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Dar fire: Owners of uninsured businesses make pleas for help

By Guardian Reporter

SPARE parts dealers and various other traders in a part of Dar es Salaam's central business district have appealed to the government to think out how to support them, saying many have no direction after a fire gutted their shops in the commercial city's Kariakoo Market zone yesterday.

Visiting the site, regional commissioner Albert Chalamila acknowledged that the fire has brought huge loss to traders and those renting space in buildings but there was no serious harm to individuals.

"There is no death but the fire has destroyed a lot of properties," he said, while Salum Said, whose shop was among the ravaged stores, said he was counting losses as all his three shop frames were ravaged.

"I don't know what to do, I have nothing, no capital and nowhere to start," he said, hinting that he has no protective insurance. "I am finished," he declared.

Hundreds of shops in various buildings were extensively damaged by fire on the junction of Mafia and Msimbazi Streets.

Certain residents said it was around noon when the blaze erupted in a motor vehicle spares shop, as numerous such shops are found in the vicinity.

Abdallah Salehe, a witness said he heard shouting near Big Bon petrol station, rushed there and saw many properties already blazing. They rang the Fire and Rescue Force who arrived with insufficient water.

"We were all uneasy trying to see how we could put out the fire but failed," he said, recounting that other fire fighting vehicles arrived and managed to douse the fire with many properties already destroyed.

At the Baroda Bank building, Ally Khalfan

said the fire has affected windows, electrical systems and water tank, injuring some tenants struggling to rescue some properties.

A food vendor, Mariam Abdallah said that the accident will hurt her business as those serving at the ravaged shops were among her regular customers, feeling stranded as the traders are put out of business in the wake of the midday inferno.

Mariam says that she was selling not less than 200 plates of food every day at a cost of 2000/- each. The business has now been destroyed as she has to look for some other place, she stated.

Elisa Mugisha, the Fire and Rescue Force acting commander for Ilala police region, said soon after he received the incident's information, he took his team and rushed to the scene.

The cause of the blaze was yet to be established and the force had embarked on an investigation to determine the circumstances of the start of the fire.

"We greatly managed to control the fire as soon as we arrived," he said, elaborating that the force will pursue the cause of the incident to strengthen precautions in future.

"The major challenge in this exercise was the low pressure of water at the area, so we were forced to go and take water in our area," he added.

"I don't know what to do, I have nothing, no capital and nowhere to start," he said, hinting that he has no protective insurance.



Fire and Rescue Force members pictured yesterday fighting to put out a morning fire which gutted several commercial and other buildings along Msimbazi Street in Dar es Salaam's sprawling Kariakoo Market zone. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

ATCL ready to receive Boeing 737-900 MAX

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE national flag carrier - Air Tanzania Company Limited (ATCL) will now have 14 planes as a new passenger plane, Boeing 737-900 MAX is expected to arrive in the country tomorrow.

Informed sources said yesterday that Transport minister Innocent Bashungwa is today expected to outline the state reception of the new plane, with

expectations that President Samia Suluhu Hassan will personally receive the plane.

The new plane is billed to have the largest payload capacity in the ATCL fleet so far at 180 passengers, manufactured by Boeing Co. of the United States, set in business and economy compartments.

The new plane will be making medium-distance trips, also playing the role of an auxiliary cargo hauling facility, they said.

Three other awaited planes

are expected to arrive in the country within six months, listed as DASH8-Q 400, Boeing 737-900 MAX and Dreamliner 787-800, the sources noted.

Back in June, the government received its largest Boeing 767 cargo plane, rated as the largest such carrier in the sub-region, carrying 54 tonnes and flying for 10 hours without refuelling.

Since arriving in the country, the plane has made many trips to deliver cargo to various countries and major commercial des-

tinations like Dubai, ATCL sources affirmed. Despite market competition in cargo transportation, the cargo plane-Boeing 767-300 has become an attraction for many traders due its ability to transport large cargo without damage, they said.

The government's intention to buy the plane was motivated by the need to stimulate exportation of goods from local manufacturers and facilitate more closely traders importing goods from abroad.

PM: End water, road, health gaps at Immigration college campus

By Guardian Correspondent, Tanga

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has instructed Tanga Region officials to improve infrastructure at the Raphael Kubaga Immigration College in Mkinga District.

Closing basic training for the first batch of trainees this year at college grounds, he was told that the college was formally opened in 2020 but its infrastructure is yet to be completed.

The PM told the Tanga Urban Water and Sanitation Authority (TAUWASA) and Rural Urban Water and Sanitation Authority (RUWASA) to make sure they reliably supply water to the people in the area, while TARURA needs to revamp the road to the college by upgrading it to tarmac level.

