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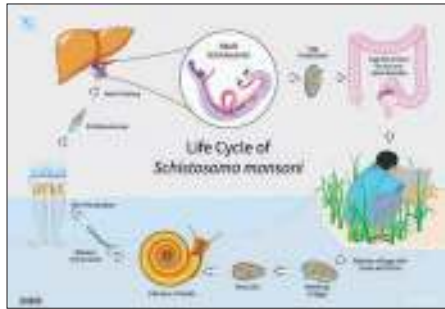
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Drones zero in researchers in schistosomiasis breeding spots

By Guardian Reporter and Agencies

A NEW study shows that clues in the environment can help identify transmission hotspots for the parasitic disease that is second only to malaria in its global health impact.

Researchers used rigorous field sampling and aerial images to precisely map communities that are at greatest risk.

"This is a game-changer for developing-country public health agencies, because it will make it possible for them to efficiently find the villages that need their help the most," says Chelsea Wood, an assistant professor in the University of Washington School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences and lead author of the paper.

Over 200 million people have schistosomiasis, which is treatable but has been difficult to eliminate from some regions of the world.

Schistosomes—the worms that cause the disease, grow within freshwater snails, where they multiply and enter the waters of rivers, lakes and streams. To infect people, the worms penetrate the skin when they swim, bathe or wade.



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Schistosomiasis causes bloody urine and stool alongside abdominal pain, and can damage the liver, spleen, intestines, lungs and bladder. In children, the infection can stunt growth and impair cognitive development.

The disease is found across sub-Saharan Africa, in South America, the Caribbean, the Middle East as well as East and Southeast Asia. Though schistosomiasis is treatable with the drug praziquantel, it's easy for a person to become re-infected after treatment if they swim or bathe in freshwater where the parasite is present.

The World Health Organization recently recognized that efforts to slow transmission of the disease through drug distribution weren't working in some regions. In addition to drug distribution, WHO now recommends targeting the types of snails that transmit the parasitic worms, which is how this research team got involved.

"The ecological side of the problem is what's holding us back from schistosomiasis control and elimination—

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JPM asks new CAG to clean up Audit Office



President John Magufuli swears in Charles Edward Kichere as Controller and Auditor General at State House in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Kichere, who was appointed into the position on Sunday, has taken over from Prof Mussa Juma Assad. Photo: State House

President Magufuli called on all the appointees he swore in yesterday to "go to do your jobs by placing Almighty God before you in every decision you make and abide by the oaths you have read

By Guardian Reporter

PRESIDENT John Magufuli has called on newly sworn-in Controller and Auditor General (CAG) Charles Edward Kichere to do his work professionally while heeding directives from the three pillars of the State - Executive, Legislature and Judiciary.

Speaking yesterday at State House in Dar es Salaam after swearing in various officials he had appointed, including Kichere, the president said whenever the CAG is given directives from any of the other branches, he must comply.

Kichere takes over from Prof Mussa Assad, whose five-year term ended yesterday and was before his appointment regional administrative secretary for Njombe. Earlier, on June 8, the president had removed him as Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) Commissioner General.

President Magufuli warned Kichere against turning National Audit Office into another branch of the State "as there are only three branches - and you have seen them here - Judiciary, Legislature and Executive (also known as the government). And in your oath, to which I was attentively listening, your position is Controller and Auditor General as there is a particular holder of the powers of the government".

"Go and do your work diligently without discrimination and when you are given directives from other branches of the State, such as Legislature, just implement them - as you are a mere public servant," said Dr Magufuli.



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He told Kichere to "go and manage" the National Audit Office, noting that when some of its officials are sent to audit the country's foreign embassies, they get paid locally and when they are there they also demand more payment.

"I don't want to mention the names of those officials. Just go and find out for yourself. The CAG's Office is also not as clean as many would think; go and spruce it up," he said.

"I know you have good qualifications and we don't make mistakes when we make appointments. In Form IV you came out with First Division, in Form VI you came out with First Division. This shows that you are intelligent," noted the president.

"You went to pursue a degree in Law and Financial Management and came out with Upper Second Class. You have worked in various capacities; we trust you and you are respected," he added.

The president elaborated: "You were removed from the post as TRA Commissioner General, and you did not utter a word. You are humble and gentle. You went to work as regional administrative secretary without uttering a word. But there are others who, upon being appointed, think that the posts are theirs. You appoint a person as district commissioner but when you remove him or her,

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Cut costs, invest in vital projects, PM urges CSOs

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa yesterday called on Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) to learn from the government on cutting expenditure and investing more in development projects.

He said the CSOs should reduce spending a lot of money on seminars and other unnecessary meetings and direct most funds to services that help change lives of Tanzanians, especially the rural population.

Officiating at the opening of CSOs Week 2019 in the capital, Majaliwa stated that government audit shows that some 92 CSOs received Sh 62.09 billion between January and September 2019.

The CSO Week organized by the Foundation



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for Civil Society (FCS) that has attracted over 500 participants from different CSOs in the country started yesterday and continues until Friday.

He said in two years - 2016 and 2017 - about 51 non-governmental organizations received 2.5trillion/-.

"This amount if well spent in line with government policies would reach so far and change lives," he said. "We shall be happy to see you follow the government on this," he emphasized.

The PM urged them to use money wisely in strengthening development projects and supplement government efforts in providing services to the people.

Majaliwa also expressed the government's commitment in working closely with CSOs since

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Online media outlets hit the 300th mark

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

THE government has expressed its commitment towards protecting journalists as the scribes go about their daily responsibilities to inform the wider public.

Speaking during the 'Workshop for Operationalization of the Mechanism for Monitoring and Reporting on Safety of Journalists in Tanzania,' the Minister for Information, Arts, Sports and Culture, Dr Harrison Mwakemba underlined that the real 'enemy of the free press' were members of the media themselves, especially their respective companies and newsrooms.

"Most writers and journalists working for local



media outlets do not have official contracts to safeguard them in case of anything. A number of them are hardly or mealy paid and despite working tirelessly, few scribes bother to complain, but at the same time point accusing fingers to the state and leaders," Dr Mwakemba asserted.

The minister insisted that the 'safety' of journalists starts in their newsrooms, offices or firms they work for. He reinforced that without pay, most scribes will be easily swayed by parties willing to buy their expressions of stand or opinions.

"Sometimes the same laws that people

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he or she starts complaining. But you did not complain when I appointed you to work in that capacity!"

President Magufuli explained to Kichere that the country's Constitution and other laws state that the CAG can stay at his or her post of the length his or her contract or even for one year.

"Since the procedures of removing you from the post exist and are undertaken by the president, I am not threatening you. Go and do your job. In life in this world you cannot be given powers to appoint and be denied powers to fire, as once you fail in that you are not supposed to be president or any other kind of leader. Go and do your job diligently," he said.

"Your predecessor has finished his five-year term at midnight today. From tomorrow go to your new office to do your work and put Almighty God before you. Go and clear all the dirt in that Office. The Finance and Planning ministry will explain to you other kinds of 'dirt' in that (CAG's) Office," he added.

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before you in every decision you make and abide by the oaths you have read".

Turning to the Commission for Human Rights and Good Governance's chairman and vice chairman, President Magufuli similarly declared: "Go and carry out your responsibilities freely and transparently. Your responsibilities are huge, chiefly overseeing the rights of people long denied what they deserved. I hope and believe that you will do so to satisfaction."

He also called on the 12 judges he had just sworn in to go and do their job without fear or favour, noting: "Don't delay in dispensing justice, as there are challenges everywhere as has been aired here. I remember Dr Deo Nangela (who before his appointment was at the Fair Competition Commission) but while there he was ordered to pack up and leave since he was doing his job diligently."

President Magufuli explained to the appointees that everyone has passed through his or her own challenges, calling on them to perform their responsibilities properly in serving Tanzanians, "especially the weak, who are often denied their rights".



Zanzibar President Dr Ali Mohamed Shein in talks with Republic of Korea's Ambassador to Tanzania, Cho Tae-ick, at Zanzibar State House yesterday. Photo: Zanzibar State House

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and now ecologists are stepping in and filling that gap," Wood says. "It's an exciting time because there's so much for us to learn. The kind of innovation we have introduced is just the beginning of what ecologists have to contribute to the control of schistosomiasis."

The researchers worked across more than 30 sites in northwestern Senegal, where villages use a local river and lake for everything from bathing and swimming to washing dishes and clothes. This location was the epicenter of the largest schistosomiasis outbreak ever recorded, in the mid-1980s.

The researchers first set out to methodically count and map the distribution of snails across each site over two years. The fieldwork was difficult and exhausting—they couldn't let the schistosomiasis-infested water touch their skin while they waded chest-deep to sample mud and plants. It was hot and humid, and the

thick shoreline vegetation was full of mosquitoes, spiders, snakes—and even feral dogs.

They found snails in the river in patchy and inconsistent distributions over time. Snails might be present in one location, then completely absent three months later. Given the snails' ephemeral nature, the researchers realized that targeting aggregations of snails for removal might not be an efficient way to reduce schistosomiasis transmission.

Instead, they shifted their focus to the habitat where snails live. The snails thrive in unrooted, floating vegetation that is visible in images from satellites and drones.

Considering these habitat features, plus other data they had gathered about each site such as snail density, village size and location, they used models to evaluate which factors could best predict schistosomiasis transmission. The total area of a water access point and the area of floating vegetation were

the two best indicators that human infection would occur nearby.

"Counting snails is not an easy undertaking, and it also produces data that are not as useful as the data you can get from a drone," Wood says. "Once we understand the association between snail presence and particular habitat features, we can use drone and satellite imagery to detect those habitat features. This cuts the time needed to evaluate the risk of schistosomiasis infection down to a fraction of what it would be if you were just looking at snails."

Public health agencies in Senegal can now look at aerial images across their jurisdiction, find areas with the most floating vegetation in water access points, and target those villages for schistosomiasis treatment, the researchers say.

"Now we can take these aerial images season to season and have an idea of how the pathogenic landscape changes in time and space. This can

give us a better idea of infection rates," says coauthor Giulio De Leo, a biology professor at Stanford University.

The team is also trying to use machine learning to automate the identification of floating vegetation in photos, making it even easier for agencies to use the information. They plan to test their approach in other parts of Africa at a broader scale, using publicly available infection data and satellite imagery.

"We're cautiously optimistic, but we still have some work to do to generalize our findings to new contexts," says coauthor Susanne Sokolow, a research scientist at Stanford University.

"If, indeed, we find that the predictors for schistosomiasis are scalable and automatable, then we will have a powerful new tool in the fight against the disease, and one that fills a critical capacity gap: a way to efficiently target environmental interventions alongside human treatment to combat the disease."

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complain against are the ones aiming to protect journalists," the minister noted, expressing the view that the government which badly needs the media cannot at the same time work against journalists or their outlets.

Regarding online media outlets, the minister affirmed that as of now over 300 platforms have been registered and the law regulating social media has helped to narrow down those that seriously target to inform, from the previous settings when every Tom, Dick or Harry could post anything online and most contents proving to be either misleading or damaging.

The workshop facilitator, Advocate Harold Sungusia who is also an activist

within the Tanganyika Law Society (TLS), stated that the four-day training sessions are the first in the series and target to identify problems and threats facing local journalists and how they can be solved.

Tirso dos Santos, the head of office and representative of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, explained that UNESCO has helped organize the training workshop to raise awareness among journalists to unearth issues that affect their freedom and safety while at work.

Records show that there is a global increase of cases relating to journalists being killed, injured, abducted or imprisoned under false charges and this has driven most parties to find ways of addressing this serious problem, he added.



Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa cuts a ribbon to inaugurate the 2019 edition of the CSOs (civil society organisations) Week exhibition in Dodoma city yesterday, accompanied by some senior government and CSO officials. Photo: PMO

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

Jafo turns down request for more funds to complete school project

MINISTER of State in the President's Office (Local government and Regional Administration) (PO-RALG) Selemani Jafo has turned down a request of 241.9m/- for completion of the construction of Mfano primary school in Ipagala Ward saying all the funds for the project had already been paid.

The request was made by the Dodoma City Council while already PO-RALG had paid out 706.4m/- even though the construction is not complete.

Inspecting the ongoing construction of the school yesterday, Jafo said the government has paid out the funds in anticipation to see the school is completed, but has seen it differently.

He said in other areas such as Morogoro PO-RALG sent the same amount of funds for similar project and he has now been asked to go and

inaugurate the school, and told the City Director that he was not at all satisfied on how the funds were used.

He said the bricks used are of six inches and there were no reasons to place them horizontally as there are no upper floors to be built on top

"Let me tell you the truth, you have really bored me. PO-RALG issued construction formula for other areas but here in Dodoma you have come with a different option. In other areas they are crying for funds while you request to be paid more, sorry, no more money, you must complete the work by November 30."

Earlier, reading the report on the project's progress Dodoma Primary

School Education Officer Charles Mabeho said from the funds they received for school construction 677.4m/- has been spent and they were requesting for 29.241.9m/- more.

He mentioned challenges they face including challenge of closure in payment network, and that those contracted to build toilets demanded more money that necessitated the Council to call for fresh tenders.

For his part, Dodoma Regional Commissioner Dr Binilith Mahenge said what happened will be a lesson to them in implementing projects in other areas because PO-RALG had to be informed before embarking on the steps taken.

"I request to admit the mistakes made as you have been given money, you have made your calculations and see you cannot build classrooms with the given funds hence you have to inform the issuer of the funds," he said.

The Dodoma City Director, Godwin Kunambi on his part said the challenges faced was also experienced in the construction of Dodoma Secondary School building which necessitated them to add 60m/- more to the project.

He said: "The extra cost was because the bricks were laid horizontally instead of vertically, but we promise to complete the project from our own budget sources of 8bn/- hence we shall add to the shortfall.

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they are working in good faith to serve Tanzania, as this year's theme states, "Progress through Partnerships." CSOs have realized that development calls for participation of all stakeholders, he emphasized.

He allayed fears that the recent review of the law and regulations governing NGOs was aimed at taming specific organizations. It was meant to allow existing organizations work freely within a proper legal frame work, he stated.

He cited an example that during a visit in Ngorongoro district he learnt there were 39 NGOs operating there but some were not doing anything substantial, while others were doing the same thing though with funding from different or unclear sources.

In that spirit, the premier said he directed the deregistration of three NGOs, in which case the new law and regulations will help transform the sector.

"We have not heard any problems from any CSO since the introduction of the new law, a clear sign that it has improved the working environment," he declared.

He called on NGOs to support the government in driving the country towards attaining the 2025 economic goal, having an industrial economy.

More specifically he said the government will work closely with CSOs to eradicate social problems like gender-based violence, teenage pregnancies and other practices that deny some members of the society their rights.

On the forthcoming civic elections, the premier said the turnout for registration was very good and what is left is for people to turn up in good numbers on election day. They should vote for leaders that can help bring about development, he said, urging CSOs to help provide public education on this.

He said the CSOs week is important

since it helps strengthen ties between the CSOs and other partners, thus the government fully supports it.

Earlier, the president of the Foundation for Civil Society, Dr Stigmata Tenga said the week is used to celebrate gains made by CSOs in their activities as well as sharing experiences.

It is only through such collaboration that development can be achieved in any given nation, she stated, noting that researches by CSOs have helped shape various national development plans and activities, hence they are true partners in development.

As the sector grows with more CSO coming up, the government needs to have in-budget funds to help empower them perform their activities, she said, lamenting the reduced trust between the two partners. There is need to improve on this, the CSOs leader underlined.

The Minister for Health, Community Development, Gender, the Elderly and Children, Ummu Mwalimu applauded the CSOs for good work they are doing to bring development to the people.

"Most CSOs are prepared and working hard to bring about development, especially in sectors like water, health and agriculture, among others that affect people's lives directly," she stated.

She expressed her ministry's desire to continue working closely with civil society organizations within the existing legal framework.

The Minister of State in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments), Selemani Jafo highlighted the good relations the CSOs have with the ministry.

"My ministry operates almost in the same way as CSOs' results oriented model. We hope we will cement the cooperation and keep on building the nation," he told the gathering.

Premier Majaliwa, ministers Mwalimu and Jafo took the crowd to applause as they noted that they at some points worked in CSOs, reminding them that CSOs are a strong team that modeled various leaders.



Dodoma Regional Police Commander Gilles Muroto shows journalists yesterday 18 pieces of elephant tusks he said police intercepted in the region "recently", adding that three people have been held for questioning in connection with the incident. Photo: Correspondent Peter Mkwavila

SADC HIV/AIDS meeting kicks off in Dar es Salaam

By Henry Mwangonde

THE Southern African Development Community (SADC) senior officials responsible for health and HIV/AIDS meeting kicked off yesterday in Dar es Salaam as malaria, HIV/AIDS and maternal health anticipated to dominate discussions before being submitted for approval.

The senior officials' meeting precedes the conference of the SADC ministers of health and HIV/AIDS slated for Thursday this week.

Speaking when she opened the meeting Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children, Dr Zainab Chaula, said the meeting is expected to come up with 20 decisions that would be forwarded to the ministers' conference for implementation.

"The decisions would need approval from all ministers for implementation," Dr Chaula noted.

To ensure the attainment of goals of the SADC Regional Strategic and Development Plan (RISDP), the meeting will review its key agenda, deliberate on the status of implementation and present recommendations that will enable ministers to make decisions in their session.

Representative of the SADC Secretariat, Dr Willy Amisi, said about 90 per cent of delegates from member states have confirmed to participate in the meeting.

He commended the Tanzania's

government for what he described as tremendous organization skills displayed in the preparation of the meeting as well as hospitality and generosity.

The SADC member states have made progress in fight against communicable diseases in the past 15 years, contributing to a substantial reduction in the burden of the diseases and transmission across the region.

Available data indicate that between 2015 and 2018 there has been 15 per cent reduction in tuberculosis mortality, the number of new malaria cases has decreased by almost 24 per cent.

Tanzania has reduced the rate of new HIV/AIDS infections by 20.6 per cent among adults and 31.3 per cent among children below 15 years old from 2010 to 2018.

On other hand, she expressed Tanzania's commitment to increase access to better health services and reduce out of pocket expenditures.

This is in support of political declaration on Universal Health Coverage (UHC) signed by SADC Head of States in last September during the UN General Assembly.

Tanzania has expanded a network of health facilities through construction and rehabilitation of more than 350 health facilities and improved fiscal decentralization to enable better access of healthy services for vulnerable and marginalized thereby decreasing the number of people left behind.

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

Anglican Church priest 'found with' 15 kilos of elephant tusks

POLICE in Dodoma are holding a priest with the Anglican Church at Chinyika in Mpwapwa Districts, Sekandi Ashery (44), allegedly in connection with illegal possession of two elephant tusks, worth at least 15kilograms.

Giving a press briefing yesterday, Dodoma Regional Police Commander (RPC) Girres Muroto said the priest was arrested on his way to transfer the trophies in question from Mungui village to Pwaga, using a motorbike

with registration number MC.772 AYK. According to the regional police chief, police are holding other two suspects (both men) in possession with other 16 pieces of elephant tusks. He said the suspects, who placed

Government trophies under the 20littles gallon were arrested at the Dodoma-famous Nanenane Bus Terminal on the outskirts of the capital city. "All suspects, including the pastor

are under police custody as we're continuing with deep investigations to establish weapons that have been used to kill the jumbos," he said. It wasn't clear where the elephant was poached. In another development, RPC Muroto

said Police are holding one Adema Massawe (44) a resident of Mailimbili Kwamwatano in connection with illegal possession of 60 little of illicit brew. He said the culprit is expected to appear in court to face charges.



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It's bananas in abundance at Mamsera open market in Rombo District, Kilimanjaro Region, as captured yesterday. Photo: Godfrey Mushi

Dr Shein praises Seoul for rallying behind Isles' development agenda

By Guardian Reporter

ZANZIBAR President Dr Ali Mohamed Shein yesterday lauded the Republic of Korea for supporting his government's development initiatives, calling for stronger ties in tourism industry between the two nations.

Dr Shein made the call in Zanzibar when he met with Tae-ick Cho, ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Tanzania.

The isle's president informed his visitor that Zanzibar has improved in the tourism industry due to abundance of tourist destinations together with sturdy strategy to boost tourism—one of the most important sectors in the Indian Ocean Archipelago representing 27% of Zanzibar's GDP.

"So, it is important for the two countries to work on this area. We're interested to see tourists from the Republic of Korea," he suggested.

Dr Shein also suggested the need for reinforcing relations between Zanzibar and Cheju Island, which is popular for tourism in the world.

He further said that for the tourism relations to materialize there is a need to introduce direct flight between Zanzibar and Seoul through Korean Air—the largest airline and flag carrier of South Korea based on fleet

size, international destinations and international flights.

Dr Shein also lauded the Republic of Korea for supporting his government's development initiatives. He noted that the Republic of Korea has been a good partner in Zanzibar's development projects.

He said that Korean experts have been offering training to technicians at the Zanzibar Broadcasting Corporation (ZBC), the move that makes the state-run broadcaster to move in line with the changing technology.

"Apart from that Korea has been supporting Zanzibar in education, fisheries as well as transforming the agricultural sector including rice farming," he said, explaining that the diplomatic relationship between the two nations started in 1992.

For his part, ambassador Tae-ick Cho assured Dr Shein that the current bilateral relations will continue to thrive and his government will also continue to ensure ZBC TV get enough technicians for quality services.

The envoy also assured Dr Shein that all projects which are implemented under the support of his government through Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) will be implemented as agreed.

Minister Mpina orders probe on dormant Kasanga fish market

By Guardian Correspondent, Kalambo

LIVESTOCK and Fisheries minister Luhaga Mpina has formed a team to investigate financially, contractually, operationally and administratively a huge misunderstanding in the Kasanga fish market in Rukwa Region after it failed to operate for more than ten years since its construction was completed at a cost of more than 900m/-.

The probe team that has been given 15 days to complete its work will show the type of agreement under which the National Network of Small Scale Farmers Groups (MVIWATA) and with whom in the operation of the fish market

which the government has 40 percent stake.

Speaking with fishermen at Kasanga Market on the south-eastern shores of Lake Tanganyika in Kalambo District in Rukwa Region, Mpina said the team will be able to identify all hidden issues on the project and that by January next year all shortcomings therein will have been solved in order for the fish market to start operating.

He said it was quite possible it is some deliberate conspiracy by some people in a network to sabotage industries along the eastern shores of Lake Tanganyika as being the reason for the entire Kalambo district Council officials to remain in the dark as to why the fish market has not operated for ten years.

After the probe team completes its task, it will throw some light that if the Kalambo District Council has failed to make the market operate then the Ministry will take it over and hand it to another council that can operate it.

Mpina also directed the Ministry's Coordinator of the Private Sector Desk Steven Michael to visit the area and hold talks with investors in fish processing and to introduce them to financial institutions for loans for capital so that by December they start purchasing the fish.

On the campaign against illegal fishing, Mpina said many people have mobilized themselves for this crime especially during this election period and cautioned that any candidate who

will employ the country's national resources in his/her campaign will be arrested and prosecuted irrespective of the political party he/she belongs.

