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Truck owners want withholding tax cut

By Guardian Reporter

AS preparations are being finalised for the 2023/2024 financial year budget estimates, truck owners have pleaded for reduction of withholding tax charged on lorries from 20 tonnes of cargo carriage and above.

Chuki Shabani, the Tanzania Truck Owners Association (TATOA) chairman, said they have submitted their recommendations to the government for an alternative tax rate of 1m/- per lorry as the current 2.7m/- rate is unpayable.

At a press conference yesterday, he said the recommendation was reached with the Tanzania Medium and Small Truck Owners Association (TAMSTOA) and delivered to the commissioner general of the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA).

In the current financial year, some lorry owners failed to pay the 2.79m/- applicable rate, he stated, elaborating that they then suggested the rate should be 1m/- per lorry annually.

Earlier the lorry owners were charged 0.8m/- withholding tax per vehicle, he stated, intoning that "still some transporters could not pay it," so it resulted in the withdrawal of licences.

When the rate was raised to 3.5m/- in the 2022/23 Budget estimates as they were presented to the legislature, the stakeholders urged the government to reduce it and it was



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thus set at 2.79m/- "but now they are appealing for it to go down to enable many truck owners to pay," he pursued.

He aired the view that the government needs revenue and is seeking to collect 141bn/- from truck owners, asserting that the truck owners "have decided to come up and tell the government that the tax rate is excessive, but we have to give them alternative revenue sources to attain its goals."

He said that truck owners operate 26,000 trucks in all categories combined, and thus the government would obtain up to 227bn/- with the 1m/- withholding tax proposal if it is adopted, and it will not inconvenience transporters.

The tax now being charged on a truck owner starting business has caused some transport firms to register their trucks in neighbouring countries with lower tax rates, he said.

Operational costs are too high and it is better for the government to listen to stakeholders to avoid shifting business to Zambia to register their trucks, he stated.

The government needs to avoid tax assessment by TRA officials as some of them are not faithful as many business operators lack sufficient knowledge on tax matters, he ventured to add.

Wagon delivery delays push Dar-Moro SGR rides to May



President Samia Suluhu Hassan inspects a guard of honour yesterday shortly after jetting into Addis Ababa's Bole International Airport ready to attend the (Feb 18-19) 36th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the African Union (AU Summit) in the Ethiopian capital. The Assembly is the AU's supreme policy and decision-making organ. The continental body's theme for this year is: "The Year of AfCFTA: Acceleration of the African Continental Free Trade Area Implementation." Photo: State House

By Correspondent James Kandoya

THE Tanzania Railways Corporation (TRC) has announced the rescheduling of the start of Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) rides between Dar es Salaam and Morogoro to May this year, giving delays in the arrival of wagons as one of the reasons.

The rides were late last year lined up to get going with effect from this month.

TRC director general Masanja Kadogosa told journalists in Dar es Salaam on Wednesday that another reason was the on-going construction of overpass bridges.

He said the emergence of the Covid-19 pandemic also contributed to delays in the direct arrival of some wagons and locomotives from manufacturers, "but the delivery process is in progress".

"The remaining 45 new wagons (business coaches) manufactured by Sung Shin Rolling Stock Technology Limited (SSRST) of South Korea will arrive by end of April, this year," said Kadogosa.

He added that the corporation was waiting for the wagons to arrive and for the completion of the on-going construction of the overpass bridges at Vingunguti, near the Julius Nyerere International Airport and the Banana section of Nyerere Road, "which is in the final stages".

"As soon as the construction of the overpass bridges is done, trial runs will

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Surgeons, nurses meet on heart attack patients' care

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

CARDIAC health experts from within and outside the country are today meeting in Dar es Salaam for two days to figure out how to improve care for patients undergoing heart attack problems.

In the first heart attack international conference in the city, participants from Tanzania will seek to draw essential skills from colleagues hailing from the United States, Argentina, Egypt and India.

Dr Pedro Pallangyo, the head of training and research at the Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac

Institute (JKCI), said at a press briefing that heart problems are on the rise, with global statistics indicating that more than 200m people get heart attacks, which in many cases lead to death.

A person who experiences a heart attack needs to be put to intense treatment within an hour otherwise there is virtual certainty that it leads to fatality, he stated.

Heart attacks have for decades emerged as the number one killer disease all over the world, in which case society needs to change lifestyles to adopt regular

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SPECIAL REPORT:

Ministry reels under shortage of teachers

By Francis Kajubi

DATA from the Ministry of Education shows that the country needs 19,216 Form Two Basic Mathematics teachers, but there are only 5,537 teachers, a shortage of 71 percent.

This resulted in 83 percent of examinees in the Form of Two assessment examinations in 2022 failing the subject. The country requires 16,334 Physics Form Two teachers but only 3,758 are posted.

The shortage in Physics teachers resulted in 82 percent of the students who sat for last October's assessment exams to fail the subject.

The demand for Form Two teachers of Chemistry is pegged at 16,664 but just 6,074 are employed, a deficit of 64 percent.

Thus 67 percent of students failed the subject.

The demand for Biology teachers is 17,813 but only 5,795 are available, a 67 percent shortage which resulted in failure of 53 percent of students.

Geography has 13,755 Form Two teachers while the requirement is 18,181.

However, the government has almost deployed the required number of teachers for Kiswahili and History subjects. It has recruited 15,828 Form Two Kiswahili language teachers while the requirement is 16,792 teachers, implying a deficit of 964 teachers which is equivalent to 6 percent.

History has 15,960 form two teachers while the requirement is 17,318 teachers. The deficit is 1,358 teachers (8 percent). **FULL REPORT IN TOMORROW'S ISSUE**

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begin for the SGR's Dar es Salaam-Morogoro stretch," he said, noting that the structures will ensure that our trains are a safe distance from people and vehicular traffic.

According to the DG, the government has already disbursed US\$26.60 million to Turkey's Eurowagon Company for the procurement of two electric engines and 30 passenger wagons.

He explained that another US\$295.74 million has been paid out to South Korea's Hyundai Totem for the purchase of 17 electric engines and sets of electric multiple unit (EMU) sets as well as one electric locomotive simulator.

TRC has also long signed a 12-month contract US\$127.2 million (over 300bn/-) contract with China's state-owned rolling stock manufacturer to supply cargo wagons, Kadogosa said, adding that 1,430 cargo wagons from China would be delivered sometime next year.

"The government has disbursed over 882bn/- to procure rolling stock and locomotives that will be used when the SGR construction is over," he said.

The SGR is expected to link Tanzania with land-locked neighbouring countries and is

one of the government's flagship projects under the Third Five-Year National Development Plan 2021/22 - 2025/26 (FYDP III).

It is widely seen helping the country make optimal use of her strategic geographical location to become a leading regional trade and logistic hub.

The country is easily accessible through the Indian Ocean, which gives it trade links to Asia, and sits between landlocked Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Malawi, Rwanda, Uganda and Zambia, while also being relied on as the most efficient point in the region for the passage of both imports and exports.

Tanzania is also a natural and effective transportation gateway into Eastern, Southern and Central Africa, largely thanks to its membership in the SADC (Southern African Development Community) Free Trade Area and EAC (East African Community) Common Market as well as its rail and road networks.

Apart from being a point for passage of goods, internal production capabilities driven by a rich diversity of natural resources such as massive size of arable land and mineral deposits make Tanzania a natural hub for economic activity in the East African region.



Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation minister Dr Stergomena Tax (R) and Angolan External Relations minister Tété António sign an MoU on the establishing of a Joint Permanent Commission and a memorandum of cooperation between the Dar es Salaam-based Centre for Foreign Relations and Angola's Venancio de Moura College. The event was held yesterday at the Tanzanian Embassy in the Ethiopian capital, Addis Ababa. Photo: Foreign Affairs ministry

Tanzania all ready to trade under AfCFTA guided trade initiative

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA has expressed readiness to trade under the African Continental Free Trade Area Guided Trade Initiative so as to boost trade and stimulate inclusive development.

Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Investment, Industry and Trade, Ally Gugu made the assurance in Dar es Salaam this during the sensitization workshop under the East African Business Council (EABC)-Tanzania Private Sector Foundation (TPSF) GIZ-Support to East African Market-Driven and People-Centered Integration Programme II on AfCFTA Agreement on Trade in Goods Protocol.

He elaborated that the ministry has rolled out awareness campaigns for businesses interested to import intermediary inputs or exporting products to the continent through the AfCFTA Guide Trade Initiative.

The deputy PS lauded President Samia Suluhu Hassan for her stewardship and for championing the AfCFTA Youth and Women Protocol.

He said that the Ministry has developed the National Implementation strategy for AfCFTA which will be validated by the private sector.

EABC Chairperson, Angelina Ngalula represented by Raphael Maganga, EABC Goodwill Ambassador said: "Tanzania's exports to Africa hit \$2.5 billion in 2021 increasing by 13 percent from 2020 while imports stood at \$1.2 billion".

Tanzania has great potential to export rice, sacks for packing, and kraft paper to the continent. In particular, Tanzania has an untapped potential of \$136 million from the export of rice alone to the continent.

The chairperson elaborated that under AfCFTA, transport services have the potential to increase by nearly 50 percent. Over 25 percent of intra-African trade gains in all services liberalized under AfCFTA will go to transport alone and nearly 40 percent of the increase in African services will be in the transport sector.

She appreciated GIZ-Support to East African Market-Driven and People-Centered Integration Programme for partnering with EABC for improving knowledge of the private sector on the AfCFTA protocol.

Lamech Wesonga, Economic Policy Advisor on AfCFTA at the

EAC urged the private sector to take a proactive role by trading under the AfCFTA.

He reiterated GIZ's commitment to partner with EAC governments and the private sector to unlock opportunities in the 1.3 billion AfCFTA market.

The private sector workshop on AfCFTA convened 45 businesses in Tanzania who learned about AfCFTA Trade in Goods Protocol and its annexes (especially Rules of Origin, Tariff Concession and Non-Tariff Barriers) and implications to businesses in the EAC bloc.

The AfCFTA Agreement is a clear testimony that the African States have committed to doing more trade and investment among themselves. The signing of the Agreement Establishing the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) on 21 March 2018 marked a historic milestone for economic integration in Africa with the intention of creating a market of 1.3 billion people with a combined gross domestic product (GDP) valued at USD 3.4 trillion. The Agreement envisages boosting intra-African trade through the gradual elimination of tariffs on over 90 African goods and the removal of non-tariff barriers and trade restrictions on goods and services, respectively.

The EAC exports of goods to Africa stood at \$7.9 billion composing 42 percent share of EAC total exports of goods to the world (\$18.7 billion). Top EAC exports to Africa included precious stones, coffee, tea, cement, animal fats, mineral oils & iron and steel.

East Africa as a bloc has great potential to export vegetables, tea, rice, coffee, sugar, textile products, soap, sesame seeds, edible oils, tubers and milk to the continent.

Limited access to finance hinders women entrepreneurs from expanding businesses

By Henry Mwangonde

LACK of access to finance and high interests' rates by financial institutions are the main challenges hindering women entrepreneurs from expanding their businesses, stakeholders said yesterday.

Speaking at women entrepreneurs financial access dialogue in Dar es Salaam, Chairman of the Tanzania Women Chambers of Commerce (TWCC) Mercy Sila said despite some achievements still women face hindrances to access capital.

She said though strategies have been put in place by various stakeholders to empower women entrepreneurs, still there are

challenges that women in business face including lack of knowledge on business.

"We need to formulate strategies to study the financial sector landscape in Tanzania, its inclusivity, constraints, and opportunities and give recommendations on the way forward," she said.

Commenting on the same, Head of an Employment and Skills for Development in Africa Programme (E4D) at GIZ Kabongo Mbuyi said Tanzania has made tremendous achievements in promoting women entrepreneurs saying the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) will help women access finances.

She said there is a missing link between women owned enterprises and traditional financiers saying there are less explored best remedies and alternatives which if expanded can take Tanzania's women entrepreneurs to higher levels.

She said women entrepreneurs continue to be important to the Tanzanian economy saying though there are many initiatives, policies, programmes and organisations have been introduced in order to support women entrepreneurs and women-owned enterprises.

She said however there are still areas that need to be given attention in order to improve the business

environment for women.

Most of the people who commented during the dialogue said there is a need to relook at interest rates saying this was the main stepping stone to the uplift of women.

Ester Mushi, one of the participants, said there is a need to develop partnership with local government authorities so that the 10-percent loans are set aside for special groups like the disabled and youth.

"Women umbrella bodies should link up with local government authorities to ease access to loans especially those set aside by district and regional authorities," she said.



Mbeya regional commissioner Juma Homera (L) and Bank of Africa Tanzania managing director Adam Mihayo exchange views when the RC paid a courtesy call at the bank's headquarters in Dar es Salaam yesterday. The MD said the bank would continue supporting Mbeya Region on matters of economic interest, including empowerment of people. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Surgeons, nurses meet on heart attack patients' care

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exercises to stem such occurrences, he emphasised.

Recent statistics show that heart attacks were increasingly frequent in Sub-Saharan countries including Tanzania, as the situation arises from high blood pressure, smoking and diabetes.

Unhealthy eating habits and sedentary lifestyles that lack regular exercise basically generate conditions for the situations, along with excessive intake of alcohol on a regular basis, he said.

JKCI Director Dr Peter Kisenge said the conference will bring together general practitioners, specialists, heart technologists, graduate students and nurses providing emergency services.

Themed around the threat of fatality in case of a heart attack, the conference will feature topic presentations by local and external practitioners, with research focused on caring for patients who experience a heart attack.

Presenting experts will provide details on the need for patients to be presented before a practitioner

when symptoms of the problem start showing up, he said, elaborating that the symptoms of a heart attack are chest pain on the left side, chest tightness, difficulty in breathing and abdominal pain at times, he specified.

JKCI decided to give priority to public awareness on heart attack situations given the fact that the sixth phase government has sharply augmented diagnostic capacities at the institute, procuring two diagnostic and treatment systems at a total cost of 11bn/-, the director noted.

Last October, JKCI introduced chest pain treatment services, receiving patients for emergency services that are provided on a 24 hour basis, he stated, noting that since the service was instituted, the facility has seen 38 patients who suffered heart attack and hauled them from the brink.

The problem is huge and JKCI, aware that it cannot fight the battle alone, seeks to involve other countries and exchange experiences on how to handle those situations and that is why the meeting was called, he added.



Chief Sheikh Abubakar Zuberi bin Ally (gesturing) briefs journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday on the seven-member committee formed by the Tanzania Muslim Council (Bakwata) primarily to follow up to verify council's debts and advise how to pay them off. Left is committee chairman Sheikh Issa Omar Issa. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

ZAECA to grill ZLB leaders on liquor importation in Isles

By Guardian Correspondent, Zanzibar

THE Zanzibar Anti-corruption and Economic Crimes Authority (ZAECA) will call the leaders of Zanzibar's Liquor Board (ZLB) to explain how they can manage alcohol imported with tax exemption in order to manage it as intended.

Ali Abdallah Ali, ZAECA Director General said this yesterday when speaking with journalists on the allegation that some companies are engaging in smuggling of liquor in the Indian Ocean archipelago.

Ali said that the issue of controlling smuggling and the existence of loopholes for tax evasion there is a relevant institution that oversees those responsibilities but nevertheless ZAECA will call the board leaders to understand how they manage the goods imported into Zanzibar with tax exemptions without affecting the collection of income and the emergence of smuggling.

Makame Khamis, Zanzibar Revenue Board (ZRB) Acting Taxpayer Education Manager said that three companies were

given permits to import alcohol since the 2020 alcohol law came into effect. "Those companies are One Stop Center, SCOCH, ZMMI and other legally registered alcoholic companies. Other companies in Zanzibar should buy alcoholic beverages from those companies and distribute them to their customers," said Makame.

Regarding the MGW 2014 Enterprises saga, he said they are continuing to investigate and if they find out evidence, legal action will be taken. He also said that the problem of smuggling will be controlled in Zanzibar if patriotic citizens cooperate with the security agencies that manage taxes and control of smuggling to ensure that they provide confidential information in advance before the illegal business of smuggling takes place.

Makame asked the public to provide confidential information against people involved in smuggling businesses. Tax collections are the basis of development for all countries in the world, including Zanzibar.

Juma Bakari Haasan, Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) Deputy Commissioner said that the cargo of alcoholic beverages imported by the Tanzania People's Defense Force (TPDF) was allowed to leave Malindi Port in Zanzibar after paying an infrastructure fee of 15.7m/- before being allowed to be unloaded at the port after being brought by the LC Kasa ship on February 12 this year.

The products brought in were not military equipment, but alcoholic beverages for normal use. The cargo was allowed to leave the port after completing the procedures for the payment of charges," said Commissioner Juma while answering questions from journalists. However, he said that tax is the stimulus to increase government income, which brings the impetus for the country's economic development and asked citizens to create a culture of providing confidential information against any companies that are involved in illegal businesses and cause tax evasion loopholes.

Germany's support to Tanzania treasured, says Speaker Ackson

By Felister Peter

NATIONAL Assembly Speaker, Dr Tulia Ackson has commended the Germany government for its commitment in supporting implementation of various projects that are geared at improving the livelihood of Tanzanians.

The German government through its Embassy in Tanzania provides financial support for a number of projects in different regions.

Dr Tulia made the remarks in Dar es Salaam on Wednesday when speaking at a reception to welcome seven Members of Parliament from Germany who are in the country to visit various projects supported by their government. The MPs are from the Committee on Economic Cooperation and Development.

"Germany and Tanzania have enjoyed a long standing relation for over 60 years. There are 173 German companies that have invested in Tanzania; through such investments, they have employed over 16,000 people," said Dr Tulia, adding their investments worth \$400 million.

According to her, the MPs visited a number of projects in Kigoma Region whereas they have been impressed with what have been done.

She said the German legislators also visited the Katavi National Park where German is assisting the government to improve the welfare of rangers as well as reducing Human-Wildlife Conflicts (HWC) at villages surrounding the park.

"We are delighted to host the German MPs in Tanzania because their

parliament works like ours; it also endorses the national budget," she stated, noting the Germany government also supports projects that are geared to ensure Tanzanians have access to clean and safe water.

Damas Ndumbo, Minister for Constitution and Legal Affairs said: "As the government we are happy for their visit; this implies that German is ready to continue supporting us and to strengthen the existing bilateral relationship. We are happy that they have been impressed with the way the funds provided have been spent."

German Ambassador to Tanzania, Regine Hess said Germany will continue to Tanzania since it has enjoyed a close cooperation for 60 years.

"These committee members have just come to see how the monies provided by the Germany government are spent. They went to Kigoma where there is a water project. They also looked at projects that are implemented by Non-Governmental Organisations.

Hess noted that at the Katavi National Park, the German government help to improve the welfare of rangers by ensuring they have a better accommodation while combating poaching. She said efforts are also directed to assist the Tanzania National Park (TANAPA) to reduce HWC.

Hess said: "The MPs have been impressed with what they have seen. As the embassy we are happy because it means that we are doing the right thing."

The envoy underscored the need for the Tanzanian

government to ensure sustainability of the supported projects in future.

Head of the German MPs delegation, Thomas Rachel from the CDU/CSU party said: "We are looking in the future because we want to support the government towards bringing development to Tanzanians in different fields."

He said they also visited special nuns who are caring for young girls and women with difficulties for purposes of giving them hopes by ensuring they are provided with vocational training and enabled to create permanent jobs.

Ulle Schauws from The Greens party said their visit at Katavi National Park aimed at identifying challenges and to jointly find solutions.

"We are supporting the wildlife sector because of its importance because people all over the world come to visit Tanzania," said Schauws.

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TENDER ADVERT - CONSTRUCTION OF A COMPUTER ROOM AT LAGOSA SECONDARY SCHOOL IN UVINZA DISTRICT, KIGOMA REGION.

(1) Background

The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and Pathfinder International in Tanzania are jointly implementing an integrated project known as TUUNGANE that holistically addresses Population, Health, and Environment (PHE) issues for communities living in Greater Mahale Ecosystems in Uvinza - Kigoma and Tanganyika - Katavi Regions.

Tuungane holistic approach of integrating people, health, and environment (PHE) aims to improve the livelihood of local community by addressing issue that directly affect the wellbeing of people including health of their families, natural resources that surround them, and the availability of good community services. Tuungane program is also working toward empowering women to play an active role in biodiversity conservation and significant sustainable development opportunities and increase the effectiveness of conservation effort in different sectors while also advancing gender equity and equality.

The program is planning to construct a computer room at Lagosa Secondary School in Uvinza District, Kigoma Region. Computer room will help students in learning through working with software programs, access information and most importantly, it will enable the students to acquire digital skills critical in the modern world without having to purchase their own hardware and software.

2.0 Objectives

The main objective of this contract is to construct the computer room at Lagosa secondary as per government construction requirements.

3.0 Scope of work

Throughout this contract, the consultant will work under the supervision and guidance of Tuungane program Director and technical guidance from Uvinza District Engineer as a project Consulting Engineer. The contractor will specifically be required to accomplish the following:

- Prepare and complete all preliminary items required for completion of this work as per Bills of Quantities and drawings.
- Obtain and submit construction permit from Contractor's registration Board (CRB)
- Construct a computer room as per Bills of quantities, drawings, and measures under supervision and approval from consulting engineer who is the Uvinza district engineer.
- Prepare Hand over letter of the finished computer room as per Bills and quantities under supervision and approval of consulting Engineer who is the Uvinza district Engineer and send to TNC's TUUNGANE Program Director for approval

4.0 Methodology

The consultant is requested to submit a provided BOQ that will indicate the quantity of materials and cost. Also, the labor charges and 18% VAT must be calculated within the BOQ.

4.1 Timeframe

The desired completion date for the assignment is by 30th June 2023. The consultant should submit an anticipated timeline for the accomplishment of the assignment. Anticipated timelines that extend beyond June 2023 will be reviewed, but not preferred.

4.2 Supervision Responsibility

The consultant will work closely with the Gender and Education Officer for any inquiries under supervision of District Engineer and Tuungane Program Director.

6.0 Skills and Qualifications

A potential consultant should have demonstrated knowledge and provide the evidence of the following:

- At least 5 years of professional experience in civil engineering and construction of government structures.
- Evidence of all legal documents for the registration of the company.
- Evidence of the current financial status of the company.

8.0 Proposal Guidelines

Architectural drawings and empty BoQs can be obtained from Tuungane office located at Mji Mwema Kigoma office, or can be shared by requesting it via email through lucy.mlagala@tnc.org

All Proposals should be submitted to lucy.mlagala@tnc.org before 28th February 2023.