"I have heard about your complaints here at the college, first the approach road from the main road, but also within the college itself where the parade ground is not built at tarmac level," he said, directing TARURA managers in the region and district to quickly revamp the road to tarmac level.

"The merely two kilometre stretch of the road is not long, I want that when I come here next year I should pass over tarmac road," he affirmed.

He was equally insistent regarding college water woes and in nearby villages, tasking water authorities in the region and the district to connect the college to the water network.

He similarly demanded the Water permanent secretary who was present at the ceremony to connect the college by installing a sufficiently large water tank as reliable reservoir to cater for the needs of the college community.

The PM addressed a complaint of the lack of a mother and child building at the college dispensary, directing the district executive director to make sure of including the facility to be raised to health centre level to enable villagers access childbirth and clinic services.

He also asked the Home Affairs minister to sound out the Treasury on the completion of quarters for officer cadre at the college as instructors need to stay in college premises.

Hamad Yusuf Masauni, the Home

"The merely two kilometre stretch of the road is not long, I want that when I come here next year I should pass over tarmac road"

Affairs minister, asked the graduating cadres to properly use what they have gained in training, polishing their capacity to find or track illegal migrants entering the country.

Owing to advances in modern technology enabling precision instruments to be used in human trafficking, each cadre should make sure to follow up on such applications to build skills to keep up with the demands of the profession, he added.



Zimbabwe gold mine crude shaft kills nine

HARARE

AT least nine miners were killed on Friday after a shaft in an informal gold mine collapsed, the Zimbabwe Miners' Federation (ZMF) and an engineer at the site affirm.

ZMF president Henrietta Rushwaya said yesterday that four bodies had been recov-

ered so far, while five others were still stuck under rubble.

However, retrieval operations are complicated by the fact that the shaft is unstable, she stated.

Mine engineer Hussein Phiri said that it was difficult to retrieve the bodies as the mine is still collapsing. "Each time we try is becoming a threat to our

lives as well," he elaborated

The incident took place at the Bay Horse Mine in Chegutu, some 120 kilometres west of the capital, where Johannes Nyautete, a lucky miner who managed to escape, recounted the incident.

"The mine collapsed as I entered with a colleague. We met other colleagues, numbering

about 18 or 20, rushing out and we all escaped together," he said.

Mining minister, Soda Zhemu, who came to oversee the rescue efforts, confirmed that 21 miners had survived the collapse. Three other miners were thought to be missing as their whereabouts were unknown. Several hundred local

residents watched in anguish from Saturday afternoon, waiting for news of family members or colleagues, as rescuers tried to retrieve bodies from the accident site.

With the economy floundering, illegal mining is widespread in Zimbabwe, often in acutely risky conditions. The cause of numerous ac-

idents at mining sites is irresponsible mining where proper precautions supposed to be observed are not being undertaken, the minister noted.

Accidents are common in the mineral-rich country. In 2019, 24 miners died when an abandoned pit flooded after torrential rains in central Zimbabwe, observers noted

Suicide attack on tea shop in Somalia capital kills up to seven people

MOGADISHU

Al-Shabab group claimed responsibility for the attack, which came a day after a deadly car bombing in Mogadishu.

A suicide bomber blew himself up at a shop selling tea in Somalia's capital, killing at least seven people, police and witnesses have said.

The explosion on Friday occurred inside a tea shop in Bar Bulsho Mogadishu near the presidential palace in central Somalia, said police spokesman Sadik Dudishe.

The blast occurred while international observers demand whether the African Union mission in Somalia is ending without an answer as to whether its military step in properly.

As first reports said that six people were killed in al-Shabab attack on a Mogadishu hotel, Ethiopia said that it foiled al-Shabab attack near the border with Somalia.

This comes in the wake of recent developments where Ugandan president Yoweri Museveni said that Al-Shabab killed 54 Ugandan soldiers in a massive ambush over the past week.

"All the casualties were people spending time to drink tea," Dudishe said of the hotel attack, noting that the cafe is frequented by members of the Somali security forces, as well as civilians.

Al Qaeda-linked al-Shabab

group claimed responsibility for the attack in a statement on its Arabic media unit, Shahada News Agency, the SITE Intelligence Group reported on Friday.

It put the number of dead at 11 and wounded at 18; its numbers on casualties in attacks often differ from government figures.

Adan Qorey, a resident of the Bar Bulsho area, said the tea shop was often crowded in the afternoon and evening with patrons drinking tea and chewing khat, a mildly narcotic native shrub also known as miraa.