He said there are reports of 10 containers of illegal fishing nets from Dar es Salaam purportedly in transit to Zambia and Congo DRC but are claimed to have been lost on the way but are believed to have been bought by local people on mistaken belief that the government will not take action due to the election period.

He called on the wananchi to be vigilant saying whoever thinks to engage himself in illegal fishing activities should desist from doing

so as patrols along the lake will be beefed up.

He said the leaders who are seeking elective posts should be those who respect the country's Constitutions and its laws.

Meanwhile Minister Mpina has fired the Kasanga Senior Fisheries Officer following allegations of corruption and selling of the impounded illegal fishing nets and directed the Director of Fisheries to supervise officials under his charge else he will himself be removed from his post.

Mpina also stressed that the Lake Tanganyika Zone has only one senior official - Judith Mgyaya and that the rest manning Kasanga, Kipili and Kakola stations are mere assistants to her.



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Tourists from the Netherlands admire handicraft made by members of the Barbaig community at Vilima Vitatu in Babati District, Manyara Region, at the weekend. Photo: Correspondent Cynthia Mwilolezi

Six AMCOS officials in court for soliciting bribes from farmers

By Guardian Correspondent, Igunga

THE Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau (PCCB) in Igunga District Tabora Region has arraigned in court six Agricultural Marketing Co-operative Societies (AMCOS) officials from Choma Village for soliciting and receiving bribes from cotton farmers.

Those who appeared before the Igunga District Court were Baumu AMCOS Chairman Nyolobi Nangale (36), Sylvester Masanyigule (46), Andrew Senga (49), Iwize Masanja (37), Martine Silas (31), Elias Kelege (25) all residents of Choma Village, Manonga Division.

Earlier, before Igunga District Magistrate Lydia Ilunda, PCCB prosecutor from Nzega Ma-

zenzo Joseph alleged in court all the accused committed the crime contrary to section 15(1) and (a) of the PCCB Act No 11 of 2007.

Joseph further alleged that the six accused are faced with three counts. He claimed that on August 1 this year at different times in Choma Village they solicited 800,000/- bribe from one Kulwa Mabula so that they effect the payment of 8,345,220/- he (Mabula) was claiming from Olam company that purchases cotton.

In the second count Joseph claimed that on the same date but at different times the six accused solicited 600,000/- bribe from one Shimbi Ganja so that they effect the payment of 6,536,400/- he was demanding from the same Olam company that purchases cotton

from farmers.

And in the third count the prosecutor claimed that on the same date but at different times the six accused solicited a 600,000/- bribe from one Shimbi Kadengu so that they effect the payment 6,220,680 that he was demanding from the same cotton buying company.

However after the charges were read to them they all pleaded not guilty to the charges and the case has been adjourned to November 6 this year for mention.

Two accused were granted bail after meeting bail condition which the court set at 5m/- while the other four were remanded after failing to meet bail conditions.

Stakeholders urge government to introduce climate change policy

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

CLIMATE change statistics stakeholders have suggested to the government to set up climate change policy in order to address climate change challenges.

Speaking during a one-day validation workshop for the National Climate Change Statistics Report for the year 2019, held at National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) office here, they argued that it is high time Tanzania institute a policy on climate change which has become a global issue.

The observation is that since climate change has now become a national development challenge it was therefore high time for the country to develop national climate change policy to guide programs, strategies and actions towards addressing the impacts climate change.

The policy, they contemplated that can also attract more stakeholders and enhance collaboration with funding institutions to facilitate implementation of climate change mitigation and adaptation measures which are hindered by lack of adequate funding.

During the meeting, participants reviewed the draft National Climate Change Statistics Report, 2019 by assessing the quality of data used, filling gaps and deliberated on challenges impeding production of similar reports in National Statistical System.

The workshop was facilitated by German International Development Agency (GIZ), Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data (GPSDD) and United Nations Environmental Program (UNEP).

Speaking earlier when opening the workshop, Statistician General Dr. Albina Chuwa reminded the gathering that the report among other things will be used to monitor and evaluate implementation of various national, regional and international development frameworks.

She said for instance, the National Five Year Development Plan II, the UN Sustainable Development Goals, 2030 and Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) which Tanzania is signatory.

She added that the report would help to create public awareness on climate change and its impacts on social and economic development.

The NBS boss explained that the report like many other statistical reports produced by NBS was a result of cooperation and collaboration among both domestic and international stakeholders which demonstrates the importance of partnership in statistics community.

"This report is a result of collaboration from various stakeholders. It was not an easy task but

we have made it. Many thanks to UNEP, GPSDD and GIZ for facilitating this workshop" said Dr. Chuwa.

She noted that, using administrative data as the main source of data in preparation of the National Climate Change Statistics Report, 2019, it was a step further in production of official statistics using non-traditional data sources.

Dr. Chuwa acknowledged challenges facing use of administrative data in production of official statistics like that of climate change as data are scattered in various sources within public domain as well as in private sector.

"With data scattered all over, it is difficult for users to timely access them and above all makes it difficult to make long term analysis of environment situation of the country" She said.

Among stakeholders who attended the workshop were from Vice President's office, National Carbon Monitoring Centre, Sokoine University of Agriculture, University of Dar es Salaam, Prime Minister's office, Ministry of Agriculture, Office of the Regional Commissioner-Dar es Salaam, National Environmental Management Council (NEMC), Land Commission, Ministry of Lands and Tanzania Forest Research Institute (TAFORI).

Stakeholders also underscored the importance of establishing and strengthening mechanism that will ensure a strong administrative data sharing systems which guarantees accurate and timely availability of climate change data. In that regard, they also proposed the government through NBS and Vice President's office to explore the possibility of establishing climate change data hub to address data gaps and inconsistencies.

Speaking during the opening of the workshop, UNEP representative Ms. Diana Ngina from Nairobi said, UNEP was very proud of NBS because when one looks at developing countries, NBS is on forefront in terms of production of climate change statistics to fill the existing data gaps.

"Let this report be the starting point, be the one that other countries can look at and try to achieve what Tanzania has already achieved" said Diana Ngina and congratulated NBS and wished it could continue with the same motivation and produce more reports.

On her part, GPSDD representative from Nairobi Ms. Karen Bett said her institution was delighted to see Tanzania has managed to produce such quality report using administrative data.

"Having produced this excellent Report using administrative data demonstrates how importance administrative data are. Now let's use it to inform policies and actions to improve lives of our people" Karen Bett insisted.

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Invest more in education, Dar think-tank tells govt

By Correspondent Crispin Gerald

THE Dar es Salaam-based think-tank, Repoa has called on the government to invest more in education and research to fast track country's socio-economic development.

Repoa executive director, Dr Donald Mmari made the call over the weekend in Dar es Salaam during the networking event to re-launch the alumni network of Tanzanians who have studied in Netherlands known as Netherlands Alumni Association (NAAT).

He said that there is a need to learn from other developed countries like Netherlands that has succeeded as a result of investing heavily in education sector.

Dr Mmari said: "There is a need to strengthen skills and innovations in higher learning institutions in order to enable scholars to come up with tangible solutions that will influence changes in the country."

"Also, for every Tanzanian who got chance to study abroad in any country, he/she is supposed to remember having a responsibility of reflecting what he or she got from abroad to help the country's development," he said.

According to him, the establishment of the Netherlands Alumni in Tanzania is mainly to extract new ideas from each other so that they can be used to contribute to national economic development.

He said so far there are about 5,000 Tanzanians who studied in Netherlands and are eager to play big role in the established Alumni.

Dr Mmari who is among the alumni, went for his Masters program in policy issues at the International Institute of Social Study from 2007-2011, said Netherlands has got a lot learn in terms of economic development as well education.

"Despite the fact that it is small geographically, it is the fourth country in the global competitive economy after U.S.A, Singapore, Hong Kong and China," Mmari said.

"The country has also priorities investment in the use of renewable energies like solar, wind power and the like," he said.

For his part, an interim chairman for the association, Deogratius Mbona said the aim of establishing the association is to acknowledge contribution of Netherlands government that has been providing a lot of opportunities to Tanzanians to study in the country.

"Another aim is to gather views and modality of utilising the skills, knowledge, exposure and experience gained to accelerate economic development in our country," he added.

He said Netherlands is the leading country in Europe providing lots of opportunities to Tanzanians in various sectors of renewable energy, agriculture, health and technology.

"We are aiming at strengthening the bilateral cooperation between Tanzania and Netherlands in order to open more room for Tanzanians to study abroad and to come and help the country to move forward," he explained.

Mbona explained that there are lots of opportunities that Tanzania can learn from Netherlands that will help to accelerate economic development in the country.

"We Tanzanians, have the best opportunity to do even better than others if we will invest in education and in the utilization of our lucrative natural resources available in the country," he explained.

Mbona called upon Netherlands government to continue providing opportunities for studies to Tanzanians in order to expand the scope of education and knowledge and later contribute to the national development.

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Sugarcanes are off-loaded from a truck at Dar es Salaam's Tandale foodstuff and general supplies market yesterday ready for sale. Photo: John Badi

Ex-CAG challenges Islamic banks to serve non-believers

By Correspondent James Kandoya

FORMER Controller Auditor General (CAG) Prof Musa Assad has challenged the country's Islamic financial institutions to develop a number of packages that can be relevant to the customers.

Prof Assad threw the challenge yesterday in Dar es Salaam at the 6th African Finance Islamic Summit to gain ample knowledge of the Islamic financial sector and solution to the escalating problems of the society.

He said the institution should develop packages that were suitable to the particular groups to enhance their development.

He said making gains among the groups was a key to improving Tanzania

's financial lives adding that Islamic banking was the best alternative to change the lives of people.

"Investing in Islamic banking and finance could mean greater foreign investment, enhanced global connectivity, improved job creation, social-economic development and poverty alleviation," he said.

He however said there was a misconception among the Muslims and non Muslims believers that need to be well addressed for banks sustainability.

According to Prof Assad, there is a significant failure on the way the banks work compared to other conventional banks.

Low awareness among the community is a big challenge that needs to be addressed to improve the

banks operations especially in rural areas," he added.

He however said that the level of trust between the customers and banks should be improved so as to realise huge profits.

The deputy minister for finance and planning, Dr Ashantu Kijaji, said the aim of the conference is to discuss in detail the procedures to deploy shariah principles, Islamic finance mechanisms, its concepts, model and operational practices.

She said Africa needs to focus on the potential of Islamic banking and finance and reap the value it can bring to the current systems of international banking and finance.

"Investing in Islamic banking and finance will definitely lead to greater

foreign investments inflows in the continent promising enhanced global connectivity, improved job creation, social-economic development and improved welfare of the people," she said.

"Today, Islamic banking is gaining ever increasing popularity and significance in the Tanzania financial circles," she added.

According to her, Tanzania has a big potential for Islamic finance, as well as being an Islamic banking hub in East Africa.

The Chief executive officer (CEO) for the centre for Islamic banking and economic (CIBE) Zubair Mugha said Tanzania has largely rural population, which have access to financial services and digital solutions ideal.

By Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

MVOMERO District Commissioner Mohamed Utaly has issued a strong warning to farmers and pastoralists who are trying to incite land use conflicts to stop immediately or else face strong arm of the law.

He also warned government officials and law enforcers to do their work faithfully and adhere to ethics saying whoever will appear taking side or involved in corruption, will face heavy punishment on the spot.

DC Utaly issued the warning when speaking to journalists from different media houses who visited the district recently.

DC warns over growing farmer-herder conflicts in Mvomero

He said that the conflicts pitting the farmers and pastoralists had stopped completely following deliberate and concerted efforts of the government under his leadership to crack down armed youth groups who were inciting the conflicts for their own benefits. But recently, there are signs of some few people who want to set back the government efforts in some villages in the district, saying as the chairman of the district's defense and security, he will deal with them perpendicularly.

"Before coming here as the DC,

this district was one of the leading districts in land use conflicts but after been posted here we took different initiatives that include banning Mwano and Moran armed youth groups that used to incite the conflicts. For now, the conflicts pitting farmers and pastoralists have stopped," he said.

Commenting on environmental conservation particularly forests, he said the district has several plans to scale up conservation efforts already started by Tanzania Forest Conservation Group (TFCC), Tanzania Community

Forest Conservation Network, alias (MJUMITA) and Tanzania Traditional Energy Development organization (TaTEDO) through SDC funded Transforming Tanzania Charcoal sector (TTCS).

Through CBFM, the conservation NGOs have helped to prepare land use plans, stopped illegal charcoal harvesting and empowered the local communities to generate income and conserve the forests and other biodiversity.

"This project has benefited many

people, the youth and the district council. The rate of deforestation in the project areas has gone down compared to areas that has no this project. We are planning to set budget to scale up the project to other areas," he said.

Advocacy Officer Elida Fundi commended efforts being taken by the District Commissioner and his team for big support on the community based forest management (CBFM) saying large number of illegal charcoal harvesters has become security guards, many joining conservation efforts.

Under CBFM, Mvomero district has registered good results to the rural livelihoods, employment for the youth especially sustainable charcoal producers while recognizing local communities as key forest stakeholders.

Earlier on, the local communities were trained in different aspects ranging from sustainable forest harvesting to good governance. The training also encouraged involvement in decision-making, how to ensure the forest generate positive outcomes for livelihoods.

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By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE Parliamentary committee on Agriculture, Water and Livestock has applauded the government through the ministry of Livestock and Fisheries for the great efforts that had been made to resolve conflicts between farmers and livestock keepers.

It has also been learnt that similar efforts had helped resolve conflicts between a livestock keepers and the

National Ranch Company (NARCO). Committee members are of the opinion that the ministry, one of the key ministries in transforming the country to industrial economy is taking the lead in bringing the expected results.

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Parliamentary committee applauds govt for tackling herders and farmers conflicts

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Special Seats MP, Kundi Majala(CHADEMA) was of the same opinion that despite having the facilities, a lot more need to be done to help them solve challenges facing

them.

"We need to have a comprehensive details of the problems the livestock institutions are facing so that we can advice the government on how to go about it" she said, calling on the management furnish the committee with all details.

At the Kongwa based NARCO ranch, the committee had a meeting with villagers who recently acquired grazing blocks within the ranch.

In effort to end conflicts that have always been there between pastoralist and national ranches over grazing land, the government opted to lease part of the vast ranch land not in use to animal keepers at a small fee.

The farmers expressed gratitude to the government and the ministry for locating them with grazing blocks within the national ranch, saying the situation has helped solve historical conflicts.

Kedmon Maskini, the secretary to the pastoralist group while addressing the gathering said, "It is like a dream that we can now graze our animals peacefully in the ranch, thanks a lot to President John Magufuli for this wise decision".

He noted that he at several time paid

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a total of two million shillings when his herd of sixteen cows trespassed to the ranch. He argued that conflicts between farmers and animal keepers in the village have reduced to a big extent while that with NARCO has ended completely.

For herself, Asha Mfaume, special seats councillor in the area urged the government to solve some of the small challenges faced by pastoralists who have acquired grazing plots.

Kongwa district commissioner, Deo Ndenjemi told the parliamentary committee that the problems that once existed between the two parties have been solved.

The Permanent Secretary for Livestock Sector in the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, Prof Elisante Ole Gabriel said the ministry would see how to find solutions to issues raised during the tour.

Winding up the meeting, chairperson Mgemwa thanked the ministry for the great work, saying his team will continue guiding the government on key issues.

He said when his team ordered the ministry to submit report on all national ranches in the country, it never hesitated, a sign that they are ready to steered the ministry to a nother level.

"I have to confess that Kongwa ranch is leading others in adopting the desired changes for the betterment of the nation" he said, calling on others to follow suit.

More needs to be done for extractive industry legal reform to operate smoothly

By Correspondent Daniel Sembery

THE government has been challenged to ensure that all new concessions, contracts and licenses are made available to the public as in line with the Tanzania Extractive Industries Transparency and Accountability Act 2015.

President of the Tanganyika Law Society (TLS), Dr Rugemeleza Nshala made the call recently in Dar es Salaam when speaking during the Policy Forum's monthly breakfast debate, themed: "Extractive sector reforms: What are the recent policy changes and implications".

He said that the law demands that all new concessions, contracts and licenses be disclosed to the public, but that has not been implemented on the ground, with the pretext that most of the contracts include secret sections, hence isn't fair to disclose them.

"This is not true, because there is no secret with the extractive industry, for it only explains how the extractive takes place, because it belongs to the public, thus it should be disclosed to the public, there is no guideline on how to process minerals," Dr Nshala said.

He said the public wanted to know how their extractive industry was doing, the agreements entered

between the government and mining companies, to know the stock of their natural resources and the benefits the government was getting from its natural resources. And the public wanted to know how their natural resources were going to be processed into valuable form.

Dr Nshala also challenged other provisions that entitled the government to stakes of at least 16 per cent in mining companies operating in the country, with the option to acquire up to 50 per cent.

"How come the government as the owner of the natural resources gets only 16 per cent of the shares, while the mining company gets the remaining shares. This can't help, it is a shame because we are not involved in key decisions made by parent companies of those mining companies," he explained.

He further suggested that the government was not supposed to be contented with the 16 per cent in the subsidiary companies working in Tanzania but it needed to go a bit further to acquire stakes in the parent companies.

"What is crucial is to have some shares in the parent companies, when you have you will know the inside of the companies like what other

countries like Botswana has done. The government has 50 per cent in the mining companies of Debswana (merger between De Beers Pty Ltd and Botswana Government) and BCL. And has 15 per cent in the De Beers Pty Ltd (parent company)."

The country has huge deposits of diamond, copper, coal, cobalt, gold, salt, soda ash, nickel and uranium. But without a doubt, diamond mining dominates mining in Botswana.

Dr Nshala said that having acquired those shares the government of Botswana had the power to tell the De Beers Pty Ltd (parent company), to shift their diamond processing plant from London to Gaborone-Capital city of Botswana. The country was now benefiting a lot from their natural wealth. "That is why 40 per cent of the diamond sales are done within Botswana."

He said yes, there are law reforms in the extractive industry, but if the government really wanted these laws, and regulations to have impacts and benefits to the public, the government should borrow a leaf from Botswana's success story.

Counselor - environment, climate change and natural resources with the Norwegian Embassy in Tanzania, Ingvild Langhus who was also one of

the participants during the breakfast debate emphasised the need for solid laws and regulations to govern the sector. A need for solid regulatory framework providing a predictable investment environment and also to ensure that the sector is governed by a competent civil service.

Langhus said that her country Norway has 50 years' experiences in the extractive sector, especially in the petroleum, oil and gas. And the sector has become core contributor to their economy.

Investment in human resources and a highly competent public service combined with transparency and an active public debate has been key for good governance and that the revenue now is distributed for common public benefit.

Environmental considerations and balancing with other sectors such as fisheries and tourism has also been important to ensure diversification in the economy.

According to her in 2012 Tanzania

asked Norway for support in sharing their experience in governance of the petroleum sector and Norway has provided technical capacity development for government staff in issues such as environmental management related to petroleum, resource management and HSE.

She further urged the public and the government to understand that investments made in the extractive sector were long term investments and thus revenues did not come tomorrow, it takes long time.

So, it is important to understand that regulations and agreement made need to ensure revenues come down the lines in some years to come.

Meanwhile, Langhus concurred with what Dr Nshala said, has advised the government that it should adhere to the Tanzania Extractive Industries Transparency and Accountability Act 2015 that was demanding all new concessions, contracts and licenses are made available to the public.

"People need to know and

understand how public resources are used and how the country benefits from its extractive sector. Competent civil society that understands the sector and its complexities, and an active public that contributes and quest transparency and accountability is crucial for the sector," she advised.

According to the Tanzania extractive industries (transparency and accountability) Act No.23 of 2015 proclaims that all the people of the United Republic of Tanzania have permanent sovereignty over natural wealth and resources...the President of the country hold the natural wealth and resources of the country in trust.

In order to ensure transparency and accountability in extractive industries, the committee shall cause the minister to publish among other things in the website or through the media which is widely accessible all concessions, contracts and licenses relating to extractive industry companies.



This road crash occurred yesterday along the Victoria stretch of Dar es Salaam's Ali Hassan Mwinyi Road. There were no immediate reports of casualties. Photo: Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

EAC health ministers agree to execute innovative financing mechanism to boost domestic resources

By Guardian Reporter

MINISTERS responsible for Health in the East African Community (EAC) partner states, in collaboration with investors, development partners, private sector and Civil Society Organisations' leaders have resolved to explore and implement innovative financing mechanisms to increase domestic resources for health in Partner States.

They made their joint statement soon after the 2nd EAC Joint Ministerial, Development Partners and Investors' Roundtable on Investment in Health held last week in the Kenya's capital, Nairobi.

In their communiqué, regional leaders vowed to continue to provide leadership and support in the implementation of the Health Sector investment priorities especially the operationalisation of the EAC Regional Centers of Excellence in Partner States;

"We've also resolved to continue to support the strengthening of EAC regional capacities for infrastructure and human resources development for the prevention, preparedness, response and recovery from epidemic prone infectious diseases," the statement reads in part.

They also agreed to support mechanisms geared towards strengthening health professional regulatory bodies to ensure availability and performance of qualified and skilled workforce for the delivery

of quality health care services; as well as strengthening the capacities of National Medicines Regulatory Authorities (NMRAs) to improve access to quality, efficacious and affordable medicines in Partner States in line with the EAC decision;

"We'll also continue to oversee the conduct of regular performance review, the generation of evidence for knowledge management and evaluation of programmes in the health sector to inform policies for better delivery of quality health care; support the implementation of the digital health initiatives in Partner States for efficient health care service delivery."

Ministers also agreed to enhance investors, private sector, Civil Society Organisations and other stakeholders engagement through Public Private Partnership to support governments towards better health care service delivery and attainment of Universal Health Coverage and sustaining efforts in advocating for increased domestic financing for the Health Sector;

"We'll also promote and coordinate the establishment of an accountability framework for all health sector stakeholders."

They also noted that the Treaty for the Establishment of the East African Community provides for the promotion of the management of health delivery systems and better planning mechanisms to enhance efficiency within the Partner States.

Regional leader further noted that significant strides have been made in the development of policies to enhance cooperation in health and observing that Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 3 target 3.8 on achieving Universal Health Coverage (UHC), especially access to quality essential health care services, equity and financial risk protection.

They acknowledged that Universal Health Coverage is only achievable if there is political commitment from the Partners States and accountable governance in the policy making and service delivery process.

Ministers were also concerned that external funding in health especially vertical programmes such as HIV, TB, Malaria and immunization, is expected to decline over the coming years and could affect the gains made in health for the EAC Partner states.

They appreciated the continued support and commitment from the health development partners, investors, Civil Society Organizations and the Private Sector. "We're also concerned about the high level of out of pocket expenditure for health services in the EAC region, for Partner States, compared to the recommended WHO threshold of 20%, and leading to catastrophic expenditures and later on to impoverishment of families, and recognizing that health is wealth and that investing in health is the cornerstone for socioeconomic transformation."