TENDER ADVERT - CONSTRUCTION OF DINING HALL TO ACCOMMODATE 400 STUDENTS AT LAGOSA SECONDARY SCHOOL IN UVINZA DISTRICT, KIGOMA REGION.

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The program is planning to construct a dining hall to accommodate 400 students at Lagosa Secondary School in Uvinza District, Kigoma Region. Construction of a dining hall will help students to have a decent and safe place for taking their meals also the clean and safe kitchen for making the meals and will be used as a meeting hall as well.

(2) Objectives

The main objective of this contract is to construct the dining hall for 400 students include the kitchen at Lagosa secondary as per government construction requirements.

3.0 Scope of work

Throughout this contract, the consultant will work under the supervision and guidance of Tuungane program Director and technical guidance from Uvinza District Engineer as a project Consulting Engineer. The contractor will specifically be required to accomplish the following:

- Prepare and complete all preliminary items required for completion of this work as per Bills of Quantities and drawings.
- Obtain and submit construction permit from Contractor's registration Board (CRB)
- Construct a dining hall and its kitchen as per Bills of quantities, drawings, and measures under supervision and approval from consulting engineer who is the Uvinza district engineer.
- Prepare Hand over letter of the finished dining hall with its kitchen as per Bills and quantities under supervision and approval of consulting Engineer who is the Uvinza district Engineer and send to TNC's TUUNGANE Program Director for approval

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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF BRAND NEW ALLIGHT SYKES PUMPS XH150 TO GEITA GOLD MINE LIMITED, TANZANIA.

I. INTRODUCTION

Geita Gold Mining Limited ("The Company") an AngloGold Ashanti's ("AGA") asset is located in north-western Tanzania, in the Lake Victoria goldfields of the Geita region, about 5km from Geita town.

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| COMMERCIAL | |
| Company Profile | 1.54% |
| Company Code of Conduct | 1.54% |
| Company Code of Ethics | 1.54% |
| Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate | 1.54% |
| Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC) | 1.54% |
| Copy of 2021 BRELA search Registration Documents | 1.54% |
| Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association | 1.54% |
| Copy of Latest BRELA Application of Annual Returns | 1.54% |
| Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN | 1.54% |
| Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license. | 1.54% |
| Company Shareholding Structure (ownership of shares in percentage (%), Share certificates and Passport/Voter or National ID card for Management & Shareholders | 1.54% |
| List of Directors | 1.54% |
| Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission | 1.54% |
| FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE | 5% |
| Audited & certified financial statements (2020-2021) | 2.5% |
| At least 1 reference from the applicant's banker regarding supplier's credit position | 2.5% |
| SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS | 5% |
| OSHA Compliance Certificate | 1.25% |
| Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance | 1.25% |
| Environmental Management Plan / Programme / Policy | 1.25% |
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| Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labour | 1% |
| Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment | 1% |
| Grievance Procedure | 1% |
| Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme | 1% |
| PAST EXPERIENCE | 5% |
| At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed) | 1.7% |
| Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above) | 1.7% |
| Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients | 1.7% |
| TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01563) | 60% |
| Proof of sykes dealership letter | 20% |
| Proof of warranty not less than 1 year | 20% |
| Proof of sykes pumps sales history | 20% |
| Total | 100% |

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Govt sets aside 11.5 billion/- to purchase modern fishing boats

By Guardian Correspondent

THE government has said it has allocated 11.5bn/- to develop the country's blue economy for the purchase of modern fishing boats and 20bn/- for the construction of fishing farming cages for tilapia in Lake Victoria.

This was revealed yesterday by Deputy Minister for Livestock and Fisheries, Abdallah Ulega during his official visit in Tanga region.

Ulega visited aquaculture development groups at Jifute, Mondura and Mchukuuni that deal in fishing and seaweed farming activities.

He said the government has also set aside 2.5bn/- for the development of seaweed and sea cucumbers farming and that already 447m/- has been provided to various groups countrywide.

He added that the government has vowed to develop the blue economy sector by allocating more funds to it while inviting various stakeholders to support the government in the aquaculture development.

He also called upon stakeholders in the fishing sector, in particular fishing groups, to grab the opportunities on which the government has provided funds to satisfy the country's local and foreign fish markets.

Meanwhile, Pangani District Commissioner, Zainabu Abdallah expressed her pleasure on how the Phase VI government places its efforts in assisting the youth by investing in the aquaculture development through the ministry of Livestock and Fisheries.

Reading the statement from the Mchukuchuni seaweed and sea cucumber farming group in Tanga

City, Abdallah Mtondo, the group's chairman, complained about the practice by some unfaithful people to steal sea cucumbers from their farms especially during the high tide.

In the circumstances the group appealed to the government to take legal steps against as they retard their fish farming efforts.

In response, Ulega called upon concerned authorities to intervene while stressing that all buyers of seaweed and sea cucumbers buy these products from recognised groups that are officially registered.

Earlier, before the start of his Tanga visit, Ulega met and held talks with Tanga Regional Commissioner Omary Mumba on how the government, through the ministry, was making various efforts to open up opportunities in the fish farming sector.



Livestock and Fisheries deputy minister Abdallah Ulega (4th-L, gesturing) has a word earlier this week with officials of Tanga Region's Mchukuuni Cooperative Society, whose members are engaged mainly in seaweed farming and sea cucumber harvesting. The society is part of Tanga Yetu project, the thrust of whose activities is on employment creation and poverty reduction particularly for young people and women. Photo: Correspondent Boniface Gideon

Entrepreneurs urged to make deposits in banks to benefit from loan opportunities

By Guardian Reporter

TRADERS and entrepreneurs in the country have been urged to create a saving culture by investing their funds in banks so as to benefit from various loan opportunities that will help grow their businesses.

Head of Corporate at Mwanga Hakika Bank, Project Massawe made the call in Dar es Salaam on Wednesday when speaking to reporters on the bank's new campaign dubbed: "JipangesaMaishaniMseleleko."

According to him, in order to attract more traders including small and medium scale entrepreneurs, the bank has reduced the minimum deposit to 500,000/- saying that the amount which a customer deposits will provide him/her up to 12 percent of profit in a period of six months to one year.

"A customer who deposit savings in our bank for six to one year will get a profit of 12 percent, we have

come with this campaign and will be implemented for three months so as to ensure that we reach Tanzanians with education on saving culture, encourage them to open accounts and thus benefit also from various loan opportunities," he explained.

He said that the bank plans to open more branches, to improve its customer services, increase market access and provide modern banking services to its customers. He said that the bank, which currently has seven branches across the country, will be able to serve all Tanzanians, even those whose branches have not yet arrived, by using internet and phone banking.

"Our strategy now is to invest in traders and entrepreneurs and that's why we are here to encourage the group to come and tap various opportunities, including accessing loans of up to 80 percent of the funds in their accounts," Massawe

said. He said that the bank was grateful to the government for creating a conducive environment for financial institutions, including banks to operate smoothly and thus contribute to the country's development.

"We are investing in more innovative products so as to ensure that customers get what they wish to see, there is nothing but hard work, innovation and integrity that will bring anyone to a good level of development in a competitive world like this," he said.

Joseph Samson, director of business development said the bank has seven branches out of which, two are in Dar es Salaam, three are in Kilimanjaro and one in Dodoma and Arusha.

He urged traders to join the bank, open accounts and start benefiting from various opportunities that will help improve their projects and income.

Chinese national appears in Dar es Salaam court facing economic sabotage charges

By Correspondent Zuwen Shama

A Chinese national, Li Naiyong has appeared before the Kisutu Resident Magistrate Court facing economic sabotage case containing six counts which include causing loss of 221m/- to the Tanzania Communication Regulatory Authority (TCRA).

Reading the charges before the Kisutu Principal Resident Magistrate, Pamela Mazengo, the State Attorney, Yusuph Aboud said the accused committed the offences between August and October, 2022.

Aboud told the court that between August 13 and October

22 last year, at Hong Kong hotel in Kariakoo within Ilala District in Dar es Salaam, the accused tampered with various communication electronics devices without license.

Aboud claimed that on the same date, the accused installed and moderated communication electronic devices without license from TCRA.

It was alleged that on the said dates, the accused with bad intentions communicated through devices for the purpose of receiving and sending communications without license.

On the other charges, it was alleged that the accused moderated devices

for the purpose of transmitting and receiving international calls without license by avoiding paying tax.

Also on the said dates, the accused was alleged to have caused loss to the government and TCRA worth 221,163,600/-.

Prosecution side told the court that investigation is not yet complete and the case was adjourned until 01 March this year for another mention.

The accused remained in police custody after failing to fulfil bail terms which are to present in court property worth 111,581,800/- and two sureties who must be government servants.

Tanzanians called upon to tap into vanilla market in Europe, America

By Getrude Mbago

TANZANIANS have been urged to venture into vanilla farming and processing so as to tap the growing market demand in Europe and America.

Humphrey Pule, DHL Tanzania Country Manager said this in Dar es Salaam early this week when the company met with vanilla farmers from various regions both mainland and Zanzibar.

He said that Tanzania has every opportunity to perform well in spice farming as well as processing and that DHL was there to connect farmers and traders with various market opportunities globally to enable them to reap big from their farming.

"We have been working with farmers for many years now, but we want these opportunities to reach more people across the country who are unaware that spices including vanilla have high demand and can pay them abundantly if

they invest their efforts on them," he explained.

He said that DHL has the best experience of several markets and can transport cargos to reach the areas calling upon farmers to use the opportunity by producing more vanilla.

"We are doing this, educating farmers on vanilla farming not to get profit but to enable customers/farmers to prosper, improve their income and thus contribute to the country's development," he said.

He added: "We are working with the ministry to establish a structure that will help link young farmers and processors of spices including vanilla as well as other products with various market opportunities as well as financial support," Pule said.

Abdi Abdalla Suwed, a vanilla farmer from Zanzibar encouraged fellow farmers to be patient and stop looking for quick profits because vanilla can take time to harvest but has more benefits than

other crops.

"We have been engaging in this farming for many years now, we are producing a lot of spices with vanilla as well, we thank DHL Tanzania for bringing us here to meet with other farmers and experts, something which has increased our understanding," he said.

Sales and marketing officer, DHL Tanzania Cartus Ntaganda said: "Vanilla from Tanzania has great advantage and customers like it as it is pure and organic since there are no chemicals added, so we are encouraging more to enter into this business as it has many benefits."

According to her market statistics in Africa, Tanzania is the 7th country in vanilla production while being the 3rd in exporting after Madagascar and Uganda.

According to her, the current price varies between \$160 and \$340 per kilogramme.

"DHL is there to receive farmers, who will show interest in farming and provide them with education so that they know the areas that are suitable for the crop, how to cultivate it and the markets they will compete with," Ntaganda added.



Redimna Ginwas (standing), head of Women Fund Tanzania's programmes and grants department, pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday airing her views during training on sexual corruption organised by Dar es Salaam-based CSO Kipunguni Community Voice Centre with support from various stakeholders including from Ireland and the UK. Photo: Correspondent Sabato Kasika

SUA, NEMC plant over 45,000 trees to protect Mbarali River

By Guardian Reporter

THE Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) in collaboration with the National Environment Management Council (NEMC) have planted more than 45,000 trees that are friendly to water sources so as to protect the sustainability of Mbarali River, in efforts to restore natural vegetation to various water sources in the country.

The planting exercise was inaugurated at the Mbandu ward in Wanging'ombe District, Njombe Region as part of the implementation of the Sustainable Catchment Management through Enhanced Environmental Flow Assessment (EFLWS).

Speaking during the event, acting regional administrative secretary, Veronica Sanga said the exercise stimulate a culture of conserving the environment and water sources to protect the Mbarali River which flows its water to Ruaha River, Kidatu dam and Julius Nyerere Hydropower Project (JNHPP).

"We have been taking robust measures to people who are found conducting human activities near

By Guardian Reporter

THE Global Environment Facility has said it is satisfied with the implementation of the Ecosystem-based Adaptation for rural Resilience (EbARR) projects implemented in Mpwapwa District, Dodoma region under the management of the Vice President's Office.

This has been revealed on Wednesday by the facility's delegation led by its Coordinator for Africa Zone, Dr Ibrahim Sow during its visit to the projects in the district's four villages.

Dr Sow said GEF has been satisfied with the projects that includes the boring of four deep wells, construction of two water dams, two cattle dips and installation of a sunflower processing plant, the projects which he said have been alternative sources for income generation of the people in the four villages.

"These projects are of great

water sources or those destroying the environment so as to protect the environment, we hail SUA and NEMC for planting the trees as this compliment's the on-going efforts to fight environmental destruction," she said.

SUA deputy vice chancellor (Academic, Research and Consultancy) Prof Maulid Mwatawala said experts from the university and the Tanzania Forestry Agency (TFS) conducted a research and came up with the trees that are friendly to the environment and water sources and planted them in Wanging'ombe district in Njombe and Mbarali District in Mbeya region.

"We know that there are many trees that are not friendly to water sources and if they are planted near the sources they will dry the water and thus causing challenges, the planted trees under this project will help conserve the environment and increase flow of water in rivers and dams," he said.

EFLWS Project Leader, Prof Japhet Kashaigili said: "We are planting these trees so that all the people who live along this river and

GEF satisfied by implementation of EBARR projects in Mpwapwa district

benefit for the people of Mpwapwa, I therefore appeal to the community to take care of them for the present and future generations," said Dr Sow whose delegation included members from GRF Secretariat.

He said GEF will continue to sponsor environmental projects around the communities in order to increase the environmental conservation pace in rural areas as well as making sure it deals with environment-friendly agriculture and cited the example of vegetable farming.

Meanwhile, EBARR's National Projects coordinator, Dr Makuru Nyalobi called upon the residents of Mpwapwa District to supervise well development projects implemented in their areas that are expected to benefit Nghambi, Mbugani, Kiegea and Kazania villagers.

its water sources see the importance of taking care of rivers in the sense that if the environment is well taken care of from where the river begins to where it ends, it will result in water flowing throughout the year but the river will also flow water which is safe for humans who use them along the way along with fish and other insects in the river and those in the sea where the river ends."

According to him, in a research which they conducted during rainy and dry seasons found that there is still huge destruction of the environment especially near rivers that's why they came up with the project to restore the lost natural vegetation.

"We have launched the tree planting exercise here at Wanging'ombe and we will continue in Mbarali District working closely with host communities," he said.

Rose Mtui from NEMC said there are a lot of challenges due to climate change which are fuelled by the increasing human activities that are destroying the environment, something that needs combined efforts to address.

Eng. Florence Mahay, Rufiji Basin Director hailed SUA and NEMC for implementing the project which will help restore natural vegetation and increase flow of water in the Mbarali river.

He added that EBARR projects are also being implemented in other four districts including North 'A' Unga District, Simanjoro (Manyara Region), Mvomero (Morogoro) and Kishapu (Shinyanga) and added that the projects are being implemented by taking into consideration land planning.

Mbugani Village Executive Officer, Aziza Mwinymbweni said the village government is mobilised in making sure the project attains the set goals in regard to the provision of essential social services including safe and clean water.

EBARR delegation was in the City of Dodoma from February 13 to 14 this year and held workshops for environment stakeholders and experts from the Central Government PO-RALG, various government institutions and the private sector.



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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE PROVISION OF AIR TRANSPORT SERVICES TO GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML) TANZANIA

I. INTRODUCTION

Geita Gold Mining Limited ("The Company") an AngloGold Ashanti's ("AGA") asset is in north-western Tanzania, in the Lake Victoria goldfields of the Geita region, about 5km from Geita town.

The Company is in the process of Procuring Air Transportation Services and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expression of Interest for the provision of the service as detailed below.

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Scope of work:

| REFERENCE NUMBER | SERVICE DESCRIPTION |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| GGME1449-01 | PROVISION OF AIR TRANSPORT SERVICES TO GGML |

II. INFORMATION REQUIRED

| PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS. | 20% |
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| COMMERCIAL | |
| Company Profile | 1.20% |
| Company Code of Conduct | 1.20% |
| Company Code of Ethics | 1.20% |
| Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate | 1.20% |
| Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC). | 1.20% |
| Copy of 2021 BRELA search Registration Documents | 1.20% |
| Current NSSF Compliance Clearance Certificate (mandatory) | 5.00% |
| Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association | 1.20% |
| Copy of Latest BRELA Application of Annual Returns | 1.20% |
| Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN | 1.20% |
| Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license. | 1.20% |
| Company Shareholding Structure (ownership of shares in percentage (%), Share certificates and Passport/Voter or National ID card for Management & Shareholders | 1.20% |
| List of Directors | 1.20% |
| Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission | 1.20% |
| FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE | 5% |
| Audited & certified financial statements (2020 -2021) | 2.5% |
| At least 1 reference from the applicant's banker regarding supplier's credit position | 2.5% |
| SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS | 5% |
| OSHA Compliance Certificate | 1.25% |
| Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance | 1.25% |
| Environmental Management Plan / Programme / Policy | 1.25% |
| Health and Safety Programme | 1.25% |
| OTHER POLICIES | 5% |
| Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure | 1% |
| Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labour | 1% |
| Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment | 1% |
| Grievance Procedure | 1% |
| Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme | 1% |
| PAST EXPERIENCE | 5% |
| At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed) | 1.7% |
| Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above) | 1.7% |
| Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients | 1.7% |
| TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01449-01) | 60% |
| Registered with IATA & have access to approved Global Distribution System (GDS) to enable direct access to airline booking information | 2.9% |
| Passed an IATA Standard Safety Assessment (ISSA). | 2.9% |
| Equipment fit in-line with requirements for operation. | 5.4% |
| Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority (TCAA) AOC Certificate | 2.9% |
| Passenger CSL Insurance to meet international best practice and client requirements | 5.4% |
| Aircraft maintenance staff to hold Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority (TCAA) approval to work and maintain aircraft type. | 5.4% |
| Operator Maintenance Plan to be in line with Aircraft manufacture requirements and approved by Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority (TCAA). | 5.4% |
| Aircraft and operator medivac capability and approved by Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority (TCAA) on the company (OPSPEC) | 5.4% |
| Access to twin engine aircraft listed on AOC certificate as backup, ADHOC requirement. | 5.4% |
| Reliable reporting system (MIS Report) on cost, airlines, routes, and frequencies | 2.9% |
| Provision of 24/7 service level, hotline facilities and customer support services | 2.9% |
| Ability to arrange local and international bookings, Meet & Greet Services, Lounge access, chauffeur/transfer services, facilitate visa services, and holiday packages when required | 2.9% |
| Ability to arrange an Authorisations (i.e., permits for landing rights, arrival / departure slots, etc.) from the relevant governments and other authorities necessary to perform the flight that will be assigned in a different route than the scheduled one as may be required. | 5.4% |
| Previously official performance records from existing and old customers | 2.9% |
| Total | 100% |

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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF WEIR MINERAL ITEMS TO GEITA GOLD MINE LIMITED, TANZANIA.

I. INTRODUCTION

Geita Gold Mining Limited ("The Company") an AngloGold Ashanti's ("AGA") asset is in north-western Tanzania, in the Lake Victoria goldfields of the Geita region, about 5km from Geita town.

The Company is in the process of procuring weir mineral items and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expression of Interest for the supply and delivery of this equipment as detailed below.

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Scope of work:

| REFERENCE NUMBER | SERVICE DESCRIPTION |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| GGME01620 | SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF WEIR MINERAL ITEMS |

I. INFORMATION REQUIRED

| PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS | 20% |
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| COMMERCIAL | |
| Company Profile | 1.54% |
| Company Code of Conduct | 1.54% |
| Company Code of Ethics | 1.54% |
| Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate | 1.54% |
| Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC) | 1.54% |
| Copy of 2021 BRELA search Registration Documents | 1.54% |
| Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association | 1.54% |
| Copy of Latest BRELA Application of Annual Returns | 1.54% |
| Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN | 1.54% |
| Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license. | 1.54% |
| Company Shareholding Structure (ownership of shares in percentage (%), Share certificates and Passport/Voter or National ID card for Management & Shareholders | 1.54% |
| List of Directors | 1.54% |
| Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission | 1.54% |
| FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE | |
| Audited & certified financial statements (2021-2022) | 2.5% |
| At least 1 reference from the applicant's banker regarding supplier's credit position | 2.5% |
| SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS | |
| OSHA Compliance Certificate | 1.25% |
| Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance | 1.25% |
| Environmental Management Plan / Programme / Policy | 1.25% |
| Health and Safety Programme | 1.25% |
| OTHER POLICIES | |
| Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure | 1% |
| Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labour | 1% |
| Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment | 1% |
| Grievance Procedure | 1% |
| Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme | 1% |
| PAST EXPERIENCE | |
| At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed) | 1.7% |
| Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above) | 1.7% |
| Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients | 1.7% |
| TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01620) | |
| Possess experience of supplying similar liners to GGM or other mines | 15% |
| Have contractual agreement with liner reputable liners manufacture. | 15% |
| Posses' capability to create liners suitable to different shapes as per the installation chute configuration. | 15% |
| Possess capability for after sales services. | 15% |
| Total | 100% |

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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF EQUIPMENT, CALIBRATION, INSTALLATION AND SERVICING OF WEATHER STATIONS TO GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA

I. INTRODUCTION

Geita Gold Mining Limited ("The Company") an AngloGold Ashanti's ("AGA") asset is located in north-western Tanzania, in the Lake Victoria goldfields of the Geita region, about 5km from Geita town.

The Company is in the process of procuring a service of Supply and Delivery of equipment, calibration, installation and servicing of weather stations to GGML and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expression of Interest for the supply of this service as detailed below.

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Scope of work:

| REFERENCE NUMBER | SERVICE DESCRIPTION |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| GGME01590 | SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF EQUIPMENT, CALIBRATION, INSTALLATION AND SERVICING OF WEATHER STATIONS TO GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED. |

I. INFORMATION REQUIRED

| PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS | 20% |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| COMMERCIAL | |
| Company Profile | 1.20% |
| Company Code of Conduct | 1.20% |
| Company Code of Ethics | 1.20% |
| Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate | 1.20% |
| Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC) | 1.20% |
| Copy of 2021 BRELA search Registration Documents | 1.20% |
| Copy of Current NSSF Compliance Clearance Certificate (Mandatory Requirement) | 5.00% |
| Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association | 1.20% |
| Copy of Latest BRELA Application of Annual Returns | 1.20% |
| Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN | 1.20% |
| Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license. | 1.20% |
| Company Shareholding Structure (ownership of shares in percentage (%), Share certificates and Passport/Voter or National ID card for Management & Shareholders | 1.20% |
| List of Directors | 1.20% |
| Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission | 1.20% |
| FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE | |
| Audited & certified financial statements (2021-2022) | 2.5% |
| At least 1 reference from the applicant's banker regarding supplier's credit position | 2.5% |
| SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS | |
| OSHA Compliance Certificate | 1.25% |
| Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance | 1.25% |
| Environmental Management Plan / Programme / Policy | 1.25% |
| Health and Safety Programme | 1.25% |
| OTHER POLICIES | |
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| Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labour | 1% |
| Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment | 1% |
| Grievance Procedure | 1% |
| Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme | 1% |
| PAST EXPERIENCE | |
| At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed) | 1.7% |
| Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above) | 1.7% |
| Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients | 1.7% |
| TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01590) | |
| Certified/ approved by OEM (Campbell Scientific) | 30% |
| Relevant experience in similar work - evidence of successful provision of similar services in mining industry | 15% |
| A team of expert with practical knowledge and experience in providing the required services (calibration and maintenance) | 15% |
| Total | 100% |

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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR PURCHASE AND DISPOSAL OF USED OIL TO GEITA GOLD MINE LIMITED, TANZANIA.