The Friday afternoon blast occurred at a checkpoint on a road leading to the parliament and the president's office and the shop is frequented by soldiers, witnesses said.

Friday's attack came barely a day after five civilians were killed and 13 others wounded in a car bombing near a market in central Somalia.

A truck bombing on Saturday in the central town of Beledweyne killed 21 people, razing buildings and injuring dozens.

In June, al-Shabab, which aims to topple the central government, killed 54 Ugandan soldiers at their base southwest of Mogadishu.

The spate of attacks came as Somalia's beleaguered government has admitted that it has suffered "several significant setbacks" in its fight against al-Shabab fighters.



CCM national Chairperson President Samia Suluhu Hassan chairs a meeting of the party's Central Committee in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: CCM

Thousands celebrate departure of French ambassador from Niger

NIAMEY

THOUSANDS of Nigerians gathered near France's military base in Niamey to celebrate the departure of Paris' ambassador earlier this week, about a month after the military junta ordered him to leave. But anti-French activists say the battle is not yet over.

"This victory is not, if you like, a total victory for this revolution, it's only the beginning. We call on the entire population of Niger to mobilise as one until the last French soldier leaves Niger," said demonstrator Mohamed Abdou-Latif. Another activist, Ibrahim Boubacar, agreed. "We're overjoyed. But just

because the ambassador has gone doesn't mean that we're going to stay at home and say 'it's over, we've won'. No, we are going to continue the fight," he said. They are now waiting for France to withdraw its around 1,500 soldiers from Niger, which Paris says will take place before the end of the year, in what will be a

blow to its influence in the country. "We are more or less satisfied with the timetable for the withdrawal," said fellow demonstrator, Issaka Tondi Tassiou. "Knowing a bit about logistics, it's equipment that has been deployed over 12 years, installation and so on. So dismantling it, packing it

up, and taking it away takes time." France has kept soldiers in Niger as part of an anti-jihadist deployment in the region. Meanwhile, the new regime says it is planning its future relations with Paris, the form of which will be dictated by the people of Niger.



Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa accompanied by Archbishop Damian Dallu (to his right) of the Songea Diocese of the Catholic Church and the Tanzania Episcopal Conference President, Archbishop Gervas Nyaisonga (2nd-L), yesterday moments after the PM arrived at Peramiho to attend celebrations to mark the 125th anniversary of Evangelism in Ruvuma Region yesterday. Photo: PMO

Economic 'blues' undercutting patriotism on Independence Day

LAGOS

Nigerians of all ages say they are disillusioned with the country's progress in six decades, so their patriotism is waning.

For decades, Nigerians would dance on the streets to loud music on October 1, waving the country's flag in pride to celebrate its independence from the United Kingdom. On the 63rd anniversary of that moment, the country's streets are bereft of the usual celebratory atmosphere.

In Abuja, the capital, there were often banquets and concerts, sometimes backed by the government. But this time, as in recent years, the streets are quiet save for the flow of traffic as churchgoers through Sunday masses. Over the speakers, some clerics can be heard soliciting divine intervention to rescue Nigeria from the pits.

For Olive Chiemezie, a 23-year-old bookstore manager resident in Ikeja, Lagos, it is pointless to celebrate. She was born just as Nigeria returned to democracy in 1999

and used to participate in commemorative activities at school but has become disillusioned in adulthood.

"Becoming an adult in Nigeria under Buhari's government makes it feel like I have been robbed of my entire future and I can't do anything but to look on hopelessly as the country falls into disrepair," Chiemezie told Al Jazeera.

Africa's largest economy has long been in free fall since the Muhammadu Buhari administration, as youth unemployment, inflation, and debt are at an all-time high and continue to climb. More than 60 percent of the country lives in what the United Nations calls "multidimensional poverty".

Electricity is still abysmally poor; the national grid has collapsed multiple times this year and uninterrupted power remains a myth. Buhari's successor Bola Tinubu came to office in a disputed election marred by allegations of vote-buying, voter intimidation, and collusion with institutions of state, by the opposition.

Early reforms, like the re-

moval of a fuel subsidy and devaluation of the naira, were implemented by Tinubu immediately after he took office in May. They were hailed by industry watchers as a welcome development, but people say they have brought them untold hardship.

Tinubu has scaled back some of the reforms but nevertheless doubled down on the need to carry out agonising reforms.

"Reform may be painful, but it is what greatness and the future require," he said in his Independence Day speech. "We now carry the costs of reaching a future Nigeria where the abundance and fruits of the nation are fairly shared among all, not hoarded by a select and greedy few."

