on investment over the next 15 years of the Sustainable Development



Children play on a dusty field outside their homes in the Diepsloot Township north of Johannesburg, South Africa, Aug 26, 2021. File photo

Goals.

Budget allocation

The professors said even though most of the African countries have made high-level policy commitments, allocation of appropriate budgets and human resources for mental health are sorely lacking.

The agencies said mental ill-health has been aggravated by lack of access to basic social, health and education services, combined with wide-reaching structural inequalities.

They termed climate change effects, compounded by high rates of HIV infections, adolescent pregnancies and humanitarian emergencies, as other ongoing threats for the mental well-being of children and adolescents in Africa.

"Addressing child and adolescent

mental health in Africa is urgent. Over the years, millions of young people have been exposed to challenges most adults would find very difficult to cope with, often having to deal with the psychological impacts on their own. Our systems are still failing them," Mohamed M. Fall, the UNICEF regional director for Eastern and Southern Africa, said.

Marie-Pierre Poirier, the UNICEF regional director for West and Central Africa, said COVID-19 and response measures have created an environment of uncertainty, isolation and anxiety.

She said the number of children targeted for mental health and psychosocial support across West and Central Africa since the pre-COVID-19 period has almost doubled from just below 1.1 million in 2019 to almost 2 million this year.

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Xi calls for joint efforts for humanity's high-quality development

BEIJING

CHINESE President Xi Jinping yesterday called on countries around the world to join hands and start a new journey of high-quality development of humanity.

Xi made the remarks while addressing the leaders' summit of the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity via video link in Beijing.

The development of ecological civilization should be taken as a guide to coordinate the relationship between human and Nature, Xi stressed, adding that human activities need to be kept within the limits of the ecology and environment.

Xi urged efforts to let green transition drive people's efforts to facilitate global sustainable development, and called for stepping up green international cooperation to share the fruits of green development among all countries.

Stressing the need to better people's well-being to promote social equity and justice, Xi noted that international law should be the basis to uphold a fair and equitable international governance system.

Xi also said that the new environmental protection targets people set need to be ambitious on the one hand and pragmatic and balanced on the other. *Xinhua*



Putin, Merkel, Macron stress importance of Normandy format, says Kremlin

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin on Monday spoke over the phone with German Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Emmanuel Macron, the Kremlin press service reported.

"The sides discussed in detail the disturbing situation around the stalling of the process of the settlement of the Ukrainian conflict.

The three leaders noted the importance of the implementation of the 2015 Minsk agreements as the only settlement basis. They also stressed the importance of further coordination of Russia's, Germany's, and France's efforts in the Normandy format," the Kremlin said.

Apart from that, Putin made "high-principled assessment of Kiev's policies of stubbornly dodging its obligations under the Minsk Accords and agreements of the previous Normandy-format summits, including the one in Paris (December 9, 2019)," it said.

The three leaders agreed to continue discussing a possibility of organizing a Normandy Four (Russia, Germany, France, Ukraine) summit. "Foreign ministers (of the four nations - TASS) will look at the possible organization of a meeting in the Normandy format at their level. It was also agreed to continue to use corresponding channels to look at a possibility to organize a Normandy summit if it is expedient," it said.

"Bearing in mind the difficult situation in the settlement of the conflict in southeastern Ukraine, the leaders asked their political advisers and foreign ministries to intensify contacts in the Normandy format," the Kremlin said, adding that the leaders also discussed a number of other international issues, including counter-terrorism efforts on the African continent.

Ukrainian President Vladimir Zelensky said earlier in the day that he had had a telephone conversation with Macron and Merkel to discuss issues of the Donbass conflict settlement and preparations for a Normandy Four summit.

Putin's previous conversation with Macron and Merkel took place in the videoconference format on March 30. The Russian president then expressed concern over Kiev's destabilizing actions in Donbass.

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German Chancellor Angela Merkel, French President Emmanuel Macron and Russian President Vladimir Putin. File photo

UN panel says can't rule climate case brought by Thunberg

GENEVA

A UN panel said it could not immediately rule on a complaint by Swedish teenager Greta Thunberg and others that state inaction on climate change violates children's rights, adding that they should have taken the case to national courts first.

The complaint was filed with the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child in 2019 and the 18-member panel has been conducting hearings and deliberating since.

The 15 activists, aged between eight and 17 at the time, had argued that France, Turkey, Brazil, Germany and Argentina had known about the risk of climate change for decades but failed to curb their carbon emissions.

"I have no doubt this judgment will haunt the committee in the future," said US petitioner Alexandria Villasenor said of Monday's judgment. "When the climate disasters are even more severe than they are now, the committee will severely regret not doing the right thing when they had the chance."

There was no immediate comment from Thunberg.

The case is one of a growing number of climate litigation cases that invoke human rights and is seen as setting an important precedent.

The committee, made up of 18 independent human rights experts, concluded that a "sufficient causal link" had been established between the significant harm allegedly suffered by the children and the acts or omissions of the five states.

However, it accepted the arguments of the five countries that the children should have tried to bring cases to their national courts first.

"You were successful on some aspects but not on others," the committee told the youth activists in a letter, in which it saluted their "courage and determination". "We hope that you will be empowered by the positive aspects of this decision, and that you will continue to act in your own countries and regions and internationally to fight for justice on climate change," it said.



Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg gestures as she speaks during a Fridays for Future students' strike on Oct 1, 2021 on the sidelines of the Youth4Climate and Pre-COP 26 events in Milan. AFP

National courts

Lawyers for the children said that they would go to national courts though they said this was likely to be time-consuming and fruitless. "In effect, the Committee instructed the youth to squander years waiting for inevitable dismissal," a joint statement from lawyers Hausfeld and Earthjustice issued late on Monday said. One important detail of the ruling was that the committee found that it can deal

with cases even if the harmful effects of one country's emissions are felt by children in another country.

Margaretha Wewerinke, an international lawyer focused on environmental justice, said the case had "broken new ground in climate litigation and will no doubt inform future efforts to protect rights against climate change". The activists come from 12 countries: Argentina, Brazil, France, Germany, India, Palau, Marshall Islands, Nigeria, South

Africa, Sweden, Tunisia and the United States. The committee monitors adherence of state parties to a 1989 convention which declared the unassailable civil, economic, political and cultural rights of children. The convention has 196 state parties.

A smaller number of countries, 48, have agreed to a protocol allowing children to seek redress under the convention and these include the five countries that are respondents in the case.

Agencies

UK PM slammed for 'fatalistic approach' to COVID-19

LONDON

BORIS Johnson's UK government made serious mistakes in its early handling of the coronavirus pandemic and should have imposed a full lockdown more quickly, a move that would have saved many lives, a parliamentary inquiry found.

In a sharply critical joint report released Tuesday, the health and social care committee and science and technology committee said the UK had ad-

opted a "fatalistic approach" to COVID-19 in early 2020, failing to learn from East Asian countries that halted the spread of the virus using swift lockdowns and mass testing.

Instead, the UK effectively accepted "that herd immunity by infection was the inevitable outcome," the committee said.

That decision meant the virus was allowed to spread through the population before lockdown eventually began on March 23, 2020, according to the report.



The government denies that herd immunity has ever been part of its pandemic strategy.

But the MPs said: "It is now clear that this was the wrong

policy, and that it led to a higher initial death toll than would have resulted from a more emphatic early policy."

The findings add to pressure on Prime Minister Johnson over his pandemic decision-making, ahead of a major public inquiry due to start next spring.