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Number of Positions:	01.
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Qualifications:	Bachelor's degree or Higher Diploma in Purchasing/Supply Chain Management /Logistics & Transport/Clearing & Forwarding or equivalent
Experience:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least 5 years' experience in clearing and forwarding operations in the mining environment or equivalent.
Purpose of the Role:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensuring an effective and efficient clearing and forwarding of imported and exported goods.
Main or Key Accountabilities:	<p>The Logistics Officer's duties will be the following and not limited to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focal point for clearing of goods imported from overseas through in all Tanzania border entry points/ports (Dar es Salaam Port, Julius Nyerere International Airport, Mwanza, Sirali, Tunduma, etc) Receive shipment pre-alerts and initiate duty assessment requests with TASAC Follow up on duty assessments from TASAC and submit duty payment requests to GGM Finance department for duty payments Follow on the various permits from other regulatory authorities (GCLA, TBS, TMDA, SUMATRA, Ministry responsible for Transport etc) required during importation and transportation of goods Coordinate payment of fees and release of goods from organisations (TPA, TICTS, Shipping Companies, ICDs, etc) involved in importation, handling and storage of goods Coordinate verification of goods with the relevant authorities (Port Terminals, TASAC, TRA, TBS, TMDA etc) Work with inland logistics contractor to ensure smooth loading and transporting goods to site. Coordinate resolution of issues related to documentation required in clearance process Follow up on exports from mine site with Logistics contractor and relevant authorities and Port Terminals. Management reporting on agreed key performance areas.
Additional Requirements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good Microsoft skills Valid Tanzania Driver's License Good analytical abilities and attention to details Good problem-solving skills Is a strong negotiator
Mode of Application:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good knowledge of Tanzania Laws and Regulations related to Clearing and Forwarding, Customs declaration, TASAC Clearance processes and Shipping Incoterms) Willing to work on extra hours including w/ends and public holidays where necessary <p>Application cover letter (Subject should be: Logistics Officer and/or quote the job number), detailed CV, copies of relevant certificates, e- mail and telephone contacts, names and addresses of three referees, to be forwarded to below address.</p> <p>You will be required to bring original certificates if you are contacted for interviews.</p>
Contact Address:	<p>Senior Human Resources Manager, Geita Gold Mining Ltd, P.O. Box 532, Geita. Email: jobs.geita@AngloGoldAshanti.com</p> <p>NB: Internal applicants may submit applications to departmental HR Officer. All internal applications must be endorsed by the applicant's head of department.</p>
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Armed conflict no plausible excuse for wreaking havoc on the environment

THE International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict is observed annually on November 6. The International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict was established on November 5, 2001 by the United Nations General Assembly, during Kofi Atta Annan's tenure as Secretary-General. Of this observance Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has since written, "We must use all of the tools at our disposal, from dialogue and mediation to preventive diplomacy, to keep the unsustainable exploitation of natural resources from fueling and financing armed conflict and destabilizing the fragile foundations of peace." Various calendars found on the World Wide Web reference November 6th in abbreviated fashion as 'World Day to Protect the Environment in War'.

War is a state of armed conflict between states, governments, societies and informal paramilitary groups, such as mercenaries, insurgents and militias. It is generally characterized by extreme violence, aggression, destruction, and mortality, using regular or irregular military forces.

Warfare refers to the common activities and characteristics of types of war, or of wars in general. Total war is warfare that is not restricted to purely legitimate military targets, and can result in massive civilian or other non-combatant suffering and casualties.

While some scholars see war as a universal and ancestral aspect of human nature, others argue it is a result of specific socio-cultural, economic or ecological circumstances.

The earliest evidence for prehistoric warfare belongs to the Mesolithic cemetery Site 117, which has been determined to be approximately 14,000 years old. About forty-five percent of the skeletons there displayed signs of violent death.

Since the rise of the state some 5,000 years ago, military activity has occurred over much of the globe. The advent

of gunpowder and the acceleration of technological advances led to modern warfare.

According to Conway W. Henderson, "One source claims that 14,500 wars have taken place between 3500 BC and the late 20th century, costing 3.5 billion lives, leaving only 300 years of peace (Beer 1981: 20)." An unfavorable review of this estimate mentions the following regarding one of the proponents of this estimate:

"In addition, perhaps feeling that the war casualties figure was improbably high, he changed "approximately 3,640,000,000 human beings have been killed by war or the diseases produced by war" to "approximately 1,240,000,000 human beings. Primitive warfare is estimated to have accounted for 15.1 per cent of deaths and claimed 400 million victims.

For comparison, an estimated 1,680,000,000 people died from infectious diseases in the 20th century. Nuclear warfare breaking out in August 1988, when nuclear arsenals were at peak level, and the aftermath thereof, could have reduced human population from 5,150,000,000 by 1,850,000,000 to 3,300,000,000 within a period of about one year, according to a projection that did not consider "the most severe predictions concerning nuclear winter".

This would have been a proportional reduction of the world's population exceeding the reduction caused in the 14th century by the Black Death, and comparable in proportional terms with the plague's impact on Europe's population in 1346-53.

In War Before Civilization, Lawrence H. Keeley, a professor at the University of Illinois, says approximately 90-95 per cent of known societies throughout history engaged in at least occasional warfare, and many fought constantly.

Keeley describes several styles of primitive combat such as small raids, large raids, and massacres. All of these forms of warfare were used by primitive societies, a finding supported by other researchers.



Playing the climate crisis movie over and over in our heads – and never knowing the ending

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By Peter Willis

WE are right to feel anxious about the trend in our planet's climate. If it continues unabated, civilisation will become very hard to sustain. Rolling the video on a little further, humanity as we know it might even die out entirely.

A member of my family in her mid-20s recently asked me via email:

"As an expert on sustainability, can you give me any tips on how to deal with climate change anxiety?" What I sent her was the following. She has given her permission for me to share it here. "Your question about how to deal with climate anxiety is an interesting and profound one. Some of the ways I think about it are as follows: We are right to feel anxious about the trend in our planet's climate.

If it continues unabated, civilisation will become very hard to sustain. Rolling the video on a little further, humanity as we know it might even die out entirely. Over exactly what time period we don't know, but we suspect it could be within a lifespan or three or five. Given that our civilisation has been built, especially over the last few centuries, on the assumption that progress was not only possible and very desirable, but also inevitable, the climate crash feels like a massive jamming on of our species' brakes. Yet nobody consciously jammed on the brakes.

The entrepreneurs, scientists and engineers who started the Industrial Revolution didn't do it to poison the atmosphere or the Earth. I don't believe there is really anyone to blame. (That said, I believe fossil fuel companies and their enablers have some responsibility for trying to accelerate the car just as we hit the ice.) Indeed, I find blame too often over-valued. Casting a more compassionate eye back over human history, our collective will to progress seems to have been undermined less by individual acts of sabotage or evil than by our collective ignorance of the way the world actually works.

We simply didn't know what we didn't know and so have been very slow to develop the necessary degree of humility in the face of the vast, complex natural systems upon which we depend for our increasingly sophisticated existence. So we are where we are.

One would wish it were otherwise, and there's perhaps some good to be gained from hoping it will turn out



otherwise in the future. But I also think there is real value in squaring up to – even embracing – these two parallel truths: 1. We may well fail: We may be participating in the downward journey of our race towards extinction, where progress has long gone into reverse and hope is finally laid to rest.

2. We just don't know: There is so much we don't know. Probably what we don't know includes some of the most important things we could know, things that could make all the difference. So there is literally no telling how this story will end... if it ever does. I find the first deeply sobering yet also calming, and not as scary as one might at first think.

Facing up to our mortality is actually refreshing, because it re-connects us with the largest available truth, which is that all of life begins and ends in its absence, and that provides us our definition as well as our fate. Once we absorb this, it becomes truly astonishing to observe how much our civilisation and its cultures depend on the denial of death.

The second also comes as some form of relief, as it absolves me from having to run those dire doomsday scenarios in the "home cinema" of my imagination. How can I possibly know which movie to select? Am I somehow clairvoyant that I can see how the disasters will unfold? You will know, as I do from long experience, how disabling those inner movies are, and how they depend on a very slender batch of assumptions which, if held up to the light, look speculative and feel

flimsy.

Indeed, I say to myself "Who knows?" I don't deny what the scientists are finding and telling us – I try to keep abreast – but I've become so in awe of the unknowableness of the whole of our reality that I find humility and a reluctance to fantasise specific movie stories for our future come quite easily nowadays.

You might know that for the past 18 months I've been developing a project to capture the learnings out of the near-catastrophic drought that hit Cape Town 2015-18. We and most other cities worldwide will meet such crises more and more frequently in the future, so I thought we might as well wise up and become good at this kind of thing.

I mention this because, in the process of interviewing on camera dozens of people about the way they responded to the drought and what they learnt, it's become clear that we all just had an intimate encounter with climate change.

We had to confront exactly one of those movie scripts, where people suddenly have to scramble for too little fresh water and who knows what becomes of us as social beings under mortal threat. I believe at some stage in the crisis every single Capetonian (about four million of us) felt real anxiety or fear about what could happen if the movie rolled on and the script took its darkest turn. And what did we do? We didn't strap ourselves into our cinema seats and sit there, waiting to see how the tragedy unfolded.

Overwhelmingly, we got busy. We found ways to radically reduce our household consumption, hundreds of ingenious ways, small and large scale. It was a fascinating challenge and in some middle-class areas consumption fell to just 20% of pre-drought levels. No expert could have predicted people could and would do that.

At the same time, we started to check how our neighbours were faring and who might need help if water had to be collected from standpipes in long queues.

This was empowering and reminded us of both our humanity and our ingenuity when backs are to the wall. I'm not the only Capetonian who feels privileged to have undergone this experience.

We came close enough to a disaster that we were literally counting the days, but we came through and nobody died. What I learnt is that, when danger threatens, we humans are much less likely to crumble than our worst movie scripts would have us believe, and in fact, we may well discover aspects of our nature that astonish and delight. For some reason, our species does well when its back is to the wall.

Lights go on that were not on the wiring diagram, the impossible becomes possible. Our climate anxiety may be our individual experience of humanity collectively wedging itself up against the wall.

What happens next is guaranteed to be fascinating and I'm deeply glad that you and I are going to be part of finding out what it is.

Day for the Abolition of Slavery: Does it ring any bells to us at all?

THE International Day for the Abolition of Slavery is yearly event on December 2, organised by the United Nations General Assembly. The Day was first celebrated in 1986.

The Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others was approved by the United Nations General Assembly on December 2, 1949. Besides, by resolution of 18 December 2002, the Assembly proclaimed 2004 the International Year to Commemorate the Struggle against Slavery and its Abolition.

Disgusting reports have it that hundreds of activists flocked to the Libyan Embassy in Paris recently, angered by the government's failure to tackle people smuggling after a news report unveiled a network of migrant slave auctions in Libya.

The news network documentary confirms the testimony of several witnesses from who we know that our African migrants were being enslaved and auctioned off like animals in camps in Libya.

This inhuman treatment of our own brothers and sisters must stop and it's time that the world do something to stop this new form of slavery.

It is reported that about a thousand people turned up to the protest following calls by several prominent anti-slavery groups and a number of celebrities of African origin, including soccer star Didier Drogba and former Miss France Sonia Rolland.

It is hard to believe such a thing could happen in 21st century. It rightly gives goose bumps to Africans and to all those who enjoy peace and humanity. It reminds us about bad memories to a slaved continent for more than two centuries. Nevertheless, this film has had the merit of causing an outcry

and uproar to attract the attention of everyone.

The protesters were carrying signs reading "No to slavery in Libya," as they gathered in front of the Libyan Embassy before marching towards the Champs-Élysées, where they were stopped by riot police cordons. They were also chanting: "Free our brothers," "Let's liberate Africa," "We are black, we are human!"

President Alpha Conde the President of Guinea made a declaration of indignation on social networks. He reassured that the continental organisation he chaired would take up the issue.

However, it is also reported that the clashes broke out at the Libyan Embassy in Paris as police moved to disperse the protest. Some activists began hurling rocks at police, who responded with tear gas.

Press reports also have it that one person was arrested following the scuffles, with police saying the protest was illegitimate.

Earlier, the Libyan government launched a probe into slave auctions operating in the country, including areas controlled by the UN-backed internationally-recognised government of National Accord, after documentary showed footage of migrants being sold at a location outside Tripoli.

The report claims that men were sold at as little as \$400, and that auctions are being carried out at many sites across Libya each month.

This angered many Africans and recently, protests have been planned in many African capitals to say no to this practice which dishonours all humanity. In addition, a petition is being launched by members of African Civil Society and the diaspora calling for an end to this malpractice in Libya. That which is inhuman cannot be divine.



MARINE SERVICES COMPANY LIMITED



FOUR YEARS OF PRESIDENCY OF DR. JOHN POMBE MAGUFULI IN RESPECT TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF MARINE TRANSPORT



Mr. Eric Benedict Hamissi, the Chief Executive Officer of Marine Services Company Limited (MSCL)

First and foremost, Marine Services Company Limited (MSCL) joins with all Tanzanians to present warm congratulations to His Excellency Dr. John Pombe Magufuli, the President of United Republic of Tanzania for

marking the fourth year of his tenure. MSCL appreciates the tremendous achievements achieved in respect to the substantial revolution on various sectors including the transport sector. The improvements in transport

infrastructure and services raise productivity, stimulate private investment, facilitate domestic and international trade and promote sustainable economic growth. By taking this into consideration, Tanzania is

currently undertaking major rehab and development of transport sector including maritime transport on the Indian Ocean and Lakes Victoria, Tanganyika and Nyasa. These initiatives also include construction and

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rehabilitation of the railway network, the new Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) and the old meter gauge railway network being among. The railway links the port of Dar es Salaam and Mwanza on Lake Victoria, providing part of a multi-modal link over the lake to Uganda.

Water transport plays an important role in Tanzania's overall economy through imports and exports, the relationship with the landlocked neighbors, and the sustainability of the populations living along the lake shores. MSCL being one of the State owned Organization taking part in the transport sector has enjoyed the initiatives taken by the Government to revive marine transport.

Brief Background of MSCL

Marine Services Company Limited (MSCL) is a duly incorporated Tanzanian company based in Mwanza. Prior to registration as a fully-fledged company in 1997, MSCL was an integral part of by then Tanzania Railways Corporation (TRC). The company has more than 50 years of experience in maritime transport across Lakes Victoria, Tanganyika and

Nyasa. MSCL services across the three lakes serves as a linchpin for the communities along the lakes and provides intermodal connectivity for the Northern and Central Corridors as well as East and Central African countries bordering the lakes.

MSCL has the fleet of 15 vessels for both Passengers and Cargo transportation. Nine (9) of these vessels are deployed in Lake Victoria, three (3) in Lake Tanganyika, two (2) in Lake Nyasa and one (1) tourist boat. The fleet is made up of eight (8) Passenger-Cargo vessels, two (2) Oil Tankers, one (1) Wagon Ferry, one (1) Tug and two (2) self-propelled barges.

Role of providing Community Transport

MSCL provides passenger and freight services to the lakeshore communities in Lakes Victoria, Tanganyika and Nyasa. The services include transit transport to neighbouring countries. MSCL operates under a socio-economic obligation to serve isolated communities that have limited access to other means of transportation, and are thus

dependent on the MSCL services to sustain their livelihoods.

Mission

To provide a leading, dependable, reliable, predictable, safe and security-conscious business, serving well its customers in East African Lakes of Victoria, Tanganyika and Nyasa.

Vision

To be the most competitive, reliable, safe and customer oriented lake transportation Company.

Core Values

These include safety, integrity, unity, shareholders values and environmental friendly.

The achievements realized by MSCL during the period of 4 years of President Magufuli ruling MSCL has observed improvement of its Infrastructure for delivery of marine transport services. However, the respective improvement is still in progress and it involves new shipbuilding in Lake Victoria, major rehabilitation of two existing vessels and installation of an electronic ticketing system.



Assembling of steel blocks as part of new shipbuilding in progress at Mwanza South Port. The project of new shipbuilding which will be having a carrying capacity of 1,200 passengers and 400 tons upon its completion hence making it the biggest Passenger Cum Cargo vessel along Lake Victoria, is being implemented by GAS Entec Co. Ltd. in Joint Venture with Kang Nam Co. Ltd. (both from South Korea) and SUMA JKT. The new ship is expected to be ready for operations by the beginning of year 2021.

The ongoing investment for infrastructure improvement was preceded by a project of minor rehabilitation for one passenger cum cargo ship plying between Mwanza and Nansio, 120 tons carrying capacity cargo ship (both in Lake Victoria) and one tanker ship in Lake Tanganyika.

The minor rehabilitation done to those three vessels have enabled the Company to start emerging from doldrums state (being a turnaround verge) back to its original designed state of providing competitive services to the Public and operate commercially. Completion of the ongoing projects will lead to the increase of vessel fleet of the Company hence strengthen the operating muscles of MSCL to achieve its goal of stimulating the growth of our economy through the improved water transport in the Lake Zone and the neighboring countries.



The construction of a slipway that will be used for new shipbuilding, also in progress at Mwanza South Port. The project is implemented by STX Engine Co. in Joint Venture with Saekyung Construction Co. Ltd both from South Korea whereby the slipway is expected to be ready for uses by March, 2020. Upon completion of the project, the permanent structure is earmarked to be the biggest structure along the Lake Victoria with ability to Dock/Undock Capacity of Ship Light Weight of at least 4000 tons and Associated Facilities for Building a New Ship in Lake Victoria.

Moreover, during the period under review, The Government of United Republic of Tanzania in collaboration with The Government of Uganda have managed to revive the operations of rail wagons carriage between Dar Port and Kampala via Mwanza South Port and Port Bell. The Rail - Lake - Rail route was reopened in June, 2018 after suspension of the same for about 10 years due to rail blockage between Port Bell and Kampala. MSCL being one of the key stakeholders has played a big role to enable the re - opening of the route.

Prospects of MSCL and marine transport at large

Marine Industry is very important for facilitation of the growth of Tanzanian economy and the economy of the neighboring countries, fostering of political and

social relationship between our country and our neighbors. In recognition to that effect, our Government is now investing a lot on this industry particularly through major development projects presently implemented by MSCL. The investment done is justified by availability of enormous opportunities to serve both local and international markets which are also growing following the improvements going on the other related infrastructures (on ports and railways).

It is from that effect we see the industry in question at the higher level in promotion of the economy after five and more years to come. In parallel to the development of the industry under review, MSCL is expected to embark on the international trade zone as we are planning to venture in deepsea operations and facilitate cargo

transportation by plying between Tanzania and Comoro islands, Madagascar, Seychelles and Far East where we see a lot of opportunities laying ahead.

MSCL recognizes and appreciates tangible support from the Parent Ministry (Ministry of Works, Transport and Communication) and the Government at large to revive the operations of the Company. MSCL believes that just in the near future our Nation will start enjoying the fruits of the initiatives and huge equity injection taken by the Government whereby MSCL will be contributing substantially to the National basket as a return on investment.

Lastly MSCL appeals to all key stakeholders to join their hands to promote marine industry as it has a tremendous impact to the growth of our economy.



Rehabilitation of MV.Victoria in progress at Mwanza South Port. The Project is implemented by KTMI Co. Ltd from South Korea in Joint Venture with Yuko's Enterprises (EA) from Tanzania and is expected to be ready by March, 2020. This project is implemented concurrently with the rehabilitation of MV.Butima by the same contractors.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

CONSULTANCY: CONSULTANCY FOR TAX, VAT AND DUTY EXEMPTION REFUND

1. WWF Tanzania Country Office (WWF TCO) is a Non-Government Organization dealing with environmental protection in Tanzania since 1990 and it has supported the Government of Tanzania in implementing various projects on Marine, Forest, Fresh Water, Energy and Wildlife. WWF global mission is to stop the degradation of the planet's natural environment and to build a future in which humans live in harmony with nature, by:

- conserving the world's biological diversity;
- ensuring that the use of renewable natural resources is sustainable and
- promoting the reduction of pollution and wasteful consumption

2. objective

WWF Tanzania believes that the Government and WWF have been in active cooperation since the establishment of Tanzania Programme office in 1990 (now Tanzania Country Office) and wish to strengthen this cooperation in order to continue with ongoing conservation programmes and initiate new interventions meant to address conservation challenges and opportunities within Tanzania by ensuring WWF continues to support and implement various conservation projects in Tanzania

3. scope of work

The Consultant is expected to adopt a risk-based approach to making sure that the following duties are done on time and report back to WWF Tanzania.

- Review the VAT returns submitted during the period to ascertain the accuracy of the amounts posted in the returns, the consistency and classification of supplies included in VAT refund claim.
- Follow up on the outstanding VAT Claims submitted to TRA
- Review the Tax Invoices and EFD receipts related to the supplies on which refunds claim is made and attach the same to the VAT refund claim.
- Assess the applicability of VAT on WWF's products and/or services, ensuring that the correct VAT status and treatment is accorded;
- Compute the correct VAT refund amount;
- Complete checklist for WWF's VAT repayment
- Ensure that correct VAT Forms are filled and submitted to TRA for further refund process.
- Ensuring that WWF complies with all the requirements of the VAT Act and VAT Regulations on VAT Refund claim.
- Make follow up of VAT certificates from the TRA and any related Government institutions to ensure WWF receives approvals for VAT exemptions
- Prepare certificate of Genuineness
- Advise WWF Management on any new TAX/ VAT pronouncement, practice notes, regulations etc and their applicability to the organisation.

4. Deliverables

- After every six months, the Consultancy will be required to submit a report of all submitted claims for refund and their

Value to the Operations Manager. The report should state the project, activity and amount claimed.

- Approved VAT exemption certificates for all requested local purchases and imports.
- A list of claimed refund which have been refunded by the TRA/Ministry of Finance.

5. Timeframe

The Consultancy will be for two years.

6. Skills required

The organization seeks services of an individual or Institution which has strong background on similar assignments and that can conduct this work in a professional manner and international standards.

- Experienced TRA registered tax consultant
- Should be a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) registered with the National Board of Accountants and

Auditors (NBAA),

- Holder of Bachelor degree or MBA in Tax Management, Corporate Management, Accounts and Finance.
- At least three years of work experience in Audit/Accounting
- At least 3 years' experience in offering Tax and Corporate Services including successful facilitating Tax exemptions processes to TRA and various Ministries

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8. Registered, eligible and reputable, firms, institutions and individuals are advised to submit both technical and financial proposals for this assignment. The technical proposal should clearly indicate the individual's/institution's team's experience on SIMILAR assignment relevant to the subject matter.

9. **Deadline for submission:** Applications should be a concise full combined technical & financial proposals fully signed, highlighting company profile, concrete evidences of experiences on similar works, the proposed approach and methodologies, work schedule and timings of the process. Team CVs should also be attached. Also apart from one pager application letter, financial proposal should clearly specifying time and other expenses both direct and reimbursable, these include unit costs on professional fees and the eligible taxes; kindly submit your applications as instructed by **Friday, 19th November 2019 at 17.00hrs** Tanzania local time. Only successful applicant will be contacted.