When the Union Jack, the British flag, was lowered down and replaced by Nigeria's green-white-green one, Augustine Okofu was a 14-year-old schoolboy in Osisa in what is today's Delta state. A rally went on in his town for three days and he joined in the merriment.

Secondary school students devise app for tenants and house owners

By Guardian Correspondent

FIVE students from Wailesi Secondary School in Temeke District, Dar es Salaam, have conceived an online system to enable people looking for accommodation to rent a house or flat online, to assist the house owner and ward off middlemen.

Naomi John and her colleagues - Yusra Anuary, Restuta Raphael, Joseph Mrope and Vanessa Bethiman have explained how they

they came up with the app in order to remove inconveniences from middlemen whose condition is payment of one month's agreed rent.

Speaking on behalf of her colleagues at the weekend during the submission of their project, Naomi said the project is under the 'Skills for their Future' programme sponsored by BRAC Tanzania and the aim is to assist the community from various social challenges including accommodation in large urban area.

"We had this strategy after discovering that both the house owner and the tenant need each other but they do not meet.

"This online system is simple; you fill in answers to a few questions and you will be referred to the house you need, and then to the owner, hence the two will come to a deal without the need of a middleman," Naomi said.

Temeke Municipal Education Officer, Dr James Barongo who was the official guest at the event praised and supported the students

for their conception, saying that is what they stress to students, concentrating themselves in the Information and Telecommunication Technology (ICT).

"ICT is the basis, and in order to push along this sector greatly needed by the society, the apps conceived by these students should be well utilised online by the community so as to reduce challenges faced by both tenants and house owners.

For her part, BRAC Tanzania 'Skills for their

Future' Project Manager, Upendo Daudi said the project aims to empower students to conceive and earn skills for the future.

"The project has a total of 640 secondary schools' students in Temeke District, incorporation 200 from Wailesi secondary School.

"240 other student hail from Miburani Secondary School, all studying ICT for their own benefits," Upendo said.



Fadhili Seif of Dodoma city holds his dogs heading to a rabies vaccination centre at the weekend as part of a campaign this year being held at national level in Mpawawa District. Photo: Correspondent Paul Mabeja

All minerals to be procured in Tshs, BoT assures miners

By Correspondent Pilly Kigome, Geita

THE Bank of Tanzania (BoT) has assured miners that it will be purchasing the minerals in Tanzanian shillings while making payments within 48 hours.

Since it announced its initiative some weeks ago, the bank has already bought 418 kilograms of gold from local miners, refined it and stored it in foreign currency reserves.

Assistant Manager, Department of Foreign Finance, Dr. Anne Lyimo said this during a conference of stakeholders in the mining sector to discuss opportunities for investment and empowerment of indigenous people held at the Sixth Exhibition of Mining Technology in Geita region.

She said all payments for the purchase of gold will be made using Tanzanian shillings and the relevant customer will be paid on time so as to enable them to operate their business smoothly.

"We purchase gold from all over Tanzania, so traders from everywhere in the country be it Chunya, Geita, Lindi, Mtwara, our doors are open, we invite all stakeholders to trade with us," she said.

Dr Anne said gold will be bought from small, medium and large miners and from the government and emphasized that the seller must have a license from the Mining Commission.

"The gold that we are going to buy must be passed through gold refineries in the country in order to increase the value and reduce the heavy burden of transportation when we transport it for storing," she said adding: "The gold must be maintained in a quality of 99.5 to 99.9

percent, this is what it is needed in foreign currency reserves," she said.

Regarding the price, she said the bank will be purchasing the gold as per global prices so as to support the miner.

"For example, last week one gram of gold was sold at 152,000/- but the local indicative price was 134,000/-. Therefore, in order to help the miner, we purchase at the world price," she added.

She said they have already visited all regions with minerals where they have found 45 gold sellers and signed contracts with some of them.

The manager added that they have entered into contracts with gold refining factories where they have created an efficient chain to ensure that they buy gold and pay on time and then refine it to get the real gold that will be sent to be stored.

"There are challenges that we have encountered, we have found that many miners have contracts already, so you find gold is there but someone paid for it for a long time, which creates a challenge for the central bank to get gold on time," she said.

She said the central bank is a public institution that has guidelines and procedures that must be followed such as the issue of contracts and that they will continue to provide education to the public so that people can understand the benefits of selling gold to the central bank.

BoT Deputy Governor, Yamungu Kayanda-bila, said they planned to buy 12 tonnes of gold per year but as per the instructions from the board, they will buy six tonnes.