A spokesman said the government was at all times "guided by scientific and medical experts and we never shied away from taking quick and decisive action" during the pandemic.

Labour's shadow health secretary Jonathan Ashworth called the publication a "damning report" documenting "monumental errors."

The UK's COVID-19 death toll in 2020 was "significantly worse" than many countries, in particular in comparison to Asian nations closer to where the virus first appeared, according to the report. To date the UK has recorded 137,000 fatalities, the most in Western Europe.

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Complete reunification of China will be and can be realised

"THE complete reunification of our country will be and can be realized," said Chinese President Xi Jinping, also general secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, at a commemorative meeting on Oct. 9 marking the 110th anniversary of the Revolution of 1911 that ended the country's thousands-year-long absolute monarchy.

The Taiwan question is purely an internal matter for China, one which brooks no external interference, Xi said, stressing that no one should underestimate the resolve, the will, and the ability of the Chinese people to defend their national sovereignty and territorial integrity.

The Taiwan question arose out of the weakness and chaos of the Chi-

nese nation, and it will be resolved as national rejuvenation becomes a reality, Xi pointed out in his speech.

"This is determined by the general trend of Chinese history, but more importantly, it is the common will of all Chinese people," he added.

National reunification has been closely intertwined with Chinese people's dream of realizing the great rejuvenation of the nation since modern times. As Dr. Sun Yat-sen, who led the Revolution of 1911, said, "Unification is the hope of all Chinese people. If China can be unified, all Chinese will enjoy a happy life; if it cannot, all will suffer."

After the First Opium War broke out

in 1840, Western powers came to act with impunity on Chinese lands, and feudal rulers were rendered weak and ineffectual. Gradually, China was reduced to a semi-colonial and semi-feudal society. With the country humiliated, the people subjected to great pain, and the civilization plunged into darkness, the Chinese people and nation suffered greater ravages than ever before.

Since the Revolution of 1911, numerous noble-minded patriots united in rejuvenating China and started to explore a path to the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation.

In 1921, the CPC was founded, an epoch-making event that has profoundly

changed the future of the Chinese people and nation. Today, the country is advancing with unstoppable momentum toward rejuvenation and seeing a clearer prospect of national reunification than ever before.

History proves that Chinese communists have been the most steadfast supporters, loyal collaborators, and faithful successors to the revolutionary cause initiated by Dr. Sun.

As Xi said in his speech, national reunification by peaceful means best serves the interests of the Chinese nation as a whole, including compatriots in Taiwan. China adheres to the basic policies of "peaceful reunification" and "one country, two systems",

upholds the one-China principle and the 1992 Consensus, and works for the peaceful development of relations across the Taiwan Straits, according to Xi.

"Compatriots on both sides of the Taiwan Straits should stand on the right side of history and join hands to achieve China's complete reunification and the rejuvenation of the Chinese nation," he said. The Chinese nation has an honorable tradition of opposing division and safeguarding unity. Secession aimed at "Taiwan independence" is the greatest obstacle to national reunification and a grave danger to national rejuvenation.

Those who forget their heritage,

betray their motherland, and seek to split the country will come to no good end, Xi said in his speech, adding that they will be disdained by the people and condemned by history.

Stubbornly sticking to the idea of "Taiwan independence", the Taiwan authorities, led by the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP), have been for some time willingly serving as chess pieces of external forces in total disregard of the fundamental interests of the Chinese nation and the well-being of Taiwan citizens.

By constantly playing tricks to seek "Taiwan independence" as well as provoking and stirring up troubles for China, the DPP authorities have gravely undermined the peace and stability in the Taiwan Straits. *People's Daily*

Russian foreign minister notes attempts to escalate situation in Asia

NUR-SULTAN

MOSCOW sees attempts to destabilize the geopolitical situation in Asia made by military and narrow political structures which impede interstate interaction in the region, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov stated yesterday at a meeting of the top diplomats of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia's member countries.

"Unfortunately, the geopolitical situation in the region is not getting better, restraining a transition to comprehensive multilateral cooperation and integration. We see deliberate attempts to escalate the situation, undermine the existing mechanisms of interstate interaction," the top diplomat noted.

According to Lavrov, some narrow political structures and military blocs, sticking to the logic of the cold war and a policy of containment, "contribute to the destabilization of the situation in Asia."



The Taliban (outlawed in Russia) embarked on a large-scale operation to take control of Afghanistan after the US had announced its intention to withdraw its forces in the spring.

On August 15, Taliban fighters swept into Kabul without encountering any resistance, with Afghanistan's then President Ashraf Ghani subsequently fleeing the country.

On September 6, the Taliban gained full control over Afghanistan, and on September 7, the radicals announced the new interim government.

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Europe's natural gas crisis looms amid soaring prices

BRUSSELS

NATURAL gas prices in Europe have pulled back from their record highs since Russian President Vladimir Putin promised to pump more gas to Europe.

After hitting a record high of 114.2 euros (132.3 U.S. dollars) on Thursday, the spot price of natural gas at the Dutch Title Transfer Facility, a European benchmark, dropped to 87.15 euros per megawatt hour on Sunday.

With the heating season setting in and natural gas prices still hovering at high levels, the looming energy crisis is poised to elevate household utility bills and derail Europe's economic recovery.

SKYROCKETING GAS PRICES

Natural gas spot prices in Europe started to rise precipitously from May, and have undergone drastic fluctuation since mid-September, according to Dutch Title Transfer Facility historical data.

The figures whipsawed and reached new highs before retreating from Thursday's all-time high. Based on the Sunday price, the spot price is still over five times the level from the beginning of this year. The skyrocketing prices will not only inevitably lead to huge utility bills for households, but also put great pressure on energy-intensive manufacturers.

Some European companies are already feeling the heat. In late September, Germany's leading chemical company BASF decided to curtail ammonia production in its factories in the Belgian city of Antwerp and the German city of Ludwigshafen, citing rising natural gas prices in the region.

THORNY ISSUE

As more countries emerge from pandemic lockdowns and restrictions, demand for commodities and services has been rising. Efforts by manufacturers to meet pent-up needs from customers eventually drove up the global demand for energy, as well as their prices.

Though energy price spikes impact the entire world, surging gas prices have become a thorny issue for Europe. In the fight against climate change, the European Union is undergoing a transformation for achieving carbon neutrality by 2050, with the target written into the European Climate Law.

European countries are racing to phase out coal and embrace green energy sources like solar and wind power.

The situation highlighted the role of natural gas, which is a relatively clean burning fuel, frequently seen as a bridge from traditional energy to clean energy.

According to Bruegel, a Brussels-based think tank, higher gas prices "are putting disproportionate upward pressure on electricity prices," although natural gas only accounts for 20 percent of Europe's electricity. The current pressure caused by soaring gas prices, some critics argue, could imperil Europe's climate goals if member states are forced to supplant natural gas with coal.

NO EASY FIX

At a Eurogroup meeting held in Luxembourg earlier this month, the hike in gas prices was among the topics discussed by EU finance ministers, with some of them calling for a unified response to the continent's energy challenges, and others warning against overreaction.

On Wednesday, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen stressed that the EU should invest in renewables for the long term, while conceding that energy prices remain a serious issue.

The ballooning prices were partly due to a short supply, she said, adding that Russia has not been helpful in stepping up supplies like Norway. Around 90 percent of the natural gas consumed in Europe is imported and Russia is one of the main suppliers. Some European countries are seeking to alleviate the mounting pressures incurred by surging gas prices by cutting taxes.