10. Evaluation of the consultancy applications will be done based on WWF procurement guidelines and that WWF Tanzania is not bound to accept any lowest or highest proposal/bid



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

CONSULTANCY FOR INFORMATION & TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM HEALTHY CHECK

1. WWF Tanzania Country Office (WWF TCO) is a Non-Government Organization dealing with environmental protection in Tanzania since 1990 and it has supported the Government of Tanzania in implementing various projects on Marine, Forest, Fresh Water, Energy and Wildlife. WWF global mission is to stop the degradation of the planet's natural environment and to build a future in which humans live in harmony with nature, by:

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2. Information and Technology is one of the core functions under Operations department. This unit develops, maintains and implements information technology strategies, by researching and implementing technological solutions to support across departments, projects and programmes. IT function develops IT Security policies and controls to address and optimize the implementation of information technology infrastructure, systems, and services while complying with the rules and regulations of the organization. Having effective and reliable information technology systems, there are controls and infrastructures which facilitate the business continuity for secure and easy of information sharing while meeting organizational goals.

3. From the 2015-2020 Country Strategic Plan, the main objective of the unit is to ensure that By 2020, WWF Tanzania has ICT policies, procedures, infrastructures and systems in place that provide security to organizational data for delivery of conservation goals. The objective aims to:-

- Define the technical direction and framework for developments of infrastructure, administrative & applications that involve use of information technology
- Define IT policies, principles and standards that permit data sharing, knowledge management, integration and development of systems that will lead to efficient and coherent working.
- Cover issues such as ICT security and disaster recovery through IT risk management and Information security
- Acquire effective and efficient IT infrastructures and systems that will support WWF programs to achieve its goals.
- Have a centralized system with a centralized database driven application hosted at head-office that requires internet connectivity for accessibility.

The information system is valued an essential part of WWF Tanzania's internal control systems. This does not merely record business transactions, but actually drives the key business processes and policies. In such a scenario, senior management remains concerned about information systems. The purpose of Information and Technology Systems health Check is to review and provide feedback, assurances and suggestions on the overall IT Systems and procedures.

4. Objective

WWF Tanzania believes that information systems health check is part of the overall IT situation analysis process, to ensure control maximization and risk mitigation. It seeks an independent and objective assurance to determine whether the information systems, related resources and the environment adequately safeguard assets, maintain data and system integrity; provide relevant and reliable information; achieve organizational or information system goals and consume resources efficiently, and have internal controls that provide reasonable assurance that operational and control objectives will be met, undesired events will be prevented or detected & rectified in a timely manner.

5. Scope of work

The information system at WWF Tanzania Country Office has different functions and activities coupled with a number of computer installations at different geographical locations. There are risks inherent to information systems which may impact the information system in different ways. The Consultant is required to provide assurance on technology infrastructure, application and associated internal control framework by assessing computerized information system's functionality, efficiency and security through risk assessment, internal control evaluation and detailed testing of associated data.

The Consultant is expected to adopt a risk-based approach to making a health check plan. The major elements of a consultant can be broadly classified:

- Report Validation - To provide assurance that the systems which used to provide reports of the system is working according to the specification, are error free and can be trusted e.g back up system report produced by the system, etc.
- Application software review - To provide assurance whether the financial and operational applications meet the current and future needs of the organization. These business applications include Oracle System, Procurement System, Asset Management System, Human Resource and Payroll Management System, M&E System, C2G System, DocuSign, Panda Pay and Basecamp platforms, accounting application etc. The Consultant must access control and authorizations, business process flows within the application software and complementary controls (enterprise

level, general, application and specialist IT control) and procedures and validation of reports (both operational and financial) generated from the system.

- Network security review - To provide assurance that the database and the web server system is fully secure and is corresponding to the controls objectives of control system. Review of internal and external connections to the system, perimeter security, firewall review, router access control lists, port scanning and intrusion detection are some typical areas of coverage.
- Data integrity review - To provide assurance that the database design and structure provides the best possible design for the organizational needs and corresponding application and future integration needs. The purpose is scrutiny of live data to verify adequacy of controls and impact of weaknesses, as noticed from any of the above reviews.
- Business continuity review - includes existence and maintenance of fault tolerant and redundant hardware, backup procedures and storage, and documented and tested disaster recovery/business continuity plan, effectiveness of disaster recovery plan, as well as ensuring existence of well-defined Information and Technology manual and its compliance thereon.

6. In line with the above, the Consultant is required to perform gap analysis of the business requirements and current functions available Systems in IT applications. Validation of business system controls in the IT applications, covering documentation, input and output controls, processing controls, and most importantly, the accuracy of system generated reports is also required to be done. In addition the Consultant must analyse business process risks and controls based on an understanding of planned or implemented controls and identified control gaps.

7. Deliverables

- At the end of consultancy, the Consultant is required to submit a report containing detailed observations on aforementioned areas as well as suggested areas during preliminary meetings with the management.
- In addition, a detailed roadmap/ recommendations for improvements in risk areas identified are also required.

8. Timeframe

The IT Health check assignment is expected to be completed within 1 month.

9. Skills required

The organization seeks services of an individual or Institution which can conduct this work in a professional manner and international standards.

- The consultant is expected to have at least three years of work experience in IT Audit
- A Bachelor's or Master Degree in Computer Science, Informational Technology or related fields.
- Certification in CCNE (Cisco Certified Network Engineer), MCSE (Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer) is desirable but not a requirement.
- Five or more relevant experience implementation of IT strategies, management of IT services, hardware and software platforms, telecommunications facilities and knowledge of Windows-based applications
- Analytical knowledge of the following: SAS, SQL, Oracle, Linux operating systems, Identity and Access

Management tools, and Visual Basic

- Professional certifications: CISSP, CISA, or Linux Administrator

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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

People & Culture Manager

The WWF (World Wide Fund for Nature), an international conservation organization, is seeking for a competent and highly motivated People & Culture Manager, to be based in Dar es Salaam.

Major Task: Under the supervision of the Country Director, the People & Culture Manager's responsibilities will be as follows: Ensures that human resources in the WWF Tanzania Country Office are managed fairly, effectively and efficiently; Provides advice and collaboration as appropriate to TCO staff, Establishes and implements effective human resources organizational and management structures, policies, and processes; and Ensures that TCO legal requirements in human resources are met, and that human resource practices adhere to WWF policies, procedures, and standards.

Major duties and responsibilities:

- Implements the human resources management component of TCO Strategic Plan;
- Ensures that best practice in human resources management is available for and applied to all TCO personnel;
- Ensures that personnel contracts are fair and compliant with both WWF and Tanzania national standards/Labour Laws.
- Ensures the appropriate training and capacity building of personnel;
- Ensures that standard personnel data is stored appropriately, updated in timely fashion, and available as required;
- Ensures effective communication with all staff as appropriate, on human resources matters that affect them;
- Ensure the correct application of WWF Tanzania policies that relate to personnel behaviour and policy compliance;
- Participates in and make recommendations on annual remuneration reviews; responsible for development and maintenance of nation-wide approach to compensation and benefits;

Required Qualifications and skills: Post university degree in Human Resources Management or other related fields, MSc. HRM, MPA will be an added advantage. Membership of a relevant professional body would be a strong asset; proven track record human resources administration and management; At least 5 years professional experience in human resources management. Knowledge of the institutional, legal and policy framework of employment and HR management in Tanzania

Additional information: Detailed Terms of Reference can be obtained via http://wwf.panda.org/who_we_are/jobs/. Applications must include a complete CV with full contact details of three referees and should be addressed to the Country Director, via email to: resources@wwf.tz by **Friday, 15th November 2019 at 4:30 pm**. Only the shortlisted candidates will be contacted and the interviews will take place in Dar es Salaam. WWF is an equal opportunity organization.



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) CONSULTANCY:

CONDUCTING DESK REVIEW SOCIO- ECONOMIC SURVEY AROUND COMMUNITY BASED NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (CBNRM) GROUPS WITHIN RUVUMA LANDSCAPE

1. WWF Tanzania Country Office (WWF TCO) is a Non-Government Organization dealing with environmental protection in Tanzania since 1990 and it has supported the Government of Tanzania in implementing various projects on Marine, Forest, Fresh Water, Energy and Wildlife. WWF global mission is to stop the degradation of the planet's natural environment and to build a future in which humans live in harmony with nature, by:

- conserving the world's biological diversity;
- ensuring that the use of renewable natural resources is sustainable and
- promoting the reduction of pollution and wasteful consumption

2. WWF Tanzania through its programme of Leading the Change, Civil society, Right and Environment intends to undertake Socio-economic desk assessment based on the existing scattered information from the previous projects implemented in Ruvuma Landscape. This will be achieved through scanning various consultants and research reports previously conducted in the landscape. Other sources will include journal articles, programme reports and gray literatures. The assessment will enable the implementors and stakeholders to have a thorough understanding on the existing environmental and socio-economic context. It will also enhance benchmark of project conditions that will help to project on the proposed induced changes and inform impact predictions (positive and negative).

3. Specific tasks

- Provide up to date baseline data on the social-economic indicator that will be a basis for programme impact monitoring through desk review. Data shall be collected on the following areas:
 - Identify the sources and type of income in selected villages forming WMAs, BMUs, CBFM
 - Institutional capacity of CBFM groups and CBOs in NRM and resource governance,
 - Access to, and use of, forest, marine, and wildlife resources,
 - Conflict over natural resource use,
 - Community livelihood options and annual incomes from suggested options
 - Knowledge and practices on the use of improved of Energy Conserving stoves
 - Gender and Human Rights consideration.
- Assess social economic threats; drivers and opportunities related NRs in the selected CBNRM Communities. Analyze, collate and interpret the collected data and provide recommendations on conservation and livelihood options in each thematic area

4. Scope of the Work

Under the direct supervision of the WWF M & E Specialist the Consultant will conduct desk review socio- economic survey targeting Community Based Natural Resource Management (CBNRM) groups found in 8 Districts within the Ruvuma Landscape. The CBNRM includes WMA, BMU, CBFM-with Village Land

Forest Reserves, Village and groups practicing Sustainable and improved energy Technology. The Districts involved are Kilwa, Rufiji, Namtumbo, Tunduru, Mtwara Rular, Kibiti , Newala and Lindi and the entire ecological area of

Selous Niasa Wildlife Corridor.

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6. Complete a data compilation template that will be provided. The consultant will be facilitated to see the template in advance to give a picture of the kind of data required. Make presentations as will be required at the inception and feedback meetings

7. Registered, eligible and reputable, firms, institutions and individuals are advised to submit both technical and financial proposals for this assignment. The technical proposal should clearly indicate the individual's/institution's team's experience on SIMILAR assignment relevant to the subject matter.

8. Applicant Requirement and qualifications:

- The desired applicant to undertake this assignment with other key qualities, must meet the following minimum qualifications:
- Demonstrable experience and evidence of developing and carrying out environmental education, environmental clubs, teaching conservation, train – the - trainer, wildlife clubs.
 - At least 5 years' experience in community based natural resource conservation and management, socio policy and civil society organizations.
 - At least a degree level education in relevant subjects – Natural Resource Management and Research, Community-Based Natural Resource Management. Master or PhD will be given priority.
 - Knowledge on technical procedures for conducting empirical studies; good technical, organizational, presentation and interpersonal skills; excellent oral and written communication skills in English and Kiswahili.
 - Ability to translate technical information for a non-technical audience and approach effectively the local context with diplomatic and multi-cultural skills.

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Villagers benefit from Jozani Forest conservation

By Guardian Correspondent, Unguja

ABOUT 300 villagers in Unguja Ukuu, Bwejuu and Charawe in Zanzibar Island have managed to raise crop production and earn extra income from agro-forestry farming thanks to support from UNDP through its Small Grants Programme which provided funds to Jozani Environmental Conservation Association (JECA) to implement a project that enhances conservation of the Jozani-Chwaka Bay National Park.

Among other things, the project which has been implemented for a year now helps villagers to engage in conservation of the National Park's forests by creating various income-generating activities. The ultimate aim is to stop community members from cutting trees in the forest for firewood and charcoal making. In its entirety the project covers six Shehias of Kitongani, Bwejuu, Michamvi, Pete, Chwaka and Charawe. It is expected that depletion of Jozani Forest will be reduced to the minimum if not completely stopped.

"About 70 percent of all firewood used in Zanzibar town is obtained from Jozani Forest. Trees cut from the forest are also used for building houses



A farmer in Unguja Ukuu, Abdallah Said Hamad, demonstrates how drip irrigation can be conducted using plastic bottles. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

and making boats while farmers also encroach the forest," explained Ali Juma Ali, the Coordinator of JECA. He told members of the UNDP National Steering Committee for the Small Grants Programme who visited Zanzibar recently that in order to reduce

human activity on the forest, JECA has promoted agro-forestry farming among small farmers in order to increase crop production and raise incomes.

JECA has already constructed small irrigation systems by drilling deep water wells and laying distribution pipes in several farms. It is also supplied in homes for domestic use. At least one irrigation system is operational in each of the six Shehias thus providing villagers with water for irrigation and domestic use.

"Now I can feed my family without having to buy food from anyone. By the end

of the year I will start selling papaws and maybe the second crop of bananas will be ready for sale by February next year," explained Abdallah Said Hamad, a resident of Unguja Ukuu and one of the beneficiaries of the project.

Hamad has a three hectares' farm in which he has grown bananas, coconuts, oranges and papaws and employs drip irrigation to make sure that the crops are watered even during the dry season. He also runs a beekeeping project in his small forest which enables him to earn up to 800,000/- a year from sale of honey.

Another beneficiary of the project is Amir Ally Hassan who lives in Charawe village. He owns ten hectares of land but only four are under agro-forestry farming project implemented by JECA. Before turning to farming, Hassan was doing illegal business of cutting trees from Jozani Forest and selling firewood in Zanzibar town. "I stopped destroying the forest nine years ago and I came to settle here. There was nothing here except wilderness. Now I live in peace and although I don't earn much money, I would say I am not poor because poverty is not about having money; I get almost everything that my family needs from the farm," he said.

His farm contains coconuts, lemons,

papaws, bananas, cassava and some vegetables. He also has two cows, some goats, ducks and some chicken.

"I sell some coconuts and lemons from time to time. I don't produce much because I have not completed installation of drip irrigation infrastructure although the project helped me to drill a well that supplies plenty of water," he said, adding that his life is now better than when he used to conduct trade in wood illegally harvested from Jozani Forest.

In order to increase the scope of beneficiaries of the project JECA conducts educational and awareness campaigns on conservation of the environment for communities around Jozani National Park. It also provides training for income generating activities including beekeeping and poultry keeping. Establishment of farmer's field schools has also helped to spread the knowledge on agro-forestry farming practice and knowledge on conservation of the environment.

"It will take some time before villagers begin using fuel wood from their own farms. Even then they will need to use it efficiently. That is why we encourage them to use efficient stoves in order to reduce the amount of wood they use," explained the JECA Coordinator.

Bank announces winners of 'Amsha Ndoto' as campaign comes to an end

By Guardian Reporter

AZANIA Bank yesterday announced winners of the third and last edition of the campaign dubbed, 'Amsha Ndoto' whose aim was to enlighten and encourage customers and Tanzanians in general to adopt a saving culture in order to have a financially-stable future.

The campaign that ran for three months, started on June 27, 2019 and lasted until September 27. It involved the bank's existing and new customers with the main focus being on two core saving products, namely: Ziada Account and Watoto Account.

In August, the first draw of the campaign was held by ABL and three winners were announced, winning a total of 8 million/-. The second draw was held in September where, again, three customers won a total of 8 million/-.

Announcing this month's winners, the last as the campaign comes to an end, the ABL's Retail Banking Manager, Jackson Lohay, said that the bank was honoring its promise to award potential winners who participated in the promotional campaign in which they would receive personalized awards to assist them achieve their dreams.

"In the last two draws, we got winners from various parts of the country, who were awarded 16 million shillings in total, the amount that we believe has added value in the lives of those lucky customers who emerged winners," Lohay said.

According to Lohay, the winners of his month's draw are; (with amount won in brackets): Frank Godfrey Nyange (2.2m/-), Anna Said Lyimo (3m/-) and Venancy Benny Loshia (3m/-).

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Congratulating the winners, Lohay encouraged more customers to continue saving despite the campaign coming to an end, adding that, it is by doing so that they guarantee themselves and their families a bright financial future through their savings.

According to Lohay, 'Ziada Akaunti' is designed specifically for individuals as well as small businessmen and women. The account offers very affordable rates and the holder can deposit any time while able to withdraw after three months.

He added that, 'Watoto Akaunti' is opened by parents to deposit money for the future use of their children.

"Here at ABL, we encourage all parents and guardians to open Watoto Account for their children so as to be assured of a safe and secure future for their children. This way, they will not suffer, wondering on how to prepare their children for the future," said Lohay, noting that the account also serves as a yardstick for preparing the children to learn how to save from a tender age.

According to Lohay, those eligible to participate in the campaign were the bank's existing customers with savings not less than 1,000,000/-. These customers were able to qualify for a draw whereby all those with the required deposits have enjoyed 6% interest rate on their savings during the campaign period and throughout the year.

The promotion, whose tagline was: 'Fanikisha Ndoto Yake na Weka Akiba Ushinde Tumuwzeshe ada ya shule' was communicated through different digital media channels such as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn, Google Display placement and the local websites.



Azania Bank Ltd retail banking manager Jackson Lohay (R) briefs journalists at the bank's headquarters in Dar es Salaam yesterday shortly before announcing the names of the bank's 'Amsha Ndoto' campaign winners. Left is Gaming Board of Tanzania principal inspector Abdallah Hemed. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

A lot needs to be done to emancipate a girl child

By Guardian Correspondent

RECENTLY, Tanzania joined the rest of the world to commemorate the International Day of the Girl Child.

The commemoration came at a rather disturbing time especially when trying to ponder through over the number of girls who are not given opportunity to realize their potential to the fullest. Girls in rural developing countries in most instances have had their dreams shattered due to lack of opportunities.

United Nations recognizes [the] empowerment of and investment in girls as critical for economic growth. The achievement of Millennium Development Goals, including the eradication of poverty and extreme poverty, as well as the meaningful participation of girls in decisions that affect them, are key in breaking the cycle of discrimination and violence and in promoting and protecting the full and effective enjoyment of their human rights. Recognizing empowering girls requires their active participation in decision-making processes and the active support and engagement of their parents, legal guardians, families and care providers, as well as boys and men and the wider community

Counting down seven(7) years since official recog-

nition of international day of the girl Child, statistics from various actors shows some discouraging information on recognition of girl's voices on difference issues and to different setting. 1 billion young people - including 600 million adolescent girls - that will enter the workforce in the next decade, more than 90 per cent of those living in developing countries will work in the informal sector - jobs that are not regulated or protected - where low or no pay, abuse and exploitation are common.

I believe that the gist behind recognition of this peculiar event celebrated by many today is not just to showcase the positive progress at national, international and different initiatives but rather to take stock and to measure on yearly basis where girls are and how they form part of the discussions.

Reminding ourselves MDGs is one of reference points, which lay down directives for empowering and positioning girls from rural to global level. Statistics from International, national and UN bodies (such as UNICEF), together with realities on the ground continue to remind us the long road that we still need to travel to realize girl's participation, allowing them to be masters of their destinies with the support of laid legal systems. From UNICEF narratives in support of the international girl of the child

'quarter of young people of which many happens to be female in the current moment are unemployed and with no training to qualify them to compete in the tech World.

As I remain mindful of strides, all these initiatives have catalyzed in realization of girl's spaces from rural to global, as vital to push for more discussions to ensure girls do not continue with this label as challenges are registered year after year. We need to allow these girls to realize the power of access to information, education and participation.

With the work force that is anticipated to enter the market, proper consideration should be accorded to girls in rural areas in terms of the technology gap, both in terms of accessibility, affordability and usability. The need to utilize white space to facilitate accessibility of internet should be given attention as a matter of priority to ensure opportunities to girls in rural areas.

Report by ONE affirmed that over 71% of Africa's girls and women will still not be online by 2020.

It is high time to shape and pave ways for girls in rural areas to unleash and ignite their leadership. This is possible though increasing education exposure, enhancing technology infrastructure, and preparing rural girls to compete for the market.

By Guardian Reporter

Youth from across the world champion wildlife protection

ENVIRONMENTAL crime has become the world's fourth-largest crime sector, growing at 2-3 times the rate of the global economy.

INTERPOL and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) estimate that natural resources worth up to US\$258 billion are being stolen by criminal syndicates, depriving countries of their resources, revenues and development opportunities.

The World Youth Wildlife Summit took place recently in South

Africa's Kruger National Park, bringing together educators and conservation leaders to discuss and address the threat of wildlife crime.

About 150 young conservationists from the Southern African Development Community and their counterparts learned how to influence environmental policies at national, regional and international levels.

The summit came at a time

when youths are becoming more proactive in identifying solutions to existing and emerging environmental challenges. Since they make up more than 75 per cent of the total population, youths can dramatically shape socio-political and cultural decision-making processes on environmental issues.

The Project Rhino and the Kingsley Holgate Foundation organizations, the main facilitators of the event, are harnessing this

incredible potential.

They provide forums for youth to engage in wildlife conservation activities, in collaboration with experts from different countries and organizations, at the same time providing the opportunity for different stakeholders to network and come up with national and regional frameworks that would promote wildlife conservation.

According to Francis Du Toit,

the Project Rhino Ambassador, "3.6 million people in Africa are employed in the wildlife economy, creating 40 per cent more full-time jobs than the same investment in agriculture.

It has twice the job creation power of the automotive, telecommunications and financial industries and provides more job opportunities for women compared to other sectors."

"In South Africa, 769 rhinos

and 72 elephants were poached by criminal syndicates in the year 2018," Chris Galliers, Coordinator of Project Rhino said.

At the summit, several youths were recognized for their wildlife conservation efforts, including advocacy, and photography. The delegates made declarations to engage and support the youths more to conserve African wildlife heritage.

Unemployment among young

people has for a long time been a challenge in most developing countries, creating a loophole through which crime syndicates lure the young people into drugs, crime, human trafficking, and illegal trade in wildlife and their products.

With the ever-growing technological inventions, and with the right exposure, youths have the potential to spearhead the development of sustainable solutions for the challenges faced in Africa and promote the Sustainable Development Goals.



When journalists are targeted, it is society as a whole paying the price, says UN SecGen

UNITED NATIONS

“WITHOUT journalists able to do their jobs in safety, we face the prospect of a world of confusion and disinformation”, UN Secretary-General António Guterres has warned in a statement released ahead of the International Day to End Impunity Against Journalists, which falls on 2 November.

“When journalists are targeted, societies as a whole pay a price”, added the UN chief. “Without the ability to protect journalists, our ability to remain informed and contribute to decision-making, is severely hampered”.

Killings and attacks on the rise

A new study from the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, UNESCO, underscores the risks that journalists face, showing that almost 90 per cent of those found responsible for the deaths of more than 1,100 of them, between 2006 and 2018, have not been convicted.

The deadliest countries for journalists, according to the statistics, are Arab States, where almost a third of the killings took place. The Latin American and Caribbean region (26 per cent), and Asian and Pacific States (24 per cent) are the next most dangerous.

The report, “Intensified Attacks, New Defences”, also notes that killings of journalists have risen by some 18 per cent in the past five years (2014-2018), compared to the previous five-year period.

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Journalists are often murdered for their reporting on politics, crime and corruption, and this is reflected in the study, which reveals that, in the past two years (2017-2018), more than half of journalist fatalities were in non-conflict zones.