I. INTRODUCTION

Geita Gold Mining Limited ("The Company") an AngloGold Ashanti's ("AGA") asset is located in north-western Tanzania, in the Lake Victoria goldfields of the Geita region, about 5km from Geita town.

The Company is in the process of purchasing and disposal of used oil and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expression of Interest for the supply and delivery of this equipment as detailed below.

NB: THE DOCUMENTS REQUESTED BELOW MUST BE SUBMITTED WHEN EXPRESSING INTEREST ON THIS SERVICE/WORK. QUALIFIED CANDIDATES WILL BE SUBJECTED TO ANGLO GOLD ASHANTI VETTING PROCESS.

Scope of work:

| REFERENCE NUMBER | SERVICE DESCRIPTION |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| GGME01605 | PURCHASE AND DISPOSAL OF USED OIL TO GEITA GOLD MINE LIMITED. |

I. INFORMATION REQUIRED

| PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS | 20% |
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| COMMERCIAL | |
| Company Profile | 1.20% |
| Company Code of Conduct | 1.20% |
| Company Code of Ethics | 1.20% |
| Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate | 1.20% |
| Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC) | 1.20% |
| Copy of 2021 BRELA search Registration Documents | 1.20% |
| Current NSSF Compliance Clearance Certificate (mandatory) | 5.00% |
| Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association | 1.20% |
| Copy of Latest BRELA Application of Annual Returns | 1.20% |
| Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN | 1.20% |
| Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license. | 1.20% |
| Company Shareholding Structure (ownership of shares in percentage (%), Share certificates and Passport/Voter or National ID card for Management & Shareholders | 1.20% |
| List of Directors | 1.20% |
| Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission | 1.20% |
| FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE | 5% |
| Audited & certified financial statements (2020-2021) | 2.5% |
| At least 1 reference from the applicant's banker regarding supplier's credit position | 2.5% |
| SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS | 5% |
| OSHA Compliance Certificate | 1.25% |
| Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance | 1.25% |
| Environmental Management Plan / Programme / Policy | 1.25% |
| Health and Safety Programme | 1.25% |
| OTHER POLICIES | 5% |
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| Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment | 1% |
| Grievance Procedure | 1% |
| Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme | 1% |
| PAST EXPERIENCE | 5% |
| At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed) | 1.7% |
| Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above) | 1.7% |
| Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients | 1.7% |
| TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01605) | 60% |
| Possess valid permits to collect and transport waste oil and grease from the mine site (Mandatory requirement) | 30% |
| A valid agreement/contract with Disposal facility(ies) that possess a valid permit to recycle waste oil or EIA certificate for a project that uses waste oil as part of the overall activity. (Mandatory requirement) | 15% |
| Relevant experience in similar work - evidence of successful provision of similar services in mining industry for at least one year. (Mandatory requirement) | 8% |
| Presented approach (collection, transportation, and disposal) in line with the conditions for permit outlined in the Environmental Management (Hazardous Waste Control and Management) Regulations, 2019. | 7% |
| Total | 100% |

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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF HME TYRE HANDLER T3-S-2500 TO GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA

I. INTRODUCTION

Geita Gold Mining Limited ("The Company") an AngloGold Ashanti's ("AGA") asset is located in north-western Tanzania, in the Lake Victoria goldfields of the Geita region, about 5km from Geita town.

The Company is in the process of procuring Tyre Handler and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expression of Interest for the supply of this equipment's as detailed below.

NB: THE DOCUMENTS REQUESTED BELOW MUST BE SUBMITTED WHEN EXPRESSING INTEREST ON THIS SERVICE/WORK. QUALIFIED CANDIDATES WILL BE SUBJECTED TO ANGLO GOLD ASHANTI VETTING PROCESS.

Scope of work:

| REFERENCE NUMBER | SERVICE DESCRIPTION |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| GGME01532 | Supply And Delivery of HME Tyre Handler T3-S-2500 to GGML |

I. INFORMATION REQUIRED

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| Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients | 1.7% |
| TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01532) | 60% |
| Availability of warranty terms for the supplied Tyre handler Attachment T3-S-2500 to fit on Valve L-120F. | 15% |
| Proof of supplying similar Austin engineering brand of tyre handler attachment T3-S-2500 model. | 5% |
| Proof of dealership with Austin Engineering on handler Attachment | 10% |
| Proof of availability upon delivery of T3-S-2500 Tire Handler Attachment Catalogue/ Maintenance Manuals | 10% |
| Proof of technical and qualification capability to Install and commissioning T3-S-2500 Tyre Handler Attachment including Operators/maintenance personnel training and certification | 20% |
| Total | 100% |

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Criminals communicate easily across borders; governments must innovate

WHILE Tanzania and Malawi have been taking measures in recent years to improve cooperation and enhance trade between them, it appears that criminals are a step ahead in noticing such "opportunities".

As road links are being improved, shipping becoming more accessible and phone links being widened day by day, so are links being developed between different groups of criminals. They commit crimes on one side of the territorial border and seek - actually, find - safety on the other, implying that law enforcers will lose the trail of crime.

As the two sides have exchanged state visits over the past year or two, communication has been eased when there is a problem to be sorted out.

Tanzanian and Malawian defence and security officials close to the border have been meeting to discuss ways of stamping out cross-border crime, which has several components. One is trafficking, another is smuggling and then there are also incidents of armed robbery, this without ruling out the possibility of extremists also being around.

While it is unlikely that criminals will just stop their activities when they know that security is being tightened in the border zone, and police chiefs will be able to exchange information in relation to any crime incident, it makes a difference.

Lawless border areas are dangerous for people living nearby in that criminals can then do anything they want, cultivating a sense of impunity in so doing. It also eases corruption as unscrupulous detectives know there will be no follow-up after one escapes.

From what was witnessed at a recent meeting, the crime level is on an upward thrust, and measures ought to be taken to limit the ease with which criminals can operate across

the border.

It presumes setting up hotlines between security chiefs on both sides of the border and holding periodic meetings to take stock of the situation.

In a way, the meeting enhanced the SADC (Southern African Development Community) security framework.

Two 'serpents' are likely to be at work to disrupt what will most likely have been achieved at the regional security chiefs' recent meeting between the two countries.

One is distrust between the two countries for one reason or another - for instance, if there are still embers of the old supposed border dispute some politicians used to harp upon. The other is a lot more familiar: corruption, notably bribes, and it is hard to figure out if each side can control this on a sustainable basis.

For one thing, there is a serene atmosphere across the border at the moment. In that case, as was evident even in merely being able to call the Mbeya meeting of security chiefs of border regions, it is likely that each side will actually be intent on pursuing violent criminals, human traffickers or smugglers. This would also ease cooperation if known extremists dare rear their heads.

As the revamping of major roads was being celebrated in Mbeya at the start of the week, implying a significant upsurge in commercial flows in the transportation of goods especially to Zambia, regional officials will have to be seen as criminals innovate devise new routes. It would then be necessary to track down such outlets or innovation instead of believing that criminals have been scared off with one meeting or two arrests.

Fighting crime across borders has never been easy anywhere in the world, so the links being developed - say, those involving SADC member-states - aren't a concluding step but just a good start.

Donor funding thrust reflects key United Nations priorities

MENTORARY differences of opinion of a strategic kind were visible at a recent high-level meeting co-chaired by Finance and Planning minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba, where the main development partners were represented.

One theme the minister dwelt on was the need to match donor finances with the government's yearly plans rather than staking out different priorities to direct funding. It isn't the first time the matter came up and definitely won't be the last, but circumstances change.

As the minister aptly noted, aligning donor funding priorities with the respective year's national development plan helps to facilitate - or expedite - the growth of key sectors.

That was among the strong point in his remarks, and so that the terms of that demand can be taken up literally, it follows that growth ought to be an especially critical issue in all plans.

However, trouble is that this isn't the case and the matter has occupied United Nations agencies since the first development decade - that is, the 1960s.

Intense academic debate at that time focused on why there are differential rates in development across countries on the one hand, and then why development (or more accurately, economic growth) was steeped into sharp inequalities in many countries.

Activists gradually pushed key UN agencies and the likes of the World Bank to abandon their singular focus on rates of economic growth and its other expression, income per capita, to include other dimensions.

In the late 1980s this led to a formal departure from growth indexes to the Human Development Index (ranking countries by levels of inequality), as a new start.

It is this outlook that was reflected in

the late 1990s programme known as the eight global Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) for slightly over a decade, and then in 2015 emphasis moved to the 17 global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by which it is other criteria that are examined, not the growth index per se.

In that case, donor funding complements government efforts in the main axes of its growth propelling efforts, but as a rule they sit and wait for governments to make the needed adjustments for them to scale up their role. These adjustments are of various kinds - for instance, the doing of business atmosphere, inclusiveness and governance.

In that context, the minister Mwigulu's remarks reaffirmed that there was a certain degree of discrepancy between what the donor countries target and what administrators here chiefly want, which is understandable.

Still, since Tanzanian economists and administrators generally have adequate exposure to UN methods and growth philosophy, it is expected that they understand the validity, even primacy, of these other concerns. They revolve around effective inclusiveness, equal chances, etc.

It is a plausible argument that if most donor funding was to be directed at the main pillars of annual development plans, their growth impact would be higher.

But there are other societal needs which wouldn't arise from growth alone and must actually be targeted.

For instance, while thrusts on universal primary education and quasi-universal secondary education are a plus for a workforce available for industry or commerce, services, etc., the key part is human dignity, equality.

The other aspects donors commonly push more energetically also aid growth efforts and are worth keen attention.

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By Michael Birshan and Ishaan Seth

WHEN uncertainty reigns, the best leaders play both defence and offence. That requires honing three types of competitive edge: insights, commitment and execution.

Strategic courage is never more important than in times of high volatility because that is when tomorrow's winners are decided.

In this episode of the Inside the Strategy Room podcast, two gurus discuss how to develop three types of competitive edge necessary to lead boldly in today's uncertain times, based on their recent article co-authored with McKinsey global managing partner Bob Sternfels.

The experts are Michael Birshan, global co-leader of the Strategy and Corporate Finance Practice, and Ishaan Seth, who co-leads McKinsey's Banking and Securities Practice globally. This is an edited transcript of their discussion with Boston-based Sean Brown, global director of communications for the Strategy & Corporate Finance Practice. Excerpts:

Question (Sean Brown): You open your article with a quote from the late Formula 1 champion Ayrton Senna: "You cannot overtake 15 cars in sunny weather, but you can when it's raining." What's the connection to strategy?

Michael Birshan: It's certainly raining hard out there in terms of economic upheaval, but volatility is when corporate performance rankings can dramatically change. Today, we have new shocks, such as the tragic war in Ukraine and the return of inflation, layered on top of old shocks that haven't gone away, namely, the overhang from the Covid-19 pandemic in the form of debt, adjustments to hybrid work, and supply chain disruptions. Those come on top of trends we have been wrestling with for a while, such as digitisation or the net-zero transition.

All these shocks are amplifying one another, making volatility rampant. You can see it in the economic indicators, whether it is inflation or consumer confidence hitting historic lows in parts of the world. We have seen periods of volatility in the past, but what our clients find unusual is the number of elements that are outside normal ranges now.

Another factor exacerbating volatility is what we call sectors without borders. A company used to operate in one sector and understood what was happening to the left and right or upstream and downstream. Now, more and more sectors are colliding with one other. Take energy, for instance: many

This is how ambidextrous leaders manage through volatile times (1)

companies are realising that they need deeper customer intimacy and to behave more like retailers.

How do you see business leaders responding to this volatility?

Ishaan Seth: In dozens of recent conversations with CEOs, CFOs, and other C-suite executives, one refrain is common, which is: "We haven't seen anything like this. This feels different." And we are beginning to see two leadership mindsets emerge.

(Now, C-suite executives are senior executives such as chief executive officer, chief marketing officer and chief security officer who are supposed to ensure that the different departments of a company work together to achieve its policies and plans).

One group is generally cautious. They are more on the defence, battering down the hatches on balance sheets, doing all the right things on expenses, and planning out scenarios, but strategically they are in a "wait and watch" mode.

We also see another group that are very much on the offence, thinking about the M&A pipeline given current valuations, planning material resource reallocations, and figuring out how they can pull ahead of the pack, to use that racing analogy. They are conservative on managing the downside but bold and aggressive on capturing the upside.

The value of this ambidextrous leadership has been borne out by our research over several economic cycles. We measured the performance of thousands of public companies before, during and after prior crises - and two things came through strongly. First, resilient companies performed much better than the non-resilient but, more importantly, they were firing on all cylinders to achieve that outperformance: on revenue growth, margin enhancement, and preserving strategic optionality, which we define as retained earnings on the balance sheet.

Did your research find any industries or regions being more resilient to external shocks than others?

Ishaan Seth: We have cut these data five ways and at the highest level this has been consistent across almost every sector. Where there is huge variability is in performance between the top 10 or 15 per cent in a given industry and everybody else.

In your article, you say that leaders need to develop three types of edge. What are they?

Ishaan Seth: The concept of an edge is akin to an option. The price of options rises in times of volatility and, equally, the value of each edge grows in times like those we are living through now. The three types of edge are found in insights, in commitment and in execution. Outperformance, or leadership alpha, on these dimensions can set you apart.

What constitutes an edge in insights, and why is it particularly critical now?

Michael Birshan: If we all know what will happen, knowing it in a bit more detail is not terribly valuable, but in volatile periods when we are unsure, being 10 per cent more right 10 per cent more often is a true edge. You can find an insights edge in many places. Think about supply chains: we have all become more acutely aware of the complexity and impact of supply chains, so one element of an insight edge is: Do you have true visibility into your supply chain down the tiers - and into our competitors' supply chains as much as possible - so you can make adjustments to prepare for volatility?

Do strong technology capabilities in data analytics and artificial intelligence provide an edge?

Michael Birshan: They definitely help. Superior data and analytics resulting from years of investments in sensors and data governance can be crucial sources of insights. A more prosaic or ordinary source is having a culture that is sufficiently diverse, inclusive and externally oriented that you get more and better information from a wider range of sources.

For example, a financial services firm trying to develop a perspective on inflation used data from rating agencies, governments and academics, but it also added historians. What can we learn from previous periods of inflation about how today's inflation may trend? The management team sought out contrarian voices who would have different perspectives. They talked to local market executives. My clients sometimes say: "If only we knew what we know. If only the centre knew what is known in the broader organisation." Some of that is about systems and processes; some is about inclusion - creating the conditions where people who

have diverging views feel free to voice them.

Ishaan Seth: I recently helped put something along these lines into action at a large bank client, where they brought together about 75 country heads from around the world, put them in a room for two days, and had them share observations on everything from inflation to payments and trade flows to regulatory themes. The goal was exactly the notion Michael was describing: how can we tap into the latent knowledge resident within the organisation and harness that in a more systematic way?

How can business leaders determine whether their insights are sufficiently distinctive to constitute a competitive edge?

Ishaan Seth: The provocation we would put forward is to ask yourself: what proprietary, privileged insights and data do you have? How much of a pulse do you have on what your customers are saying and thinking and how they're spending? Do you have enough of this external orientation that Michael was describing in terms of your access to different knowledge, moving beyond common sources of wisdom and data to unconventional sources? Reflect on what in your industry would truly define an edge - or outperformance alpha - on insights and work together as a management team to generate it.

This type of outreach could provide a lot of contradictory information. How do you distinguish the signal from the noise?

Ishaan Seth: You will always get multiple perspectives. Developing a point of view as a management team is one of the prerequisites of strategic commitment, and usually that means creating forums to have a dialogue, ideally in advance, to hear different perspectives and have debates. It is a heck of a lot easier to decide and act when it is your third or fourth conversation on the topic as a senior team than if it's the first.

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Decline in coffee farming in Kilimanjaro taking down many gains

By Thomas Lyimo

EGYPTIAN scholars are fond of saying that 'the Nile is Egypt and Egypt is the Nile.' This is meant to stress the importance of the river as the lifeline of the mostly dry country. Egypt relies on the Nile for 90 per cent of its water and the country has historically asserted that having a stable flow of the Nile waters is a matter of survival given the scarcity of the precious liquid.

We natives of Kilimanjaro Region can also safely assert that Kilimanjaro is coffee and coffee is Kilimanjaro. For, this cash crop has been the lifeline of this region where it boasts a history of more than 100 years. Yes, history tells us that it was in the year 1898 when German missionaries first introduced coffee in Tanzania, planting it for the first time at Kilema Mission, Marangu, along the foot of Mount Kilimanjaro.

The crop would later lead to the formation of the iconic Kilimanjaro Native Cooperative Union (KNCU), the oldest cooperative in Africa which was founded in 1930 and owned by farmers. KNCU is the mother of all cooperatives in the country.

Coffee transformed lives in Kilimanjaro as there are a lot of collective and individual success stories attributed to it, ranging from unmatched construction of schools hence high level of education to general improved standard of living because of income from sales.

But its allure and glory has been fading with years for a number of reasons, forcing some farmers to drop the crop because of lower earnings compared to before. In the past, Kilimanjaro Region was synonymous to coffee growing but that is no longer the case.

Recent years have seen sharp decline of the crop and in some areas total abandonment and one cannot believe that there was once widespread growing of the crop in those



areas. This has in some ways made the region lose the identity it had for many years.

As a nation it has been a practice that a resource in any part of the country is developed for benefits of locals and the entire nation in the form of revenues collected. Is coffee from Kilimanjaro Region no longer beneficial for the nation?

The main players in the growing of coffee currently are private foreign investors who have managed to secure good markets due to direct contact with the buyers. But collection from these investors cannot replace what used to come from farmers.

As things stand now, many of those who were formerly proud farmers have turned into labourers in private farms because

something is better than nothing. I agree it is a win-win situation of sorts but since the market is still there, we must ask ourselves why we failed.

Although the decline of coffee farming in Kilimanjaro Region is attributed to several factors such as fall of prices in the world market and adverse economic conditions, there are some individuals who see the permission of private buyers to venture into the coffee industry as the main reason.

For, the private sector dominance prevents the cooperative unions from saving money for purchase and distribution of input subsidies to farmers as was the case before. These private buyers dangle cash meaning they don't buy on credit. This looks like a good deal but it is only so in

the short run.

And because most farmers are not good at saving, plus the fact that cooperative unions buy at lower prices but later top up after the auction, it was something that many critics saw as a good deal.

But in the long run, it has proved to be detrimental as former successful farmers have become labourers and there is no hope of them reclaiming their lost glory if the current arrangement continues.

One of the effects of the decline of coffee production in the region is the waning quality of education. For many years Kilimanjaro Region was considered the hub of quality education in the country. But the situation is now different as many parents find it difficult to finance the education of their children here in the country

unlike the good old days when parents from this region could educate children even abroad.

The decline in coffee production can also be linked to increased idleness in the region hence low standards of living. As many young people can hardly secure cash, they have become desperate and the region is now notorious for alcoholism.

During golden years of coffee, it was hard to find energetic and productive people idling or drinking in the morning. But now many such people have nothing to do hence they are enticed to do things which continue to deprive them of their chances to develop.

It is for the reason that I propose the re-introduction of coffee growing in Kilimanjaro Region the old-style way to help those addicted with alcoholism get something to do. I recall that parents were very tough on their children in the good old days; one could only rest after farm work. But nowadays young people rest the whole day and drink cheap liquor like there is no tomorrow.

Additionally, the decline in coffee production in the region can be linked to the increase of gender-related challenges and violence. During coffee years, many men in Kilimanjaro Region were empowered academically and economically with money from coffee sales. But with the decline, many have failed to play their roles of providing for their families and instead turned violent drunkards.

I believe that the government can do something to reverse the decline of coffee production in the Kilimanjaro Region and restore it to those nostalgic old good days. It can be done, can't it?

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Paul-Simon Handy and Felicité Djilo

THE annual African Union (AU) summit will be held this week for the first time since 2020 without Covid-19 restrictions. It coincides with the fragile return to peace in northern Ethiopia, the resurgence of widespread instability in the Great Lakes and the ongoing war in Ukraine, which continues to raise questions about African positions.

The United Nations (UN) Security Council's paralysis over Russia's war of aggression in Ukraine illustrates a crisis of global multilateralism. While this observation is rarely extended to Africa, several developments suggest a similar crisis of African multilateralism.

These include the failure to manage post-coup transitions and the impasse surrounding regional sanctions and suspension regimes, confusion about AU vs regional bloc responsibilities and the practical implications of subsidiarity, and the difficulties regional security systems face in tackling violent extremism.

The AU is Africa's most representative international organisation. Through consensus, it establishes means for states to cooperate and sets norms of accepted behaviour. Its capacity to provide pragmatic solutions to key summit agenda items this week will show its resolve to fix the crisis of multilateralism.

During the summit, the AU's Peace and Se-

African multilateralism is in crisis – AU must remedy this to adequately address continent's most pressing issues



African Union headquarters in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Credit: Tiksa Negeri

curity Council (PSC) will meet to discuss the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) crisis and its regional implications. This will be the PSC's first meeting at heads of state level on the issue since 2016. The main challenge will be to agree on the AU's role in resolving a crisis in which it has had little direct involvement.

Alongside the UN, mediation is currently dominated by the Nairobi Process initiated by the East African Community and the Luanda initiative launched by the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region. The PSC has a role in coordinating regional efforts, but several of its member states have a seemingly narrow conception of subsidiarity. As a result, the AU, especially the AU Commission, is sidelined as soon as a regional bloc is involved.

Beyond harmonising initiatives in the Great Lakes, can the PSC create a consensual solution given the regional tensions and competition? South Africa, which is convening the PSC meeting, wants to regain a foothold in the Great Lakes since the DRC joined the East African Community. (The DRC is also part of the Southern African Development Community.) This will test the capacity of regional powers (Angola, Kenya and South Africa) to collaborate for peace and security rather than compete for influence.