The French government announced on Sept. 30 that it would freeze gas prices and cut taxes on electricity in a bid to slow down the rise in prices. While the tax cuts and rebates can protect vulnerable households and small businesses for the time being, the only way to fix the energy crisis in Europe is to promote energy conservation, a Bruegel note said.

The European Commission chief's complaint is shared by some critics in Europe, who claim that Russia is intentionally cutting natural gas supplies to Europe to expedite the approval of its Nord Stream 2 pipeline, an allegation rebutted by Russia.

Xinhua

US warns of 'twindemic' prior to holiday season with COVID-19 pill, booster vaccines in clearance

NEW YORK

WITH holidays approaching in the United States, health experts said some festivities can start to return to a sense of normalcy, but warned that COVID-19 isn't defeated yet and seasonal influenza could launch an attack, despite the federal government's consistent endeavor to vaccinate more Americans against the coronavirus and authorize a new pill and booster vaccines.

"It's a good time to reflect on why it's important to get vaccinated. But go out there and enjoy Halloween as well as the other holidays that will be coming up," Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, told CNN on Sunday.

Outdoor trick-or-treating, particularly for children who are vaccinated, should be fine this year, he said. Megan Ranney, associate dean of the School of Public Health at Brown University, cautioned against indoor Halloween parties for children too young to be vaccinated and encouraged parents in areas with high virus transmission to mask their children, but agreed that Halloween fun could go on this year.

However, as the conditions are improving and the sense of normalcy is expanding, Fauci still alerted that the fight against the pandemic is not over. "We have to just be careful that we don't prematurely declare victory in many respects. We still have around 68 million people who are eligible to be vaccinated that have not yet gotten vaccinated," he said.

On Monday, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updated that 216,889,814 people have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine, making up 65.3 percent of the whole U.S. population. Fully vaccinated people stood at 187,215,471, accounting for 56.4 percent of the total.

A total of 7,786,263 people, or 4.2 percent of fully vaccinated group, received booster shots. According to The New York Times data analysis, the 7-day average of confirmed cases of the pandemic stood at 96,549 nationwide on Sunday, with the 14-day change striking a 19-per-



Anthony Fauci, director of the U.S. National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

cent fall. The COVID-19-related deaths were 2,000 on Sunday, with the 14-day change realizing a 2-percent decrease, with southern U.S. state of Arkansas having added many COVID-19 deaths.

COVID-19 PLUS FLU

Experts are warning that there could be what they call a "twindemic" of COVID-19 and flu this coming winter, reported national broadcaster CBS on Monday.

Millions of U.S. children get sick with the flu every year and tens of thousands are hospitalized with respiratory syncytial virus or RSV.

Research being presented at an American Academy of Pediatrics conference showed that pandemic precautions, like wearing masks and social distancing, helped stop the spread of flu and other common respiratory viruses last season, according to the report.

"Although each of these things is not perfect, taken together, they really are effective in preventing illness," William Schaffner, an infectious diseases specialist at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, was quoted as saying.

Last week, The Washington Post reported that U.S. health officials are urging Americans to get their flu shots, warning that the flu season that didn't materialize when most of society was shut down last year could come roaring back and strain hospitals in the months ahead. Survey data released on Thursday found that slightly more than half of American adults plan to be vaccinated against in-

fluenza.

That's not much of a change from pre-pandemic surveys conducted by the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases.

This low flu activity was likely due to the widespread implementation of COVID-19 preventive measures like masks, physical distancing and staying home," CDC Director Rochelle Walensky said in a Thursday briefing announcing flu vaccination efforts.

PILL AND BOOSTERS

On Monday, drugmaker Merck asked the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to authorize its pill against COVID-19 in what would add an entirely new and easy-to-use weapon to the world's arsenal against the pandemic. If cleared by the agency, a decision that could come in a matter of weeks, it would be the first pill shown to treat COVID-19.

All other FDA-backed treatments against the disease require an intravenous therapy (IV) or injection. "An antiviral pill that people could take at home to reduce their symptoms and speed recovery could prove groundbreaking, easing the crushing caseload on U.S. hospitals and helping to curb outbreaks in poorer countries with weak health care systems.

It would also bolster the two-pronged approach to the pandemic: treatment, by way of medication, and prevention, primarily through vaccinations," reported national broadcaster NBC.

Merck and its partner Ridgeback Biotherapeutics said they specifically asked the agency to grant emergency use for adults with mild-to-moderate COVID-19 who are at risk for severe disease or hospitalization. Merck expects to be able to produce enough pills for 10 million people by the end of this year.

The pill is meant to be taken

at home as four capsules twice a day for five days, for a total of 40 pills.

Meanwhile, the U.S. federal government is expected to take a significant step this week toward offering booster doses to a much wider range of Americans as advisers to the FDA meet on Thursday and Friday to discuss recipients of the Johnson & Johnson and Moderna coronavirus vaccines.

So far, regulators have authorized booster shots only for certain adults who received the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine.

"The (U.S. President Joe) Biden administration is eager to shore up the protection provided by all three (officially authorized) vaccines.

And federal officials have become increasingly worried in particular about the more than 15 million Americans who received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, which is less effective than the others," reported The New York Times on Monday.

On Thursday, the FDA advisory panel of vaccine experts will discuss safety and efficacy data regarding booster shots for Moderna recipients. On Friday, the group will discuss Johnson & Johnson boosters. The agency typically issues decisions within a few days of advisory committee meetings. The expert committee will also hear a presentation on Friday from scientists on the effectiveness of mixing different brands of vaccines.

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China releases white paper on biodiversity conservation

THE State Council Information Office (SCIO) on Oct. 8 issued a white paper titled Biodiversity Conservation in China, three days before the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the U.N. Convention on Biological Diversity (COP15) kicked off in Kunming, southwest China's Yunnan province.

This is the first white paper published by the Chinese government on biodiversity conservation, said Chen Wenjun, director-general of the SCIO Press Bureau and spokesperson of the SCIO, at a press conference.

The white paper details China's policies, key initiatives, and achievements in biodiversity conservation, the country's efforts to practice multilateralism and enhance international biodiversity cooperation, as well as its global contribution in this regard, Chen noted.

As one of the first countries to ink and ratify the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), China has elevated biodiversity conservation to a national strategy and places a high priority on biodiversity protection.

China pays great attention to the improvement of the legal and policy framework of biodiversity conservation and has promulgated and revised more than 20 laws and regulations pertinent to biodiversity conservation, including laws on the protection of wild animals and the environment.

In recent years, the country has



A giant panda is playing on a tree at the Shenshuping base of China Conservation and Research Centre for the Giant Panda in Wenchuan county, Aba Tibetan and Qiang autonomous prefecture, southwest China's Sichuan province, Oct. 3, 2021. File photo

been setting up protected areas (PAs) and developing a PA system with focusing on national parks. So far, it has established close to 10,000 PAs of various sorts and at all levels, accounting for about 18 percent of its total land area.

Meanwhile, a number of environmental conservation and restoration projects have been implemented. Between 2016 and 2020, the central government had invested 50 billion yuan in 25 pilot projects for the conservation and restoration of mountains, rivers, forests, farmland, lakes, grasslands, and deserts, and 15 projects for the restoration of marine ecology, as planned in the 14th Five-Year Plan (2021-2025).

Zhang Zhanhai, chief engineer

and spokesperson of the Ministry of Natural Resources, introduced that this year, China has kicked off the first batch of 10 integrated projects for the conservation and restoration of mountains, rivers, forests, farmland, lakes, grasslands, and deserts, and 15 projects for the restoration of marine ecology, as planned in the 14th Five-Year Plan (2021-2025).