TanRoads given 7-day ultimatum to complete construction of key bridge

By Guardian Correspondent, Katavi

WORKS deputy minister Eng. Godfrey Kasekenya has given 7 days to the Tanzania National Roads Agency (TANROADS) Katavi region to come up with a solution that will enable the completion of the construction of the Kavuu bridge connecting Rukwa and Katavi regions before the autumn rains start.

The 87.5-meter long Kavuu Bridge is being built on a higher level to allow vehicles weighing 56 tonnes to pass through the bridge unlike before where it only allowed vehicles weighing 30 tonnes.

"The government is determined to change the upper layer of this bridge from the back structure (Marbey Logistic Support Bridge), to build with concrete level (Reinforced Concrete

Bridge), to enable many large vehicles to pass through the area with large production of crops," said Eng. Kasekenya.

Kavuu Bridge connects the towns of Majimoto and Inyonga in Katavi region as it is part of the main road of the southern to western regions that starts from Tunduma in Songwe region through Sumbawanga, Naman-yere, Majimoto, Inyonga, Mpanda,

Uvinza, Kasulu to Nyakanazi in Kagera region.

The deputy minister said that the bridge should be completed before the autumn rains to avoid any inconvenience that may arise if the temporary bridge is washed away by the waters of the Kavuu river.

Eng. Kasekenya also urged the contractor M/s China Railway Seventh Group Co. Ltd (CRSG), who is

building the Kibaoni-Sitalike road, part of 50km-Kibaoni-Mlele road, to add equipment and experts so that the work is completed on time and with quality.

He emphasized that the government's intention is to open up the western part of the country in order to create many opportunities for fishing, agriculture, business and tourism and thus promote the

economy.

Acting Manager of TANROADS Katavi region Eng. Abert Laiser said that one of the projects that is going fast in the region is the construction of the 25km-Vikonge-Luhafwe road which is a part of the 250.44km-Mpanda-Uvinza-Kanyani road where its completion will facilitate transport activities between Katavi and Kigoma regions.

Z'bar govt issues IDs to all people over 70 yrs of age

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

THE Zanzibar government has issued identity cards (IDs) to all elders over 70 years of age to help them get essential social services without inconveniences.

The services include public transport, health, access to government sports grounds and social security pensions.

This was disclosed yesterday by Zanzibar First Vice President, Dr Othman Masoud Othman, at the celebrations to mark World elders Day held at the state University of Zanzibar (SUZA) Conference Hall here.

Speaking on behalf of the Zanzibar President, the First Vice president said the number of elders issued with IDs totaled 28,668. "In valuing the contribution from elders in the country's development, the government has increased the community pension to elders from 20,000/- to 50,000/- per month," said Dr Othman.

He explained that by September this year, 29,307 elders had been registered, 17,482 in Unguja and 11,825 in Pemba to receive the monthly pension.

"To a great extent, the pensions have helped the elders to boost their lives including establish various income earning projects," he said, and instructed officials dealing with the issue of community pensions to closely collaborate with to remove challenges facing registration and pensions payment.

He also called on the public not to evade their responsibilities to take care of their elders instead of taking them to old people's homes.

"We believe that elders are a

treasure of wisdom and experience which are essential for people's development, hence we should be closer to them in order to benefit from them," he said.

Welcoming the first Vice President, the Minister for Community Development, Gender, Elders and Children, Riziki Pembe Juma said the youth are abandoning their parents because the government has built elders' homes for the.

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China's Ambassador to Tanzania, Chen Mingjian (L), exchanges greetings with Culture, Arts and Sports minister Dr Damas Ndumbaro at the China Cultural festival held in Dar es Salaam on Saturday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

TFRA told to enhance subsidised fertiliser control in border areas

By Guardian Reporter

THE Tanzania Fertiliser Regulatory Authority (TFRA) Board and management have been urged to enhance fertiliser control in border areas in particular so that the subsidised farm input provided by the government should benefit Tanzanians.

Deputy Agriculture minister David Silinde made the remarks on Saturday when he spoke to TFRA officials in his visit that aimed to learn how the Authority performs and provided government's directives in boosting its performance for the nation's interest.

He said in the past, farming was not well understood, but owing to the Phase VI Government's decision in boosting the farming sector, farmers now understand and have started following up various directives given thereby unearthing various challenges facing the sector right from the lower level.

Silinde further called on TFRA to start the fertiliser distribution exercise early in order to reduce complaints over the input's delay in reaching farmers as it happened in the previous season.

To ensure that the government's provided subsidised fertiliser reach farmers, Silinde called on TFRA to verify farmers' registration details to remove challenges by dealers to sell the input to farmers who had provided fictitious details.