Another challenge facing African multilateralism is the AU's struggle to manage disagreements between member states. Last year's accreditation of Israel to the AU – which complied with AU regulations – stirred up fierce

debates and divisions.

Consequently, the issue was excluded from the summit's agenda, raising questions about how consensus can be achieved in an organisation that refrains from voting. Had a vote taken place, about two-thirds of member states would likely have approved Israel's accreditation – showing how vocal but influential minorities can silence a less powerful majority.

Competition between states for positions in the AU is a growing trend. It took almost a year for the eastern region to determine who between Kenya and the eventual winner, Comoros, would take over the rotating AU presidency in 2023. This year, the looming contest between Algeria and Morocco for the vice-chair of the AU could further fracture

the organisation and deliver an incomplete Bureau of the Assembly.

The AU's indecisiveness often leads to inconsistencies. This is symbolised by the participation of Chad's transitional president Mahamat Kaka Déby, in this week's summit, despite his disregard for commitments made to the PSC in 2021. Disagreement among states has meant that no communiqué was issued after the PSC's last meeting about Chad on 11 November 2022.

The current AU Commission has reached mid-term. As the chairperson won't run for a third term, what are member states' expectations of the commission and its president two years after Moussa Faki Mahamat's near-unanimous re-election?

In 2022 he experienced two major setbacks – on Israel's accreditation and Chad. He had called for the country's suspension following the transitional military regime's violation of commitments to the PSC.

AU Commission chairs have often faced headwinds from member states. However, the current volatile international context and requests for a greater AU role call for a stronger, not weaker, commission chair.

Finally, it is time to interrogate the impact of AU institutional reform that started five years ago. While all such processes are disruptive, several reports indicate poor morale among staff. So it's not surprising that many have joined the African Continental Free Trade Area secretariat in Accra, thereby further weakening the AU Commission.

The merger of the former peace/security and political affairs departments was one of the reform's highlights. Has it improved the AU's ability to manage and prevent conflict? The sidelining of the AU in the Great Lakes, the Sahel and Mozambique raises many questions, as does its treatment of the Cameroon conflict.

The unclear and inadequate practice of subsidiarity also affects peace support operations. Recently, troops sent by the East African Community to eastern DRC and the Southern African Development Community to Mozambique were mandated at a regional level and only presented after the fact to the PSC. This is in contrast to the handling of the Multinational Joint Task Force in the Lake Chad Basin and the G5 Sahel Joint Force.

The AU's 36th summit could be an opportunity to break with institutional and bureaucratic routines and address the organisation's potential crisis 20 years after its creation. While AU reforms have mainly addressed the body's structures (its 'hardware'), little has been done to its software, particularly in governance, peace and security.

Reducing the AU Commission to a mere secretariat whose competencies are regularly eroded by member states when their interests clash is a sign of an organisation searching for its raison d'être. That doesn't bode well for African multilateralism. DM

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Driven by war, pregnant Russian women arrive en masse to give birth in Argentina

By Daniel Gutman

THEY began to arrive en masse in Argentina in the second half of 2022, a few months after the Russian invasion of Ukraine. They are pregnant Russian women who land in the capital to give birth, with the hope of gaining an Argentine passport, given the fact that so many countries refuse to let in people with Russian passports today.

Authorities are investigating whether they are the victims of scams by organizations holding out false promises.

"Of the 985 deliveries we attended in 2022, 85 were to Russian women and 37 of them were in December. This trend continued in January and so far in February," Lilita Voto, Head of the Maternal and Child Youth Department at the Fernández Hospital, one of the most renowned public health centers in the Argentine capital, located in the Palermo neighborhood, told IPS.

"Some come with an interpreter and others use a translation app on their phones. We do not ask them how they got to Argentina, but it is clear that there is an organization behind this," added Voto.

In this South American country, public health centers treat patients free of charge, whether or not they have Argentine documents.

The issue exploded into the headlines on Feb. 8-9, when the immigration authorities detained six pregnant Russian women who had just landed at the Ezeiza international airport, on charges of not actually being tourists as they



Two of the six Russian women who were detained by the Argentine immigration authorities when they reached the country on Feb. 8 and 9 sleep in the Buenos Aires airport. CREDIT: TV Capture

claimed.

The six women filed for habeas corpus and on Feb. 10 a federal judge ordered that they be allowed to enter the country, after some of them spent more than 48 hours on airport seats.

The ruling handed down by Judge Luis Armella stated that the authorities' decision not to let them into the country put the women in a vulnerable situation that affected their rights "to proper medical care, food, hygiene and rest," and said he was allowing them into the country to also protect the rights of their unborn children.

In addition, the judge ordered a criminal investigation into whether there is an organization behind the influx of pregnant Russian women that is scamming them or has committed other crimes. The results of the investigation are sealed.

On Feb. 10, shortly after the court ruling was handed down, 33 Russian women who were between 32 and 34 weeks pregnant arrived in Buenos Aires on an Ethiopian Airlines flight from Addis Ababa. (There are no direct flights between Russia and Argentina.)

As reported by the national director of the

migration service, Florencia Carignano, in 2022, 10,500 people of Russian nationality entered Argentina and 5,819 of them were pregnant women.

The immigration authorities carried out an investigation in which it interviewed 350 pregnant Russian women in Argentina. They discovered that there is an organization that "offers them, in exchange for a large sum of money, a 'birth tourism' package, and gaining an Argentine passport is the main reason for the trip," Carignano tweeted.

"Argentina's history and legislation embrace immigrants who choose to live in this country in search of a better future. This does not mean we endorse mafia organizations that profit by offering scams to obtain our passport, to people who do not want to live here," she added.

Under Argentine law, foreign nationals who have a child born in Argentina are immediately given permanent residency status, in a process that takes a few months. To obtain citizenship, they have to prove two years of uninterrupted residence here, in a federal court.

"Becoming a citizen is a difficult process that takes many years. If the organi-

zations promise Russian women a passport in a few months, they are lying or there is corruption behind this," Lourdes Rivadeneyra, head of the Migrant and Refugee Program at the National Institute against Discrimination (INADI), told IPS.

Rights in Argentina

"One thing is human trafficking networks, which make false promises in exchange for large sums of money, and another thing is the rights of women to enter Argentina and have their children here. They are victims," Christian Rubilar, a lawyer for three of the six women who were held in the Ezeiza airport, told IPS.

Rubilar pointed out that the constitution guarantees essential rights "for all people in the world who want to live in Argentina." He added that the country's laws do not mention "false tourists", and that therefore the immigration office exceeded its authority by denying them access to the country.

Argentina received different waves of European migration from the end of the 19th century until the middle of the 20th century. This created a culture of respect for the rights of immigrants among

citizens and in the country's legislation, which see Argentina as a land that welcomes foreigners in trouble, such as Venezuelans who have arrived in large numbers in the past few years.

Since Russian President Vladimir Putin invaded Ukraine on Feb. 24, 2022, hundreds of thousands of people have fled Russia, in what has been described by some as a third historic exodus, after the ones that followed the Russian Revolution in 1917 and the fall of the Soviet Union in 1989.

Although there are no official figures, recently the English newspaper The Guardian estimated that between 500,000 and one million people have left Russia since the beginning of the war. Many leave out of fear of being sent to the front lines, or because they are in conflict with the government or due to the consequences of international economic sanctions on the country.

As can be quickly verified in an Internet search, there are organizations operating in Argentina that promise Russian women who give birth in this country that they and their husbands can quickly obtain citizenship here. "Give birth in Argen-

tina. We help you move to Argentina, obtain permanent residence and a passport, which gives you visa-free entry to 170 countries around the world," announces the Ru-Argentina website, which offers a package that includes accommodation in Buenos Aires, medical assistance, the help of a translator and aid in applying for documents, among other services for pregnant women.

The founder of Ru-Argentina is a Russian living in Argentina, Kirill Makoveev, who said in an interview on TV that "there are a variety of reasons why our clients come to Argentina: some want a passport because the Russian passport is toxic now. So we explain that the constitution and immigration laws here allow you to obtain a passport without breaking the law."

The Russian Embassy in Buenos Aires did not respond to IPS's request for comments, but the pregnant women have not been defended by the Russian community in Argentina.

"They are not coming to Argentina as immigrants, to work and seek a better future, as many Russians did in different waves of immigration. They are coming in order to use Argentina as a springboard to go to Western European countries or the United States," Silvana Yarmolyuk, director of the Coordinating Council of Organizations of Russian Compatriots in Argentina, which brings together 23 community associations from all over the country, told IPS.

Yarmolyuk, who was born in Argentina and is the daughter of a Ukrainian father and a Russian mother, said that the Russians who are coming to Argentina now are people of certain means who are taking advantage of Argentina's flexible immigration policies.

"Just the ticket from Russia to Argentina costs about 3,000 dollars," she said. "The danger is that this exacerbates the spread of Russophobia, which hurts all of us."

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Job Responsibilities:

- Oversee the monthly, quarterly and annual financial statement preparation and analysis and ensure the financial statements are prepared in compliance with generally accepted accounting principles and company policies.
- Provide advice and counsel to direct reports, senior managers and others relating to broad scope of responsibilities noted above. Provides financial analysis to a wide range of assignments, often under tight deadlines, to support numerous business processes and initiatives.
- Ensure the company-wide implementation of superior accounting, financial reporting and financial processes and internal controls. This includes developing appropriate processes, procedures and tools to ensure that deficiencies are identified and corrected in a timely fashion.
- Evaluate on an ongoing basis the accounting system, so that it reflects an accurate assessment of the operating revenues and expenses of the organization.
- Ensure compliance with all Federal / Government regulations, including taxation.
- Evaluate on an ongoing basis the purchasing system in coordination with department heads so that acceptable controls, approvals and time frames are responsive to the requirements of the organization and generally accepted accounting principles.
- Serve as a key member of the senior leadership team providing leadership and input to management peers regarding the financial implications of all major business decisions.
- Manages annual operating and capital budget process, through review with senior management and Board. Assists with the annual business planning process.
- Directs insurance portfolio for all property and casualty insurance, workers compensation, employee health and welfare benefit programs, player disability and contract guarantee insurance, etc.
- Manage relationships with bankers, auditors and league officials, as appropriate.
- Responsible for cash management system, including daily cash management and cash forecasting.
- Other duties as assigned.

Academic Qualification & Experience Requirements:

- Minimum bachelor's degree in accounting, Finance, or related subjects.
- Certified Public Accountant (CPA-T) is a MUST.
- MSc/MBA will be an added advantage.
- Minimum 7 years professional experiences as CFO or relevant role is a MUST.
- Preferably Experience in working with NGOs/Financial Institutions/Banks/Consultancy firm.
- In depth knowledge of corporate financial law and risk management practices.
- Excellent knowledge of data analysis and forecasting methods.
- Proficient in the use of MS Office and financial management software (e.g., SAP).
- Ability to strategize and solve problems.
- Strong leadership and organizational skills.
- An analytical mind, comfortable with numbers.

Position : Head of Branch Operations - 01 Post

Job Responsibilities:

- Monitoring and supervising microfinance operations.
- Selecting new working area for branch set up.
- Managing group as per company policy and making regular visit to groups.
- Preparing necessary report on operations and put necessary recommendation for further development.
- Managing fund for branch and use fund properly.
- Taking necessary action to train up and develop staff.
- Visit the Branch Offices to ascertain uniformity of their systems and controls with those of HQ.
- Report to the supervisor and upon authorization implement changes within the mission where non-compliance is evident.
- Perform physical checking to ensure that all HQ generated policies and procedures are followed and in compliance.
- Prepare detail monthly reports highlighting the internal control strengths/weaknesses and comments/ recommendations on operational improvements. Submit the report and related work file to supervisor for reviewing.
- Assist management in arranging training/workshop for the staff regarding audit and rules & regulations issues.
- Send regular report to the respective department on time and perform other duties as assigned, like investigations, spot checks, special review works etc.

Academic Qualification & Experience Requirements:

- Minimum bachelor's degree in Any field.
- Master's degree is an Added Advantage.
- Minimum 10 years professional experiences in relevant field.
- Preferably Experience in working with NGOs/Financial Institutions/Banks/Consultancy firm.
- Well conversant with Ms Office Package, Excel.

Position : Risk & Compliance Manager - 01 Post

Job Responsibilities:

- Perform risk assessments and establish our company's tolerance for risk.
- Review our current compliance policies and procedures to identify areas of improvement.
- Draft new and update existing internal risk and compliance policies so that they match industry standards.
- Conduct regular internal audits to ensure compliance procedures are followed across the organization.
- Maintaining records of compliance practices.
- Establish relationships with important external bodies and stay up to date on the changes in industry requirements and all relevant regulations.
- Organize workshops and training sessions to educate and update employees on the organization's compliance policies, regulations, and processes.
- Prepare risk management reports for top-level management based on internal reviews and advise the executives on risk mitigation measures and implementation of adequate compliance programs.
- Conducting environmental audits to ensure the company meets environmental requirements.
- Developing risk management strategies.
- Following up on compliance issues that require investigation.
- Evaluating compliance systems and ensuring adequate software is in place.

Academic Qualification & Experience Requirements:

- Bachelor's degree in business management, information systems, or related field or equivalent practical experience.
- MSc/MBA is a plus.
- 5+ years of experience in risk management or compliance, including exposure to management consulting, technology industry, financial services, and/or project management.

- Strong communication skills, written and oral, through all levels of the company.
- Ability to make sound judgement calls independently when presented with difficult decisions.
- Strong risk and fraud domain knowledge/intuition.
- Be knowledgeable in anti-money laundering and counter terrorist funding legislation and regulations.
- Be fluent in English.
- Be able to work independently and proactively, but also as part of a motivated team.
- Be organized and have an eye for detail while also adopting a practical, flexible and hands-on approach towards his/her work.
- Well conversant with Ms Office Package.

Position : Business Development Manager-01 Post

Job Responsibilities:

- Setting goals and developing plans for business and revenue growth.
- Researching, planning, and implementing new target market initiatives.
- Researching prospective accounts in target markets.
- Pursuing leads and moving them through the sales cycle.
- Developing quotes and proposals for prospective clients.
- Setting goals for the business development team and developing strategies to meet those goals.
- Contacting potential clients to establish rapport and arrange meetings.
- Increasing the value of current customers while attracting new ones.
- Attending conferences, meetings, and industry events.
- Developing goals for the development team and business growth and ensuring they are met.
- Training personnel and helping team members develop their skills.
- Arrange business meetings with prospective clients.
- Promote the company's products/services addressing or predicting clients' objectives.
- Prepare sales contract ensuring adherence to law-established rules and guidelines.
- Keep records of sales, revenue, invoices etc.
- Provide trustworthy feedback and after-sales support.
- Build long-term relationships with new and existing customers.

Academic Qualification & Experience Requirements:

- Bachelor's degree in business, marketing or related field.
- MSc/MBA is a plus.
- Experience in sales, marketing or related field.
- Preferably Experience in working with NGOs/Financial Institutions/Banks/Consultancy firm.
- Strong communication skills and IT fluency.
- Ability to manage complex projects and multi-task.
- Excellent organizational skills.
- Proficient in the use of MS Office and financial management software (e.g. SAP).

Position : Customer Service Manager-01 Post

Job Responsibilities:

- Maintaining a positive, empathetic, and professional attitude toward customers at all times.
- Responding promptly to customer inquiries.
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- Acknowledging and resolving customer complaints.
- Knowing our products inside and out so that you can answer Customer queries.
- Processing orders, forms, applications, and requests.
- Keeping records of customer interactions, transactions, comments, and complaints.
- Communicating and coordinating with colleagues as necessary.
- Providing feedback on the efficiency of the customer service process.
- Ensure customer satisfaction and provide professional customer support.
- Keep records of customer interactions, process customer accounts and file documents
- Follow communication procedures, guidelines and policies.
- Take the extra mile to engage customers.

Academic Qualification & Experience Requirements:

- Degree in Customer Service.
- Master's degree is a plus.
- Proven customer support experience or experience as a Client Service Representative.
- Track record of over-achieving quota.
- Strong phone contact handling skills and active listening.
- Preferably Experience in working with NGOs/Financial Institutions/Banks/Consultancy firm.
- Proficient in the use of MS Office.

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Job Responsibilities:

- To build and maintain a substantial and high-quality loan portfolio.
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- To orient clients to the particular loan products and services.
- To make groups in all working days in a week, minimum Total clients will be 350.
- Make a regular contact with the groups and clients in field.
- To process loan applications, verify client's income generating activities (IGA) and other related.
- Collect instalments from the clients in groups on regular basis and on time.
- To manage loan disbursements and monitor & collect loan repayments.
- Verify client's Guarantor's house and other necessary documents.
- To provide quality and good customer service to clients.
- To accomplish all the documentations for the day as required.

Academic Qualification & Experience Requirements:

- Diploma/ Advance Diploma/bachelor's degree/Masters.
- Experience is not required but will be an added advantage.
- Willing to work in field level.
- Willing to relocate.
- Ability to work independently at minimum supervision.
- Sensitive to operational risks, self-initiative and decisive with high standard of integrity.
- Ability to work efficiently in a team environment and to demonstrate good negotiation skills.
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INVITATION OF BIDS - IFB SUPPLY OF SUNFLOWER SEEDS

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- All applicants should direct their soft copy bids to the procurement e-mail at procurement@wwftz.org. For uniformity purposes, application heading should read **"Request for Bids - Supply of Sunflower Seeds to WWF L4L Project**. Deadline for submission is by or before 1000hrs, Friday, 2nd March, 2023. Thereafter tender opening will take place at 11:30am same day on WWF premises (see the address stipulated in #6. Below)
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| Plant height | 175 cm on average |
| Percentage oil content | 45% – 48% |
| Head size | Large |
| Head diameter | 17 – 22 cm |
| Seed size | Medium |
| Seed colour | Black with grey stripes |
| Minimum assured germination percentage | 85% |
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| Pests | Tolerance to sucking pests e.g. jassids |
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| Special attributes | Wide adaptability and drought tolerant |

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One year later: The impact of the Russian-Ukrainian conflict on Africa

By Bitsat Yohannes-Kassahun

In today's interconnected world, shots fired in one corner of the globe create ripple effects in other, seemingly far, places. One year since the Russian invasion of Ukraine, African countries, although physically miles away, have not been spared its aftershocks.

While much can be said about the political and policy intricacies surrounding the conflict, the real and palpable impact on the lives of many ordinary Africans is equally unsettling.

Against a backdrop of soaring food and energy prices and the shrinking basket of global economic cooperation financing, African countries are also contending with how to position themselves within the significant shifts in international energy policies, even as they are approached by various partners who are also grappling with the energy access implications for their own citizens.

In 2020, 15 African countries imported over 50 per cent of their wheat products from the Russian Federation or Ukraine. Six of these countries (Eritrea, Egypt, Benin, Sudan, Djibouti, and Tanzania) imported over 70 per cent of their wheat from the region.

The global energy crisis

The 2022 World Economic Outlook paints

a stark picture of the state of global energy, stating that it is "delivering a shock of unprecedented breadth and complexity."

This strain comes as African economies are still trying to emerge from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, for which they did not have enough resources to cushion themselves.

By mid-2022, global energy prices soared to a three-decade high, and natural gas price costs edged over 300 Euros per megawatt-hour. These high costs for natural gas have come down significantly by February 2023, to less than \$100 per megawatt-hour, owing to relatively warm winter temperatures in the northern hemisphere.

European governments largely shielded their citizens from these price shocks by spending over \$640 billion on energy subsidies, regulating retail prices, and supporting businesses. African governments, on the other hand, did not have the fiscal space to protect consumers with such wide-scale, much-needed measures to counter rising energy prices.

In addition to pressures from fluctuations in exchange rates, and high commodities prices, inflation reached double digits in 40 per cent of African countries. Moreover, seven African countries are in debt distress as of January 2023, and 14 more are at high risk of debt distress, which makes them unable



UN Secretary-General António Guterres watches grain being loaded on the Kubrosliya ship in Odesa, Ukraine. Credit: UN Photo/Mark Garten

to implement meaningful countermeasures.

As a result, African households, who, according to the IMF, already spend over 50 per cent of their overall consumption on food and energy, felt the significant impact of the high conflict-induced global energy prices, along with their indirect effects on the cost of transportation and consumer goods.

Green hydrogen: A viable option for transforming Africa's

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How the Russia-Ukraine conflict impacts Africa

Food items take up about 42 per cent of African household consumption, reaching as high as 60 per cent in countries affected by conflict and insecurity. In France and the United States, food items represent 13 per cent and 6 per cent of household consumption, respectively, notes the United Nations.

The global energy crisis also created policy reversals, with many countries now pursuing natural gas and other fossil fuel projects to meet their energy needs.

Natural gas is also getting more traction as a "green investment", a pivot from the pledges made at the COP26 global climate talks in Glasgow in November 2021 to curtail development financing for natural gas projects.

For African countries, this has meant a renewed interest in and fast-tracking of natural gas and liquefied natural gas (LNG) projects, but mainly for export to Europe and others outside the continent.

While this may spell more investments in the energy sector on the continent, the benefit may not necessarily result in energy access for Africans themselves. Instead, this risks further perpetuating commodities-based economies, stunting the continent's own industrialization ambitions.

Shocks to Africa's food systems

While Africa has over 65 per cent of the world's uncultivated land, it is a net food importer, and as such, has been severely impacted by the rise of global food prices, resulting in increased food insecurity.

According to the IMF, staple food prices in Africa "surged by an average 23.9 per cent in 2020-22—the most since the 2008 global financial crisis."

This has devastating implications for many Africans, where food items occupy the largest share in many household consumption baskets. Food

items take up about 42 per cent of African household consumption, reaching as high as 60 per cent in countries affected by conflict and insecurity.

In France and the United States, food items represent 13 per cent and 6 per cent of household consumption, respectively, notes the United Nations.

According to the African Development Bank (AfDB), African countries spend over \$75 billion to import over 100 million metric tons of cereals annually. In 2020, 15 African countries imported over 50 per cent of their wheat products from the Russian Federation or Ukraine.

Six of these countries (Eritrea, Egypt, Benin, Sudan, Djibouti, and Tanzania) imported over 70 per cent of their wheat from the region.

The AfDB notes that the Russian invasion of Ukraine triggered a shortage of about 30 million tons of grains on the continent, along with a sharp increase in cost.