The vice-minister added that China's valuable experiences in biodiversity conservation are frequently cited in the Global Biodiversity Outlook 5 (GBO-5). Zhao Yingmin, vice-minister of the Ministry of Ecology and Environment, said China has earnestly implemented Aichi Biodiversity Targets. The country clarified each task and responsibility of the targets and achieved progress, he said. China's implementation of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets was better

than the global average.

According to Zhao, China has recorded expectation-beating progress in three of the 20 goals and key progress in 13 others. Phased achievements were made in four of them, he added.

At the COP15, participants are expected to discuss "post-2020 global biodiversity framework" and summarize the achievements and experiences in implementing biodiversity goals in the past 10 years.

"We should absorb the experiences we learned from implementing the Aichi Biodiversity Targets when making new strategic goals," said Zhao. He said the ambition and confidence in biodiversity conservation must be boosted, and the new goals for the next decade should be made both ambitious and practical, taking into consideration of their feasibility, operability, and the development gaps between different countries.

Zhao noted that the "post-2020 global biodiversity framework" should be fair, transparent, and driven by the contracting parties. The implementation mechanism and supporting conditions must be improved, and technology transfer and capability building enhanced so as to practically enhance the competence of developing countries in fulfilling these goals and work to make the global biodiversity governance system fairer, more reasonable, and win-win, he added.

People's Daily

UN chief highlights 3 areas for immediate action toward recovery from COVID-19

UNITED NATIONS

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Monday highlighted three areas for immediate action to launch a recovery from COVID-19 that benefits all, including the most fragile states.

First, he called for measures to mitigate the debt crisis in many countries. While investments must be scaled up and directed into both short-term crisis relief and long-term recovery, many countries are being crushed by debt service costs. Global public debt has soared to 100 percent of GDP, he told an event organized by the International Monetary

Fund (IMF) on COVID-19 and fragile states. "I reiterate my call for an expansion of liquidity for the countries in greatest need, in the first instance, through a substantial re-allocation of unused Special Drawing Rights (of the IMF) to vulnerable countries that need them," he said.

The Group of 20's Debt Service Suspension Initiative must be extended into next year, and expanded to include middle-income countries. The Common Framework for Debt Treatment must be fully operationalized, he added. But simply suspending debt payments will not be enough in many countries. They

will need effective debt relief, involving both public and private creditors. There is a need for a comprehensive strategy around reforming the international debt architecture, including debt restructuring or reduction. Private finance must be brought in to help fill the gap, he said. It is deeply unfair that rich countries can borrow cheaply and spend their way to recovery, while low-income countries must struggle to keep their economies afloat. No country should be forced to choose between servicing its debt and serving its people, said Guterres.

Second, there is a need to sup-

port governments, particularly in countries affected by crisis and fragility, to implement social and economic policies that build trust with their citizens and bolster resilience against future shocks, including the climate crisis, he said. This requires significant investments to achieve universal social protection by 2030, and to prepare people for the changing world of work through life-long learning, re-skilling and up-skilling programs. He called for support for the UN Global Accelerator on Jobs and Social Protection, which aims to create 400 million new jobs in the green and care economy by

2030, and to extend social protection to the 4 billion people still left unprotected.

Third, to achieve the breakthrough the world urgently needs, the international community must lead from the front, said Guterres. "We must demonstrate mutual solidarity and trust by working closely together across the humanitarian-development-peace nexus to achieve common goals," he said. "We can use our collaborative advantages to promote greater understanding of multidimensional risk, and more strategic collaboration at the country level, and to respond to compound

risks and multidimensional challenges." Forecasts indicate that the world is in the middle of a substantial economic recovery, with GDP growth ranging between 5 and nearly 6 percent. But the figures mask enormous divergence. Many developing countries and regions are lagging far behind, said Guterres. Advanced economies are investing nearly 28 percent of their GDPs in economic recovery. That figure drops to only 1.8 percent for the least developed countries - less than 2 percent of a very small gross domestic product, he said.

Countries affected by conflict

and crisis countries have the least fiscal space to invest in the policies they need for a sustainable, inclusive recovery - policies like renewable energy, social protection and health care for all. Many of these states are also on the front lines of climate change and the brutal assault on nature, he said.

Fragility and conflict can only be addressed by macroeconomic policies that promote inclusive growth and resilience, centered on a transition to stability and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, he said.

Xinhua



Tanzania U-20 women's team's footballer, Veronica Mapunda (L), dribbles past Eritrea's U-20 women side's player in the U-20 Women's World Cup Qualifiers match played in Dar es Salaam last weekend. PHOTO: TFF

Tanzanite Queens to play Ethiopia in third round of U-20 Women WC Qualifiers

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

TANZANIA national U-20 women's team will confront Ethiopia's U-20 women side in the U-20 Women World Cup qualifiers' third round.

Tanzania's side 'Tanzanite Queens' successfully qualified for the third round of the qualifiers for the African continent, bundling Eritrea's U-20 women side out of the second round.

The U-20 Women World Cup tournament is expected to take place in Costa Rica in 2022.

'Tanzanite Queens' cruised to a 2-0 win over Eritrea's U-20 women's side in a match played at Azam Complex in Dar es Salaam last weekend.

The team's goals were scored by the captain, Irene Elias Kisisa, and Protasia Mbunda, in a rematch.

In the game, which was dominated by the Tanzanian team, the hosts wasted several scoring opportunities before the skipper scored from just outside the opponents' box, Protasia later scored the second.

With the victory Tanzanite qualified for the third round with a 5-0 aggregate win, having previously won 3-0 at Asmara Stadium in Eritrea.

Tanzanite, led by an experienced female soccer tactician Edna Lema, has talented footballers in the likes of Asha Mrisho, Irene Kisisa, Aisha Masaka, Emiliana Isaya, Noela Patrick, Protasia

Mbunda, Violet Nicholas, Joyce Fred, Shehata Juma, Christer John, Kadosho Shaban, Rehema Ramadhan, Veronica Gabriel, Ester Mabanza, Diana William, Aisha Juma, Fumukazi Ally, Fatuma Idd, Florentina Fulgence, Zulfa Ally, and Clara Luvanga.

In the next round, Tanzanite will play against Ethiopia which handed Rwanda a humiliating 8-0 defeat over two legs in the second round.

Rwanda, known as the She-Amavubi, under the tutelage of Grace Nyinawumuntu, qualified for the second round of the qualifiers after their first-round opponents South Sudan pulled out of the qualifiers.

Ethiopia thumped the Rwanda U-20 4-0 in the second-leg at the Bahir Dar Stadium in Ethiopia last week.

The first leg tie between the two teams, which took place at the Kigali Stadium a week back, also saw Ethiopia win 4-0.

Tanzanite Queens faces a daunting task if the squad wants to progress to the fourth round due to the quality and ability of their opponents.

After the third round, eight teams will advance to the fourth round before they eventually make it to the final round where the best two teams will qualify to represent Africa at the 2022 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup to be held in Costa Rica.

Samia lauds Twiga Stars for winning 2021 COSAFA Women's Championship

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan has congratulated Tanzania's women's national team, Twiga Stars, for winning this year's COSAFA Women's Championship after beating Malawi 1-0 in the final at the Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium in South Africa on Saturday.

It was a heart-break for Malawi, who made their first final but battled to make an impact against an organized Tanzanian side under the tutelage of Bakari Shime.

The decisive moment in the decider came on 64 minutes when Twiga Stars striker Eneka Kasonga followed up a long-range shot that was spilled by the Malawi goalie and converted into the empty net.