In his statement, the Secretary-General noted the rise in the scale and number of attacks on journalists and media workers, as well

as incidents that make their work much harder, including “threats of prosecution, arrest, imprisonment, denial of journalistic access and failures to investigate and prosecute crimes against them”.

A high-profile example is the murder of Maltese journalist Daphne Caruana Galizia in 2017. The case is being followed by independent UN human rights expert Agnès Callamard, among others, who has suggested that too little has been done by the Maltese authorities to investigate the killing.

On Friday, as Haiti continued to face a protracted, violent crisis that has led to the deaths of some 42 people, and 86 injured, UN human rights chief Michelle Bachelet called on all of those involved in the violence to refrain from targeting journalists, and respect the freedom of the media to do its job: at least one journalist is among those killed, and nine other reporters have been injured, according to Ms. Bachelet’s Office (OHCHR).

Keep Truth Alive

This year UNESCO has launched the #KeepTruthAlive social media campaign, which draws attention to the dangers faced by journalists close to their homes, highlighting the fact that 93% of those killed work locally, and featuring an interactive map created for the campaign, which provides a vivid demonstration of the scale and breadth of the dangers faced by journalists worldwide.

The Day is being commemorated with a flagship event in Mexico City next week on 7 November – an international seminar entitled “Strengthening regional cooperation to end impunity for crimes and attacks against journalists in Latin America” – and events are also taking place in 15 other countries, including an exhibition of press cartoons, under the headline: “Draw so as not to write them off”, at UN HQ in New York, which honours the memories of French journalists Ghislaine Dupont and Claude Verlon, murdered in Mali on 2 November 2013.

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Will Magufuli optimise Tanzania’s engagement with the outside world?

By Winnie Mutungi

ON October 25, 2015, Tanzanians elected Dr John Pombe Joseph Magufuli fifth-phase President – after Mwalimu Julius Nyerere, Alhaj Ali Hassan Mwinyi, Benjamin Mkapa, and Jakaya Kikwete.

The chemistry guru is well known for his self-assertive, aggressive leadership style and his ability to push his agenda through.

Magufuli’s policies have a strong internal focus, including his fondness with minimising foreign travel to save costs as well as demanding all government officials to follow suit.

Some observers have argued, though, that the president’s frequent skipping of regional and other summits could end up seeing Tanzania missing out on important international opportunities.

Ahead of a recent visit to Rwanda, President Magufuli said: “I don’t like travelling abroad because I am fond of saving, and you can’t keep pace with other nations in equal footing in foreign relations while many issues inside your country are going astray.”

The fundamental question then is: Can the government prioritise domestic affairs but still have a president who engages meaningfully with the international community?

Taking over a country with a crippling national debt, poor service delivery and widespread corruption is definitely no easy task.

At the opening of the Union Parliament in November 2015, President Magufuli outlined the key priorities of his administration. He announced government’s intention to revive the industrial sector and recommitment to expanding access to and improving the quality of social services, enhancing the efficiency of the public service, and combating corruption.

The president also declared that his government would continue to prioritise economic diplomacy and regional integration as its foreign policy priorities.

Then, underscoring poverty reduction through job creation as the most important objective for his government, he announced a raft of cost-saving measures, including reducing expenditures on foreign travel and training.

Since his term began, President Magufuli has been true to his word and has been highly selective about which high-level meetings to participate in and which not to.

He attended the 17th Ordinary Summit of the East African Community Heads of State held in Arusha and the inauguration of Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni in Kampala – before paying a maiden visit to President Paul Kagame of Rwanda.

However, he skipped the January 2016 African Union Summit in Addis Ababa (and the one in July in Kigali), the United Nations Development Programme’s 70th Anniversary in New York in March, the World Economic Forum meetings in Davos (Switzerland) and in Kigali.

Later, the president skipped the 6th Ordinary



President John Magufuli

Summit of the heads of state and government of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region in the Angolan capital, Luanda.

On some of these occasions, Tanzania was represented by Vice President Samia Suluhu Hassan or the then Foreign Affairs, East Africa, Regional and International Cooperation minister, Dr Augustine Mahiga (now overseeing the Constitutional and Legal Affairs portfolio).

Some Tanzania watchers saw all this as an important signal that, although the president was serious about implementing austerity measures, he was not necessarily disengaging Tanzania from important continental and global discussions and policy fora.

It is only to be expected that, with President Magufuli having served for four years now, his cost-cutting mechanisms including the drastic reduction of foreign travel should be under the spotlight. Indeed, some key stakeholders are beginning to raise questions about whether his administration will maintain Tanzania’s strong international profile.

Political analysts and academics such as Professor Gaudence Mpangala and Dr Kitojo Wetengere point out that the president is right in concentrating on internal affairs – but argue that his non-attendance may

have a negative effect on the country’s diplomatic ties.

For instance, the president opted not to attend the 27th AU Summit in Kigali. There, African Heads of State discussed and adopted the AU agenda mainly focusing on human rights and the empowerment of women.

The Summit discussed the common market for Africa and the need for the unification of the continent mainly for commercial gain. Tanzania was represented by the vice president, who was accompanied by Dr Mahiga and the Minister of State in the President’s Office from Zanzibar, Issa Haji Ussi.

In that the Magufuli government is focused on job-creation, poverty reduction and industrial development, the AU Summit debate on whether to have a common market for the continent would have been a crucial pad from which the president would have launched Tanzania’s pursuit of stronger diplomatic relations with neighbouring nations in an effort to find more workable and effective alternatives across borders.

The Magufuli administration deserves praise for focusing on domestic issues and pruning expenditure in the public service. However, some of the criticism relating to his skipping of key summits may be justified in that the decision also raises questions about the level of his political will to build

strong synergies between African priorities and Tanzania’s domestic political and economic agenda, to engage internationally and to build on the positive international image that his country boasts.

Considering the porous nature of African nations’ territorial borders and the possibility of an African common market becoming a reality, can the Magufuli administration’s goals of job-creation, poverty reduction and industrial development be achieved without ensuring a level of engagement with the international community as high as humanly possible?

But, then, to what extent could the president be forgoing important opportunities by not playing personally on the world stage? The Magufuli administration would be well served if it built on the legacies created by the legendary Mwalimu JK Nyerere and subsequent leaders, all of whom creatively married the domestic and international arenas to create a world-acclaimed Tanzania.

• This is a slightly edited version of a piece we published in the August 12, 2016 issue of The Guardian. Winnie Mutungi, a Tanzanian, was by then a research scholar with the Foreign Policy Programme of the South African Institute of International Affairs in Johannesburg.



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Turkish envoy cherishes bilateral trade, investment cooperation with Tanzania



Turkey's Ambassador to Tanzania, Ali Davutoglu.

By Smart Money Reporter

BILATERAL trade and investment between Turkey and Tanzania has been on an upsurge thanks to a 2017 visit by President Recep Edorgan.

Turkish Ambassador Ali Davutoglu said in Dar es Salaam last week as his country marks its 96th independence anniversary, that bilateral trade increased significantly since Edorgan's visit with many investors coming to Tanzania.

"Several agreements were signed during the said visit with legal framework of our relations have been established and opened the way for cooperation in different fields," Ambassador Davutoglu said.

He pointed out that the volume of trade in 2018 reached the peak with Tanzania's exports to Turkey worth US\$41 million while importing goods worth US\$225 million from Turkey. Turkey exports mainly iron and steel bars, construction materials, tanker trailers," he noted saying the country's exports to Ankara are mainly tobacco, cotton, sesame seeds, cashew nuts and coffee.

Ambassador Davutoglu further noted that several Turkish companies are investing in the country including Yapı Merkezi which is undertaking construction of the first and second phases of the Central

Corridor's Standard Gauge Railway Project.

It is the first Turkish company having such a big and important contract of infrastructure in Tanzania and we are proud of the company which is one of the best and most experienced and reliable worldwide Turkish company," he added.

"In this respect, I believe that the SGR Project is exactly a landmark and turning point in our relations leading to wide ranging commercial and economic exchanges and joint ventures in construction. With this project, there is an increasing awareness in Tanzanian government and business circles about Turkey's economic capacity and recognition of Turkey as a reliable and trustworthy trading partner," the Turkish envoy underlined.

Ambassador Davutoglu also praised the country's leadership for continued political and economic stability which provides a conducive environment for investment in addition to its prime location in East Africa.

He also named affordable labour, the huge market and good infrastructure as other factors attracting Turkish investors while touting his country's sustained growth and development since attaining independence from Germany over 90 years ago.

Mennonite's Jamii Impact starts lending to low-income groups in Mara

By Correspondent Sabato Kasika

IN a unique arrangement, the Mennonite Church in Tanzania through its lending company, Jamii Impact Limited, will start issuing loans to low income bracket groups including village community banks (Vicoba) in Musoma district.

Jamii Impact's Loans Manager, William Mdemu, said the company has already received loan applications from more than ten groups which are being evaluated before final decision is made.

"In order to qualify for the loan, these groups need to meet some of our lending conditions," said Mdemu who noted that the borrowers are engaged in different income generating activities such as farming, livestock keeping, fishing, among others.

He said the Mennonite Church subsidiary company is an affordable lender seeking to uplift the standards of living of ordinary people hence groups need to be legally registered to qualify.

"The group applying for loan must have been officially registered and recognized by law and must have not less than 30 members of which 50 percent must be women and youth," he hinted.

The Jamii Impact Loan Manager elaborated that the groups must have existed for not less than three years, must have a bank account and that the statement submitted must cover issues on loan history, share buying," he added. The loan size ranges between 5m/- to 20m/- with 15 percent interest per annum.

GlZ's 82m/- project seeks to document cross-border women's hurdles at Sirari

By Smart Money Reporter

AN 82m/- German Development Cooperation Agency funded Base for Education Dissemination project will document experiences of women who trade through the Sirari border between Kenya and Tanzania.

The BED project termed, "Telling the stories of women formal cross-border traders," is an innovative way of capturing the stories and experiences of women traders and use electronic means to publicise the experience (social media, web-platform and back and forward linkages to various websites).

"This project is being implemented to fill-in the gaps in information regarding the successes stories, challenges and general experiences of women cross-border traders that exist in

the East African Community trade regime," said BED's Executive Director, Nicus Ndiribengo

Ndiribengo said the idea is to capture the best practices and lessons learned from how the successful women have been able to do their job by telling the short stories on both video and print. The project will also seek to entice more women to refrain from using 'panya' routes when doing their business while encouraging them to follow formal trade rules so that their contribution can be accounted for in the EAC trade statistics.

The BED chief further noted that the GIZ funded project wants to show what cross border women traders with success stories have done to overcome and navigate the non-tariff and tariff barriers to trade and how the existence of the

EAC Common Market Protocol and Customs Union have helped them move from the very risky informal cross-border trade to formal trade.

"Project also highlights the efforts done by the EAC over the last decade to bring women entrepreneurs at the centre of regional trade and to ensure they do not only benefit from the regional trade but are well informed about their rights, cross border trade regulations and rules which makes them safe and secure," noted Ndiribengo.

BED is undertaking the project because not much documentation and publication of the experiences and success stories of the women in cross border trading has been formally documented either through the online and or in print formats hence the need to highlight the stories of these

women so as to provide impetus to both the EAC and national, regional gender and trade units in facilitation women entrepreneurs in cross border trade.

"This project relates to the EAC because it supports the actual implementation of the bloc's Common Market and Customs Union Protocols all of which aim at promoting cross border trade. Since the project seeks to, document and disseminate the success stories of women in business on the implementation of the Common Market Protocol, it is aligned to its objective particularly with the involvement of women in cross border trade," added Ndiribengo while stressing that the project will also establish the extent to which the group's earnings have increased as a result of engaging in regional trade.



Cross-border women traders at Sirari in Mara region.

American tycoons jet into Kenya today in hunt for deals

NAIROBI

American officials, accompanied by business tycoons, will jet into Nairobi today to start a packed two-day meeting with government and private sector leaders in hunt for trade and investment deals in Kenya.

The US delegation led by Deputy US Trade Representative C.J. Mahoney is expected to scout for business opportunities in East Africa's largest economy where Chinese influence has been rising rapidly.

The American officials will attend the two-day American Chamber of Commerce (AmCham) Business Summit 2019 at the UN Complex, Gigiri. Kenyan businessmen and State officials led by President Uhuru Kenyatta will also attend.

"The summit will enable participants to identify and leverage opportunities for increased trade and investment between the US, Kenya and the East Africa region by presenting a unique opportunity for both private and public sector players," said a brief from the organisers ahead of the meeting.

"The summit, now in its second year, is held in partnership with the Kenya and US governments as well as the US Chamber of Commerce, bringing together American, Kenyan and East African business executives, international investors, senior government officials and multilateral stakeholders."

The meeting comes at a time a new report shows US firms beat China in investments in Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Tanzania and Ethiopia – with an outlay



Deputy US Trade Representative C.J. Mahoney.

of Sh803.4 billion (\$7.8 billion) between 2014 and 2018.

The Ernst & Young (EY) Attractiveness Survey 2019 showed the cash invested by US companies was Sh113.3 billion, or 14.10 percent, more than \$6.7 billion

(Sh690.1 billion) by Chinese firms, according to the annual survey.

EY consultants, however, said the Chinese investments in the period could leapfrog US's if inflows into public sector, largely bilateral loans, are

included. According to the EY report, the US firms invested in 109 projects, yielding 11,400 jobs, while the Chinese funded 56 projects with resultant jobs estimated at 39,200 in the four-year period. Chinese firms have in recent years firmed their grip on cash-rich infrastructure contracts in Kenya, including various roads and the multi-billion shilling standard gauge railway (SGR).

Experts had earlier said the African Growth and Opportunity Act (Agoa), which gives a range of exports from sub-Saharan Africa including Kenya duty-free access to the US, is unlikely to be a top priority for President Donald Trump given its negligible impact on US jobs, raising questions about his administration's focus on Africa.

But Washington is equally understood

to be keen to reassert itself and intensify its engagement with Nairobi at a time other nations, including the UK, Russia and Japan, are courting Kenya. Last month President Kenyatta met Russian President Vladimir Putin as Moscow wooed Kenya, which it deems a strategically important bilateral partner in the East African trading bloc.

Kenya is a likely beneficiary of another US export window being considered to replace the Agoa after seven years, experts have hinted. Agoa expires in 2025. The Agoa plan has been dominated by export of textile and apparel, which accounts for 65 per cent of the total exports. Kenya ranks among the top suppliers of apparel to the US, having exported \$340 million (Sh3.4 billion) worth of such goods to the US in 2017.

Locals make impressive show as major investors at EPZ industries

By Smart Money Reporter

OVER 43 percent of industries operating under Export Processing Zones Authority (EPZA) are owned by local investors thanks to a conducive environment put in place by government.

In a presentation made at last week's Mtwara Regional Investment Forum held in Mtwara, EPZA's Senior Investment Promotion and Facilitation Officer, Nakadongo Fares said the rising interest by the local investors is also in line with government's efforts to ensure the country is semi industrialised by 2025.

"Most local investors are currently taking advantage of the various incentives being provided by the EPZA to establish industries and thus contribute towards economic growth," Fares said. She noted that Mtwara is a region with massive investment opportunities particularly in commodities production such as cashew-nuts of which over 70 percent of the



EPZA director general, Joseph Simbakalia.

nation's total originates from the natural gas rich region.

"There is still huge and untapped potential in the agriculture sector particularly in commodity production such as cashew-nuts for local investors to capitalise and establish more agro processing industries," she noted.

Fares explained that the EPZA is tasked with identifying and taking control of industrial investments

as well as provide expertise on the establishment of industries through the special economic zones. She pointed out that most industrialised countries managed to establish strong industrial bases through allocation of sufficient land for investors under export processing zones and special economic zones.

According to EPZA, the total capital investment through the ex-

port processing zones and special economic zones projects peaked US\$2.6 billion, export revenue was worth US\$1.3 billion while over 50,000 direct jobs were created by January this year.

The EPZA official said Investment Guides have been used by regions to market investment opportunities in the respective areas and lure potential investors with detailed investment information.

"It is observed that, investment opportunities and industrialisation potential of the regions is contained in IG which provides details on strength," she added.

The government is aspiring to make Tanzania a semi-industrialised and middle income economy by 2025 hence the current national focus on luring private investments in industrialisation guided by frameworks like Sustainable Industrial Development Policy (SIDP) 1996-2020, Integrated Industrial Development Strategy (IIDS) 2025 and the Five Year Development Programme (FYDPI) 2017/17-2020/21.



Standard Chartered Bank CEO Sanjay Rughani (R) poses for a souvenir photo with the Indian High Commissioner to Tanzania, Sanjiv Kohli (2nd R), and their spouses, Dr Ruma Kohli (2nd L) and Mili Rughani. Photo courtesy of StanChart Tanzania

ICT expert touts resource allocation to 5G technology for economic growth

By Smart Money Reporter

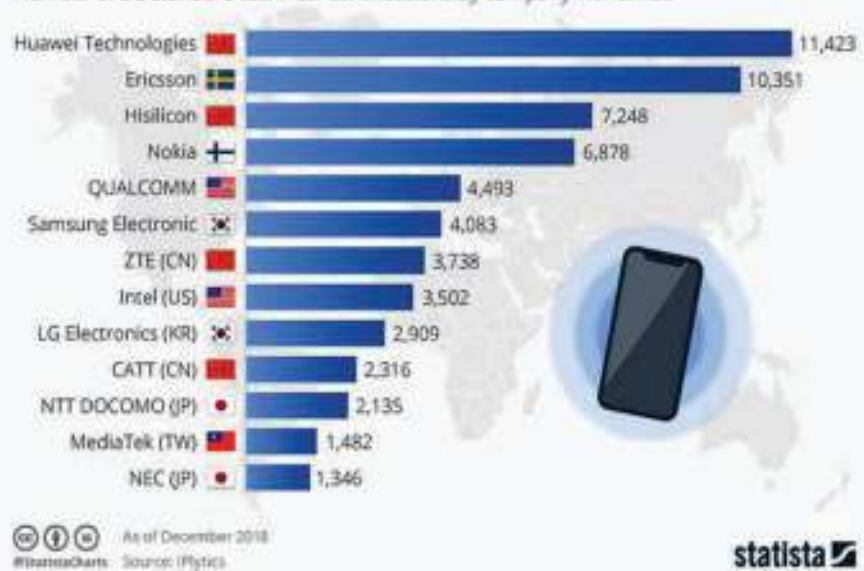
AN information communication technology expert has said forward thinking in resource allocation and business decision-making is critical to unleash fifth generation (5G) potential for development and economic growth.

In a presentation at the 3rd Tanzania Annual ICT Conference held in Dar es Salaam last week, Huawei Technologies' Senior Consultant for Southern Africa Region, Marius Engelbrecht said 5G technology with its associated service can and will impact on every aspect of business and government.

Engelbrecht said, "This impact can be translated into new jobs and opportunities, lifting citizens out of poverty and allowing them to participate in the economy. Service innovation and demand are the only way to prove 5G capabilities and not the speed-test," Engelbrecht said.

Who Is Leading The Race To Develop 5G?

Number of 5G standard technical contributions by company worldwide



KRA commissioner for Domestic Taxes Elizabeth Meyo.

He however emphasized that the necessity of getting back to basics, including spectrum planning and forward-thinking business strategy, are essential otherwise 5G will just stay as a simple mantras for the modern world.

"To boost the

innovation-driven development at national, organizational and individual level, it is important to plan resources such as spectrum in a future-oriented way so the scattered resource could be integrated and allocated where there is the most growth

potential," he advised.

He further noted that for the ICT industry, it is also important to keep 5G technology in mind while migrating from 4G in order to make decisions wisely and avoid overlapping investment by integrating requirements for the future 5G networks, e.g. capacity for massive

connection, low latency and user experience with high speed, into the current network planning and rolling out.

During the 3rd TAIC which is one of the most important platforms for discussion, networking and raising awareness on the global ICT affairs, business opportunities, knowledge and skills needed to cope with the dynamic digital economy, Huawei was one of the sponsors.

The TAIC also serves as the platform for participants to discuss on enabling environment aspects for effective use of ICT as an enabling tool towards socio-economic development in Tanzania. The 3rd ICT Conference succeeded the 2nd Annual ICT Professionals Conference held in October 2018 bringing together more than 400 stakeholders from both public and private sector. Small Medium size Enterprises, academia, ICT Entrepreneurs and traders.

Vodacom to join Safaricom in bid for \$1bn Ethiopian telecoms licence

NAIROBI

Safaricom and parent Vodacom Group plan a joint bid for an Ethiopian telecommunications licence that they expect to cost as much as \$1 billion. The Horn of Africa state is expected to invite bids for two new licenses this month to compete with its monopoly Ethiopian Telecommunications, which is also slated for part privatisation in early 2020.

The bid for the Ethiopian spectrum could be "quite high," acting Safaricom chief executive officer Michael Joseph said Friday in an interview after his company's first-half earnings presentation. "Then you have to spend another \$1 billion dollars on the network. There's not many corporations that can do this on their own," he said.

Premium pricing

Safaricom and Vodacom intend to vie for one of the two permits in a consortium with two financial institutions, Joseph said. While Safaricom does not rule out participating in the privatisation of Ethio Telecom, it's more keen on a greenfield operation, he told investors earlier.

"Ethiopia could be looking at an opportunity to monetize its spectrum so there could be a lot of premium pricing to get into the market, that's something to consider versus the cost of investing in the network," said Tracy Kivunyu, a senior telecommunications analyst at Tellimer Inc.

International carriers including Or-

ange SA and MTN Group are among companies interested in expanding in the nation with a relatively low level of data penetration and internet access, as well as the second-highest population in Africa – though one that's been prone to government-imposed internet blackouts.

Biggest prize

Ethiopia has more than 108 million people and about 50 million phone subscribers. Ethio Telecom's sales came in at \$340.2 million in the July-September quarter, 21% more than a year earlier.

The country is "the biggest prize left in Africa from a telecoms point of view," Joseph said. The main challenges there would be foreign-exchange controls, a budding democracy and yet-to-be published industry regulations, he said. Safaricom, whose first-half net income climbed 14% to 357 billion shillings (\$345.7 million) after it booked 129.9 billion shillings of revenue, paid \$55 million for an initial 15-year Kenyan operating license in 1999.

It will likely team up with a local financial institution because the telecommunications licenses do not allow for the mobile-money services, according to Lisa Kimathi, a senior research analyst at Standard Investment Bank. About 60% of Ethiopia's adult population is unbanked, she said. "I worry about the government controls in a country that is still undergoing reforms, so it might take time to realise returns," Kimathi said.

Rwanda has seen reasons to put up bigger number of outstanding firms

KIGALI

Last week, a new firm Shaka AI debuted in Rwanda's outsourcing scene whereby the firm will be providing services to An American firm.

The entrance of the firm is in line with Rwanda's ambitions of becoming a knowledge hub exporting skills and services to the region and beyond. Business Process Outsourcing and Knowledge Process Outsourcing involves contracting of non-primary business activities and allocation of relatively high-level tasks, to an external organization or a different group usually in a different geographic location.