The UN's 2023 World Economic Situations and Prospects Report shows that Africa already had the highest prevalence of food insecurity globally in 2020 with 26 per cent facing severe food insecurity and 60 per cent of the population affected by moderate or severe food insecurity according to the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

Looking ahead to the 2023-2024 growing season, the price and availability of fertilizers for farmers in Africa will determine how the continent will counter widespread food insecurity. According to the World Bank, Africa's food production is already hampered due to low fertilizer usage, with "an average fertilizer application rate of 22 kilograms per hectare, compared to a world average that is seven times higher (146 kilograms per hectare)."

During the 'Dakar 2 Summit on Feeding Africa: Food Sovereignty and Resilience' held during 25-27 January 2023, the AfDB reported that this number rose sharply in 2022, with Africans now representing one-third (about 300

million people) of the global population that is currently facing hunger and food insecurity.

Fertilizer costs

Supply chain disruptions of primary farm inputs, including fertilizer imports from Russia, Ukraine, and Belarus, further threatened Africa's food security. The World Food Programme (WFP) reported that global fertilizer prices have risen by 199 per cent since May 2020, with prices for fertilizers more than doubling in Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania in 2022.

The WFP notes that "while this is partly a consequence of the war in Ukraine, prices of food, fuel, and fertilizers had already reached record highs by the end of 2021." The "Black Sea Grain Initiative," brokered by the United Nations and Türkiye and signed in July 2022, has eased some of the "fertilizer crunch" by allowing the movement of fertilizer exports from Ukraine to the rest of the world.

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The Bank estimates that fertilizer exports from major African suppliers, namely Ukraine, Russia, and Belarus, which remain disrupted, will impact Africa's food production and exacerbate food security throughout 2023. Moreover, the World Bank notes that other fertilizer producers are banning exports of these critical inputs to protect their own farmers, leaving African farmers without many options.

Conclusion

As the world reflects on the various shocks created by the year-long conflict, Africans must

grapple with the short-term inadvertent threats to their economies, food systems, and well-being. Indeed, UN Secretary-General,

Antonio Guterres, speaking at the Global Food Security Call to Action in May 2022, warned, "If we do not feed people, we feed conflict."

In his opening remarks at the summit, President Macky Sall of Senegal remarked, "From the farm to the plate, we need full food sovereignty, and we must increase land under cultivation and market access to enhance cross-border trade."

With some decisive leadership, there are some strategies that can ease the burden on struggling economies:

First, for example, re-allocating the \$100 billion IMF Special Drawing Rights to support African countries and restructuring both private and public debt would give these countries the fiscal space to weather the crisis.

Second, there is also a ray of hope in countering the long-term impacts of the conflict. The most strategic one is the political will of African governments to refocus on agriculture. At the Dakar 2 Summit, many African Heads of State and Government were keen to bolster public spending on agriculture to build a self-sufficient and resilient African food system. In his opening remarks at the summit, President Macky Sall of Senegal remarked, "From the farm to the plate, we need full food sovereignty, and we must increase land under cultivation and market access to enhance cross-border trade."

Third, indeed, implementing the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), which promises efficient cross-border trade, would allow the seamless movement of the approximately 30 million metric tons of fertilizer that Africa produces each year. This production is twice the amount of fertilizer that the continent currently consumes.

Fourth, similarly, the AfDB plans to invest \$10 billion "to make Africa the world's breadbasket." Such an investment can go a long way in replicating technological solutions, such as Ethiopia's use of heat-resistant crops to boost its wheat surpluses. The country plans to be a wheat exporter to other African countries in 2023.

Fifth, on the energy side, accelerating sustainable, reliable, and affordable energy access, be it for industrial development, employment for the continent's youth, or ensuring its food security, everything invariably lies in Africa having a balanced energy mix.

Sixth, the series of interlocking challenges these past few years have made one issue very clear. Africans must have a unified stance to avoid yet another cycle of commodities-based exploitation of the continent's energy resources, and work to ensure Africa's universal energy access.

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OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH AUTHORITY (OSHA)



Awards for Occupational Safety and Health (AOSH)-2023

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8,922 HOUSEHOLDS COMPENSATED TO PAVE THE WAY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE EACOP

By Guardian Correspondent

A total of 8,922 out of 9,502 households who are expected to vacate their places to pave the way for the construction of the East Africa Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) have already been compensated.

Asiadi Mrutu, the EACOP project Coordinator from the Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC) said that preparations for the construction of the pipeline, which has so far employed about 1,672 Tanzanians, have been completed.

He said 8,450 households have already been paid 29bn/- billion as compensation, and were given notices to move from their places by May this year.

He further said that the compensation for houses to be moved is being done in line with applicable Tanzania laws.

Mrutu was speaking during the local employee skills enhancement training's opening ceremony in Tanga region on 15th February, 2023.

Michael Mjinja, commissioner for petrol



Michael Mjinja, the Commissioner for Petrol & Gas (2nd R) in the Energy ministry, cuts ribbon to launch the local employees skills enhancement training programme provided by the East Africa Crude Oil Pipeline at Veta College in Tanga Municipality. Photo by Guardian Correspondent

and gas, ministry of energy, said that the local trainee will be an important resource in the implementation of various strategic projects implemented by the government.

He said another strategic project in pipeline including the Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) plant to be constructed in Lindi region.

He said the EACOP pro-

ject is very important in the development of the country, as it provides employment and the so-called 'technology transfers' to locals.

"This project is of great benefit to the nation, where apart from the oil business, many jobs are created and local experts are being produced for implementation of other strategic projects," he said.

He refuted the allegations that the implementation of the project was against an international environmental standards.

And instead, he said, all the precautions have been taken to make sure that the project was environmentally friendly.

The pipeline covers 1,443km from Kabaale, Hoima district in Uganda to the Chongoleani Peninsula near Tanga Port

in Tanzania.

Eighty percent of the pipeline is in Tanzania. It is a buried thermally insulated 24 pipeline along with six pumping stations (two in Uganda and four in Tanzania) ending at Tanga with a Terminal and Jetty.

EACOP allows Uganda to unlock value from its own natural resources, and represents a significant inward investment

of some \$4 billion across both Uganda and Tanzania, thus value creation is also extended to Tanzania.

The new corridor linking the two countries will bring benefits including the development of new infrastructure, logistics, technology transfer as well as improving the livelihoods of communities along the route.

EACOP fully recognises its responsibilities both to environmental protection and the people, land and communities that will be impacted by the project, especially during the construction phase.

According to EACOP's Capacity Building Lead Martha Makoi, the implementation of the project requires each contractor to train locals that will in the future be useful for the country when the foreign contractors complete their assignments.

She said, that is why a total of 170 Tanzanians are being subjected for training whereby 20 have already graduated and the other 25 are continuing their training.

The training are being conducted by Sunmaker Development and Consulting (Tanzania) Lim-

ited using Veta Tanga and Arusha Technical College facilities.

The aim of the H3SE training is to prevent accidents that may occur in the project and endanger the safety of workers and ensuring that the environment is preserved and protected.

One of the graduates, Sabrina Salim who holds a degree on Environment said that their training's motto was 'Safety First', meaning that safety will be considered during the implementation of the EACOP project.

She said that she is proud to be part and parcel of the training that has awarded her more skills on how to handle workers' safety and environmental care in international standard.

According to Martha Joash Makenge from Daqing Oilfield Construction Group Co. Limited, the main EACOP project contractors for Tank and Terminal Storage the training was jointly provided in collaboration with the Vocational Education and Training Authority (Veta) and Arusha Technical College.

She said the initial site

clearance has been done for the construction of the oil pipeline that covers a length of 1443 kilometers from Kabaale, Hoima in Uganda to Chongoleani in Tanga region.

Julien Bouwense, the Terminal Package Manager of the Oil Port being built in the Chongoleani village in Tanga region has said that he hopes that the project will be meaningful to both Tanzanians and Ugandans once completed.

He said through the project, the East African nations will produce native professionals who will be able to manage large projects in the future and generate large jobs within the countries.

Neema Mwakatobe, the director of empowerment and local content from the National Economic Empowerment Council (NEEC) has praised the EACOP project for providing such important training. She through the implementation of EACOP project, the local and benefiting from the so-called 'Knowledge Transfer' which will in the long run benefit the country in the implementation of strategic projects.



TRC director general Masanja Kadogosa

By Correspondent James Kandoya

TANZANIA Railways Corporation (TRC) has said that 70 percent of business spaces at the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) stations for the first lot between Dar es Salaam and Morogoro is fully occupied, hoping to make fully financial sustainability sources of revenue when the train operations will start.

It is expected that the first SGR train route between Dar es Salaam and Morogoro will be held in May this year.

TRC Director General Masanja Kadogosa disclosed that on Tuesday this week in Dar es Salaam city in a seminar organized for editors aimed to strengthen cooperation with the media.

SGR stations have

spaces for various business activities including hotels and restaurants, shopping malls, banking services and retail businesses.

He said there was no way TRC can disembark from real estate investment because it was a good and sustainable source of revenues, which will supplement the SGR's return on investments.

"The railway stations are assets not for sale, but from which income can be earned through the rental of commercial space," he said.

"As we are getting prepared for the operation to kick off, our focus is on real estate investments, thus why all stations are designed for business," he noted.

He cited Dar es Salaam station 'Tanzanite' saying that nearly all its spaces had been occupied,

Business spaces at SGR stations 70pct occupied

adding that TRC's target was to ensure that even where there were no train schedules, other business could continue," he said.

The TRC boss said further that the global experience has shown that 40 percent of the railway revenues come from real estate.

He said countries running the SGR have proved that investment on real estate was vital to increase more revenues adding that can be used to generate income and be subject of an urban or neighborhood project.

Collections from the stations can help to sustain before train operations added insisting that it was indispensable.

"We want people to make business along the rail infrastructures and in our real estate projects to get more revenues," he added.

However, there are still many who believe that the railways must not participate in business in the real estate sector. A mistake!

However, it is well known that the railway is an industrial sector that offers little in the way of returns

Real estate is the key, still crucial, about the

financial sustainability of the Japanese railways that Europe doesn't know.

Originally, building shops and apartments was a device to get people to use the line, said Yoichi Takahashi, head of transportation planning at the Odakyu Electric Railway.

For Japanese railways, the competition between suburban areas is thus strongly linked to the quality of the railways... and their real estate.

The rail transport modernisation is a valuable contribution to Tanzania's future development to meet an increasing demand for the transportation of passengers and improve the domestic supply network.

The government constructs a Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) from Dar es Salaam to Mwanza via Isa (1,219 km) and from Tabora to Kigoma, to link Burundi and Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

This partly follows the African Union (AU) and East African Community (EAC) decision in 2006, which was that all new railway development projects on the continent would be to a standard gauge specification.



Iringa airport expansion work to complete in August

By Friday Simbaya, Iringa

WORKS and Transport minister Prof. Makame Mbarawa is satisfied with the renovation and expansion of the Ndege Iringa airport, which has reached 45 percent and is expected to be handed over to the government in August this year.

Giving a development report on the renovation and expansion project to the minister, Tanzania National Roads Agency (TANROADS), Manager Iringa Region, Eng Daniel Kindole said that the government provided more than 63.7bn/- to implement the project.

Minister of Works and Transport Prof. Makame Mbarawa was in Iringa region for a one-day business visit to see the actual progress of the works at the airport.

He said the project was implemented by the contractor Sino hydro Corporation Ltd from China, which started on 24/07/2022, so it is expected to be completed on 26/08/23.

Eng. Kindole described the works that have been done as the repair and extension of the runway of more than 2.2 kilometers with the width of 31 meters.

"Other works that have been done are the expansion of the flight safety areas, the repair and expan-

sion of the flight parking area, the construction of a new emergency building and the laying of a high layer of Asphalt Concrete, and the construction of a power plant building (power house)," said Engineer Kondole.

For his part, the Minister of Works and Transport Prof. Makame Mbarawa said when completed, the improved airport will increase commercial opportunities and open up the Southern regions to the tourism sector.

The minister urged the citizens to organize themselves in enjoying the opportunities that will be brought by the airport in tourism sector as well as employment.

Prof. Mbarawa said that until the airport is completed, planes capable of carrying more passengers will be able to land at the airport.

Isimani Member of Parliament William Lukuvi (CCM) said that the completion of the Iringa Airport will be the key to opening up economic opportunities for the people and the region at large.

He said that the Iringa region depends on the development of the airport which will be connected to the road leading to the Ruaha National Park (RUNAPA) which is the second largest after Julius Nyerere.

Lukuvi explained that the airport is located in Iringa District which is part of Isimani Constituency and Iringa Municipality respectively.

Iringa Airport is among of the 59 Airports managed, maintained and operated under Tanzania Airports Authority (TAA). The Airport is in the GROUP III of the Airports. It operates as a domestic.

The Airport is managed by Airport Manager who is responsible for monitoring and managing other airstrips in Region which are Mafinga and Mufindi (Mgololo), also Njombe Airport is in Njombe Region.

Iringa Airport is located 18 kilometers North-East of Iringa town, 4678 feet above mean sea level at geographical coordinates 074006.22S 0354507.71E with reference temperature of 24.7oC.

The airport has the total surveyed area of 112.5 hectares with a runway length of 1679 metres and width of 30 metres categorized to code 5 of aerodrome categories as per ICAO standards.

The feasibility study of this airport began in 1950 followed by detailed design.

The Government decided to start the project in phases back in 1970 depending on the availability of fund.

Germany offers 28mn/- grants to Kigoma youth project

By Correspondent Adela Madyane . Kigoma

The German government has provided US\$11,500 (28.8mn/-) grant to empower youth in Kigoma region, through artcraft waste management project, aimed at conserving the environment, as well creating both youth and women economic stabilities.

It is estimated that three million of bottle waste are dumped annually in Tanzania and they take more than 500 years to be totally decay on the ground.

Speaking during the visit of member of the Germany's parliamentary committee on economic cooperation and development in Kasimbu ward in Kigoma Ujiji Municipal, the head of delegation Knut Gerschau said they have chosen Kigoma because of being among the regions mostly affected by poverty.

He said Kigoma is among

the regions in Tanzania with high rates of youth unemployment and limited access of jobs; the reasons that are pushing many of them to move to Dar-es-Salaam to look for informal employment.

"The small scale waste management project will tackle unemployment situation to young people by enabling them to earn money through waste collection to save the environment, while transforming wastes into products" highlighted Gerschau.

Stressing on the matter, Meinolf Kuper, the founder of AfriCraft based in Dar-es-Salaam said about 20 percent of staffs are originated in Kigoma and they ought to bring products in Kigoma, where the recycling and waste collection will be done by AfriCraft Dar-es-Salaam.

"The whole value addition chain will be done in Kigoma region to increase employment opportunities to the youth," he said.

"We found a group of

young entrepreneurs turning tyre top produce various goods including. We were interested and decided to take them to Dar-es-Salaam and equip them with more knowledge in making lump shade, candle holder, paper basket and concrete bags, so that they can be part of total production," said Kuper.

The founder insisted that there are a lot of raw materials of about 40 percent in Kigoma, making it easy for setting up a production line.

He insisted that they are well organized systems of reaching to the markets like in hotels both in Tanzania and outside Tanzania to local buyers, tourists as well as international buyers for project sustainability.

Kelvin Nicholau, the chief executive officer of AfriCraft based in Dar-es-Salaam said the project in Kigoma started in November 2022 and is currently engaging eight youths.

However, the plant is to expand number of youths



Youths producing various goods from worn out car tyres in Kigoma. Photo by Adela Madyane

to 50, who will be offered with sorting, recycling and adding value to waste skills.

On his side, Kigoma Regional Commissioner Thobias Andengeny advised that there should be direct involvement between the government and Non-

Government Organisation (NGOs) as well as AfriCraft in making municipal clean to reduce environmental pollution.

Milka Enoch a tailoring worker at AfriCraft based in Kigoma said they want to be unique in the production of bags using

waste materials.

Naomi Manywili street committee member in Kasimbu ward said the project will bring more opportunities to youth especially those who graduated from both primary and secondary schools.

Saudi Arabia to construct biggest ME logistic zone

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The Saudi Ports Authority (Mawani) and global freight major Maersk have announced the ground breaking of the company's biggest comprehensive logistics zone in the Middle East at the Jeddah Islamic port.

The logistics park, which will come up on a 225,000 sq m area, is being built at a total investment of SR1.3 billion (\$346 million), said Mawani in its statement.

This is one of the key initiatives launched by Mawani with the aim of developing and providing investment opportunities in logistics zones for the private sector, and increasing the number of logistics zones that deal with re-exports to 30 by 2030, in line with the goals of the National Transport and Logistics Strategy to enhance the Kingdom's position as a global logistics center and a hub for three continents.

The facility offers several logistics solutions that connect and facilitate the movement of supply chains, and deal with annual volumes of up to 200,000 containers of different products, it stated.

Mawani and Maersk had signed the agreement for the project at the end of 2021. Work on the project is expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2024, said Mawani in its statement.

The zone will include storage and distribution areas that accommodate merchandise intended for export and import, warehouses to accommodate refrigerated food products, as well as a re-shipping area, air shipping, LCL cargo shipping, and an e-commerce execution centre, with high-storage intensity designs, and leading mechanical solutions.

Once operational, will provide over 2,500 direct and indirect jobs, it stated.

The zone will use renewable energy and will apply decarbonization solutions to achieve zero-carbon rates by 2040.

Thus, the zone will be 100 percent powered by solar power generated by solar panels on rooftops, spread over 65,000 square metres, and trucks used for transport will be electric, to effectively reduce emissions.

The zone will operate according to an advanced warehouse management system that applies modern technologies and digital solutions to manage inventory efficiently, and provides unit-level tracking.

An advanced dashboard will be provided for improving competencies and giving a competitive advantage to importers, exporters and navigational agents, and an in-house women's academy will offer training programs dedicated to women, said the statement.

Villagers receive customary title deeds in Morogoro

By Beatrice Philemon

A TOTAL of 680 villagers in Lulongwe village, Morogoro Region have received customary title deeds from the ministry of lands, housing and human settlements development to assist them to access loans from banks and financial institutions.

The village economic, planning and finance committee secretary, Shaban Luhaga said this recently while briefing journalists from different media outlets who visited the village to see the impact of 'Conserving Forests through Sustainable, forest-based Enterprise Support in Tanzania (CoForEST) project.

This has been possible through CoForEST project, implemented by Tanzania Forest Conservation Group (TFCG) and Tanzania Community Forest Conservation Network (MJUMITA) with

funding from Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC).

He lauded TFCG and MJUMITA for introducing the CoForEST project in Lulongwe village because it has opened their eyes as women have now began to apply for the customary title deeds, while others have been able to get something which wasn't the case in the past.

Under the project, villagers were trained on land ownership, land rights issues, how to access the customary title deeds, how women can own land similarly to men, good governance, financial management, how to prepare reports on revenue and expenditure and other issues.

The training was offered by TFCG in collaboration with MJUMITA free of charge with funding from SDC.

Through the knowledge and

skills gained from TFCG and MJUMITA, both women and men in the village have been able to access customary title deeds and use it in different activities something that was not the case in the past.

Before MJUMITA and TFCG intervention, people were not aware of their rights and many of them were utilizing land without customary title deeds.

"The training has brought positive results to us, we now understand everyone has right to own land and women can own land similarly to men," he said.

Also they are not allowed to sell land illegally in areas where we are for future generations.

"Before MJUMITA and TFCG Intervention, we were in total darkness on women rights, but TFCG and MJUMITA have changed our mindsets on it and now both men and women can

own land and venture into agro-ecological farming that is best for environment conservation and reduce farming cost as well."

For her part, MJUMITA's Policy and dialogue officer, Elida Fundi said the CoForEST project is designed to contribute to Tanzania's development vision by supporting domestic value chains in forest products including sustainable charcoal and timber.

The project seeks to achieve the project goal through three inter-connected outcomes that includes Scaling up-Community Based Forest Management (CBFM) and piloting a sustainable financing mechanism.

Other includes dialogue on supportive policies and sustainable financing, research, monitoring and learning.

The project is being implemented in 30 villages

in Morogoro region whereas in Lindi Region, it is being implemented in three districts namely Liwale, Nachingwea and Ruangwa Districts and in Iringa Region it is being implemented in Kilolo d District.

So far a total of 100,000 people have benefited from this project, among those 99,000 are from Morogoro District Council while the remained 11,000 are from other four districts.

Also under the project, people were trained on leadership, land use planning, how to measure cubic meter of timber before sold it, how to prepare sustainable harvesting plan, how to develop forest management plan, formulate by-laws for forest management that prohibit anyone from cutting trees illegally inside the village land forest reserve for timber and charcoal production.

Dr Kijaji: Produce goods meeting AFCFTA's market requirements



Investment, Industry and Trade minister, Dr Ashatu Kijaji (2nd-R foreground), has a word with staff at the glass manufacturers KIOO Limited which she visited recently for a feel of the production of glass. The minister commended the factory for its achievements. Photo by Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE Minister for Investment, Industry and Trade Dr. Ashatu Kijaji has advised the KIOO Limited factory to continue producing glass products in quantity, and with the quality and standards required for the African Free Trade Area Mar-

ket (AfCFTA).

She also advised the factory to produce glass products that will be used for packaging goods produced by small entrepreneurs to enable them withstand competition.

The minister made the remarks during her visit at the factory premises located at Chang'ombe in Dar es Salaam on Tuesday to see glass prod-

ucts entering the AfCFTA market.

Dr Kijaji commended the company's tremendous achievement in producing quality glass products, which are currently sold both in domestic and exports markets.

"Tanzania is among the first eight countries that were given priority to send products to AfCFTA market where among

the first 10 products that will enter the market from July 2023 are coffee marble and glass," she said.

Speaking during the occasion, the company manager said they are willing to introduce glass products in AfCFTA market because of the capacity to produce more than one million bottles per day.

To achieve this, he said it was

important access right energy prices to become more competitive.

He explained that the factory makes glass using raw materials available in the country such as sand, limestone, feldspar and soda ash, which is imported.

"About 40 per cent of the bottles are made from the recycled bottles. People can collect the remains of used bottles in large quantities in order to facilitate the availability of raw materials for the production of these bottles and to take care of the environment," he added.

The KIOO Limited Administration Manager, said that the company is ready to support any efforts made by the government including the implementation of the AfCFTA agreement.



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GLOBAL CONCRETE, ROAD CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT MARKET TO GROW BY 7.5PCT ANNUALLY, REPORT SAYS

By Guardian Correspondent

The global market for concrete and road construction equipment was recorded at US\$28 billion in the year 2021, and is expected to grow by more than 7.5 percent in the forecast period, according to the “Global Concrete & Road Construction Machinery Market Outlook 2027” report by ResearchAndMarkets.com.

“The key companies are spending more on R&D to produce more compact designs loaded with many features, providing great value for the money. The buyers seek more technologically advanced equipment with more fuel efficiency and with less human involvement during the process,” the report says.