In her message, President Samia said: "I congratulate our national women's team (Twiga Stars) for winning the 2021 COSAFA Women's Championship and all those involved in preparing our team."

It was as much as Tanzania deserved, they controlled much of the game and lifted the trophy having only conceded a single goal in the five games they played.

Tanzania now holds titles in all

women's categories in COSAFA competitions, U-17, U-20, and senior women.

Zambia collected the bronze medal and ensured South Africa would leave the competition empty-handed for the first time in their history.

Their third-place play-off finished 1-1, with the Copper Queens showing greater nerve in the penalty shoot-out that followed to win 4-3.

Ochumba Lubandji put Zambia ahead midway through the first half with her fourth goal of the competition, but tournament top scorer Sibulele Holweni took her tally to five as she headed home an equalizer with 14 minutes remaining on the clock.

Zambia won their fourth bronze medal to go with a silver they won in 2019 when they were beaten by South Africa in the final.

Tanzania's Amina Bilali was named Player of the Tournament, while Zambia's Petronela Musole picked up Goalkeeper of the Tournament for her excellent displays with the gloves.

South African Sibulele Holweni (five goals) was the top goal-scorer for the second year running after her eight strikes in 2020 helped her team to the title. Zambia picked up the Fair Play award.

Psychological parameters can be a trap in Taifa Stars mood, last group matches

By Correspondent John Kimbute

WITH two rounds of matches among rather familiar foes, it is tempting to try and figure out who might just make it in the final round of matches to determine the group winner, where nothing is clear as wins and losses or draws have been noticed for all the competing

There is something a bit unsettling about how far technique is on our side and how far it isn't, and whether those initially thought of as natural leaders in the group are in control of the situation or have lost it.

That means DRC and Benin - as their actual renown in African football casts a long shadow compared to us despite success moments.

This is the case when one for instance compares the various national teams from the number of their players engaged not just in foreign clubs but beyond the African circuit, or the Middle East, where Tanzania may have the last number of such players, even compared to Madagascar.

If that was the key measure of what team is better, it would follow that Tanzania would be at the bottom, but then things did not go that way, as we were able to hold DRC and tip the scales against Benin, in an away match.

The issue is whether this trend has a chance to hold for the teams as they are, or it may take a different thrust.



Senior national soccer team 'Taifa Stars' players participate in training in Dar es Salaam recently to shape up for 2022 FIFA World Cup qualifiers. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

In the first place, one may have to explain the trajectory of home and away matches so far, and see what appears to be underlined, for instance, supposed weakness was seen in first leg matches and the return match, and whether what happened later can be projected for the final two matches, or at least where Tanzania stands concerning those trends.

The latest result against Benin, winning 1-0 in an away match having lost 1-0 at home is an illustrative datum or hidden potential and drawbacks depending on the mental situation a team would have experienced earlier. A win is a psychological boost and a next match trap.

That situation is observable in most high-level encounters or lower league types, but there may be variation in a different league or competition types, in the sense that the more professional the competition involved the less vitiating it is likely to be characterized in terms of results.

At the same time, there

is a psychological and tactical situation that is true of a particular side, in the sense of the link between the technical bench and the players in particular, but the club atmosphere similarly matters.

When players turn out for the national side, there is a different atmosphere of competition from the club level, as, on the one hand, they need to win as a side, which is a primary point of unity in what each of them is doing.

But there is also an individual dimension of specific parameters, some of them being common to all and others being particular to an individual.

For instance, national team selection provides a chance to be seen and perhaps appreciated, as one is surrounded by good players, show his abilities more intently.

One collective matrix which matters is the coaching, how far it blends with what the players can do, and the sort of appreciation they obtain, both from the

coach and from outside.

This aspect is often the undoing of many teams in competitions, whether at the club or national level, for instance, the way Manchester United coach Ole Gunnar Solskjaer came in and the side won eight straight matches, and when he declared that the club would heavily recruit the next summer, the side went into a string of losses.

Pundits believe Taifa Stars have the best coaching moments and inspiration, with Kim Poulsen.

Several radio pundits repeatedly affirm that the coach has been the man of the match in Stars' performances and when the side lost 1-0 to Benin, the coach said the side was unlucky.

Deeper probing indicated that it was awash with self-confidence and that is bad for results the next time the side takes to the pitch, and conversely, a poor match like the one with Benin at home could fire the players to do better in their away encounter, do a table re-

versal as with Simba SC with Kaizer Chiefs or even Al Ahly.

This is precisely what happened in Benin, so the side reversed the loss to an equally narrow win, stunning Benin.

So Taifa Stars have been able to remain on top of the group by a thin margin of goals over Benin, meanwhile as DRC appeared to be the more powerful side technically, in terms of player composition and experience but this has not been demonstrated so far.

It drew against Tanzania at home and lost 1-0 to Madagascar in Antananarivo, implying that the side has or is failing to collect its energies in this competition.

Yet this is another trap for Taifa Stars as the loss for DRC in an away match can help to uplift its fighting mood, and DRC might adopt a higher fighting spirit to reverse the tables.

Madagascar is in a similar position like Tanzania, by restoring confidence in the DRC match, and could lower their guard.

Government should hire dance music troupes in national events, says Muumin

By Correspondent Sabato Kasika

DAR ES SALAAM'S Special Band leader, Mwinjuma Muumin, has asked the government to offer local dance music troupes the opportunity to perform in various national events the same way it does to other genres' artists.

Muumin disclosed his request aims at seeing to it the dance musicians benefit from the events hosted by the government.

The musician revealed local dance artists have of late been ignored and that has seen them struggle to stay afloat because they are in dire straits.

Muumin issued comments about the situation prevailing in the local dance music circle, with the music facing several challenges.

According to the musician, the drawbacks include failure by the music to get airtime in broadcast media programs.

"We do not get much chance in broadcast media and we face the same crisis as far as accessing opportunity to feature in national activities is concerned."

"Dance music bands are not getting an opportunity to entertain people in the events, as is the case for other genres' musicians."

Muumin moreover mentioned six Bongo Flava artists he appreciates the most as Naseeb Abdul 'Diamond', Faustina Charles 'Nandy', Ally Kiba, Zuhura Othman 'Zuchu', Judith Wambura 'Lady Jay Dee', and Hellen George 'Ruby'.

"I also wish to collaborate with one of them in my band's tracks, they are the artists I appreciate the most in the new genre."

Muumin revealed mentioning the Bongo Flava musicians hardly means he looks down on the others, insisting a musician always has a particular musician he appreciates, as they vary in level of competence.

"Tanzania has plenty of artists in dance music and even new genre, but I have mentioned those I value the most in the new genre, this hardly means the others are worthless but I'm impressed by those I have mentioned."



Special Band leader, Mwinjuma Muumin.

Salah helps Egypt to crucial World Cup triumph in Libya

CAIRO

LIVERPOOL star Mohamed Salah helped Egypt to a 3-0 World Cup qualifying triumph over closest rivals Libya on Monday that puts them on the brink of winning Group F and reaching the final elimination round.

The two-time African Footballer of the Year was a constant threat in Benghazi as the Pharaohs completed a double over the Mediterranean Knights having won 1-0 in Alexandria three days ago.

Ahmed el Fotouh broke the deadlock on 40 minutes, Mostafa Mohamed added a second goal in first-half added time and substitute Ramadan Sobhi netted after 72 minutes.

Egypt have 10 points, four more than second-place Libya, after four rounds and need one win from fixtures against Angola and Gabon in November to be sure of making the play-offs.