He also commended the Authority by coming up with a map system that enables it to see areas where dealers are, the quantity of the fertiliser they have throughout the country, saying this will help to monitor the availability of the farm input in time and in all areas at a given time.

For his part the chairman of the Subsidies Committee, Louis Kasera said the supply of subsidised fertiliser to farmers has enhanced enthusiasm in farmers to use the farm input in their farming, hence boosting its demand considerably.

He said the Authority has solved the challenge facing fertiliser distribution that came up during the previous farming season by registering 198 cooperative societies as well as more than 2,000 AMCOs countrywide that will help to make sure the farm input reach the country's remotest areas.

The aim, he said is for farmers not having to travel more than 15 kms looking for the fertiliser.

Empowered young girls to become 'best' innovators and designers in ICT industry

By Beatrice Philemon

FIFTY young girls from across Tanzania will soon become best innovators and designers in the Information, Communication and Technology (ICT) sector after receiving profound training on digital literacy and coding skills.

Mitra Sadananda, UN Women, programme specialist unveiled this over the weekend when wrapping up the second "Binti Dijitali Programme Coding Camp in Dar es Salaam.

Mitra said the group has been fed with essential skills and techniques to enable them to utilize well safe digital space opportunities.

He said the camp was conducted for 10 days bringing together young girls at the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM) with funding from the Belgium government.

The programme is being implemented by UN Women in collaboration with the ministry of education, science and technology, ministry of community development, gender, women and special groups through the regional African Girls Can Code Initiative (AGCCI).

He called on young girls to use the knowledge they have been given to come up with new innovative solutions to solve community challenges.

"The future belongs to you, I encour-

age you to grasp it, use the knowledge you have been given to not only shape your career, but make a transformational difference in your community, your country, and the world," he said.

Sadananda said, the African Girls Can Code - Binti Dijitali programme aims to empower women and girls between the ages of 17-25 with the critical skills they need to thrive in an increasingly digitized world.

"The two coding camps we have organized, first in Zanzibar and then this one in Dar es Salaam are just the beginning, our hope is to be able to partner with others to scale up our efforts, and organize additional camps in more re-

gions of the country, especially in marginalized regions, so that no one is left behind," he said

He also called on the government and all other stakeholders to undertake similar initiatives to ensure that collectively they can meet that demand.

Raya Ahmada, Binti Dijitali trainer and head of programmes, Zanzibar Economic Empowerment Agency (ZEEA) added under the programme, girls were trained on next generation technologies, graphic design, website design, mobile application development, digital marketing, design thinking, gender equality and women

empowerment, coding and robotics, computer games and computer programming language.

She said through the knowledge and skills gained from trainers, were able to develop an Agri-connect website for women farmers to sell what they produce through their mobile phones and Tunakulinda App and website for submitting evidence of women that face various forms of violence.

"We were also able to create a Crane Robotics machine for construction workers at site and Tuongee App for girls and women with hearing impairment and speech impairments to

communicate," she said.

Dr Lulu Mahai, UDSM's director of Institute of Gender Studies called on girls to use this opportunity to support themselves, people, national and go beyond as well.

The University of Dar es Salaam was committed to continue implementing programmes to support girls and promote gender equality.

"I hope the training will help you and people are also waiting for you, go and demonstrate what you have done, use the ideas and experience you get to show the world that in Tanzania there are girls who can innovate and create," she said.

Minister calls for collective efforts against breast cancer

By Getrude Mbago

MINISTER for Health Ummu Mwalimu has acknowledged that the burden of breast cancer was highly growing in the country where over 50 percent of those estimated to be living with the disease are yet to get medical services.

According to her, collective efforts from both the government and stakeholders were still needed to ensure people are educated about the disease, its signs and how they can prevent it and seek medical check-ups and treatment.

She made the statement in Dar es Salaam during a special Breast Cancer Walk and awareness event organised by the Ocean Road Cancer Institute (ORCI) in collaboration with various stakeholders.

Ummu said that the government has continued to improve breast cancer services by installing modern machines in regional and zonal hospitals but still many people are not coming out to utilise them.

"The major challenge that we have is that, many people are still unaware of the challenge and those who know it have fear to seek for further medical check-up, this is why we are pulling our efforts by engaging the private sector so as to ensure that Tanzanians are reached with the education to enable the make right decision about their health," she explained.

She noted that reports show that Tanzania develops about 42,000 new cancer patients every year but only 38 percent (15,000 patients) come out to seek medical services.