Concrete and road construction equipment are majorly used in mixing various ingredients and transportation of the same.

For many decades, the use of concrete and stones has been popular among road building materials due to their high durability and resistance to extreme weather conditions.

The demand for this type of machinery has been in a growing pattern with the increasing need for better land connectivity among the cities and the nations, which in turn is to offer better support to



Cement mixer vehicle

the economy, the report says

Infrastructure development in emerging and developed countries has propelled the building and road construction equipment market.

Emerging and developed countries' governments and private sectors are focusing on developing the infrastructure to keep up the GDP, meet the growing population's needs, meet the levels of urbanization, and increase connectivity by developing highways and expressways.

This segment of construction machinery is seen as a potentially growing market with expectations to cover more than 20 percent by the end of the forecast period.

The most commonly used equipment in this segment is the cement mixer, which is seen to be showing a declining market share due to its limited usage in construction sites.

The asphalt finisher is expected to grow at the highest CAGR among the equipment in

the market. Road transportation has gradually increased over the years with an improvement in connectivity between cities, towns, and villages in the country.

The main product types of building and road construction equipment are motor graders, road rollers, wheel loaders, concrete mixers, bulldozers, and other product types.

Motor graders are being used to finish grade the rough grading performed by heavy construc-

tion equipment like scrapers and bulldozers.

The equipment categories are earthmoving equipment, material-handling equipment, heavy construction vehicles, and other equipment categories. The various applications involved are building construction and road construction.

For instance, the total Indian investment in road construction was worth US\$22.4 billion, with private investment accounting for 14 percent of the total investment. Furthermore, according to the World Bank, the private sector infrastructure investment commitments for various sectors amounted to US\$96.7 billion in 2019 globally.

The private participation infrastructure (PPI) investment in HI was valued at US\$49.8 billion in 2019.

Governments and private sectors of developed and emerging sectors focus on infrastructure developments and require high-tech equipment for the construction process to make it easy and less time-consuming.

That further acts as a major driver for the building and road construction equipment market growth.

The major manufacturing companies in building and road construction equipment are concentrating on upgrading their technologies. The technology advancements aim to increase safety, productivity, and connectivity of equipment and decrease maintenance issues and

costs. The growing number of smart cities will be one of the major factors that will have a positive impact on the growth of the market for concrete and road construction equipment.

This will draw a large population to the urban areas and major metropolitan cities, which will increase the congestion in the cities. The increasing urban population has put a strain on existing urban services, such as public transport and road networks.

This has led to an increase in the number of smart cities to accommodate the increasing urban population. The majority of road networks in these smart cities are expected to have concrete paved roads since they can reduce the fuel consumption of vehicles. This will, in turn, fuel the market's growth prospects in the coming years.

The emergence of smart concrete materials will be one of the latest trends that will gain traction in the concrete and road construction equipment market during the next four years.

Smart concrete can detect the shortcomings of conventional concrete and act as a sensor to find flaws in it.

Smart concrete also helps in detecting the internal condition of concrete roads after any disaster, such as earthquakes. Additionally, they can aid in easing transportation by heating the road surface and melting the ice on it during heavy snowfall and can also assist in measuring the speed and weight of vehicles.

CRDB Bank launches SimBanking campaign in Moshi

By Guardian Reporter, Moshi

CRDB Bank Plc has launched its “Bank with SimBanking” campaign in Moshi, Kilimanjaro Region, as part of promoting financial inclusion in Tanzania through digital banking.

Hundreds of resident showed up in Moshi town for the campaign launching, with many being impressed by SimBanking services which has enabled them to access banking services including opening an account or conducting other financial transactions without going to the physical branches.

Speaking to hundreds of bank client who attended the inauguration, acting manager, CRDB Bank's northern zone Emmanuel Kafui



CRDB Bank's Moshi branch manager Pamela Mushi takes the finger-print of a customer for opening a bank account using SimBanking, as part of inaugurating “Bank with SimBanking promotional campaign” in Moshi. Photo by Guardian Correspondent

said he would hopes to see SimBanking is becomes part and parcel of lives of people in Moshi, particularly when making payments, send money or any other

financial services.

“Apart from awarding various prizes to SimBanking campaign winners, our main goal is to ensure that this service is reaching

every Tanzanian, wherever he/she is to promote cashless economy,” he said.

According to statistics by Tanzania Communication Regulatory

Authority (TCRA), Tanzania has 58 million mobile telephone subscribers, of which 31 million are internet users.

“It all these people will use mobile banking, Tanzania will score an important milestone in promoting cashless economy and financial inclusion among many Tanzanians,” he said.

The CRDB Bank Moshi branch manager Pamela Mushi said prizes valued 565mn/- will be awarded to the winners of the campaign, particularly those who will open their accounts through SimBanking and conducting many transactions through SimBanking during the whole period of the promotion.

“This promotion is going to award our customers who will mostly use SimBanking in conducting financial transactions whereby cash prizes valued 350mn/-, 200 smart phones and six vehicles are on the line for grab,” she said.

SimBanking campaign is being launched after the Bank published its unaudited financial statements for the year 2022 which shows 86 percent of all financial transactions were conducted through digital channels, particularly SimBanking.

Standard Bank receives US\$51.4mn guarantee for road sector loans

NAIROBI

In 2022, the agency had already issued guarantees for Standard Bank Kenya to finance a road project. This time, its guarantee is for the construction of a rural road.

The Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) announced, Monday (Feb 13), the issuance of a US\$51.44 million guarantee to South Africa's Standard Bank Group and its Kenyan subsidiary, Stanbic Bank Kenya Limited.

The guarantees cover the banks' loans to the Skar Lot 32 Development Corporation for the construction and operation of a rural road in Kenya.

They specifically cover the banks' loans against risks of transfer restriction, expropriation, breach of contract, war, and civil disturbance for a period of up to 8.5 years.

This is to the first guarantee, Standard Bank and its subsidiary are securing from the MIGA.

In March 2022, the agency issued a US\$212 million guarantee to Stanbic Bank Kenya Limited and another private company's loans that were to finance and maintain road sections in Central and Western Kenya.

The new guarantee complements the World Bank's investments in the Kenya road sector.

In the country, road is the main transport mode. It accounts for over 80 percent and 76 percent of the passenger and freight traffic respectively.

N.Korea opens major housing, farm projects

PYONGYANG

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un attended two groundbreaking ceremonies for major new apartment and farm construction projects in Pyongyang, according to official media, as authorities place the spotlight on long-standing housing and food shortages even for capital residents.

The Rodong Simmun unveiled the first computer-rendered images of phase two of the Hwasong district housing project in northern Pyongyang, where Kim ordered the military to build 10,000 homes in 2023.

He ordered the same number built there last year, and while it has appeared close to completion for months, it still has not officially opened.



The Hwasong area apartment project is part of the overall goal by North Korea's ruling party to build 50,000 homes to help solve a “housing problem” for Pyongyang residents by the end of 2025.

State media also revealed that a sprawling new construction worker camp first reported on by NK Pro is for a newly planned greenhouse farm project in Kangdong, a northeastern suburb of the capital, the latest apparent effort to address the country's food problems.

It is slated for construction on top of a demolished airfield, according to images published Thursday.

The Hwasong area apartment project is part of the ruling party's overall goal to build 50,000 homes to help solve a “housing problem” for capital residents by the end of 2025.

Computer renders of the street show no plans to build tall skyscrapers like in previous years, with mostly 10 to 20-story buildings and a couple 30-story towers.

However, it is typical for planners to alter designs later, as it did by doubling the planned number of 40-story towers in the first phase of the Hwasong project and adding 30 floors to make the centerpiece of 2021's Songhwa street project an 80-story skyscraper.

Computer renders suggest that phase two of the project will also see the further demolition of the Pyongyang Vegetable Science Institute, after many of its greenhouses were destroyed to make way for apartment buildings last year.

The Kangdong project will also be the third such large-scale greenhouse farm to replace an Air Force facility in four years, as its construction will cover the grounds of the old Kangdong Airfield, which first started to be demolished in 2019.

According to the Rodong Simmun, Kim ordered the

new Kangdong farm to be “one generation more [technologically] advanced” than what state media has called the “world's largest” greenhouse farm built last year in Ryonpho on the east coast.

“To fully provide the people with fresh vegetables in all seasons is a top-priority important affair which the Party always pays deep attention to and strives to settle in coming years without fail,” top official Jo Yong Won reportedly said in a speech at Wednesday's ceremony.

The Kangdong farm site is located 18 miles (30 km) from Pyongyang near one of Kim Jong Un's largest private compounds and a large fruit farm. Capital residents already enjoy access to the fruits of numerous large greenhouse farms, but the new one may become its largest.

WORLD

UN likely to vote on call for Israel to stop - diplomats

UNITED NATIONS

THE United Nations Security Council is considering a draft resolution, seen by Reuters on Wednesday, that would demand Israel "immediately and completely cease all settlement activities in the occupied Palestinian territory."

The 15-member council is likely to vote on Monday on the text, drafted by the United Arab Emirates in coordination with the Palestinians, diplomats

said.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government on Sunday authorized nine Jewish settler outposts in the occupied West Bank and announced mass construction of new homes in established settlements, prompting US Secretary of State Antony Blinken to say he was "deeply troubled."

In December 2016 the Security Council demanded Israel stop building the settlements. It adopted a resolution af-



A picture taken from the Palestinian village of Aqraba shows the Israeli settlement outpost of Gevat Arnon, near Nablus city in the southern occupied West Bank, on Tuesday. AFP

ter than US president Barack Obama's administration abstained, a reversal of its practice to protect Israel from UN action.

The US mission to the United Nations and Israel's UN mission did not immediately respond to requests for comment on the draft resolution.

The text "reaffirms that the establishment by Israel of settlements in the Palestinian territory occupied since 1967, including East Jerusalem, has no legal validity and constitutes a

flagrant violation under international law."

It also condemns all attempts at annexation, including decisions and measures by Israel regarding settlements.

Most world powers view as illegal the settlements Israel has built on land it captured in a 1967 war with Arab powers. Israel disputes that and cites biblical, historical and political links to the West Bank, as well as security interests.

Morocco donates 2,000 tonnes of fertiliser to Gabonese farmers

RABAT

MOROCCO'S King Mohammed VI met on Wednesday with Gabon's President Ali Bongo Ondimba at the presidential palace in Libreville, the Gabonese capital.

The meeting included, at a later stage, Morocco's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Nasser Bourrita, Minister Delegate to the Gabonese Minister of Foreign Affairs, Yolande Nyonda, and Gabon's Secretary General of the Presidency, Jean-Yves Teale.

According to an official statement, the meeting was an opportunity to highlight the importance of the "deep, rich, and solidly rooted relations between Morocco and Gabon," as well as the "strong bonds of brotherhood and solidarity between the two nations."

During the meeting, King Mohammed VI and the Gabo-

nese president reviewed the state of the bilateral partnership between their two countries in all fields. In particular, King Mohammed VI made a donation of 2,000 tons of fertilizers to Gabonese farmers.

The official statement explains that the donation is an act of solidarity with the Central African nation that coincides with rising concerns about food security and the crisis in the fertilizer supply chain.

Fertilizers donated to Gabonese farmers are adapted to the needs of soils and crops cultivated in the region, notes the statement.

Morocco and Gabon share long-standing diplomatic relations that span over 50 years. In 2020, Gabon cemented its support of Morocco's sovereignty over the Western Sahara region by opening a general consulate in the southern Moroccan city of Laayoune.



King Mohammed VI (R) meets Gabon's president Ali Bongo Ondimba donates fertilisers to Gabon

Gabon and Morocco are also large trade partners. Morocco exports to Gabon amounted to over MAD 537

million (\$52 million) in 2020, according to data from Trading Economics.

In 2018, Gabonese Presi-

dent Ali Bongo, at the invitation of King Mohammed VI, received medical treatment in Morocco.

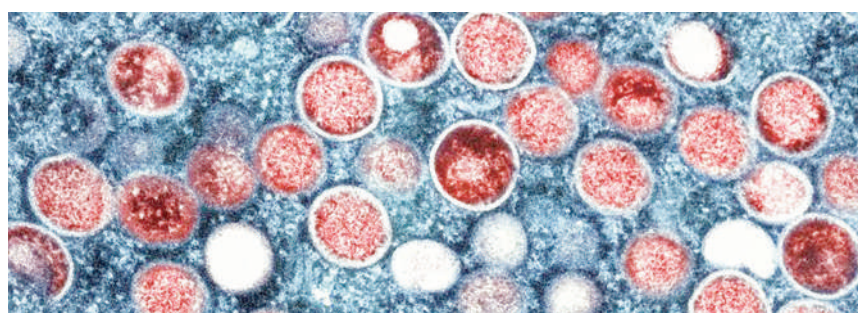
WHO says mpox still global public health emergency

GENEVA

THE World Health Organization said on Wednesday that a widespread outbreak of the mpox (monkeypox) remained a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC).

The WHO officially declared in July last year that the mpox outbreak outside of the traditional endemic areas in Africa had already turned into a PHEIC, the highest level of alert that the global health authority could issue.

In a statement on Wednesday, the WHO said its experts acknowledged the progress in the global response to the mpox outbreak and a further decline in the number of reported cases during the



last few months.

However, a few countries continued to see a sustained incidence of cases, while other regions were likely to have under-reporting of confirmed cases. The WHO committee of experts and WHO Secretary-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus have therefore both maintained

that mpox remains an international public health emergency.

The latest statistics from the WHO have shown that the current global risk of the mpox outbreak is assessed as moderate, while being reduced from moderate to low in the Region of South-East Asia. It also remains low in the Western Pacific

Region.

Meanwhile, the WHO said its preparedness and response plan against the mpox outbreak, which was launched in July 2022 to help guide coordinated public health action, would come to an end in June 2023.

Two WHO regions, Europe and the Americas, which reported 95 percent of diagnosed cases, have maintained stable in case numbers during recent weeks.

As of Feb 3, 43 countries and territories had not detected any new cases in the past three months, the WHO European Region reported. The Region of the Americas has also reported a stable number of cases in the last six weeks, with 200 to 250 cases per week.

Russia believes Nord Stream explosions are international terrorist attacks - embassy to US

WASHINGTON

RUSSIA believes the explosions at the Nord Stream pipelines were attacks by international terrorists, Igor Girenko, a spokesman for the Russian embassy to the US, said in a statement on Wednesday.

"We qualify the incident as an act of international terrorism that requires a comprehensive and independent investigation," the statement said. "It wouldn't hurt if the US, which claims the monopoly on the truth, shifted from empty accusations directed at us to the matter at hand and at least try to prove it wasn't involved in the destruction of the gas pipelines."

The embassy pointed to the unrestrained reaction of the US State Department spokesman Ned Price "to a completely reasonable question from journalists about how the administration would feel about the involvement of the UN in the search for those responsible for the unprecedented sabotage attack in the Baltic Sea."

"The interest of the correspondents was more than justified, given the total disregard by the US government - with the tacit consent of domestic media - of the resonant investigation of the Pulitzer Prize winner Seymour Hersh," Russian embassy spokesman said.

"The Russian side won't allow the situation with the explosions at the critical energy infrastructure to be downplayed, especially given that there's no information about several undetonated explosives that have apparently remained on the sea bed," he said.

On Wednesday, State Department spokesman Ned Price said at a news conference that the United States has nothing to do with the explosions at the Nord Stream 1 and 2 gas pipelines and is ready to reiterate this at a meeting of the UN Security Council. Price described reports that Washington was behind the explosions as complete misinformation.

Investigative journalist Seymour Hersh on February 8 published an article where he said, citing a source, that explosives under the Russian Nord Stream 1 and 2 pipelines were planted by US Navy divers, helped by Norwegian specialists, under the guise of the Baltops exercise in June.

The story stated that the CIA and Burns took part in the preparation of the operation, and US president Joe Biden personally authorized the operation after nine months of deliberations with the administration's national security staff.

Adrienne Watson, a spokesperson for the National Security Council at the White House, responded to a request for comment from TASS that the story laid out by Hersh was totally false and complete fiction.

Scotland's first minister Nicola Sturgeon quits

LONDON

NICOLA Sturgeon quit as Scottish first minister on Wednesday, saying her dominance over her party and the country was no longer the asset it once was in the fight for an independent Scotland.

The 52-year-old, who has been first minister since 2014, also said she would stand down as leader of the ruling Scottish National Party (SNP), saying a fresh face would have a better chance of reaching across the political divide, and that she had become too divisive - and too tired - to lead that fight any more.

She will stay in place until a successor is found.

Sturgeon (pictured) became SNP leader in the wake of a 2014 independence referendum when Scotland voted 55 percent to 45 percent to remain part of the United Kingdom.

But in recent months she has been outmaneuvered by Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's government in London over attempts to hold a second referendum and she has been embroiled in a row over transgender rights.

Sturgeon told a news conference in Edinburgh that while she believed there was majority support for independence in Scotland, the SNP needed to solidify and grow that support.

"To achieve that, we must reach across the divide in Scottish politics," she said. "And my judgement now is that a new leader will be better able to do this. Someone about whom the mind of almost everyone in the country is not already made up for better or worse."

"I've always been of the belief that no one individual should be dominant in any system for too long."

Sturgeon, who has had to work with five prime ministers in London during her time in office, stands down with no obvious successor, and with the matter of independence unresolved.

She led her party to a resounding success at the 2015 UK election, winning 56 of 59 seats in Scotland and establishing it as Britain's third largest party, before she retained control over the devolved parliament at more recent elections.

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Chinese rescue teams assisting quake-hit areas in Türkiye

A devastating earthquake that recently took place in southern Türkiye and near-border regions in Syria has killed and injured lots of people in the two countries and leveled buildings.

The Chinese government has launched an emergency humanitarian assistance mechanism at the earliest time possible to provide emergency aid to the two quake-hit countries.

As of Feb. 12 local time, the China Search and Rescue Team, which is under unified coordination and command of the Chinese government, had freed six survivors, including a 50-year-old man who was jointly saved by Chinese and Turkish rescuers on the afternoon of Feb. 12 after four hours of efforts.

So far, the team has sent 206 rescu-

ers in 13 batches to quake-hit areas in Türkiye, who saved six survivors and found eight victims. Besides, rescuers from Hong Kong also extracted three survivors from rubble.

Eighty-two members of the team arrived in Türkiye on Feb. 8, local time, to join earthquake relief efforts in the country. On the afternoon of the same day, they reached Antakya, a harder-hit city in the southern province of Hatay, Türkiye.

They started working before dawn on Feb. 9 and extracted a pregnant woman from the debris at dusk in cooperation with their Turkish counterparts. Later, they freed two more females, even the "Golden 72 hours" for rescue had passed.



Members of the China Search and Rescue Team carry out a rescue mission in Antakya, a harder-hit city in the southern province of Hatay, Türkiye. (Photo courtesy of the Ministry of Emergency Management of China)

On Feb. 10, the China Search and Rescue Team saved another female survivor in the city, and two days

later, an adult male was extracted from earthquake debris near the place where the fourth survivor was

discovered. At the same time, several civil Chinese rescue teams also joined the rescue efforts in Türkiye.

Eight earthquake relief experts from the Rescue Team of Ramunion in Hangzhou, east China's Zhejiang province, arrived in Türkiye on Feb. 8 and rescued a man and a child on the same night.

A day later, the team extracted a family of five from a collapsed civil house in the town of Belen in Hatay province.

The Blue Sky Rescue Team, a Chinese civil relief squad, also has 127 members on rescue missions in the Turkish city of Malatya, which is near the epicenter. After dozens of hours, they saved a female from the

rubble.

Besides, Chinese construction machinery manufacturer Zoomlion, Beijing Emergency Rescue Association, Green Boat Emergency Rescue and Shenzhen Rescue Volunteers Federation also sent rescuers to Türkiye. As of 9 a.m. on Feb. 10, 288 rescuers from 15 civil Chinese rescue teams had arrived in quake-hit areas in Türkiye.

China's first batch of 40,000 blankets to Türkiye for earthquake relief departed Shanghai for Istanbul on Feb. 11, Beijing time. Other supplies, including 1,000 tents and medical equipment, will be arriving in the coming days.

The first batch of medical supplies donated by the Red Cross Society of China to Syria arrived in Damascus on Feb. 9.

People's Daily

IOM seeks 84 mln USD to help migrants in Horn of Africa

NAIROBI

THE International Organization for Migration (IOM) and 47 partners have appealed for 84 million U.S. dollars to help more than 1 million migrants in the Horn of Africa region.

The funds will be used to provide humanitarian and development assistance to the migrants and the communities hosting them, many of whom are vulnerable and in need of urgent help, along the Eastern Route from the Horn of Africa to Yemen, the IOM said in a statement issued in the Kenyan capital, Nairobi, on Tuesday evening.

The appeal, made through the Regional Migrant Response Plan for the Horn of Africa and Yemen Framework, will address the dire humanitarian needs as well as protection risks and vulnerabilities that migrants in the region face and scale up the delivery of lifesaving and resilience-building initiatives as well as pursue the implementation of long-term sustainable solutions for migrants and host communities.

"Mobility in the Horn of Africa, through Yemen and to the Gulf States, continues to be triggered by interconnected crises, including persistent insecurity and conflict, harsh climatic conditions, and public health emergencies, in addition to socioeconomic drivers and more traditional seasonal factors," the IOM said.

Thousands of migrants leave their countries in the Horn of Africa every year and move along the Eastern Route toward Gulf countries. In their migration, most migrants make the dangerous crossing of the Red Sea through Bossaso in Somalia, and Djibouti's coastal town of Obock to Yemen and further by land to Gulf countries, the United Nations migration agency said. According to the IOM, the Eastern Route is one of the busiest, most complex, and dangerous migratory routes in the world.

In 2022 overall, the number of migrants who entered Djibouti almost doubled compared to the previous year. In the same year, 89 migrant deaths or disappearances were recorded along the route due to hazardous transportation, illness, harsh environmental conditions, drowning at sea, and violence. Many more deaths and disappearances went unreported.

Africa needs pro-poor, inclusive recovery efforts to foster dev't: UNECA chief

ADDIS ABABA

AMID multiple financial, health and climate crises affecting the African continent, the UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) has urged African countries to introduce pro-poor and inclusive recovery efforts to foster economic transformation.

The urgent call was made by UNECA Acting Executive Secretary Antonio Pedro ahead of the 55th Session of the UNECA Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development (CoM 2023), the UNECA said in a statement issued late Monday.

The UNECA chief said the impact of the shocks caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Ukraine crisis and climate change have pushed more people into extreme poverty and have increased inequality worldwide.