With that local firms are contracted to take on tasks for bigger firms globally remotely. The global market for KPO and BPO is estimated at over \$2.9 billion with a close to have the revenues going to India.

Among services often outsourced under include market research, statistical analysis, legal, web development, software development, animation and graphic design among others. The recent entrants, Shaka AI join a budding industry in Rwanda with firms such as Wiredin and Andela.

For the model to work, Rwanda has to be competitive globally in several aspects such as skills and costs as well as seek to have an edge over countries that have long experience in the trend such as India, Philippines and South-Eastern Asia countries.

Industry players say that for more firms to debut under the model and thrive in Rwanda, there is need to market the availability of skills available in the country and what edge they have over dominant players globally.

The model is also dependent on having the latest and relevant skills that are not only competitive nationally or regionally but globally. Alain Kajangwe,



There is a global market for outsourcing services, one has to make sure that you are competitive in skills offering and pricing

the Founder and Chief Executive of Wiredin, one of the first firms in the country in IT outsourcing told Business Times that to further develop the outsourcing sector, there is need to create awareness of available skills that match clients' needs.

"There is a global market for outsourcing services, one has to make sure that you are competitive in skills offering and pricing," he said. Kajangwe's firm has for years provided services to firms in Japan and parts of Europe. He added that among the ways to grow the market is Business To Business links to showcase the skill sets available in Rwanda, capabilities and offering to potential clients.

Chanel Gisage, the President of Shaka AI who has about 15 years experience in BPO told Business Times that among the prerequisites is a structured ecosystem with affordable and reliable broadband to enable service providers to work remotely and communicate effectively.

Kajangwe added that the affordability of internet is critical because it has an impact on the profit margins of a firm providing outsourcing services. "If the broadband is too expensive, it has implications on your profitability. It's important that it's affordable and reliable," he said.

TanESCO contracts firm to undertake live power supply servicing and maintenance



Afriqie Live Power Line Maintenance T and D Limited managing director Donald Mwakamele briefs engineers undergoing training at the company's Morogoro premises at the weekend.

By Smart Money Reporter

NEW technology will allow Afriqie Live Power Line Maintenance T and D limited service power lines without switching off electricity as is the case currently hence saving customers from power interruptions.

Under a five year agreement signed between Afriqie Live and TanESCO last week, the company will services live wires hence allowing normal flow of electricity during such an exercise thanks to advanced technology.

"We want to see clients who include industrial investors not complaining about power interruptions during servicing of electricity supply lines at this time when President John Magufuli's government is encouraging investments in manufacturing industries as a means of graduating the economy to middle income and semi industrialised by 2025," said Afriqie Live Power Line Maintenance T and D Limited's Managing Director, Engineer Donald Mwakamele.

Eng Mwakamele told reporters who were on a field visit to Morogoro over the past weekend that he spent some time outside the country practicing live power line servicing technology in Botswana and Zambia and is back home to serve his country. Live-line working, also known as hotline maintenance, is the maintenance of electrical equipment, often operating at high voltage, while the equipment is energised.

He said Contractors Registration Board (CRB) sent 40 female electric engineers to Afriqie Live to get technical knowhow of the new technology so as to work on the planned project. "I have received 40 female engineers from

CRB who want to acquire knowledge and skills of the new technology. My target is to achieve high quality and productivity through modern expertise and latest technology," he said.

"We don't have this technology in the country, and Tanzania will be the first country to start the using the live power line servicing technology in east and central Africa," he added while pointing out that his firm is investing in innovative technologies that are aimed at boosting reliability of power supply by minimising interruptions.

"My company is launching today, the 'Live line maintenance programme', an innovation that is targeted at reducing interruptions to power supply network in our country. Under the programme maintenance and servicing of power supply infrastructure such as replacing rotten poles, supply lines and conductors or cutting down trees encroaching them," Eng Mwakamele noted.

About 60 percent of power interruptions arise from vegetation interference such as tree crossing power lines hence investing in the new technology is vital.

He further said that training one engineer to operate a live line maintenance can cost 500m/-. "It's very expensive to train live line engineers but stakeholders should support this project to avoid power interruptions.

"Our company performs live line maintenance on energized circuits up to 33kv using modern bucket trucks. We are also changing jumpers and replacing jumper connections, hot spot repairs on lines, replace other apparatus, cut out a switch, changing straight line to dead end and many

more," he explained.

On her part, Stars General Insurance Company's Manager, Doreen Mfalomagoha whose company covers the 40 female engineers working on the project, said her firm assures the women engineers and the public of better insurance coverage.

"We will cover them against accidents or getting sick so that they can concentrate on their training as this will benefit of our nation," Mfalomagoha said while urging the public to consider insurance as a necessity other than a luxury.

On the other hand, the live line project female engineers, Lightness Salema, Dainess Uwezo and Milka Manyasi, at different times were grateful for landing the rare opportunity.

"We want to work with TanESCO to make power line repairs and maintenance without switching off electricity and interrupt businesses which are very important for growth," said Engineer Salema, a graduate from University of Dar es Salaam in 2002.

Seconding Eng Salema's observation, Eng Manyasi who is a Saint Joseph University electric engineering graduate, said some people believe that their task is difficult hence only suitable for men.

"But the hard fact is that once you are keen to learn and understand the technology, the task is very easy and can be handled by any gender," she underlined.

The first techniques for live-line working were developed in the early years of the 20th century, and both equipment and work methods were later refined to deal with increasingly higher voltages.



Swvl's chief executive officer Mostafa Kandil.

Generation Start-up: Egypt's Swvl vies for a spot on the unicorn bus come 2023

CAIRO

It is hard to keep track of where Swvl, the bus transport app founded in Cairo in 2017, is going next. Over the past couple of years, founder and chief executive Mostafa Kandil has mentioned a number of cities in the start-up's expansion plans: Manila, Philippines; Lagos, Nigeria; Dar es Salaam, Tanzania; Abidjan, Ivory Coast; Dakar, Senegal; and Jakarta, Indonesia. Vietnam, Thailand and South Africa were also floated as possibilities at some point.

After Swvl raised \$42 million in a series B round in June, it did expand - to Nairobi, Kenya and four cities in Pakistan. It is anyone's guess where it will go next, but Mr Kandil says the company is targeting 15 countries by the end of next year.

"We don't see ourselves limited to a specific region or geography, but more of an emerging markets product," he says. "Basically we work best in major cities that have a big middle class and broken mass transit."

Filling a gap in the market between mass transit and ride-hailing, Swvl allows commuters to reserve seats on private buses operating on fixed routes and pay fares through its mobile app. It started in April 2017 with a few buses in the traffic-gridlocked metropolis of Cairo and set up in Egypt's second-largest city, Alexandria, later that year. Now it has "hundreds of thousands of bookings per day and thousands of buses operating," according to Mr Kandil.

He is so confident that Swvl will be a success in markets beyond Egypt, in January he said the company would be a unicorn in 36 months and now says "I think we are going to deliver in less than that". He notes that the company "doubled in volume and doubled in revenues" over the span of a few months following the last funding round.

Meanwhile, change is on the cards: an imminent move of

its headquarters to Dubai and a multi-phase expansion plan to Africa, Southeast Asia and Latin America - all in the hope of achieving a \$1 billion valuation and a dream to become the "gold standard" in the mass transit sector.

"Every day we're getting closer to being profitable, which is quite a unique selling proposition in this sector," says Mr Kandil. "We see a very clear path to not only becoming a unicorn, but becoming a multi-billion dollar business grown out of Egypt and the Middle East."

Sweden's Vostok New Ventures, which invested \$16m in Swvl's last funding round for a 10.3 per cent stake in the company, said in its first-half financial report that "the overall target of \$1 billion in GMV (gross merchandise volume) is achievable". It estimated that Egypt alone could become worth at least \$500m and "if successful in Lahore, Karachi, Nairobi, Lagos and Johannesburg, this upside obviously multiplies".

Swvl's ambitions come at an exciting time for start-ups in the region. The amount of funding raised by Middle East start-ups in the first nine months was up 30 per cent year-on-year to \$517m, according to a report last month by technology platform Magnitt. While the bulk (62 per cent) has gone to companies in the UAE, about 13 per cent went to companies in Egypt.

The number of exits to date this year reached 20, more than the full-year total of 17 last year, and includes the \$3.1bn sale of ride hailing company Careem to Uber, the report said. In a separate joint survey by Magnitt and venture firm 500 Startups, six in 10 start-up founders in the region said they expect an exit within five years and 59 per cent said they are "certain" they will create a business with an exit value of \$100m.

Vostok New Ventures' 10 per cent stake in Swvl already translates into a valuation of

nearly \$157m. Swvl is also one of the best-funded start-ups in the region, having raised over \$80m from a long list of investors that include Dubai's Beco Capital, US's Endeavor Catalyst, China's MSA, Egypt's Sawari Ventures and UAE real estate portal Property Finder chief executive Michael Lahyani.

"Swvl is a transformational offering providing the masses with a reliable, safe and affordable mass transit option for the daily commute," says Dany Farha, co-founder and managing partner at Beco Capital. He adds that Swvl is "saving governments the burden of investing billions in infrastructure" and "is led by a highly driven and capable founder." "These factors combined, along with the opportunity being in a white space, are some of the key characteristics of Beco's investment strategy," Mr Farha says.

Mr Kandil, 26, previously worked for Rocket Internet and Careem as a "market launcher". In his year with Careem, he helped roll out services in several cities in Egypt and Pakistan, as well as Istanbul. The inspiration for Swvl came from growing up in Cairo where it is a struggle to find transportation that is both reliable and affordable, but the idea crystallised during his time at Careem.

"Working at Careem and seeing that a very short trip in Cairo is \$3, for an average Egyptian citizen who makes \$500 or \$400 or \$300 a month, to do this every day to go to work, it's a very big chunk of their salary," he says.

Just a few months after founding Swvl along with Ahmed Sabbah and Mahmoud Nouh, Careem invested \$500,000 in the venture in July 2017. At the time Careem co-founder Magnus Olsson told Reuters, "We want them to run and learn and develop at a very high pace and high agility and we believe the best way for them to do that is to stay independent."

VIEW FROM THE TOP

CORPORATE WELLNESS



By Bhakti Shah, MPH

November is the Diabetes awareness Month and the 2019 theme is Family and Diabetes, where the focus is on promoting the role of family in the management, care, prevention and education of diabetes.

The statistics are striking. According to the International Diabetes Federation (IDF)

- 425 million people have diabetes

Family and Diabetes

- In 2017, 47 million people died due to diabetes.
- 70% of people living with diabetes in the IDF Africa Region (including Tanzania), do not know they have it
- Diabetes was responsible for 312,000 deaths in the IDF Africa region - 3 in 4 of these deaths were in people under 60.
- 1 in 10 live births in the IDF Africa Region are affected by hyperglycemia in pregnancy
- The highest prevalence of diabetes in the IDF Africa Region is found in adults aged 55 - 64.
- The region has the highest proportion of undiagnosed diabetes, with over 69% of adults currently living with diabetes unaware of their condition. Most of these have type 2 diabetes associated with unhealthy lifestyle habits.
- More than half - 55% of adults living with diabetes in the IDF Africa Region live in urban areas.



Tanzania has a 3.6% prevalence of diabetes in adults. In 2017, there were 897,000 cases of diabetes in adults. Diabetes is a leading cause of blindness, amputation, heart disease, kidney failure and early death. Simple actions can reduce risks - over 50% of diabetes is preventable by adopting healthy habits.

Adults with diabetes are nearly twice as likely to die from heart disease or stroke as people without diabetes. This

is because over time, high blood glucose from diabetes can damage your blood vessels and the nerves that control your heart. The good news is that the steps you take to manage diabetes can also help lower your chances of having heart disease or stroke.

- Stop smoking or using other tobacco products
- Manage blood pressure and cholesterol levels

- Develop or maintain healthy lifestyle habits - be more physically active and learn ways to manage stress
- Take medicines as prescribed by your doctor

While Type 2 diabetes is more commonly associated with adults, fueled largely by lifestyle habits and obesity. Type 2 diabetes in children is an emerging condition most commonly found with overweight and obesity.

Type 1 diabetes, on the other hand usually appears during childhood or adolescence - it may develop in adults. Type 1 diabetes is also known as insulin dependent diabetes, in which the pancreas does not produce insulin - a hormone needed to allow sugar to enter cells to produce energy. Different factors, including genetics and environmental factors may contribute to Type 1 diabetes.

4 out of 5 parents have trouble spotting the diabetes warning signs in children such as:

- Excessive thirst,
- Frequent urination,
- Bed-wetting in children who previously did not wet the bed

- during the night
- Numbness in hands and feet
- Unintended weight loss
- Extreme hunger
- Irritability and mood changes
- Fatigue and weakness
- Blurred vision

A doctor should be consulted if you notice any of the above symptoms for diagnosis and treatment.

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WORLD

Whistleblower offers to take written questions in Donald Trump impeachment inquiry

WASHINGTON

THE anonymous whistleblower whose complaint triggered an impeachment inquiry into U.S. President Donald Trump has agreed to answer written questions from Republican lawmakers, an attorney said on Sunday, as the process is dividing Washington further.

"Our legal team offered GOP direct opportunity to ask written questions of #whistleblower," Mark Zaid, who's representing the whistleblower, said in a series of tweets, while warning Republicans against their recent messaging that demanded the disclosure of the whistleblower's identity.

"GOP has sought to expose our client's identity which could jeopardize their safety, as well as that of their family," he wrote.

Zaid also said they have offered both Republican and Democratic members of the House and Senate Intelligence Committees to have his client answer questions "in writing, under oath & penalty of perjury."

The attorney, specifically, said they have offered to Devin Nunes, the Republican ranking member of the House Intelligence Committee, "opportunity for

Minority to submit through legal team written questions" to the Whistleblower.

"Qs cannot seek identifying info, regarding which we will not provide, or otherwise be inappropriate. We will ensure timely answers," he said. "Being a whistleblower is not a partisan job nor is impeachment an objective. That is not our role."

In an anonymous complaint this summer, the whistleblower raised concerns about the White House's interactions with Ukraine, including a July 25 phone call between Trump and his Ukrainian counterpart, Volodymyr Zelensky, which prompted House Speaker Nancy Pelosi to initiate the impeachment inquiry late September.

Trump was alleged to have abused power by using a military aid to pressure Zelensky into investigating former U.S. Vice President Joe Biden, a top-tier 2020 Democratic presidential contender, so as to help his re-election campaign.

Besides, the White House allegedly tried to cover it up. Trump has denied any wrongdoing or a "quid pro quo." The White House has dismissed those allegations and made clear that it will not cooperate with House investigators by providing documents or witnesses



Mark Zaid

because it considered the ongoing impeachment inquiry unfair and illegitimate.

Zaid's offer came as Trump called on Sunday for the revealing of the whistleblower's identity, while attacking the complaint's credibility.

"The whistleblower should be revealed because the whistleblower gave false stories. Some people would call it a fraud; I won't go that far," Trump told reporters at the White House.

"I don't know why the media is not on it, because the whistleblower gave a very inaccurate report about my phone call," he said. "My phone call was perfect. It was totally appropriate."

House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy on Sunday suggested that written testimony would not satisfy Republicans.

"When you're talking about the removal of the president of the United States, undoing democracy, undoing what the American public had voted for, I think that individual should come before the committee," the California Republican said on CBS's "Face the Nation." "He needs to answer the questions."

Since the start of the inquiry, House investigators have spoken to roughly a dozen former and

current Trump administration officials behind closed doors.

The Democratic-controlled House approved mostly along party lines a resolution earlier in the past week that establishes procedures for public hearings in the impeachment inquiry and the release of deposition transcripts, among other things, signaling that the next phase of impeachment could start soon.

Jackie Speier, a Democratic member of the House Intelligence Committee, said on Sunday that transcripts of the depositions will probably be released in the coming week.

"I think you're going to see all of the transcripts that are going to be released probably within the next five days," Speier told CBS's "Face the Nation."

"I don't know if they're all going to be released on the same day, but they're going to be very telling to the American people," she added.

House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, who also appeared on CBS on Sunday, said Congress will move "relatively soon" to hold public hearings but would not commit to wrapping up those hearings before Thanksgiving, which falls on Nov. 28 this year.

"Time is not constraining us," Hoyer said. "The truth and the facts are constraining us. We are going to move as soon as the facts and the truth dictate that we have."

According to the latest NBC News/Wall Street Journal poll released on Sunday, exactly one year from the 2020 election, 49 percent of the respondents said Trump should not be impeached and removed from office, while 46 percent disagreed.

A GOP base remains loyal to Trump, with nine-in-10 Republicans opposing his removal from office, showed the poll.

"At this very early stage of the impeachment inquiry the data suggest a path for victory for Trump with the judges in the Senate," said Democratic pollster Jeff Horwitz of Hart Research.

The president will be impeached if the House approves any of the articles of impeachment that the Judiciary Committee has recommended by a simple majority vote. But conviction of the president can only happen in the Senate and requires at least two-thirds of its members, or 67 senators, to vote in favour.

Xinhua

Iranians chant 'Death to America' to mark US embassy

DUBAI

THOUSANDS of Iranians chanted "Death to America" near the old U.S. embassy yesterday, the 40th anniversary on the seizure of the mission, with the country's army chief comparing the United States with a poisonous scorpion intent on harming Iran.

State television showed crowds packing the streets around the former mission, dubbed the "den of spies" after Iran's 1979 Islamic revolution. Marches and rallies were being held in some 1,000 communities across the country, state media said.

Hardline Islamist students stormed the embassy soon after the fall of the U.S.-backed shah, and 52 Americans were held hostage there for 444 days. The two countries have been enemies ever since.

"Our fight with America is over our independence, over not submitting to bullying, over values, beliefs and our religion," army chief Major General Abdolrahim Mousavi said in a speech at the rally outside the former embassy.

"They (Americans) will continue their hostilities, like the proverbial poisonous scorpion whose nature it is to sting and



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"Those who believe that negotiations with the enemy will solve our problems are 100% wrong," he said.

Meanwhile, Iran's parliament gave initial approval to a measure requiring schoolbooks to inform students about "America's crimes". Lawmakers also chanted "Death to America".

Relations between the two countries have reached a cri-

sis over the past year since U.S. President Donald Trump abandoned a 2015 pact between Iran and world powers under which it accepted curbs to its nuclear program in return for lifting sanctions.

The United States has reimposed sanctions aimed at halting all Iranian oil exports, saying it seeks to force it to negotiate to reach a wider deal.

Khamenei has banned Iranian officials from holding talks unless the United States returns to the nuclear deal and lifts all sanctions.

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Defying PM, thousands of Iraqis continue to flood Baghdad square

BAGHDAD

THOUSANDS of anti-government protesters gathered in central Baghdad yesterday, defying the plea by the Prime Minister Adel Abdul Mahdi to end protests which he says are costing Iraq's economy billions of dollars and disrupting daily life.

The protests have broken nearly two years of relative stability in Iraq since they started on Oct 1. More than 250 people have been killed.

Despite the country's oil wealth, many people live in poverty with limited access to clean water, electricity, healthcare or education.

"The youth have lived through economic hardships, explosions, oppression. We want to root out

this political elite completely. We want to get rid of this gang, then maybe we can rest," said a protester, said a protester, who did not wish to be identified, who had camped overnight in Baghdad's Tahrir Square.

Prime Minister Adel Abdul Mahdi (pictured) appealed to protesters on Sunday night to suspend their movement which he said had achieved its goals and was hurting the economy.

The premier has said he is willing to resign if politicians agree on a replacement and promised a number of reforms, but protesters say that is not enough and that the entire political class needs to go.

Operations at Iraq's main Gulf port of Umm Qasr, which receives the bulk of the country's grain, veg-



stable oil and sugar imports, have been at a complete standstill since Wednesday.

The anger over economic hardship and corruption is aimed at the sectarian power-sharing system of governance introduced in Iraq

after 2003 and the political elites benefiting from it.

The political class is seen by many as subservient to one or other of Baghdad's main allies, the United States and Iran, who use Iraq as a proxy in a struggle for regional influence.

Three protesters killed in Iran consulate attack

Hundreds of protesters gathered overnight in front of the Iranian consulate in the Shi'ite holy city of Kerbala in southern Iraq and tried to set it on fire. Security forces dispersed them using tear gas and live ammunition, security and medical sources said.

Iraqi security officials say three protesters were killed and 19 were wounded during the attack the previous night. The officials spoke

on condition of anonymity in line with regulations on Monday. They say seven policemen were also wounded.

Dozens of Iraqi protesters attacked the consulate, scaling the concrete barriers ringing the building to bring down the Iranian flag and replace it with the Iraqi flag. The protesters also lobbed molotov cocktails into the consulate grounds, setting off fires.

Anti-government protests in Baghdad, Karbala and other southern Iraqi cities have often turned violent, with security forces opening fire and protesters torching government buildings and headquarters of Iran-backed militias.

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Butina says being in US prison was 'a torture'

WASHINGTON

RUSSIAN national Maria Butina, who has recently been released from a US prison, in an interview with CBS said that being in jail was "a torture." The interview was recorded shortly before the Butina's release.



According to the interviewer, Butina (pictured) particularly wanted to talk about "the conditions in the Washington DC jail where she was first held." "Cockroaches were everywhere, she claimed. No mattresses or blankets," the interviewer added.

"It is a torture. It is not normal for a human being to be locked for 23, 20, 22 hours in a cell by your own. Do you really think for not filing the paper you deserve 18 months of incarceration, four months in solitary confinement, and all this experience in jail? Is that the way?" Butina said.

"God found me. He was always there. And helped me to go through all these tough days," the Russian added. Russian Orthodox priest Viktor Potapov visited Maria in prison and provided her with religious literature.

The reason of the imprisonment

Maria Butina also made it clear that she had been convicted only because she was Russian.

The interviewer pointed out that the judge had said Butina's crime "was a threat to our democratic institutions." Maria responded that "it is very sad for me, because it shows how broken the justice system in the United States is." According to her, the judge was "absolutely wrong."

"You cannot charge a person with a crime for collecting information with not specifying what information. I have never collected any sensitive or classified information," the Russian noted.

When asked to comment on the charges that she had been "making connections with Republicans" in order to "influence US policy," Butina pointed out that "if I were not Russian, that would be called social networking."

"It's all conspiracy theories. There is absolutely no proof of any of that, and I am not aware of any actions like this," Maria added, rejecting allegations that there were some "government person" behind her.

"I never sought to influence your policies. I came here on my own because I wanted to learn from the United States and go back to Russia to make Russia better," Butina emphasized.

Butina case

Butina, 30, was arrested in Washington on July 15, 2018, ahead of a meeting between Russian President Vladimir Putin and his US counterpart Donald Trump in Helsinki.

She was charged with conspiracy to act as a foreign agent in the United States. American intelligence services argued that the Russian citizen carried out this activity without being registered as an agent of a foreign state at the Department of Justice.

On December 13, 2018, Butina pleaded guilty to conspiracy to violate the US law governing foreign agents operating in the country and signed a plea bargain. On April 26, 2019, she was sentenced to 18 months in prison. Moscow stated that the charges had been trumped-up, and demanded her release.

Butina's sentence ended on October 25. She was released from prison and deported to Russia.