The 10 group winners will be split into five pairings, and the winners of the two-legged ties in March will represent Africa at the 2022 World Cup in Qatar.

In Group D, Ivory Coast retained a one-point advantage over Cameroon in what is widely regarded as the toughest of the 10 mini-leagues with the two nations boasting 10 World Cup appearances between them.

Ivory Coast edged Malawi 2-1 in Cotonou and Cameroon pipped Mozambique 1-0 in Tangier to turn the section into a two-team race to finish first. The qualifiers were played in Benin and Morocco because hosts Ivory Coast and Mozambique lack international-standard stadiums.

Arsenal forward Nicolas Pepe gave three-time World Cup participants Ivory Coast a great start by scoring within two minutes as he punished a defensive mix-up.

Malawi levelled on 20 minutes through Khuda Muyaba, who rifled a low shot from outside the box past Sylvain Gbohobo into the corner of the net.

- Kessie penalty decisive -

The match-winner came on 67 minutes as AC Milan midfielder Franck Kessie gave goalkeeper Brighton Muntali no chance with a rising strike from the penalty spot.

Several flight delays due to Covid-19 cases among the airline crew meant Cameroon arrived in Morocco only 11 hours before the kick-off.

After an understandably lacklustre first-half performance by the Indomitable Lions, whose seven World Cup appearances is an African record, Portuguese coach Toni Conceicao gambled.

He took off Eric Maxim Choupo-Moting and Karl Toko Ekambi at half-time and replaced his third forward, Vincent Aboubakar, early in the second half.

Minus three of their best known players, Cameroon struggled at times to contain the lively Mozambican Mambas, with forward Geny Catamo a constant threat.

But Cameroon defender Michael Ngadeu-Ngadjui succeeded on 68 minutes where the attackers had failed, nodding the ball into the net after a weak punched clearance off a corner by goalkeeper Hernani Siluane.

Meanwhile, Burkina Faso replaced reigning African champions Algeria as Group A leaders thanks to a narrower than expected 2-0 win over whipping boys Djibouti, the lowest ranked of the 40 group-phase sides.

Having scored four times against the minnows last week, the Stallions had to settle for goals from Issoufou Dayo and Abdoul Tapsoba in the second meeting.

Algeria, who boast an African record 30-match unbeaten record, will regain top spot on goal difference if they follow up a 6-1 home win over Niger by beating the west Africans again on Tuesday in Niamey.

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Southgate queries Wenger's WC qualifying plans

LONDON

ENGLAND boss Gareth Southgate has questioned Arsene Wenger's proposal for a single tournament qualifying window, adding that it risks players enduring 12 months without international football.

In his role as FIFA's Chief of Global Development, former Arsenal manager Wenger is considering a range of reforms to the match calendar with the central aim of staging a World Cup every two years.

The 71-year-old is keen to reduce the amount of international travel players have to undertake and has suggested one qualifying window in October before a major tournament every summer, alternating between a World Cup or continental championship.

Speaking on Monday ahead of England's World Cup qualifier against Hungary at Wembley, Southgate admitted he was not fully aware of the latest plans but cast doubt over the logic of a solitary qualifying period which would reduce the number of opportunities throughout the year when international managers can work with their players.

"There's another part of that: what if a player was injured in the October? He doesn't play international football for a year," he said at a news conference.

ESPN

France's Nations League victory is proof they're back on track

By Julien Laurens, ESPN Correspondent

ON Sunday, after Spain and Aymeric Laporte were on the wrong end of a Spain lost 2-1 defeat to the country of his birth in the Nations League final -- he was born in Agen, in the south of France, but has Basque great-grandparents -- the defender couldn't mask his frustration. "It's a tough loss to take because we played better than them..."

Three years earlier, it was Thibaut Courtois playing the role of Laporte. Back in 2018 at the World Cup in Russia, the Belgium goalkeeper didn't hide his frustration after losing 1-0 to France in the semifinal. "They were not better than us. They just defended with 11 men behind the ball and play on the counter. Our strength is to play football, theirs is to defend."

That's what Didier Deschamps and France do to you. You can have the ball -- 66% possession for Spain in Sunday's Nations League final, 63% for Belgium in the 2018 semifinal -- you can have the movement and you will generate some decent chances, but they will absorb the pressure, control the defensive spaces, play quick attacking transitions and



France dug deep to rediscover their winning resolve in the Nations League finals. The next step is sustaining this form with the World Cup in Qatar just 13 months away. (Agencies)

win.

Other examples? In 2016, in the Euros semifinal in Marseille against Germany, they won that way too, enjoying just 32% of the ball. In the 2018 World Cup final against Croatia, it was the same story: France had the ball 36% of the time and let Luka Modric & Co. feel like they were in control, before taking over and winning 4-2.

It is not a style of football that suits everyone's taste and even Paul Pogba said after winning Thursday's Nations League that Les Bleus have to do better. Once again against Spain on Sunday, they fell behind and once again, they had

to be reactive instead of proactive.

"We won because we reacted. We didn't start the game well again and we have to do better -- we know it. But if that's the way to win, we will continue like this," the Manchester United midfielder told French TV, with a big smile on his face. Benzema, who obviously wasn't part of the squad that won the World Cup in 2018, hailed the "character" of the team and the "never give up attitude."

The bigger picture is clearer, though. When you are struggling for form, go back to basics. When you're not winning like you used to, go

back to what you know best. That's exactly what the reigning World Cup holders did. This was a huge week for them to get back on the right path and make a statement 14 months before the World Cup, and they did just that in the Nations League. Racking up impressive wins against Belgium and Spain in the space of three days, each time after conceding first, were vintage France 2018 and vintage Deschamps. Even the new formation -- a 3-4-1-2 compared to the flat 4-4-2 in 2018, which had Blaise Matuidi as the left-sided midfielder -- makes them more like the team that won in 2018.

Why are the best international managers ignored by the biggest clubs?

By Mark Ogden, Senior Writer, ESPN FC

DIDIER Deschamps won the seventh major honour of his coaching career by guiding France to success in the UEFA Nations League on Sunday, winning 2-1 against Spain (stream the replay on ESPN+ in the U.S.). In doing so, the former AS Monaco, Juventus and Marseille coach denied Spain's Luis Enrique his ninth trophy as a manager.

Add in the 11 major honours won by Italy's Roberto Mancini -- including the Euro 2020 title -- and Roberto Martinez keeping Belgium at the top of the FIFA World Ranking for the last three years (as well as winning the FA Cup with Wigan Athletic in 2013), and it is fair to suggest that the 2021 Nations League finals showcased some of the best coaches in the world, as well as the leading players.

Yet take a quick look at the bookmakers' odds for the next Newcastle United manager in the wake of last week's Saudi Arabia-backed takeover -- Steve Bruce is still in charge at St James' Park, for now -- and Martinez is the only one of the quartet to make the top 10, despite possessing the weakest CV of all four.

It is a similar story with Manchester United, where manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer retains the backing of the club's owners, the Glazer family, yet continues to struggle to convince anyone else of his ability to

turn the team into winners again.

Despite guiding Barcelona to a LaLiga, Copa del Rey and Champions League treble in 2015, Luis Enrique is the shortest price to replace Solskjaer, but former United players Michael Carrick and Laurent Blanc feature ahead of him in the betting. As do Frank Lampard, Eddie Howe and Ralph Hasenhuttl. Luis Enrique is a 33-1 shot. Deschamps, at 50-1, is regarded as being as likely as Pep Guardiola and Arsene Wenger to be the next manager at Old Trafford. Martinez is 66-1, and you can't get a price on former City boss Mancini.