"Africa is falling even further behind, with the continent now accounting for the highest proportion of the world's poor of any region globally," Pedro warned, emphasizing that the growing number of newly poor and vulnerable people makes it harder to close the gap between the rich and the poor.

"Recovery efforts must be pro-poor and inclusive, with a view to fostering a new social contract that offers equal opportunity for all. It is important that our growth does not leave anyone behind and if we do so then the social contract that is key to have stability and prosperity will be completely disrupted," he added.

Pedro indicated that pro-poor and inclusive recovery must be deliberately incorporated in the design and implementation of policies, including by securing the input of all stakeholders such as Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in such processes.

He said the ability of African countries to effectively tackle poverty and inequality has been severely constrained given declining economic growth, narrowing fiscal space, rising debt, commodity shocks and tightening global financial conditions.

The UNECA chief warned that Africa faces a higher risk of missing the poverty and inequality targets set out in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Agenda 2063.

Nothing that the COVID-19 and the Ukraine conflict have wiped some of the development gains made in the last decade in terms of economic growth, social inclusion and poverty reduction, Pedro said Africa's trade flows and supply chains were also disrupted. As a result, it was pertinent for Africa to promote local solutions.

The 55th Session of CoM 2023 will be held from March 15 to 17. The Conference brings together ministers of finance, planning and economic development from African countries, governors of central banks, entities of the United Nations system and pan-African financial institutions.

This year's edition of the high-level gathering will convene under the theme "fostering recovery and transformation in Africa to reduce inequalities and vulnerabilities."

WTO in serious crisis, Lavrov says

MOSCOW

THE World Trade Organization (WTO) is currently experiencing a major crisis, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said on Wednesday, speaking in the State Duma, the lower house of the national legislative assembly.

"There is a major crisis in the WTO, just as in certain other areas, particularly in the sphere of international investment and international finance," Lavrov (pictured) said.

The Minister cited the situation involving China, which had observed all the rules laid down in the instruments of globalization after World War II. "When doubts arose, the People's Republic of China gave all explanations to the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB), that is, it observed all the standards. Playing on the US' own court, it started beating them at their own game and has already come out on top in terms of GDP by purchasing power," the Russian top diplomat said.

"There is a vague clause in the WTO that enables countries to introduce sanctions in case any existential threats to national security occur. You can put anything under that. The second problem is also the complete collapse of the said dispute resolution body of the WTO, since the Americans do not want to respond to fair appeals that are sent to them by many countries, especially the People's Republic of China," Lavrov noted.

The Dispute Resolution Body "cannot work" because the US artificially blocks appointments of members required to have a quorum, the Minister said. "It's so simple. Just like the party meetings that need to be scripted," he noted.

"So it is necessary to fight it," Lavrov concluded.

Agencies



Al-Qaeda's new leader Adel has \$10 million bounty on his head

DUBAI

SEIF al-Adel, a former Egyptian special forces officer and a high-ranking member of al-Qaeda with a \$10 million US bounty on his head, is now the "uncontested" leader of the militant group, according to a new UN report on the organization.

Al-Qaeda has not formally named a successor for Ayman al-Zawahiri, who was believed to have been killed in a US missile strike in Kabul last year, dealing a blow to the organization since its founder Osama bin Laden was killed in 2011.

Although a US intelligence official said in January that Zawahiri's succession remained unclear, the United Nations report assessing risks from the group reads: "In discussions in November and December, many Member States took the view that Seif al-Adel is already operating as the de facto and uncontested leader of the group."

Zawahiri's death piled pressure on the group to choose a strategic leader who can carefully plan deadly operations and run a jihadi network, experts on al-Qaeda say.

Unlike his slain predecessors who maintained a high profile with fiery videos broadcast around the globe threatening the United States, the experts say Adel planned attacks from the shadows as he helped turn al-Qaeda into the world's deadliest militant group.

Adel was indicted and charged in November 1998 by a US federal grand jury for his role in the bomb attacks on the US embassies in Tanzania and Kenya that killed 224 civilians and wounded more than 5,000.

There are few photos of him, aside from three pictures - including a very serious black and white image of him on the FBI most wanted list.

Beyond the operations in Africa, his training camps and link to the killing of US journalist Daniel Pearl in Pakistan in 2002, according to US investigators, little else is known about Adel.

The US State Department says Adel is based in Iran. The department's Rewards for Justice program is offering up to \$10 million for information on Adel, whom it says is a member of "al-Qaeda's leadership council" and heads the organization's military committee.



Saif al-Adel

The program's website says that after the Africa bombings, the former Egyptian army lieutenant colonel moved to southeastern Iran, where he lived under the protection of the country's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps.

He and other al-Qaeda leaders were placed under house arrest in April 2003 by Iran, which released him and four others in exchange for an Iranian diplomat who was kidnapped in Yemen.

In a message posted on Twitter on Wednesday, the Iranian mission to the United Nations denied Adel was in Iran.

"It is worth noting that the address for the so-called newly appointed al-Qaeda leader is incorrect. This misinformation could potentially hinder efforts to combat terrorism," it said.

Ali Soufan, a former FBI special agent who tracked al-Qaeda operatives, wrote in a profile carried by the Combating Terrorism Center that the militant whose nom de guerre means "sword of justice" has been described as a shrewd figure with a poker face. His real name is Mohammed Salahuddin Zeidan.

"Yet his temper, too, has become notorious. Possessed of a 'caustic tongue', he is apt to threaten violence against anyone who displeases him, and is known to meet disloyalty with swift and ruthless force," wrote Soufan.

"Toward underlings he can be contemptuous, even brutal, in the heat of the moment. But he has also been known as a font of avuncular advice. In happier times, he showed a talent for soccer and a penchant for practical jokes."

Once Osama bin Laden's chief bodyguard and a senior trainer of militants, experts on the jihadi movement say Adel began his long bloody career in 1981, when he was suspected of involvement in the assassination by Islamist soldiers of Egyptian President Anwar al-Sadat during a military parade in Cairo that was broadcast on television.

"Seif al-Adel's professional military background and valuable experience as the head of al-Qaeda's military committee prior to 9/11 mean he has strong credentials to assume the overall leadership of al-Qaeda," said Elisabeth Kendall, a jihad expert at Oxford University.

He takes over an al-Qaeda that has become highly decentralized since the group carried out its most spectacular operation, the Sept 11, 2001, airplane attacks against the United States which killed nearly 3,000 people.

Operative for leader

Adel, one of the few remaining al-Qaeda old guard, has been close to the central command for decades, experts say. He would be tasked with providing strategic guidance to far-flung franchises in the Middle East, Africa and Asia that run their own day-to-day affairs, they added.

Some question though whether Adel can become an effective manager of the organization after spending most of his career as an operative and trainer in militant camps.

"Many insiders argue that he had an important operational role in the past, but that he is not equipped for leadership," said Jerome Drevon, senior analyst on Jihad and Modern Conflict at the International Crisis Group.

"His skills are more suitable for the organization of armed operations than the administration of a wide network of affiliates."

One of al-Qaeda's leading military chiefs and often called by experts its third-ranking official, Adel set up training camps for the organization in Sudan, Pakistan and Afghanistan in the 1990s.

He also played a role in the ambush of US helicopters in Mogadishu, known as the "Black Hawk Down" incident in 1993 which killed 18 US servicemen, security experts say. That marked the beginning of the eventual withdrawal of a US-UN peacekeeping force from Somalia.

The FBI identifies Adel as one of its most wanted terrorists and accuses him of conspiring to kill US nationals, to murder and to destroy buildings.

Adel gained more jihadi credentials after he joined other Arab militants fighting Soviet occupation troops in Afghanistan, where he eventually headed a training camp before becoming a senior figure in al-Qaeda.

"He (Adel) is a very bold, professional, cold-blooded figure," said Yoram Schweitzer, head of the Programme on Terrorism and Low-Intensity Conflict at Tel Aviv University's Institute for National Security Studies.

Berlin election shakes up German politics

BERLIN

THE election in Berlin has shaken up German politics, with Chancellor Olaf Scholz's Social Democratic Party (SPD) suffering its worst-ever result in the country's capital.

The election, which had to be repeated on Sunday due to errors in 2021, saw the SPD losing its status as the strongest political party to the conservative Christian Democratic Union (CDU).

With the CDU winning 28.2 percent of votes, and the SPD just 18.4 percent, the socialists are now facing the possibility of an inglorious exit from Berlin's state government after more than twenty years.

"The clear government mandate for CDU is the first step toward our goal of making the federal capital function better," said Friedrich Merz, leader of the largest opposition party in the Bundestag, on social media on Monday.

Although the election is over, there is still a neck-and-neck race between the SPD and the Greens for the second place. With 450 votes left to be counted, the social democrats could lose their small lead of 105 votes.

The results clearly reflect dissatisfaction with the current government in Berlin. According to an analysis by Forschungsgruppe Wahlen, a German association focused on election analysis, scores for policies have "rarely been lower."

Although the Greens suffered the smallest losses of the three governing parties, their performance was assessed as particularly poor. The issue of expropriation - seizing private properties from so-called "mega-landlords" - has driven a wedge between



Former President of the European Parliament Martin Schulz waves as he arrives for a news conference in Berlin on Sunday. (AP)

the SPD and its coalition partners the Greens and Left Party.

Although the majority of Berliners voted in favor of expropriation in a referendum on the matter almost a year and a half ago, no concrete steps have been taken since as parties failed to come to an agreement.

"Expropriation does not create new housing," the German chancellor said during the election campaign, addressing the Greens and the Left who favor the idea of expropriation.

Like many cities in Germany, Berlin is struggling with an increasing housing shortage, with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and the energy crisis hampering government construction efforts. Although the SPD has governed the German capital since 2001.

Mayor Franziska Giffey has hardly had a smooth time in office - with mistakes and shortcomings continually piling up. Voters were particularly irritated by the mistakes that led to Sunday's rerun of the election.

In the first election in September 2021, many voters were unable to cast their ballots in time, while other votes were declared invalid due to incorrect ballots.

There were also long queues and delays outside the polling stations due to other major events that were taking place at the same time, including the Bundestag election, as well as the Berlin Marathon and a referendum on the expropriation of large housing companies. Last year's election was eventually declared void.

However, despite Sunday's clear election result, it is not yet known whether the CDU will lead the next government.

This would only be possible in an alliance with the SPD and the Greens, which are traditionally more left-wing in the capital and therefore have less common political ground with the conservative CDU.

There was "no opportunity for power" for the CDU's top candidate Kai Wegner, SPD co-leader Saskia Esken told public broadcaster ARD. Esken said Wegner had run a campaign of "demarcation and division," limiting his opportunities to form a government.

As the current government has a larger majority than any potential CDU-led coalition, the SPD is pushing for continuation rather than an alliance with the conservative party.

"But of course, it is also taken very seriously that we have an election winner here who is clearly ahead of us," said Giffey.

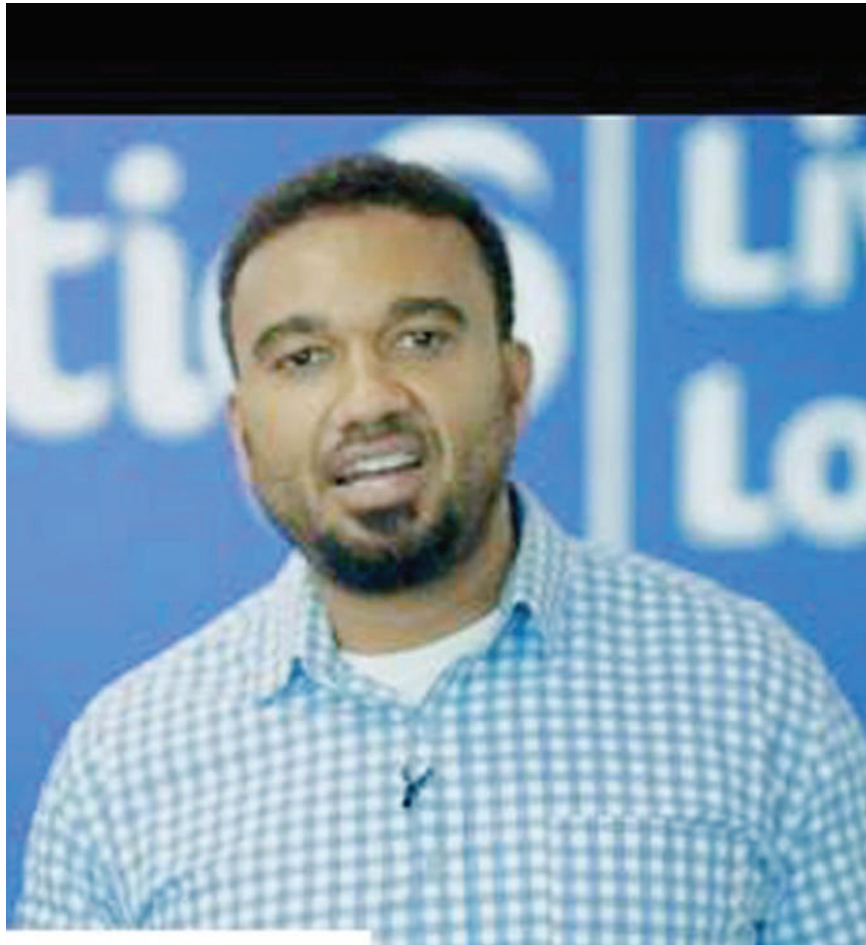
The German media has widely labeled the election as a "protest vote" against the left-wing alliance.

The previous two elections in the capital had already heralded a possible end to the SPD's era, and Giffey was unable to stop the downward trend. However, it would not be the first time that a German state be run without the participation of the strongest political force.

It now remains to be seen whether the CDU can succeed in winning a coalition partner in Berlin. If this were to happen, it would also provide further tailwind at the federal level.

Of the last five state elections in Germany, three were won by the conservative party, which is also leading in national polls. With Europe's largest economy hit by high inflation due to the effects of the Russia-Ukraine conflict, the federal government is also starting to lose support.

According to the latest Deutschlandtend survey, two out of three Germans are dissatisfied with Scholz's so-called "traffic light" coalition - SPD (red), the liberal FDP (yellow), and the Greens.



Tigo's Northern Zone Director, Henry Kinabo.

Athletes urged to register digitally for 2023 Tigo Kili Half Marathon

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Tanga

THE management of the telecoms company, Tigo, has insisted all athletes from within and outside Tanzania who wish to participate in the 2023 Tigo Kili Half Marathon have to register digitally.

Tigo's Northern Zone Director Henry Kinabo said so in Kilimanjaro recently when the telecoms company launched the 2023 Tigo Kili Half Marathon season, stressing all registration systems have changed to digital.

Kinabo pointed out: "For anyone wishing to participate in this race, he/she should register by either opening the Tigo Pesa application or dial *150*01#, then go to 'Lipa kwa Simu' menu and then opt for a ticket to get registration code number."

The official disclosed: "Then store the received SMS that will be used as a confirmation message that will be attached with his or her identity card while taking participation number at Dar es Salaam, Arusha, or Moshi centers."

He explained that his company has, for eight consecutive years, been

sponsoring the race.

"Tigo is proud to be part of the main sponsors of Kilimanjaro International Marathon for eight years via the 21km race considering the event's contribution to Kilimanjaro economy as well as boosting sports tourism and environment conservation in Northern Zone," Kinabo pointed out.

The race was launched by Moshi District Commissioner, Abbas Kayanda, who lauded Tigo Company for innovating a new way for the registration of participants digitally through the firm's Tigo Pesa platform.

According to the Tigo official, the participants also stand to get an opportunity to be rewarded with other bonuses.

Kayanda called upon Tanzanians to take the 2023 Kilimanjaro International Marathon season as a business opportunity by establishing and improving their products and services.

He also praised Kilimanjaro International Marathon's water table sponsors who showed interest to sponsor the 2023 edition of the showdown.

Sponsorship contracts ought to be respected

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

S O C C E R administrators in Tanzania may be still learning how to govern modern football at the club level, leading to making mistakes that discredit the leadership.

Last month, Yanga introduced a new sponsor that will support the outfit in its participation in this season's CAF Confederation Cup Group Stage.

The sponsor's introduction was done in a very strange manner as most domestic football stakeholders know that a club cannot have two main sponsors in one season unless one contract is over.

Yanga, now sponsored by Sportpesa Tanzania, announced new sponsorship, the Jangwani Street side claims that the new sponsor is backing the outfit in the 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup Group Stage.

Sportpesa Tanzania's logo cannot be placed on jerseys used by Yanga in 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup Group Stage matches.

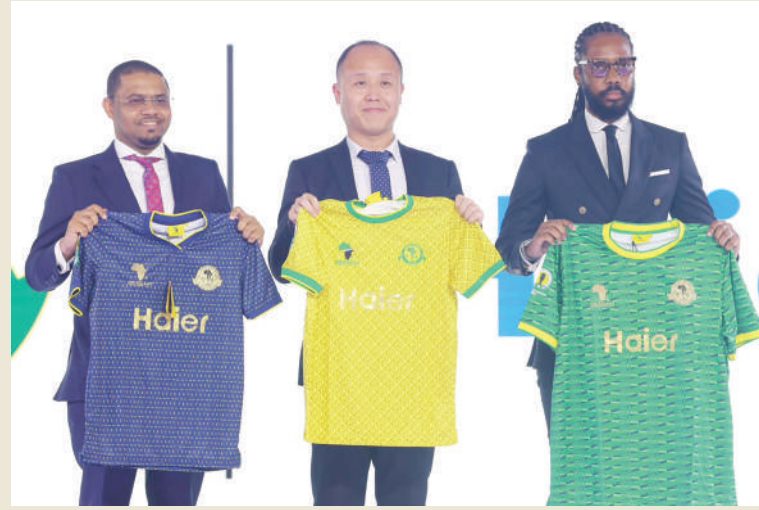
This has come about due to CAF having the guarantee of a betting company that is the main sponsor of the continental competition and, as a result, the confederation restricts participating clubs to advertise other betting companies in the showdown.

This, however, does not oppose the fact that Sportpesa Tanzania is still Yanga's main sponsor. The betting firm is the one which should have allowed Yanga to get other sponsors.

However, according to Sportpesa Tanzania, they were not involved in the outfit's agreement with the new sponsor and this is very surprising.

Yanga held a ceremony to announce the new sponsor and launched new jerseys for the continental showpiece.

The jerseys are the most attractive and are sold a lot on the streets. Yanga has already sold thousands of jerseys that do not have a logo of the outfit's main sponsor, Sportpesa



Yanga vice-president Arafat Haji (L), the outfit's kit designer Sheria Ngowi (R), and a representative of Haier, a Chinese multinational home appliances and consumer electronics company, display jerseys now used by the club in this season's CAF Confederation Cup Group Stage, at a function which took place in Dar es Salaam recently. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

Tanzania.

It is said that on the first day, all new jerseys in the market were sold out despite being sold at 50,000/- each.

The club's jerseys with the Sportpesa Tanzania logo are priced at 35,000/- each, there is a difference of 15,000/- between the jerseys.

The new kits are the most worn jerseys right now but they advertise another sponsor when the club's main sponsor is there.

It would be possible for Yanga to put a new sponsor's logo on the front part of the jerseys used by the club in the CAF Confederation Cup Group Stage but what about the ones that have already been sold to fans?

Does CAF forbid Yanga fans' jerseys bearing the Sportpesa Tanzania logo? Yanga's officials have seemingly taken the club's affairs into their own hands lightly.

It hurts any of the main sponsors to see clubs' jerseys sold on the street whilst the kits hardly bear the sponsors' logos.

In the fans' jerseys, Yanga could put Sportpesa Tanzania's logo anywhere, it would be wise and productive.

However since things are going haywire in Yanga, they could not do that. They have embarked on the move with emotion and excitement.

How did they manage to produce new CAF Confederation Cup jerseys and ship them to Tanzania without agreeing with Sportpesa Tanzania?

It is clear that Yanga and their new sponsor had reached an agreement many days ago thus the club's leaders already had their decision.

The process of ordering jerseys, printing them, and bringing them to the country takes no less than four to six weeks.

It is clear that until Yanga ordered the jerseys they did not have any agreement with Sportpesa Tanzania.

Soccer followers consequently witnessed the conflicts of interest with Yanga's main sponsors.

It is as if Yanga's officials have taken the side's contract with Sportpesa Tanzania very lightly, the club does not care and does not respect the agreement.

I hardly know where the problem is because even in the widely publicized issue concerning Ghanaian winger Bernard Morrison's controversial exit from Yanga, the outfit's fans were convinced that everything would be on their side, but in the end, they were outsmarted by the cunning Ghanaian winger.

If an individual follows the story of the outfit's midfielder, Feisal Salum, who is requesting to leave the squad, he/she will find out something.

This is not good for the sponsors that are needed in domestic football. A club cannot make room for a new guarantor by arguing with an existing sponsor, this discourages those who like to invest in football.

Perhaps this is a strange thing in the competition, but soccer

fanatics thought that with the presence of a veteran Chief Executive Officer at Yanga, the administration will improve but the truth is that the club is still the same.

The law department at Yanga may have a problem, but football lovers should not blame the outfit directly because it may be working with strict instructions in the sense that the performance system exists but the actors do not have freedom in their work.

Sometime last year, Simba SC qualified for the CAF Confederation Cup Group Stage. They talked to Sportpesa Tanzania about it, but the latter rejected them.

Simba SC decided to put the 'Visit Tanzania' logo on the outfit's jerseys for the continental showpiece so that the outfit avoids clashing with its sponsor, it is wise to live with sponsors wisely.

The Msimbazi Street outfit knows the power of contracts. It respects the contracts of the trustees, it is not surprising to see that it gets new sponsors every season.

In January Yanga announced it will launch the Yanga TV channel which will be available in the Azam TV decoder.

The outfit announced the news at night and people came out and congratulated the outfit for such a great step.

Others however questioned if it is true that Yanga is starting its channel, why was the news made public at night?

What happened after that? The channel has hardly begun operating and there is no word from Azam TV.

Yanga recently parted ways with Burundian midfielder Gael Bigirimana, taking him out of the outfit secretly and roping in another foreign player.

I have seen a letter from the Burundi Football Federation asking Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) to confirm whether Bigirimana has been removed from the club's registration.

They want to sue Yanga to FIFA for the player to be compensated, this is the disadvantage of having the prominent outfit operating akin to a modest club with no proper respect to contracts.

Dar es Salaam's Vjano basketball outfit's players take part in training at the Jakaya Kikwete Youth Park's courts recently. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA



Celebrity marriages and talk shows, online family courts

By Correspondent Michael Eneza

PLENTY of things are being done online these days, just as government activity, revenue collection, shopping, and scores of other activities move at least partially to become online activities.