The Russian initially went to the United States for a college course and obtained a master's degree in international relations from American University in Washington.

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Libya's eastern-based army attacks airports in Tripoli, Misurata

TRIPOLI

THE air force of the eastern-based army of Libya yesterday said it attacked the Mitiga International Airport of the capital Tripoli and the International Airport of Misurata city, targeting positions of the rival UN-backed government's forces.

"Fighter jets of the air force launched several airstrikes on positions of the militias (UN-backed government forces)," the army's information office said in a statement.

The airstrikes destroyed stores of drones in Misurata airport, some 200 km east of Tripoli, as well as an operation chamber in Mitiga International Airport, the statement said.

The eastern-based army announced on Monday the killing of 15 troops of the UN-backed government's forces in southern Tripoli. On the same day, the UN-backed government's forces declared destroying military vehicles and capturing seven soldiers of the eastern-based army in southern Tripoli.

Xinhua

Climate activists nab Macron portraits, divide French judges

LYON

IS stealing a presidential portrait a prison-worthy crime? Or a laudable act of civil disobedience?

Courts around France are grappling with this question in response to an unusual new environmental movement that's aiming to push French President Emmanuel Macron to do more to fight climate change.

One by one, environmental activists around France have removed Macron's official portraits from more than 130 town halls this year, from the foothills of the Alps to the Left Bank of Paris.

Their point: Even as Macron (pictured) portrays himself on the global stage as Mr. Climate, the centrist,

business-friendly president isn't acting boldly enough to change his own country's planet-damaging ways.

They're notably angry that France has lagged on its international commitments to increase use of renewable energy and reduce emissions. France remains well behind its European neighbors in its use of renewable energy.

The portrait-removers have been facing trials around the country, with some fined, others acquitted. An appeals trial of the first court case was held last week in Lyon with the ruling still pending, and a new trial is scheduled later this month.

The protesters don't fit a single mold - one's a math teacher, another works for the SNCF national rail company,

another's an organic vegetable farmer.

At last week's trial, defendant Helene Lacroix-Baudrion argued that the portrait removal was "an act aimed at taking care of life and our environment."

"We just want Macron, who holds himself up as a climate defender, to respect France's commitments under the COP21 (the 2015 UN climate agreement signed in Paris)," she told The Associated Press.

An expert working for the UN climate change agency testified as a defense witness at the trial, and climate activists gathered for a boisterous protest outside the courthouse.

The trials themselves have turned into public debates on civil disobedience, France's rich tradition of protest - and of course, the environment.



France is divided over how, and how fast, to cut emissions blamed for worsening climate change. Macron argues that he's doing more than most, and has stood up to US President Donald Trump on the need for countries and corporations to cooperate to cut emissions.

However, Macron backed down on a fuel tax last year meant to help wean

France off fossil fuels, because the tax triggered the yellow vest protest movement against economic injustice, which saw months of violent protests that devastated some major shopping streets in Paris.

So activists started targeting Macron's portraits, symbolically dethroning him to demand action.

Several brought stolen portraits to a march at the Group of Seven summit Macron hosted in Biarritz in August, to try to embarrass him at the global event. They brandished the pictures upside down, arguing that his climate policy is the opposite of what the planet needs.

French law says the acts can be considered "group theft," which can be punishable by several years in prison.

No court seems willing to go as far as locking up the portrait-removers, but the verdicts have been mixed.

Six portrait-removers were convicted in the first trial, in Bourg-en-Bresse in June, but five were only given suspended fines. The sixth was fined 250 euros (US\$280) because he already had a criminal record.

The court ruling said it wasn't clear how removing the portraits would "save humanity from ecological disaster" and argued that "other avenues were open to the defendants to defend their cause."

The protesters themselves, from the Non-Violent Action COP21 activist group, accepted the ruling, but the prosecutor appealed, seeking tougher punishment.

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CIIE shares China's development opportunities with the world

THE second China International Import Expo (CIIE) slated to kick off in Shanghai on Nov.5 will be a grand event witnessing in-depth integration of China into the world and win-win cooperation between China and countries across the globe.

So far, over 3,000 enterprises from more than 150 countries and regions have signed up for the expo, with the number of countries, regions, international organizations, exhibitors, as well as Fortune Global 500 enterprises and industry leading companies to attend the second CIIE all surpassing that of the first CIIE held last year.

The surge in the number of participants caused exhibition area shortage in the National Exhibition and Convention Center (Shanghai), the venue for the upcoming expo. Only after several extensions, the exhibition area in the venue can scarcely meet the huge need for booths.

How is a newborn expo enjoying such extraordinary popularity around the world?

Above all, the popularity is credited to the grand background of the CIIE, given that it is the world's first-ever import expo held at national level and an innovation in the history of global trade which has been planned, arranged, and promoted by Chinese President Xi Jinping.

In particular, the popularity of the second CIIE is a result of the remarkable success of the first CIIE, where exhibitors reaped fruitful results.

In just 6 days during the first CIIE, more than 800,000 people visited the exhibition halls for business discussions, purchase, and sightseeing, generating a total of \$5.78 billion in terms of volume of deals.

The popularity of the CIIE also reflects the confidence of enterprises around the world in China's determination to constantly deep-



Decoration of the west gate at the National Exhibition and Convention Center in Shanghai is almost complete, Oct. 22, 2019. (Photo/Yi Jianke)

en its efforts at all-round opening-up.

With the implementation of a major series of favorable policies and measures aiming at promoting opening-up at a higher level, China has constantly optimized its institutional environment.

By further lowering its overall tariff level, broadening market access, shortening the negative lists for foreign investment, and promoting transparent market rules, China has endeavored to make it more convenient for various companies around the world to share its development opportunities.

"In the coming 15 years, China's import of goods and services are expected to exceed \$30 trillion and \$10 trillion respectively," The remark of President Xi about the general forecast of Chinese market made at the opening ceremony of the first CIIE sparked heated discussion around the world.

The rise of China's consumer market has been universally regarded as an important pillar of the steady and sustained econom-

ic growth of the country, and the primary focus of foreign enterprises to continue investing in China.

Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) has actively organized Japanese enterprises to take part in the CIIE. These companies will focus their efforts on introducing such goods as food, agricultural produce, and medicine that have huge potential in Chinese market.

The CIIE will serve as an important platform for the marketing of these products in China, said JETRO.

A delegation of business representatives from 84 Singaporean companies will participate in the second CIIE, according to Teo Siong Seng, Chairman of Singapore Business Federation (SBF).

Seeing the remarkable results of the first CIIE, more Singaporean companies hope to showcase their innovative products and services in China, said Teo.

The appeal of China's consumer market is not just because of its size, but is rooted in its structure

which is constantly optimized.

From daily necessities to such areas as housing, transportation and tourism, the proportion of service consumption in China's consumer market has significantly increased over the past few decades, while forms of circulation have been continuously innovated and the market volume of online retailing now leads the world.

In the face of the changing times, more and more multinationals regard Chinese market as an ideal land for incubating global innovations, hence constantly increase innovation inputs in China.

It is expected that the amount of new products, new technologies, new services, new techniques, and new applications to debut in the world or to be unveiled for the first time in China at the second CIIE will exceed that at the first CIIE last year.

These new creations include concept car that can automatically perceive the physiological status of passengers and adjust its interior environment accordingly,



The "5G Global Innovation Port", the world's first comprehensive 5G application demonstration and joint innovation platform, is officially put into operation in the North Bund area of Hongkou district, Shanghai

pulverizer that can turn 150 to 200 tonnes of construction waste into renewable materials within an hour, and Steinway & Sons' newest piano that can automatically perform music and precisely record the performances of musicians.

The enthusiasm for launching new products in the CIIE is closely related with China's constantly intensified efforts to strengthen the protection of intellectual property rights (IPR).

China has made great efforts to perfect its laws to better protect IPR. The country has built a fully-fledged intellectual property legal framework which is in line with prevailing international rules. It will also introduce punitive damages for infringements on intellectual property, which will make its punishment for infringements reach a relatively high level in the world.

China's remarkable progress in IPR protection has significantly improved the country's environment for innovation, enabling transnational corporations to be

totally reassured about expanding their business in China.

At the moment when economic globalization is undergoing headwinds, observers of various countries think the CIIE held by China is a powerful measure to continue driving forward economic globalization.

By holding the CIIE, China has built a platform for international trade and cooperation opportunities shared among various countries around the world, said Bernard Dewit, Chairman of Belgian-Chinese Chamber of Commerce (BCECC).

China is safeguarding the free trade system with practical actions, noted Dewit, adding that the country's endeavor to further expand opening-up will generate huge business opportunities for various countries in the world.

While hosted by China, the smooth holding of the CIIE is the result of collaboration of China with international organizations including the World Trade Organization (WTO), the United Na-

tions Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), and also the joint participation of many countries.

Such high-level partners and extensive participation reflect the internationalization and openness of the CIIE as an important platform built by China in an effort to proactively expand imports and open its market wider. It also manifests the international community's sincere expectation for improving global trade environment and realizing win-win cooperation.

China today is standing at a higher starting point on a journey of promoting development through opening-up.

On the one hand, the realization of opening-up at a higher level has become an inevitable requirement of the transformation and upgrading of Chinese economy. On the other hand, the country is confronted with pressure caused by the changing global trade environment. **People's Daily**

An open Chinese market becomes more attractive to the world

AS China's major initiative to continue widening market access to the rest of the world, the China International Import Expo (CIIE) has become an important platform for global countries to deepen cooperation and realize common development, said the guests and representatives from countries and international organizations that will participate in the second CIIE from Nov.5 to 10.

They hope that the CIIE will embrace continued success in the years to come and provide more opportunities for foreign countries and enterprises.

Covering a total area of 30,000 square meters, the country exhibition of the second CIIE will host 64 countries (including China) and three international organizations.

With unique designed pavilions, participants of the CIIE intend to showcase their developments and achievements, business environment and characteristic industries.

While the pavilion of Greece drew on the elements of ancient Greek temples, that of Cabo Verde, an island country, was designed on the theme of ocean. South Africa illustrated the pictures of local landscapes on the light boxes and the Belarus booth was a scaled-down version of the National Library of Belarus, in the shape of a diamond.

France is one of the fifteen guest countries of honor of the expo. 17 influential French enterprises, six French regions and



Aerial photo taken on Oct. 3, 2019 shows Shanghai Yangshan Deep Water Port. (Photo/Ji Haixin)

public institutions are expected to hold exhibitions at the French pavilion.

Just a few days ago, Emmanuel Macron, President of France, said he looks forward to his upcoming state visit to China from Nov.4 to 6, during which he will attend the second CIIE.

Uzbekistan combined historical and cultural rel-

ics, patterns of national characteristics and modern technology in the country's pavilion, demonstrating how the civilization along the ancient Silk Road has evolved in the past one thousand years.

More than 20 Uzbek enterprises will exhibit their products at the import expo, covering such fields as automobile, oil and gas, textile, meat and wine.

Statistics show that Uzbekistan's foreign trade turnover with China reached \$3.9 billion in the first half of 2019, an increase of 38.8 percent year on year. The figure has witnessed a year-on-year growth of over 30 percent for two consecutive years.

To impress the audience, Tanzania will display featured local products, such as cashew nuts, coffee, cotton, tea, cloves and tapioca. The country will also show the beautiful scenery of the Mount Kilimanjaro, Tanzania's and Africa's highest mountain, on the advertising boards.

Since Tanzania is in the initial stage of industrialization, it is more than willing to advertise its products at the CIIE to attract foreign investors, said the manager of the Tanzanian pavilion.

The CIIE presents huge opportunities for Peru to better understand the Chinese market, said Juan Luis Kuyeng Ruiz, the commercial consul of the Consulate General of the Republic of Peru in Shanghai, adding building such an international platform for cooperation is a concrete action by China to advance an open world economy.

Peru will send to the expo a delegation of nearly 100 enterprises, representing about 30 companies from food

export and tourism industries. Led by Roger Valencia, Minister of Foreign Trade and Tourism in Peru, the delegation is estimated to conduct over 1,000 business negotiations during the CIIE.

The scale of the second CIIE is larger than the first one held last November, with more products making a world or China debut at the expo. Many guest countries and representatives from international organizations believe that a more open China is increasingly attractive to the world.

Changyong Rhee, director of the Asia and Pacific Department of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), pointed out that China, a major exporter in the world, is also a large importer. China sets a good example for the rest of the world with its successful development and the country has always integrated into the world in the process of economic globalization, Rhee said.

The CIIE demonstrates China's consistent position of supporting the multilateral trading system and promoting trade liberalization and facilitation, said Tobias Adrian, director of the Monetary and Capital Markets Department at the IMF. **People's Daily**

CORPORATE CEOs lauded the upcoming second China International Import Expo (CIIE) as an important event for China to proactively expand imports and open its market to the world.

The expo serves as an important platform for the world to share China's development dividends, explore the Chinese market and deepen mutually beneficial cooperation they said.

It is also an event through which China hopes to promote high-quality economic development and better satisfy the ever-growing needs of its people for a better life.

The second CIIE will take place from Nov. 5th to 10th in Shanghai. More than 3,000 companies from over 150 countries and regions, and more than 500,000 buyers and visitors from home and abroad, are expected at the expo.

The second expo is set to be larger in scale and better in quality than its inaugural version last year, and a richer variety of activities will be held.

China sends a strong signal of

expanding opening up to the world through hosting the CIIE, said Bruno Chevot, Senior Vice President of Danone Early Life Nutrition Greater China, who expressed that the expo is expected to better satisfy people's needs for a better life.

The CIIE provides special opportunities and a broad platform for Danone by allowing its innovative products to enter China at a faster pace and contributing to China's consumption upgrading.

CEO of the Lego Group Niels B. Christiansen disclosed that the Danish toymaker opened another 70 retail stores in China over the last year after its products became a hit at the first CIIE.

The Chinese market has strong potential for development. We hold high expectations toward the second CIIE and will be more meticulous in planning our booths and exhibits, he said.

US software-industrial company Honeywell was one of the first foreign companies confirming to take part in the first CIIE. The company has tripled its exhibition area at the

CIIE presents a more open, inclusive China to the world



A panorama view of the Bund in Shanghai. (Photo/Lin Xu)

second CIIE.

William Yu, President of Honeywell China, disclosed that his company signed more than 10 agreements with Chinese firms, some of which have already been implemented.

At the second CIIE, Honeywell plans to display 30 innovative technologies. Many technologies and solutions will have their debut in China.

The CIIE embodies a more open and inclusive China, and we look

forward to opening new prospects of cooperation with Chinese companies at the expo, said Yin Zheng, Executive Vice President of French energy management and automation firm Schneider Electric.

The company plans to increase R&D input in China by 50 percent within three years, cement cooperation with Chinese partners and make greater contributions to advance the building of an open economy.

We hope the CIIE will become

a greater success that creates new growth opportunities for the participants, said Duan Xiaoying, President of General Electric (GE) China, adding that GE has witnessed, been part of and benefited from China's opening up.

This year, the US company will establish an exhibition booth to display its efforts in fulfilling China's market needs in such fields as clean energy, urbanization, and Internet Plus, as well as its strength in helping China achieve economic trans-

formation.

Huang Chenhong, Dell's Global Senior Vice President and President of Dell Greater China, said the CIIE demonstrates China's determination to advance an open world economy. Dell will continue with its In China, For China strategy, take an active part in digital transformation of the Chinese market and contribute to the country's pursuit of high-quality economic development, Huang said.

James Zhou, Global Vice Presi-

dent of Louis Dreyfus Co, said the CIIE opens a platform for enterprises from around the world to display their visions and trends of industry development, and serves as an opportunity for them to deepen cooperation and explore new business opportunities with their partners. **People's Daily**



Kenyan chess player, Joseph Methu (L), who emerged as this year's Tanzania Open competition's champion, receives trophy at a presentation ceremony which took place in Dar es Salaam last weekend. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

Kenyan chess player wins Tanzania Open 2019 tourney

BY CORRESPONDENT JOSEPH MCHEKADONA

KENYAN chess player Joseph Methu emerged the overall winner at the just ended Tanzania Open tournament which attracted 100 players from five countries.

Tournament director Kara Louis said no local player was in the top five spots.

He said to emerge as the winner, Methu scored six points and was followed by Nama-le Ben Nguku who got five points.

The third place went to Njoroge Martin, who also got five points, and Candidate Master (CM) Ben Magana settled for the fourth spot with 4.5 points, the fifth spot was won by Nyaga James Kabui with 4.5 points.

The top winner received cash prize of 700,000/- runner up got 500,000/-, third winner took home 350,000/-.

The fourth winner got 200,000/- while the fifth was awarded 150,000/-.

Louis disclosed locals who performed well are Albert Njau, Emmanuel Mwaisumbe and Fide Master (FM) Hemed Mlawa.

He also said the tournament's best female player was Kenyan female Fide Master, Sasha Mongeli.

The best players in Under 18 category are Tanzanians, Shadrack Lusako, Shreesh Agar-waal, Anacleutus Moras, Aaditya Kailash BhattBhatt and Samuel George, with each posting three points.

In the Under 14 category, Louis said Pri-sha Chheda was the event's winner with six points, Isaac Mukani took the runner-up spot with 4.5 points.

Rahul Raj ended third with 4.5 points and Rohan Jani, also with 4.5 points, took the fourth spot and the fifth spot went to G-mathi Srianskar four points

Louis said in Under 9 category, Gokulraam Sankar emerged the winner with 5.5 points, Panav Bangur ended second with five points.

Kahil Walli was third with 4.5 points and Harshita Saravanan finished fourth with four points and on the fifth place went to Viva Pujari who got four points.

The tournament attracted players from Poland, Uganda, Kenya, Zimbabwe and hosts, Tanzania.

Louis attributed poor performance of local players at the tournament's open category to experience, saying the country has no strong and competitive league.

"We don't have a very active league, not like Kenya and Uganda, our league started last year only but our neighbors (Kenya and Uganda) their competitions have been on for more than 10 years now," he said.

He, however, said he had been impressed with the performance of local junior players at the event as some of them managed to beat seniors.

The International Chess Federation (FIDE)-rated tournament started on Friday and ended on Sunday.

It was played in Swiss format, its time control was 90 minutes for forty moves plus 30 minutes of rest while

Duke Michieka from Kenya was the competition's chief arbiter and was assisted by Mustafa Ebrahim.

The tournament was organized by Tanzania Chess Association (TCA) and Don Bosco Youth Center of Upanga.

Jasco Building and Civil Contractors, Hari Singh and sons Ltd, Makapo Contractors, Gp + Global, Dar Solutions and Rising Star Academy sponsored the tournament.

Manula claims 50 clean sheets for Simba SC

BY CORRESPONDENT MICHAEL MWEBE

GOALKEEPER Aishi Manula reached a major personal milestone for Simba SC along with his side's comprehensive 4-0 victory over Mbeya City FC in the Mainland Tanzania Premier League match played at Uhuru Stadium in Dar es Salaam on Sunday.

Meddie Kagere, Clatous Chama, Sharaf Shiboub and Deo Kanda stole the headlines with their goals in the clash but Manula remarkably managed to claim his 50th clean sheet for the side, nicknamed Msimbazi Reds.

Manula has achieved that milestone in just under three seasons where he has been so dominant that he has kept the highest number of clean sheets for four consecutive seasons.

His 50 clean sheets have come in just 85 competitive appearances for Simba that includes the Mainland Premier League, CAF inter-clubs and the Federation Cup games.

He has been a starter under three head coaches, Joseph Omog, Pierre Lechantre, Patrick Aussems as well as interim head coach, Masoud Djuma.

Since his arrival in 2012 at Azam as a youngster from Morogoro, Manula can boast of having managed to keep the highest number of clean sheets in the league during that time, ahead of such experienced goalkeepers like Ali Mustapha, Deogratius Munishi and Mwadini Ali.

He stayed at Azam FC for five seasons where he won one league title and was twice crowned goalkeeper of the season in 2015/16 and 2016/17 campaigns.

He was among four Azam FC players who joined Simba at the start of 2017/18 season.



Aishi Manula

The goalkeeper's deal with Azam FC was up in July but he had already signed a pre-contract with Simba together with Shomari Kapombe, John Bocco and Erasto Nyoni.

In two full seasons with Simba, he won back to back league titles, Federation Cup and also helped Simba qualify for the quarterfinals of CAF Champions League.

Simba automatically renewed his contract for two more years in a deal reported to have made one of the

highest paid local players in the Mainland Premier League.

Manula is no longer viewed as the outright number one keeper for senior national team, Taifa Stars, since the appointment of Etienne Ndayiragije who seems to be impressed with veteran Juma Kaseja.

And following the recent form of Kaseja with the national team, Manula's place in the senior national squad is not assured.

However, Manula has kept

five clean sheets in his nine appearances for Simba this season, while Kaseja has looked vulnerable during KMC FC's own turbulent start to the new Mainland Premier League season.

It is all to play for heading into the next set of international fixtures as Tanzania face both Equatorial Guinea and Libya next week as part of their AFCON 2021 qualification double header, with Manula battling to stake his place in the starting lineup.



Simba SC fullback, Shomari Kapombe (L), gets the better of Mbeya City FC keeper, Richard Peter, in this season's Mainland Premier League clash which took place at Uhuru Stadium in Dar es Salaam last weekend. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

Hamilton painting masterpiece with sixth drivers' title

AUSTIN, TEXAS

VALTTERI Bottas won the battle but Lewis Hamilton won the war, securing his sixth Formula One world championship on Sunday, despite finishing second to his Mercedes team mate at the U.S. Grand Prix.

Bottas, the last man with a chance of denying Hamilton another title, needed nothing less a victory at the Circuit of the Americas and did his part collecting his seventh career win and fourth of the season.

But it was not enough to keep the Briton from becoming only the second driver after retired Ferrari great and seven-times champion Michael Schumacher to win six titles.

The math was as simple as it was daunting for Bottas, Hamilton would secure the title by finishing eighth or better but would

not need any points to retain the championship if the Finn did not win.

Hamilton already has plenty of records, including 87 pole positions and his 83 wins put him on course to surpass Schumacher's record tally of 91 next year and a chance to join the German great at the top of Formula One's list of drivers' champions.

"I'm working on a masterpiece and I haven't quite finished it yet," said Hamilton, who could join Schumacher next season with a seventh title. "I think it takes a long time to master a craft and I feel like I am mastering it but there is still more to master, to add to it."

A sellout crowd, that included both of Hamilton's parents, arrived early at a sun-kissed circuit outside Austin expecting to see a coronation and were not disappointed as the Briton battled

Bottas to the death.

Much of the drama had been removed from the championship chase but Hamilton had the crowd on the edge of their seats showing why he is recognised as one of most competitive racers of all-time as he tried to crown his championship with a seventh U.S. Grand Prix victory.

He fell just short of crossing the finishing line first but nothing could stop him from sealing another driver's title.

"I did my part which feels good but Lewis was still strong this weekend as he always is so he got some points and got the championship," said Bottas. "Lewis I am sure really wanted to win the title while winning the race I got stop that so that feels good."

FAST START
Any thoughts that Hamilton might approach the race with some caution were quickly re-

moved as he went on the attack right from the start, shooting from fifth to third before the first lap was completed.