Now a bookmakers' list of candidates must be taken as no more than a guide rather than a definitive assessment of the most likely appointments, but they are indicative nonetheless of the trend of hiring coaches from within the club game or those who have recently lost their jobs, such as Lampard at Chelsea and former Bournemouth manager Howe.

It is not just a Premier League issue. In Spain, Italy, Germany and France, the leading clubs tend to ignore the international game completely when hiring a new coach. Since 2010, on only three occasions has an elite club recruited a coach directly from his role on the international stage.

United struck a deal to hire Louis van Gaal in the weeks prior to his run to the 2014 World

Cup semifinals with Netherlands, while Julen Lopetegui lost his job as Spain coach just days before the start of the 2018 World Cup after it became clear that he had agreed to join Real Madrid. Ronald Koeman remains in charge of Barcelona after leaving his post with Netherlands in August last year, but it would be an understatement to say that his reign at Camp Nou is not going particularly well.

Lopetegui, meanwhile, was sacked after just 14 games in charge of Madrid, while Van Gaal lost his job at United after two seasons, despite winning the FA Cup in what turned out to be his final game.

Go back another 10 years and there are still very few examples of international coaches moving to the top clubs. Luiz Felipe Scolari left the Portugal job for Chelsea in July 2008 and was sacked in February 2009, while Barcelona dismissed Van Gaal just

six months after taking him from the Dutch job in 2002. The examples of Koeman, Van Gaal (twice), Lopetegui and Scolari are perhaps why top clubs are reluctant to hire international managers.

One source told ESPN that there are two key reasons why sporting directors or chief executives are reluctant to hire from the international game; the first being the coach's detachment from the transfer market and knowledge of agents and global talent, and the second being the lack of intensity and daily demands as an international coach.

Both are valid factors to consider, but with elite club coaches Guardiola, Jurgen Klopp, Thomas Tuchel, Mauricio Pochettino and Julian Nagelsmann all in jobs right now, there appears to be a dearth of emerging talent with the credentials and personality to coach the biggest clubs.

At the Euros this summer, the French head coach tried to change a few things, partly due to the return of Karim Benzema after a five-year exile. They tried to be more attractive and play more attacking football; Deschamps also chose to take a step back in his management and let the dressing room manage itself more. It was a gamble, but it didn't work.

The DNA of this team is built upon the pragmatism and discipline of its manager; the magic of their world class players does the rest. Benzema, Pogba, Kylian Mbappe and, to a lesser degree, Hugo Lloris, made the difference again to win this competition. Mbappe in particular had a point to prove, and there was also a chip on his shoulder after his comments earlier last week. He was amazing against Belgium, and decisive with the winning goal in the final that was reminiscent of the Brazilian Ronaldo at his peak.

As for Benzema? He contributed two great goals, especially the one against Spain, and two special performances overall. Pogba? His second half against Belgium was one of the best of his international career, with his leadership and work rate against Spain helping set the platform for success; Lloris also

made key saves. Add some of the new generation like Jules Kounde, Theo Hernandez (one goal and one assist in two games), Aurelien Tchouameni, all of whom showed so much promise, and it appears that France have rewritten their recipe for success. Like Deschamps says to his players all the time: "the best vitamin is to win matches."

Could another manager make them play better? Surely yes. Would they win as much? It's hard to argue with the overall results, as no team in the world has arguably been as successful as France in the past seven years.

France's progress through the Nations League was not perfect, of course -- it never is with France, nor will it ever be. Belgium dominated them in the first 45 minutes of their semifinal. Spain put them under pressure by moving the ball well in the final. Yet, in the end, Les Bleus are winners again. Big winners. They become the first country ever to win the World Cup, the Euros and the Nations League; make of that what you wish.

The even better news for France is that the team and the manager have found their identity again, which is really bad news for everyone else.

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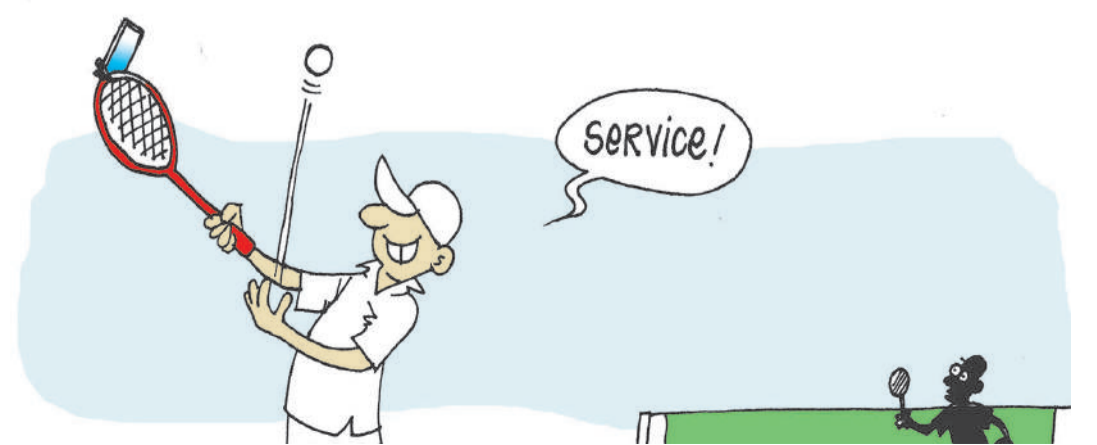
Luis Enrique's success at Barcelona now appears even more impressive considering the repeated failures of his successors at Camp Nou, while Martinez has turned Belgium into one of the world's top teams after proving his worth in club management.

Luis Enrique and Martinez will be high on Barcelona's list if they part company with Koeman, by virtue of their connection with the club and city -- Martinez is a Catalan, born 100 miles from Barcelona.

Emotional connections should be insignificant considerations, however. Luis Enrique and Martinez, as well as Deschamps and Mancini, should be judged on their records.

And for those clubs considering where to look for their next manager, they really should start to pay closer attention to the leading lights of the international game.

Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Simba SC players should not underestimate Jwaneng Galaxy FC, says Gomes



Simba SC players participate in training in Dar es Salaam early this week to shape up for this season's CAF Champions League's first-round game against Jwaneng Galaxy FC of Botswana, which will be held in the city on October 17. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBAS SC

By Correspondent Faustine Feliciane

SIMBA SC head coach, Didier Gomes, has urged his players that they should not underestimate their 2021/22 CAF Champions League first-round opponents, Jwaneng Galaxy FC of Botswana.

Gomez said he has looked at his side's opponents in their last two games and seen their strengths and weaknesses so they must take great care in both games against the latter.

Simba SC will first face Jwaneng Galaxy FC in Gaborone on October 17 and the former will come up against the Botswana champions in Dar es Salaam five days later.

"They are a good team, they have a good defensive line, we should not underestimate them at all, the CAF Champions League games are tough and especially need results,"

Gomez disclosed.

However, he said Simba SC has a lot of experience with the showpiece so he is very confident his players will do what they need to do to sail through to the next stage.

"We have to walk towards our goals, to achieve them we have to be disciplined on and off the field, my players are aware of that and I have been emphasizing them all the time in practice," Gomez said.

Commenting on his team's preparations, Gomez said he is continuing with the preparations and has largely prepared his players with on-field techniques.

"There are some shortcomings that I have seen in our opponents, we are working to use them to win the away game, we have to win in any field this tournament," Gomez disclosed.