"We are working hard to encourage early diagnosis because detecting breast cancer early improves survival, lowers morbidity and reduces the cost of care. Unfortunately, the majority of patients present with late stage disease, many of them seeking healthcare when they experience pain and other advanced symptoms," she said.

She called on women, girls and even men to take action and seek medical check-up so as to be sure of their health.

The Minister said the government has invested heavily to ensure that the Ocean Road Cancer Institute provides quality

services to those referred from various parts which include chemotherapy, radiation therapy and palliative care.

She said that the government will continue to invest in breast cancer early detection programmes and awareness so as to reach more people both rural and urban with comprehensive diagnosis and treatment services

ORCI executive director, Dr Julius Mwaiselage said the institute is from November this year, expected to commence a special service to diagnose cancer at an early stage following the installation of a modern machine dubbed "positron emission tomography/computed tomography and cyclotron (PET/CT).

Worth 18.2bn/-, the equipment will save billions of money that is spent annually by patients seeking for the service abroad as it will be the first such installation in the East African region.

He said PET scan can find abnormal activity and it is more sensitive to tumour cell motion than other imaging tests providing more detailed information about incipient cancers.

He said that in the 2023/24 fiscal year, the institute is implementing a number of projects meant to improve and expand services in regions and zones.

Dr Faustine Ndugulile, vice chairman of Parliamentary Committee on Health and HIV/AIDS said the government should expand cancer services to various hospitals including regions for more access to them.

The MP however said that cancer treatment expenses were too high also for low income people to afford that's why many have been hiding themselves fearing to consult medical specialists.

He said that rapid diagnosis needs to be linked to effective cancer treatment by establishing centralized services in hospitals from district level for people to access.

Reports show that breast cancer caused 685 000 deaths globally in 2020. Roughly half of all breast cancers occur in women with no specific risk factors other than sex and age. Approximately 0.5-1 percent of breast cancers occur in men.



Livestock and Fisheries, Abdallah Ulega (2nd-R) receives a gift from the Netherlands Ambassador to Tanzania, Wiebe de Boer, at a workshop for fostering competitiveness in Tanzania's feeds sub-sector with a focus on protein ingredients. It was held in Dar es Salaam late last week, jointly organised by the Netherlands Embassy and the Southern Agricultural Growth Corridor of Tanzania (SAGCOT). Looking on are SAGCOT chief executive officer Geoffrey Kirenga (L) and Dr Nazaali Madalla, a director in the Livestock and Fisheries ministry. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Adolescent pregnancy remains high in Tanzania, says new report

By Correspondent Daniel Sembeya

ADOLESCENT pregnancy in Tanzania has remained high at 22 percent where one of the factors being low use of modern family planning methods among young women, a new report has stated.

Findings from a pilot project titled postpartum family planning (PPFP) services among first-time young (15-24) mothers (FTMs) that was carried out in Dodoma Region young and first-time mothers are at high risk for short birth intervals and poor health

outcomes.

The study was carried out by experts from Save the Children who are Lilian Kapinga, Brenda Mshiu, Melanie Yahner, Sarah Elaraby, Emma Cook, Jennifer Seager and Sarah Baird.

The project also found that there are still few programmes aiming targeting adolescent and first-time young mothers by encouraging them of PPFP use so as to space pregnancies.

"In our project, we aim to reach FTMs during the transition to parenthood to improve PPFP utilization and support healthy

timing and spacing of pregnancies."

Furthermore: "We tested light-touch, scalable approaches that build on existing government and project platforms in 13 villages in Kongwa District in Dodoma, Tanzania."

Approaches included FTM-focused PPFP content in community support groups (CSGs), community health worker (CHW) home visits, and SMS with health information and reminders.

They also surveyed 351 FTMs in 2021, conducted descriptive analyses and used regression

analyses to identify the association of the approaches with outcomes of interest, specifically PPFP adoption.

On average CSG attendance was 2.81 sessions, and 75 percent of FTMs received home visits from CHWs. Despite the light-touch nature of the approaches, we saw a 48 percent increase in PPFP adoption.

FTMs that interacted with both home visits, and more than one CSG session were more likely to use PPFP than those who interacted with only one. Exposure to more than one CSG session was

associated with improvement of PPFP knowledge (14 percent), couple communication 28 percent) and self-efficacy 6 percent.

"Our findings suggest that light-touch community-based approaches have promising effects on PPFP uptake among FTMs, even with modest interaction with the programme. Using multiple approaches can improve effectiveness, accessibility and feasibility of the intervention. Implementation at a larger geographical scale over a longer duration is needed to examine the scalability and sustainability of this program. The 2020 form-

ative assessment has identified key barriers among FTMs including: Limited decision-making power; judgmental treatment from health providers, misconceptions about family planning (FP), and FTMs are often overlooked in outreach activities by frontline workers. "We designed light-touch, scalable community-based approaches to address these barriers."