With celebrities, this is the reality of daily life as everything or nearly everything that happens in the regard is a matter for posting, whether it is a photo or some remarks, event, hunch, or something else.

When this relates to a dispute with the current partner or in formal conjugal ties it creates informal courts.

This sort of environment has now become the standard material for entertainment programming in FM radio stations of an explicit social bent, tacked with music as the key specialty.

There is a clear convergence of the professional and private life of

a musician in the sense that they now sell their art more online than either in shops or in open-air performances.

Those who follow music, film, sport, or other career are not just interested in music but personal life is a significant dimension as well.

Essentially, the personal life of individual matters to those around him or her as in strategic terms it is an assessment of risk, as to whether a household or marriage is stable or shows signs of cracking.

Indeed, it provides the data or evidence to evaluate whether a particular person, based on that data, is a good or a bad person, the sort of psychological mediation that captures the movement of attitudes in everyday life. No one is immune to such evaluation, as dignity is staked in there.

It is a rather new development of the age of 'high mass commu-

nications' where the lives of so many people have been removed from rented rooms and palatial sitting rooms to a well-connected virtual village, if not virtual nations and continents.

There was a time the public, and mass communications experts thought global society has reached an apogee with television until the mobile phone came around.

Soon the private sphere came into a new life with its innumerable 'television' stations with all sorts of acronyms like WhatsApp, Facebook, or Twitter, with people living out their lives under the full glare of others, tuned to a vast babbling village.

That is why it is interesting to see what sort of value framework is used in sorting out unending disputes or quarrels among couples, mostly young people at most with children in primary schools already.

At times there are older and societally more established individuals, unlike relational disputes between young people that are often of little consequence to elders in the sense of those above them in age.

The issues are not exactly for real elders in society but at times they bruise even respected establishments, once one or other celebrity seeks refuge in their vicinity.

It implies that despite setting up a rather autonomous sphere of social or personal relations where most issues relating to traditional regulation of relationships are treated as somewhat beside the point, it appears that these 'face courts' are finally dependent on usable procedures to find a way out.

Firm decisions cannot be made on the internet through exchanges in that sphere can significantly affect how respective individuals

conduct themselves.

The public arena has its rules to be observed, but by the time it becomes a sort of conflict, the value system being used is already a little strange to many viewers.

They argue by what private sentiments tell them is the right thing to do, not by traditional rules though even here they are free to act.

What has sort of been established is that the old rules of sticking to marriage are beginning to give way to individual liberty, that if one is tired of a marriage she ought to call it a day.

What makes this situation interesting is the fact of social mobility of women, having less and less reliance on men, thus marriage or being mindful of duty, to remain in a particular station in life.

Mobility seems easy, to scale the ladder in society by a minimum of talent enabling a woman to move

into business, and from then on the issue of disrupting a marriage is just a matter of time. It is not always the case as the woman still needs a 'coat hanger.'

Marriage breakdowns may be more frequent with mismatches of one sort or another, but with empowerment especially via talent now at a high stage, and with a vast internet anchor of justifying one's actions where a lady's admirers rather than relatives will be in the majority, the outcome is foregone.

Such is the new real-life marriage miscarriage whose sentimental contours are tenaciously cultivated on social media, FM radio stations, and even on television, especially online stations that in many ways resemble social media due to the relative privacy and fairly specialized content. It is the culture of free marriage, without constraints.

Will Man United become football's latest state-backed project?

LONDON

PROSPECTIVE new owners of Manchester United have until Friday to reveal their interest in buying one of the world's biggest clubs, with a rumoured bid from Qatar sending shockwaves through European football.

United's current American owners, the Glazer family, opened the door to fresh investment in the English giants in November, either in the form of a minority stake or a full takeover.

Deeply unpopular with supporters since they saddled the club with huge debts in a £790 million (\$961m) leveraged takeover in 2005, the Glazers are ready to cash out their chips at an enormous profit.

According to reports, they are seeking £6 billion for the three-time European champions, which would smash the record fee for a football club set by Chelsea last year.

A consortium led by LA Dodgers co-owner Todd Boehly and private equity firm Clearlake Capital paid £2.5 billion for the Blues with a further £1.75 billion promised in further investment in infrastructure and players.

To date only British billionaire Jim Ratcliffe, owner of petrochemicals giant Ineos which also controls French club Nice, has come forward publicly as a potential buyer for United.

But reports of a bid backed by Qatar's emir, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani, refuse to go away.

- PSG power and influence -

Qatar already wields plenty of influence in European football's corridors of power.

Paris Saint-Germain have dominated French football since a takeover by Qatar Sports Investments -- a subsidiary of the state's sovereign wealth fund -- in 2011 and lured some of the game's biggest stars such as Lionel Messi, Kylian Mbappe and Neymar to the Parc des Princes.

Nasser al-Khelaifi, president of PSG, is also chairman of the powerful European Club Association.

Just months after hosting the 2022 World Cup, a successful Qatari bid would give the Gulf state pride of place in the Premier League -- the world's most-watched domestic competition.

"Qatar's investment into PSG has been tremendously successful but no other sporting league in the world has so much global exposure as the EPL (English Premier League)," said Danyel Reiche, associate professor of international relations at Georgetown University's Qatar campus.

"Therefore, acquiring Manchester United would totally make sense."

Ownership of United could also offer Qatar the chance to take bragging rights over Gulf neighbours Abu Dhabi and Saudi Arabia's stakes in English football.

Abu Dhabi's investment in Manchester City has transformed them into the Premier League's dominant force, winning six titles in the last 11 seasons.

Newcastle United are flying high in fourth and into the League Cup final for the first time in 47 years just 16 months after a takeover from the Saudi sovereign wealth fund.

But neither City or Newcastle boast United's tradition of 20 English titles and a massive global fanbase.

"The Gulf investments into European football clubs cannot be seen in pure economic terms. They serve the purpose of nation branding and as an international relations tool," added Reiche.

"The rivalry between two countries in just one town, with Manchester City being owned by the UAE and Manchester United by Qatar, would be a new escalation in the rivalry between two countries with recently worsened relations."

- Regulatory hurdles -

A Qatari bid would have a series of regulatory hurdles to clear.

Amnesty International have called on the Premier League to tighten ownership rules to ensure they are "human rights-compliant and not an opportunity for more sportswashing."

But the precedent set in green-lighting investment from Abu Dhabi and Saudi Arabia make it highly unlikely the Premier League would block a takeover.

UEFA's rules that preclude two clubs being "directly or indirectly" controlled by the same entity from competing in the Champions League may be more troublesome.

A source with knowledge of the bid insisted to AFP that the bidders are not connected to the owners of PSG.

"The most important thing is that the potential bidder is neither QSI nor QIA (the Qatar Investment Authority sovereign wealth fund), it is a completely different fund," the source said.

Trying to draw a distinction between Qatari-based funds will be met with scepticism from rival clubs.

However, Germany's RB Leipzig and Austrian champions Salzburg have found a way around UEFA's rules and have been able to participate in the same competition despite both being backed by Red Bull.

United have been in the doldrums since former manager Alex Ferguson signed off at Old Trafford with the club's last league title a decade ago.

AFP

Man City back in business after statement win at Arsenal

LONDON

WRITTEN off at times during an unusually erratic season, resurgent Manchester City delivered a resounding statement as they moved to the top of the Premier League with a 3-1 victory at title rivals Arsenal on Wednesday.

As City's players celebrated in front of their travelling fans in one corner of the Emirates Stadium at the final whistle, Pep Guardiola's face was wreathed in smiles, and perhaps tinged with a little relief.

Just a few minutes earlier, Guardiola had been punching the air in delight as second half goals from Jack Grealish and Erling Haaland lifted City back to the top of the table.

Kevin De Bruyne had given City the lead and even Bukayo Saka's controversial penalty equaliser wasn't enough to shake the champions' equilibrium once they rode Arsenal's first half storm on a rainy night in north London.

Having trailed Arsenal by eight points just a month ago, City are now firmly in contention to retain the title.

Defeats at Liverpool, Manchester United and Tottenham, as well as a home loss to Brentford and a surprise League Cup exit at Southampton, had given the impression that all was not well in the City camp.

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While there has never



Manchester City's Erling Braut Haaland celebrates scoring their third goal. Reuters

been any doubt about the hyper-competitive Guardiola's desire to lift the Premier League trophy for the fifth time in six seasons, it has not always been so clear that his team held the same appetite for success.

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Even Erling Haaland's barrage

of goals came with the caveat that the Norway striker's style of play might not be best suited to Guardiola's philosophy.

"The focus was there" - But as the critics sharpened their knives, Guardiola saw signs in training ahead of their seismic showdown at Arsenal that his squad were about to make their point to the doubters.

"When we were second in the table, we were always there. But we had the feeling we needed a little more. This week the mood in training, the concentration, the focus were there," Guardiola said.

Guardiola admitted his tactics against Arsenal -- which included starting midfielder Bernardo Silva at left-back -- had

to be altered at half-time but it was an attitude change among his players that was just as important.

"In the first half Arsenal were better. We were soft. My plan wasn't good," Guardiola said.

"It was not easy to play against them. But we were still in the game, we were focused, and in the end the quality of the players made the difference."

Grealish confirmed City had been fully tuned into the task at hand.

"We were saying today, honestly. You know you get those games where you speak amongst yourselves, and everyone just seems so concentrated on the game today," Grealish said.

"If I'm being honest I thought

Arsenal were the better team, but to win titles you've got to come to places like this and win even when you are not at your best." Even though they are sitting pretty at the top, Guardiola refused to label City as title favourites.

"We won against Arsenal at the Emirates. They have one game in hand so I consider they are still top of the league. There are still so many games to play, the Champions League is coming as well," he said.

"If we had come here eight or nine points behind and lost it would have been almost over. But we had a chance to be close and we took it.

"If you want the crown, fight for it. We still want it."

AFP

Injection of spite can see Arsenal Man City rivalry thrive for next decade

By OLIVER BROWN

FORGET any notion of this being a bloodless rivalry. This was a night when Arsenal decided to inject some spite into the relationship at last.

Take the telling second-half scene when Mikel Arteta had the temerity to delay Kevin De Bruyne at a throw-in, tapping the ball away with his foot. The Belgian did not care for the effrontery one bit, pushing the manager back before jabbing him in the chest. A febrile crowd, desperate to knock City off their perch, cheered their manager for his cheek.

It was not enough, ultimately. Fateful defensive errors ensured that Arsenal's catalogue of woe against City extended to an 11th top-flight league defeat in a row. But an ominous crackle of malice hovered over the evening.

For the first time, these two teams, locked in an ever more ferocious battle for the title, stirred up genuine antagonism. Jack Grealish and Bukayo Saka, such close friends for England, flew at each other with fearsome intent.

De Bruyne was relishing the atmosphere of menace more than most. As City consolidated their lead, first through Grealish and then the ever-opportunistic Erling Haaland,

this consummate playmaker had a few bottles thrown at him for his trouble. Rather than rising to the bait, he gave a provocative wink in return.

Despite Arsenal's stumble here, there was a palpable sense that we were watching a duel that could encapsulate the next decade in the Premier League.

The youth of Arteta's side, coupled with the remorselessness of City when they start to scent blood, is creating a captivating dynamic at the top. And the sheer belligerence on display in this clash can be the oxygen on which it thrives.

Oleksandr Zinchenko spoke heatedly to his former City team-mates as they trooped jubilantly back to the dressing room. Truly, nobody is more emotionally invested in the battle than the Ukrainian.

In the aftermath of last month's FA Cup exit, he was shoved and jostled by Kyle Walker and Ilkay Gundogan in the manner of a long-suffering younger brother. Now, he appeared to be signalling to them that he was not prepared to be pushed around any longer.

Arteta was in a wretched mood, stamping in frustration when Haaland swept in the decisive third. "We had them," he reflected, ruefully. But this was not a

night without consolations. In the first half, remarkably, the leaders restricted the champions to a meagre 40 per cent possession. Who else does that to Guardiola?

Somehow, Arteta needs to buck the course of history. An impression is building that for all the manifest improvements he has achieved at Arsenal, he still has not worked out how to outsmart his former mentor over 90 minutes. If he is not careful, this anxiety could tip over into desperation.

By the final whistle, hordes of home fans had already left, not in fury but in weary resignation that control of their destiny had slipped away. They had come in hope but departed with a bleak acceptance that City were simply too clinical, too ruthless, too

deadly on the grandest occasions.

The jitters were everywhere you looked. Even when Saka levelled from the penalty spot, many supporters could not bear to watch. By degrees, the apprehension in the stands transmitted itself to the pitch. A look of abject horror crossed the face of Tomiyasu when he realised what he had done.

One careless nudge, forced by the harrying of Grealish, and the ball bobbed obligingly for De Bruyne to lob Aaron Ramsdale with one lash of his cultured left boot. In that instant, the Emirates fell uncomfortably quiet. Not subdued exactly, but fretful, aghast, as if 60,000 people sensed that one lapse in concentration could come to define their season.

It captured the precariousness of the evening. Arteta wore the expression of a man who had just chewed on a wasp. And then, the silence lifted as suddenly as it had descended, the stricken Japanese right-back finding himself with chants of "Super Tomiyasu".

This is the essence of Arsenal in this most transformative of campaigns: they do not feel sorry for themselves for long. They strike back, propelled by an avalanche of noise from fans who know that the title could, and perhaps should, be theirs again at last.

Their equaliser had the air, even without Ederson's blundering obstruction, of a fate preordained. This is not a team that crumples in self-doubt, even against opponents of City's

might. Arteta has at least learned, after three years under Guardiola's tutelage and another three perfecting his Arsenal masterplan, how not to give up without a fight.

But there was an irresistible force to City this time. Visibly hungrier and bolder since the 115 Premier League charges of rule-breaking landed at their door, they dissected Arsenal in the second half with surgical precision.

Haaland's celebrations at the end were revealing. He was bought to make the difference in games like these, and he delivered, pumping his fists to his City disciples like a man possessed. Arsenal had brought the rage, but the result remained tantalisingly out of reach.

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Moshi Khalsa hockey outfit. PHOTO: COURTESY OF THA

Moshi Khalsa loses to Police Machine in Africa Club Championship opening duel

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA'S hockey outfit, Moshi Khalsa, has had a less impressive start to its campaign in the men's category of this year's Africa Cup for Club Championship (ACCC), having lost 9-0 to Nigeria's Police Machine in a Pool B duel played in Nairobi, Kenya early this week.

Moshi Khalsa had an opportunity to reorganize and claim their first win in the continental showdown, considering the outfit came up against one of the hosts' sides, Kenya Police, the following day.

The Kilimanjaro-based team was, thereafter, set to confront Ghana Revenue Authority (GRA) Men in the third clash.

In other matches that took place on the first day, Kenya Police notched a hard-fought 1-0 victory over Hippo of Zimbabwe, and Ghana Revenue Authority Men conceded a 3-1 loss to Sharkia of Egypt.

The day also saw Uganda's Weatherhead lose 3-0 to Egypt's Zamalek, and Ghana's Exchequers made short work of Kada Stars of Nigeria, commanding over the Nigerian side.

The hosts' other club, Butali Sugar, opened its campaign well, given the club commanded a 2-1 win over compatriots, Western Jaguar.

In the women's category of the continental showdown, one of the hosts' clubs, Lakers, was held to a 1-1 draw by compatriots, Blazer.

Delta Queens of Nigeria impressively opened their campaign, given they secured a walkover in a tie that was to pit the club against compatriots, Kada Queens.

In the category's other clash, Army Ladies of Ghana edged compatriots, GRA Ladies, 2-1.

Egypt's Sharkia, which is set to be a strong contender for the trophy, is set to be Moshi Khalsa's next opponent in the showpiece's duel which will be played today, with the encounter having been scheduled to start at 5 pm.

Moshi Khalsa is expected to wind up its participation in the continental showdown tomorrow, locking horns with Hippo of Zimbabwe.

Moshi Khalsa is taking part in the continental tournament for the second time after failing to make it to the showdown for almost 10 years, as revealed by Tanzania Hockey Association (THA) Chairman, Kaushik Doshi.

According to Doshi, Moshi Khalsa's trip to Nairobi to battle for top honours in the ACCC is sponsored by a Moshi-based company Charan Singh & Sons Ltd.

Moshi Khalsa has been placed in Pool B of the men's category which is also made up of Kenya Police, Nigeria's Police Machine, Egypt's Sharkia, Ghana Revenue Authority (GRA) Men's squad, and Hippo of Zimbabwe.

The category's Pool A is made up of Kenya's Butali Sugar and Western Jaguars, Uganda's Weatherhead, Kada Stars of Nigeria, Ghana's Exchequers, and Egypt's Zamalek.

Formidable Raja CA arrives in Dar, CAF delegate inspects Simba SC ahead of African Super League



Raja Club Athletic winger, Yousri Bouzok (R), beats Vipers SC's Congolese keeper, Alfred Mudekera, to register his club's fourth goal when the outfits took on each other in a 2022/23 CAF Champions League Group C tie that took place in Casablanca last week. Raja Club Athletic won 5-0. PHOTO: COURTESY OF RAJA CLUB ATHLETIC

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

FORMIDABLE Moroccan soccer giants, Raja Club Athletic, arrived at Julius Nyerere International Airport in Dar es Salaam on Thursday for their big 2022/23 CAF Champions League Group C matchup against Tanzania's Simba SC which will take place at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium on Saturday.

The flight with the players on board landed at a quarter to one in the afternoon local time, a day and a half before the showdown with Simba SC.

Raja Club Athletic arrived fresh from a comprehensive 5-0 win over Uganda's Vipers SC in Casablanca last week.

The results saw the Moroccan club go top of Group C ahead of second-placed Horoya Athletic Club who beat Simba SC 1-0 in their opening CAF Champions League Group Stage match in

Conakry.

Raja Club Athletic squad:

Goalkeepers: Anas Ziniti, Marouane Fakhr, and Amir El Hadaoui.

Defenders: Ismail Mokadem, Jamal Harakass, Marouane Hadhoudi, Bouchaib Arrassi, Abdelilah Madkour, Mahmoud Bentayg Mohammed Nahiri, Abdessamad Badaoui, and Zakaria Labib.

Midfielders: Ahmadou Camara, Hamza Moujahid,

Youssef Raiani, Roger Aholou, Mohamed Makahasi, Walid Sabbar Mohamed Zrida, Abdelraouf Benguit, and Abdelilah Hafidi.

Forwards: Yousri Bouzok, Nawfel Zerhouni, Zakaria Hadraf Zakaria El Habti, Mohammed Boulacsout Soufiane Benjdida, Hamza Khabba, and El Houssine Rahimi.

In a related development, CAF and FIFA officials are in Tanzania to visit Simba SC to inspect their facilities, finances, youth side, ladies'

team, and administration, amongst others ahead of the start of the Africa Super League in August.

The African Super League was officially launched by CAF last year, with CAF having announced that 24 clubs from 16 countries would take part.

A \$100-million prize money with \$11.6 million for the winner was also revealed.

However, due to a lack of funds necessary for the organization of an African

Super League with 24 clubs from three areas of the continent (North Africa, Central and West Africa, and South and East Africa), CAF opted to start with only eight teams.

Simba SC is set to be the only Tanzanian club that will participate in the inaugural Africa Super League.

The other seven teams are reportedly Petro Atletico (Angola), TP Mazembe of the Democratic Republic of Congo, Al Ahly (Egypt), Horoya Athletic Club (Guinea), Wydad Athletic Club (Morocco), Esperance of Tunisia and Mamelodi Sundowns of South Africa.

A single group of home and away fixtures during the 2023-24 domestic season will take place.

Then, it has been suggested that the winner will earn a spot in the newly-extended FIFA Club World Cup.

There are now four spots available for African clubs in 2025. The existing CAF Champions League and CAF Confederation Cup tournaments will stay as they are now until further changes are made.

According to multiple sources, the prize money of the inaugural edition of the African Super League would amount to 25 million dollars, including 6 million dollars for the winner of the competition.

The Confederation of African Football will fully support the clubs participating in this first edition.

Geita Gold FC, Ruvu Shooting battle for momentum in Premier League showdown

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

HOSTS Geita Gold FC and Ruvu Shooting will be eager to keep their winning momentum going in their 2022/23 NBC Premier League clash at Nyankumbu Girls Secondary School's Stadium in the afternoon, kick-off having been slated for 4 pm.

Geita Gold FC will enter the contest off the back of a 1-0 win over Coastal Union, while Ruvu Shooting cruised to a 2-1 victory over Kinondoni Municipal Council FC last time out.

Geita Gold FC goes into the match whilst sitting in a respectable fifth place. The club has collected seven points from its last three league matches against Coastal Union, Polisi Tanzania, and Dodoma Jiji FC.

The Geita side managed to keep three clean sheets in the process but remains 12 points off the continental tournaments qualification places.

The home form for Fred Minziro-coached Geita Gold FC this season has been relatively strong, picking up 18 points from 12 matches, and they will be welcoming a Ruvu Shooting side who have only won one of their 10 away league games this term.

Meanwhile, could the 2022-23 season finally be Ruvu Shooting's last in the NBC Premier League?

After flirting with relegation over the last few seasons, Ruvu Shooting



Geita Gold FC's players participate in a warm-up session before playing a recent NBC Premier League tie that took place at CCM Kirumba Stadium in Mwanza. PHOTO: COURTESY OF GEITA GOLD FC

is again battling against the drop and looks likely to go down this campaign.

Ruvu Shooting will go into today's match whilst holding 15th place. They are five points from safety and two points off the relegation-playoff place.

Having failed to instigate

a change in fortunes upon his arrival, coach Mbwana Makata would have had concerns about the trajectory of Ruvu Shooting ahead of the trip to Geita Gold FC.

However, the Mlandizi-based side was able to end a 16-game winless streak last time with two goals

scored against Kinondoni Municipal Council FC in a fixture that was played at Jamhuri Stadium following their decision to switch their home games to Morogoro.

Efforts from William Patrick and Samson Joseph ensured that Ruvu Shooting netted twice in a league

contest for the first time since September 29, also posting just their fourth triumph of the campaign.

Nevertheless, Ruvu Shooting are without an away win in the Premier League since the opening day of the campaign, a period spanning as many as nine fixtures.

In head-to-head stats, Geita Gold FC and Ruvu Shooting have met in three league matches since 2021/22. Geita Gold FC has claimed two wins compared to one for Ruvu Shooting.

The three meetings of these teams have produced nine goals with each game ending 2-1.

When the teams met earlier this season, at Uhuru Stadium in October 2022, Geita Gold FC won 2-1 courtesy of goals netted by Said Ntibazonkiza, who has since joined Simba SC, and Juma Mahadhi who has moved to Coastal Union.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