Simba SC will confront the Botswana club in Gaborone on October 17 in the first leg of the first round and the return leg is slated for five days later

to compete for a place in the group stage of the CAF Champions League.

Meanwhile, Biashara United FC arrived in Dar es Salaam yesterday to prepare for their first-round fixture of the 2021/22 CAF Confederation Cup against Al Ahly Tripoli of Libya.

Biashara will first face their opponents in the city on Friday, before going on to take on the latter in the return leg a week later away.

The Mara-based club's coach, Patrick Odhiambo, noted the two NBC Premier League matches they have taken part in gave them a complete picture of Friday's game and they have continued to work on their shortcomings.

He said his team had trouble making the most of the scoring opportunities they were creating but had been working on them for Friday's game.

"Thankfully my players have been quick to take instructions and work on those shortcomings, everyone is motivated towards this game against

Al Ahly Tripoli," Odhiambo noted.

He said after Friday's game they will have a league game against Tanzania Prisons before confronting Al Ahly Tripoli away.

He said despite his club's lack of experience in the second-tier of continental competitions, he still believes they can do well and move forward.

"Friday's game is very important for us, my team is still a newcomer to the continental tournament, it's good to fight in our home game to get good results and prepare well for the re-match."

"If we win it will give us a chance to know how to prepare for the re-match," Odhiambo noted.

If Biashara United succeeds in knocking Al Ahly Tripoli out, it will advance to the next stage which will see the outfit confront a club that will be eliminated from the first round of 2021/22 CAF Champions League, before advancing to the group stage of the CAF Confederation Cup.

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Afrobeat fans to visit Dubai next year

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

SEVENTY fans of a music program, known as 'Afrobeat', hosted by Dar es Salaam radio station, will win a dream trip to Dubai, courtesy of 'AfroZons Dubai Soundoff', a premier, one-of-a-kind, travel experience, courtesy of Dubai Tourism and USA's AfroZons Radio.

The trip has come to fruition via the partnership between AfroZons, Sheila O, and Dubai Tourism.

According to the trip's organizer, Henry Derex-Briggs, the trip gives visitors a great experience of adventure and great fun that is Dubai, with celebrity radio stations' programs hosts from several countries.

He said by the time the curtain is drawn on the trip, it will increase the awareness of Dubai among global audiences and once again bring to light Dubai's position as the world's leading tourism destination and commercial hub.

The Sound-Off promotion, which started early this month, will culminate with a trip to Dubai for 70 winners and celebrity hosts in March 2022.

The winners of the giveaways will receive flight tickets, hotel accommodation, tours, airport transfers, and visas should they be needed.

Briggs said several celebrities including a Tanzanian radio presenter, Meena Ally, will join their fans to see the beauty of Dubai and experience the grandeur of the Dubai Expo 2020.

The other celebrity hosts will include the host of the lead sponsor show, Sheila O from Chicago-USA, Toolz of Beats FM- Lagos, Nigeria, Loni Love of Café Mocha - USA, Headcrack of Power 103.5- USA, Big Tigger of V103 Atlanta -USA, BayBay of K104FM - Dallas, USA, Chichi Daisy of Kwitshu FM, Zambia, Bola Ray of EIB Network- Ghana, Mwalimu Rachel of NRG Radio, Kenya and Eva Cruzeiro of MFM Radio - Angola.

Briggs pointed out: "In collaboration with travel agencies in the participating countries, there will be awesome discounted travel packages for sale within the period, for those who do not win a giveaway trip."

The packages will allow additional Afrobeat lovers to be part of this experience at the best possible price, with lots of freebies.

Some of the travel agencies that are part of this project include, Skylink FCM- Tanzania and other top travel agencies across the globe.

Aurobindo Aga Khan SC edge Alliance Caravans, qualifies for 2021 Caravans T20 Cup knockouts

By Guardian Reporter

DAR ES SALAAM cricket fanatics' eyes were on this season's Petrofuel Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Caravans T20 Cup tournament match between Aurobindo Aga Khan SC and hosts Alliance Caravans as the giants locked horns at Leaders Club venue last Sunday.

The match turned out to be the last group stage match of the 2021 Petrofuel DC Caravans T20 Cup showdown.

Winners of this clash were set to have an upper hand in the knockout phase as they would play in the first semi-final match, termed as 'qualifier', against Aruti Aces whereas the losers would face Harab Motors Pak Stars in the dreaded tie, known as 'eliminator'.

The crucial toss went in the favour of Aurobindo Aga Khan SC who had one of the most feared opening pairs in this tournament in the form of Abhik Patwa and Arshaan Jasani.

They did not disappoint as Patwa went on to score 63 runs in 43 balls supported by Jasani who managed 21 runs in 25 balls.

The opening partnership of 80 runs did dent the hopes of Alliance Caravans but stand-in skipper Manoj Kumar showed his quality by coming on in a crucial phase and picking up five wickets.

His involvement, along with that of the experienced Jitin Pratap Singh,



Aurobindo Aga Khan SC's cricketer Abhik Patwa (R) receives the Colourflex Man of the Match award from Vipin Abraham of Aurobindo Pharmacy once the cricketer's outfit locked horns with Alliance Caravans in this season's Petrofuel Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Caravans T20 Cup tournament fixture, which took place last weekend. PHOTO: COURTESY OF CARAVANS CRICKET CLUB

who took three wickets ensured that Aurobindo Aga Khan SC was restricted to 144 runs losing nine wickets in 20 overs.

For Alliance Caravans, the early departure of Nandakishan Pottachira for just six runs put a dent in their chances.

However, the experienced Kelvin Mapunda took matters into his own hands scoring 42 runs in 32 balls.

Jitin Pratap Singh, who has been struggling to find his batting form, showed glimpses of his old self with 22 runs in 25 balls.

However, after the pair departed, Alliance Caravans were unable to find a

solid partnership and lost wickets at regular intervals.

Kumar once again was the cricketer that stood strong against the mighty Aurobindo Aga Khan SC side.

However, his spirited 33 runs in 17 balls were still not enough for the hosts as they fell short of the target by just eight runs.

Aurobindo Aga Khan SC, as a result, topped Group B, ensuring that they would play in the qualifier match which gives them a second chance.

Abhik Patwa was awarded the Colourflex Man of the Match award for his brilliant knock which helped his team win the match.

Manoj Kumar's outstanding spell was recognized as the NGK Gathani Moment of the Match his fiver took him to the top of the wicket-takers chart earning him the Petrofuel Purple Cap.

The qualifier match between Aurobindo Aga Khan SC and Aruti Aces will be played on Thursday followed by the eliminator match between Alliance Caravans and Harab Motors Pak Stars.

The DC Caravans T20 Cup has been held annually since 2015. Petrofuel Limited is the title sponsor of this year's tournament and is joined by Colourflex, TATA International, and Pepsi as the co-sponsors.

This year's tournament features the top 10 teams in the country playing under the franchise model with each team being backed by top corporates in the country.

The teams include hosts, Alliance Caravans, Aurobindo Aga Khan SC, Horizon Teleports Annadil Burhani, Honest Logistics SKLPSC, and Balakrishna Strikers.

Aruti Aces, Kaon Lions, Harab Motors Pak Stars, NTS Bosch Gymkhana, and FMED Upanga are the other outfits playing in the showdown.

Other sponsors of the tournament include NGK Gathani, Jihusu, Flashnet, RAS Logistics, Mlimani City, AOne Bottlers, Kishen Enterprises, Samaki Samaki, Delta Africa, DeepHeat, and GI Security.

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