Bottas got away from pole position cleanly with Red Bull's Max Verstappen and Hamilton in hot pursuit.

With Hamilton on a one-stop strategy and Bottas and Verstappen on two, the Briton took over the lead after his two challengers made their second pit-stops.

Victory now depended on whichever driver could make their tyres last.

With four laps to go Bottas swept past Hamilton who then focused on fighting off a late challenge from third place finisher Verstappen.

"My dad told me when I was six or seven years old never to give up and that's kind of the family motto," said Hamilton.

REUTERS

Dar soccer coaches take part in CAF course

BY CORRESPONDENT JOSEPH MCHEKADONA

THIRTY local football coaches are attending a 28-day Confederation of African Football (CAF) Diploma C course in Dar es Salaam.

Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) technical director, Oscar Mirambo, said the participants have been drawn from all parts of the country.

He disclosed coaches, who will pass the course, are qualified to attend the CAF B license course.

He said the coaches will undergo theory and practical testing to earn their coaching badges and he described the course as a priority and good to the development of the sport in the country.

"We really thank the Confederation of African Football (CAF) for this course, this is very important to the development of football in the country," he disclosed.

"I'm saying so as you know the participants are drawn from all corners of the country and it is also a qualification to attend CAF B course," he said.

He challenged the participants to make use of the knowledge which they will gain and

also aspire to be coaches of topflight clubs locally and internationally.

"I'm asking the participants to make use of the knowledge they will gain, they should not be dormant but have confidence to attach themselves to football clubs, they can start from small clubs then upgrade their qualifications and become top flight club coaches," he said.

Mirambo also said the CAF Diploma C course will help local teams, especially in up-country areas, to do away with under-qualified mentors.

According to CAF, the course would have been held in the country early this year, but the continental soccer governing body decided that all of its affiliates should scrutinize and endorse a new coaching course outline before applying for the next course.

In 2018 CAF came up with a new syllabus following the introduction of the elite pro-coaching license.

The continental soccer governing body wants each country to indicate whether they accept the syllabus changes or opt for modification of a section of the areas.

Bayern parts company with Kovac after 5-1 loss in Frankfurt

MUNICH

Bayern Munich chose to part company with coach Niko Kovac on Sunday - one day after the seven-time defending German champion slumped to its heaviest Bundesliga defeat in more than 10 years.

Bayern lost 5-1 at Kovac's former team Eintracht Frankfurt on Saturday, the team's second league loss and the fifth game from 10 in which it has dropped points this season.

Bayern said in a statement that it had "relieved head coach Niko Kovac of his duties" after he had talks with club president Uli Hoene, chairman Karl-Heinz Rummenigge and sporting director Hasan Salihamidzic. The statement noted that Kovac had offered to resign.

"The performances of our team in recent weeks and the results have shown us that there was a need for action," Rummenigge said. "Uli Hoene, Hasan Salihamidzic and I had an open and serious discussion with Niko this Sunday based on that and came to the mutual decision that Niko is no longer head coach of FC Bayern. We all regret this development."

Bayern said Kovac's assistant, Hansi Flick, will take over "for the time being" and will be in charge for Wednesday's Champions League game at home against Olympiakos and Saturday's Bundesliga clash with Borussia Dortmund.

Bayern is four points behind leader Borussia Monchengladbach in the Bundesliga.

The 48-year-old Kovac had been in charge since the beginning of last season, when he led Bayern to a

German cup and league double.

"I think this is the right decision for the club at this point in time," Kovac was quoted as saying in the statement. "The results and also the way we were playing recently led me to this decision. My brother Robert and I thank Bayern for the last almost one and a half years. In this time our team won the league, the German Cup and the German Supercup. It was a good time."

Kovac's team wowed Europe with a 7-2 rout of last year's beaten finalist Tottenham in the Champions League on Oct. 1, but struggled in every game since.

It lost 2-1 at home to Hoffenheim in the following game and then drew 2-2 at struggling Augsburg. It failed to impress in narrow wins over Olympiakos (3-2 away), promoted Union Berlin (2-1 at home) and only barely scraped past second-division Bochum (2-1 away) in the German Cup last Tuesday.

"It's not a huge surprise what happened," Bayern captain Manuel Neuer said of the defeat in Frankfurt. "It's just not happening. Something has to change."

While Robert Lewandowski proved a reliable goal-scorer, the rest of the team lacked balance and Kovac's problems were made worse by serious injuries to defenders Niklas Sule and Lucas Hernandez. Jerome Boateng will be suspended for the game against Dortmund following his early red card in Frankfurt.

Bayern has already conceded more goals in the league, 16, than Union Berlin. It's the side's worst defensive record since Jurgen Klinsmann was coach in 2008.

Balotelli thanks support after being racially abused at Verona

ROME

MARIO Balotelli on Sunday thanked his fellow players and supporters for their support after he was racially abused by Hellas Verona fans, the latest in a series of ugly incidents that have blighted the early weeks of the Serie A season.

Brescia striker Balotelli scored in a 2-1 Serie A defeat at Verona that leaves his hometown side in the relegation zone, but his performance was overshadowed by his fury at Verona's notorious supporters, who have a long track record of far-right politics and open racism.

Despite denials of abuse from Verona, a video published on Twitter by a fan showed a number of supporters clearly directing monkey chants at Balotelli before the Italy international booted the ball at them in the stands.

The 29-year-old, who was born in Palermo to Ghanaian parents but was raised just outside Brescia, then had to be held back by players from both teams to stop him from leaving the field of play.

"Thanks to all the colleagues on and off the field for the solidarity expressed toward me and all of the messages received from you fans," Balotelli wrote in a message on Instagram alongside a video of the incident.

"A heartfelt thanks. You're real men, not like those who deny the evidence."

Verona coach Ivan Juric had earlier told Sky Sport that he heard "no

racists chants, nothing at all" after a win that lifts his side to ninth, adding that "to say otherwise is a lie".

The club's president Maurizio Setti then said that his club's supporters were "light-hearted, not racist" and were a crowd with "real sport in its DNA".

"We are the first to condemn racism but it is wrong to generalise... Maybe two or three people among 20,000 fans might have said something," he said to Sky.

- Serie A's racism scourge -
The match was suspended for a few minutes around the hour mark as Balotelli tried to force himself from the field before a message was read out on the stadium loudspeaker threatening that both teams would leave the field if there was a repeat of any abuse, a message that was whistled loudly by a large number of the home fans.

Balotelli's agent Mino Raiola told AFP he was backing his player, saying that he was "against all forms of racism." Italy coach Roberto Mancini, who managed Balotelli at Inter Milan and Manchester City, said that Italy "needs to work together to ensure that this sort of intolerance doesn't repeat itself".

A number of black players have been racially abused by supporters in Italy in the opening weeks of the season, with Milan midfielder Franck Kessie targeted by Verona fans in September and Inter Milan striker Romelu Lukaku abused at Cagliari, also serial offenders.

AFP

We won't prioritise Liverpool fixture - Pep

LONDON

PEP Guardiola says he will not rest players for Manchester City's midweek Champions League trip ahead of their crucial Premier League clash with Liverpool on Sunday.

City face Atalanta in Milan on Wednesday, four days before lining up at Anfield and -- despite sitting five points clear at the top of Group C -- Guardiola has said he will not take any chances at the San Siro.

"We're going to play with the best team possible to win at Atalanta, and after we go to Anfield," Guardiola said. "Nobody can assure me that if we don't do what we have to do at Atalanta then we are going to make a better performance against Liverpool.

"The best way to go to Anfield is to play a good game against Atalanta, who have been fighting with the top clubs in Italy for the last two or three seasons. That is the point."

David Silva is unlikely to play against either Atalanta or Liverpool, having limped off during the first half of his side's 2-1 win over Southampton on Saturday, and City's squad is already stretched because of injuries to Aymeric Laporte, Leroy Sane, Oleksandr Zinchenko and Rodri.

"I didn't speak with the doctor, but when he [Silva] has a muscular problem and cannot play more minutes it is because he has something, and when it is a muscular problem it is always a minimum of 10-12 days," Guardiola said.

(Agencies)

Barca's fragility casts doubts on Champions League credentials

MADRID

THEY may be one of Europe's most devastating teams at their best but another collapse in La Liga last weekend has shown Barcelona can be a soft touch.

Their 3-1 defeat by Levante on Saturday reopened old wounds from Anfield and Rome and suggests they have not learned from either of those collapses.

Levante scored three times in seven minutes after half-time exposing Barcelona's inability to regroup during a spell of intense pressure -- a familiar weakness since coach Ernesto Valverde came to the helm in 2017.

Most clubs in Europe would gladly take winning two league titles and a Copa del Rey in that time but Barcelona are a team concerned with details, the small margins that could define a good season or a great one.

Barca play Slavia Prague on Tuesday in the Champions League, when victory at Camp Nou against Group F's weakest team will ensure the frustration and failings from Levante swiftly fade.

But fragility persists that can be exposed by elite opponents when it matters most, as Roma and then Liverpool so emphatically proved in the last two Champions League campaigns, when three-goal first-leg leads were squandered by the Catalan giants.

Barcelona have shown they lack steel when they are uncomfortable, not least away from home, where their record under Valverde has been disappointing.

- 'We always respond' -

In Valverde's three seasons, they have won only 25 out of 44 league matches on the road. By comparison, Manchester City have won 35 out of 44. In the Champions League, Barca have only won five out of 13 away games.

"It is true we are not getting the same results away as we are at home but after the first few games we have managed to put together a good run," Valverde said on Saturday.

"We have lost a match and that's it, it's true that we must analyse it but we know when we lose that criticism is strong. We always respond and this



Ernesto Valverde

time it will not be different."

A habit of conceding in streaks, which resurfaced at the City of Valencia Stadium, is also nothing new. Since the start of last season, Barcelona have shipped two goals within 15 minutes on seven occasions, six of them away from the Camp Nou.

This after they threw away a 4-1 lead in 2018 to lose to Roma in the Champions League quarter-finals, and 3-0 lead to Liverpool in the semi-finals earlier this year.

"It might be down to a lack of concentration," said Antoine Griezmann on Saturday.

Asked if the problem was due to their football or their attitude, he said: "It is a bit of everything. We must make sure it doesn't happen again."

Some have suggested Barcelona lack leaders although few could argue the likes of Lionel Messi, Gerard Pique, Luis Suarez and Sergio Busquets do not command respect.

There is a vulnerability in midfield, where Barca have struggled against teams on the counter-attack, particularly when players pour through directly and at pace.

"In the first half I didn't like us very much," said Levante coach Paco Lopez. "But at half-time we said we had to be more adventurous, more direct and we did it."

Prague are unlikely to pull off a similar trick on Tuesday but if Barcelona are seen as having a soft underbelly, it will only enhance the belief of rivals in Spain and Europe.

"Every team plays us like it's one of the biggest games of the season," said Valverde. "We have to find an answer."

Meanwhile, Borussia Dortmund and their under-fire coach Lucien Favre hope to maintain the 'feel-good' factor from back-to-back wins as they chase Champions League revenge at home to Inter Milan on Tuesday.

A below-par performance saw Dortmund crash to a 2-0 defeat in Milan nearly a fortnight ago, sparking reports Jose Mourinho was waiting in the wings to replace Favre unless results improved, which the club subsequently denied.

The German media piled into Favre after forward Lautaro Martinez give Inter a first-half lead, then had a late penalty saved, before winger Antonio Candreva raced clear to seal Dortmund's defeat at the San Siro.

Dortmund were short of ideas against a water-tight defence and only Roman Burki's fine save from Martinez's penalty attempt prevented a rout.

However, Dortmund have since improved.

A goalless draw at Schalke last weekend was backed-up by dumping Bundesliga leaders Borussia Munchengladbach out of the German Cup in midweek before trouncing Wolfsburg 3-0 on Saturday in the league.

With one eye on Inter, Favre said it was "nice to see" his side has broken their habit of conceding late goals amidst nervous defending.

- Joy element -

"In the end, there was almost an element of joy back in our game again," enthused sports director Michael Zorc.

Now Favre needs a win over Antonio Conte's Inter to get Dortmund's Group F campaign back on track and maintain confidence with a crunch

Bundesliga tie at Bayern Munich looming on Saturday.

Both Inter and Dortmund come into Tuesday's tie level on four points from three games, each with a win, a defeat and draw.

Dortmund must repeat the rock-solid defending in their goalless draw at home to Barcelona in September to contain Inter's attack and Saturday's win over Wolfsburg suggests confidence is high.

"We played at a higher tempo, were better between the lines. The combinations worked better and we created a lot of goals," insisted Favre.

For once, there were no whistles of displeasure from home fans, no awkward post-match questions and no frustrated outbursts from players, as in previous weeks due to Dortmund's habit of leaking late goals.

"The fun is back again", stated midfielder Julian Weigl.

Saturday's home win was also a timely confidence booster for goal-scorers Thorgan Hazard, who bagged his first goal since joining from Gladbach, and Mario Goetze, who converted a late penalty after starting most games this season on the bench.

"I could have scored two or three goals, my first goal at home is a good feeling for the head," beamed Hazard.

However, the news is not all good for Favre.

Chief playmaker and Germany star Marco Reus, who also missed the away defeat in Milan, limped off in the first-half on Saturday and is doubtful with a knock to the foot.

Both clubs meet at Signal Iduna Park second in their respective league's after Inter's burly Belgian striker Romelu Lukaku scored twice in Saturday's 2-1 win at Bologna to leave his side a point behind Juventus in Serie A.

Despite two wins inside a week, Dortmund must take three points at home to Inter to calm fears of a group stage exit.

"Now Favre has to win," demanded Germany's top-selling daily Bild, especially with group leaders Barcelona at home to bottom side Slavia Prague on Tuesday.

AFP

Pulisic patience pays off as Chelsea fledglings take flight

LONDON

CHRISTIAN Pulisic had to be patient in the early months of his Chelsea career, but the United States captain and talisman now has the chance to make his mark on the Champions League after earning his place in a rapidly rising side.

Pulisic scored his fourth goal in two Premier League games to secure a 2-1 win at Watford on Saturday, a week on from becoming the youngest Chelsea player ever to score a hat-trick in a 4-2 victory at Burnley.

The fortnight that changed the course of the 21-year-old's first season in England began in the Champions League against Ajax, when he came off the bench to set up Michy Batshuayi's winner at the Johan Cruyff Arena and inflict a first defeat since May on the Dutch champions.

Prior to that Pulisic had been forced largely to wait on the sidelines at Chelsea since his switch to West London.

Ajax travel to Stamford Bridge on Tuesday seeking revenge, but for the first time this season Pulisic is set to start in Europe's top club competition with his impact in recent weeks impossible for Frank Lampard to ignore any longer.

"If he continues doing that sort of thing then the goals will rack up," said Lampard after Pulisic followed up his hat-trick with a predatory goal from close range at Watford. "His general performance was top as well."

Victory at Vicarage Road saw Chelsea equal a club record for seven straight away wins with Lampard earning plaudits for his ability to quickly turn the negativity of a summer transfer ban and the loss of Eden Hazard into a buoyant atmosphere at the Bridge.

Pulisic was the one big money ar-



Christian Pulisic

rival. Chelsea anticipated both the 12-month ban on signing players and

Hazard's departure to Real Madrid by completing his signing for £58 million (\$75 million) in January before being loaned back to Borussia Dortmund for the second half of last season.

However, that move left the Pennsylvanian in limbo in Germany with his time at Dortmund coming to an end and the rise of English wonder kid Jadon Sancho limiting his first team appearances.

A move to London was meant to be a fresh start, but after a start as Chelsea lost the UEFA Super Cup to Liverpool on penalties in August, Pulisic soon found himself behind Willian, Pedro Rodriguez and Callum Hudson-Odoi in the battle for places on the wings of Lampard's three-man attack.

For eight consecutive Premier League and Champions League games, Pulisic was left out by Lampard, the low point of which came when he failed to even make the squad for a 2-1 win at Lille last month.

"You want to play, be on the field and be in the team as much as you can and it hurt not to be there," ad-

mitted Pulisic on Lampard's snub in northern France.

However, amidst his price tag and the array of other talented youngsters making an impact at Chelsea this season, Pulisic's own tender age was often over-looked.

"He's a hot topic because of the price tag and his status in his national team, and his world status through that.

"Everyone has got a little bit carried away with the short term. The long term is that he's come here and he's just turned 21," said Lampard after an encouraging cameo off the bench against Newcastle three weeks ago.

Lampard was also wary that Pulisic's presence at the Gold Cup for his country in the summer meant he had just one week off before starting pre-season and managed his minutes accordingly.

Now Pulisic has the stage he craved in the Champions League and Lampard has another attacking weapon hungry to succeed as his first season in charge continues to take shape.

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Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Breathtaking prize impresses Dar golfers

By Correspondent Mohamed Ugasa

MEMORIES of the just ended ninth edition of Rotary Club of Bahari charity golf tournament staged at the Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club (DGC) course will possibly take long time to subside.

Besides the main objective of raising funds for Dar es Salaam's Mtakuja Secondary School of Kunduchi, the event attracted a huge number of participants who tussled for hole-in-one take away Toyota Rav 4 car.

Minet Insurance dangled the car at the 175 meters par three 10th for anyone who would have achieved the rare feat.

No one lived to the dream but presence of the car raised new inspiration to the entire golfing fraternity across the country.

Over 100 golfers turned out to compete in the day-long-stable ford tournament that kept the DGC course busy up to sunset.

It was for the second time a firm had donated a car for a hole-in-one take away prize. The first time was many years ago even before this reporter started to engage in golf reporting.

It was Toyota Tanzania that offered the first car to be competed and no one won it.

Minet Insurance retained its car but golfers still hail the sponsor for the otherwise brave decision that contributed to provide inspiration to both competitive and recreational golfers.

Lugalo Golf Club's young lady player, Zumla Khamis, astonishingly cruised to podium when she claimed the overall victory with a staggering 42 stable ford points.

Otherwise, recreational golfer, Gulam Dewji, who has consistently been playing golf for almost four decades now, made his presence felt as well.

Charity proceeds amounted to 40m/- courtesy of 20 corporates as Rotary Club of Bahari president, Hitesh Tanna, expressed his in-depth appreciation to sponsors for the high-degree generosity.

Mohamed Dewji, DGC Golf Section captain, thanked the Rotarians as well as all participants for working together in achieving the charity objective.

Yanga now set sight on Mainland Premier League



Young Africans SC (Yanga) players pictured before a kick off of their recent match in this season's Vodacom Premier League. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA'S Young Africans SC (Yanga), who were eliminated from the 2019/20 CAF Confederation Cup's play offs by Pyramids FC of Egypt, returned home yesterday and are now focusing on the Mainland Premier League.

Speaking in a telephone interview, Yanga information officer, Hassan Bumbuli, said after being eliminated from the CAF tournament, the outfit's focus now is on the domestic premier league.

Yanga, on Sunday, lost 3-0 to Pyramids FC in the second leg of CAF Confederation Cup play offs, which took place at the latter's backyard.

The Egyptians have, for that matter, reached the group stages of the competition with 5-1 aggregate win.

Bumbuli said Yanga went into the match with the intention of overturning the 2-1 loss the squad suffered in the first leg played at CCM Kirumba

Stadium in Mwanza.

He, however, said they have accepted the Sunday results and the team will rest today and will tomorrow start preparations for their next Mainland Premier League game.

"As we are speaking, we are preparing to welcome the team, they are coming today (yesterday) at noon," he disclosed.

"After the game the players and officials boarded a plane... they will rest tomorrow (today) and resume training a day later."

"I'm not sure if we will play in Mtwara (against Ndanda FC), Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) has not yet communicated to us if we will either play on Friday or wait for the FIFA calendar games and play on November 23," the official disclosed.

"But all in all the team will resume training on Wednesday in readiness for any game."

Pyramids' midfielder Erick Traore scored the first goal on the 28th minute of the game due to Yanga's defensive mistakes

and communication breakdown between keeper Farouk Shikalo and his defenders.

The goal boosted the hosts' confidence as they controlled the game until the interval.

After break, the hosts continued from where they left off as they pushed for more goals and Mohamed Farouk who was at his best unleashed an unstoppable shot past Shikalo to score the second goal.

Yanga tried all they could to score a goal but efforts by midfielders Papy

Tshishimbi and Feisal Salum were futile.

The visitors were dealt a big blow when defender, Ally Ahmed, was injured and was rushed to the hospital.

Abdallah Said scored the third goal of the hosts during the last three minutes of the game, this goal left the visitors devastated.

Yanga defender, Lamine Moro, was later on injured and the visitors had to play the remaining minutes of the game with one man down as they had exhausted all of their substitutes.

Aga Khan SC thumps Gymkhana in DRCC Caravans tourney

By Guardian Reporter

AGA Khan SC cricketers have opened their campaign in this season's DRCC Caravans competition in grand fashion, thumping Gymkhana by 104 runs in Dar es Salaam last weekend.

Aga Khan, boasting of several experienced players, made no mistake with the opportunity to start batting given they went on to notch 176 runs for the loss of seven wickets in 20 overs.

Youngster Harsheed Chohan, batting at number five, was impressive at the crease, posting 92 runs, which included five fours and seven sixes.

He made his presence at the crease count and his scintillating displays were instrumental in the squad's ability to register the convincing score.

Early dismissal of top order batsmen Riziki Kiseto, Seif Khalifa and Aahil Jessani, did little to weaken the squad's resolve, given opener, Jitendra Gariya, and Arslaan Premji, chipped in handsomely.

Gariya was equally in great form, posting 37 runs which consisted of three fours and a six.

Premji notched 27 runs not out, which included four fours, seeing to it the squad's efforts to notch an imposing total reach to



Aga Khan SC's cricketer, Harsheed Chohan (R), receives man of the match prize from Caravans Club's vice-chairman, Thulaseedas, shortly after Aga Khan had locked horns with Gymkhana in this season's DRCC Caravans tournament's game in Dar es Salaam last weekend. Aga Khan cruised to victory over Gymkhana. PHOTO: COURTESY OF NIKHIL PUJARA

fruition.

Gymkhana's Vishal Patel and Sadaf Safiee finished their bowling spells with two wickets apiece.

Chasing 177 runs to win happened to be a daunting task for Gymkhana, as they were, in response, skittled for 72 runs in 18.5 overs.

Opening batsman, Abhik Patwa, recorded 15 runs, which included three fours and his was so far meaningful contribution in the innings. The side's chase was later on dealt a blow, as they lost wickets in quick succession.

Kartik Syal, skipper Ashish Nagewadia and Ashish Shah, vainly attempted to halt the skid, notching 14 runs, 11 runs and 10 runs respectively.

Chouhan wrapped up his stellar displays, posting an impressive bowling figure of four wickets for 16 runs in three overs, winning man of the match prize.

Caravans Club has organized the competition under the supervision of Dar es Salaam Regional Cricket Committee (DRCC), aiming at developing the sport at the domestic level.

This year's tournament has brought together 10 that have been placed in two groups.

Group A has been made up of Union, Caravans, Gymkhana, Aga Khan SC and Team 10. Group B outfits include Aces, Shree Kutchi Leva, GP, Estim and Saint Gobain.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