"We tested the approaches in 13 villages from Kongwa District, to assess the effectiveness, acceptability, and feasibility in increasing FTMs' PPFP uptake. Throughout, we gathered qualitative feedback to iden-

tify needed revisions and explore specific challenges and risks.

Findings have shown that FTMs liked the community support groups, particularly the nutrition and income-generation information. Family members reported positive attitudes towards the groups and the information shared in them.

CHWs reported that FTMs, particularly younger and unmarried FTMs, seemed uncomfortable during CSG sessions, and overall CSG attendance was low due to lack of incentives.



A manager with Almansour Auto Ltd (L) pictured at the weekend briefing Energy minister Anthony Mavunde (R) at the firm's pavilion at the Mining and Technology exhibition held in Geita shortly before the latter closed it. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

AU Commission calls for further deepening Africa-China relations

ADDIS ABABA

DEPUTY Chairperson of the African Union (AU) Commission Monique Nsanabaganwa has called for further deepening Africa-China relations across a range of sectors.

Noting the great value that the African continent, under the umbrella of the continental bloc -- AU, attaches to its comprehensive relations with China, Nsanabaganwa stressed the need to improve the bilateral ties.

"We need further opening up of new prospects for Africa-China cooperation -- expansion of trade and investment, experience sharing on poverty reduction, strengthening of cooperation on digital economy and the promotion of entrepreneurship by young Africans, and the development of small- and medium-sized enterprises," said Nsanabaganwa.

The senior AU official made the remarks recently during an event to mark the 74th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China (PRC) in the Ethiopian capital of Addis Ababa.

Nsanabaganwa further said the AU will continue to appreciate China in the implementation of the Global Development Initiative, which she said is in line with the AU's 50-year continental development blueprint -- the Agenda 2063 -- as well as the United Nations' 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

She said the AU welcomes the ac-

tive support and participation of African countries in the implementation of the Global Development Initiative, and commended the Chinese government for its support of different programs implemented by the pan-African bloc and its member African countries.

During the event, He Youlin, the charge d'affaires of the Mission of China to the AU, on his part echoed Nsanabaganwa's sentiment, as he called for further strengthening China-AU cooperation in particular and China-Africa ties in general.

"China and the AU are key partners in upholding international fairness and justice," He said. "We are confident that, with our joint efforts, we will gather the great strength of the 2.8 billion Chinese and African people, elevating the China-Africa comprehensive strategic and cooperative partnership to a new stage, and building a high-level China-Africa community with a shared future."



China and the AU are key partners in upholding international fairness and justice

GEL urges parents to send children abroad for studies

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

PARENTS whose children have missed opportunities to study at local universities have been advised to seek help from Global Education Link (GEL), an agency for overseas education that will connect them to abroad universities.

Abdulmalik Mollel, GEL director made the advice over the weekend in Dar es Salaam when addressing more than 100 students who travelled for studies in various countries.

He urged students to focus on their studies to successfully attain their educational goals. He said most of the students who wanted to go for engineer-

ing and medicine courses have missed out chances in local universities due to strong competition, insisting there are many chances in various universities abroad.

Mollel said apart from connecting them with universities abroad, students with challenges in paying fees are provided with interest-free loans.

"Your child may have obtained Division One but due to strong competition, he or she was selected to join local universities. GEL will help to connect them with universities before the beginning of this academic year," said Mollel.

He urged students to be mature enough not to bother their parents for minor things they encounter while at

college. He said some challenges may be solved by themselves because parents cannot be able to travel frequently.

He said that in this academic year, the agency expects to send more than 1,500 students to study in various universities abroad, calling upon those who have missed chances at local universities to visit their offices.

"Admissions to local universities have reached the limit, the second window is closed and the third window will be closed soon. Students who wish to go for engineering courses, dentistry, heart, medicine or any other field should come to us to get connections with universities abroad," he added.



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**USAID Heshimu Bahari Activity
Request For Application
Heshimu Bahari RFA 6/2023**

USAID Heshimu Bahari is a five-year (2022-2027) project financed by USAID and implemented by Chemonics International and partners. The goal of the project is to strengthen the enabling environment and science-driven framework for sustainable marine protected areas (MPAs) and fisheries co-management in Tanzania Mainland and Zanzibar, by Government, communities, and the private sector, through four integrated objectives:

1. Collaborative network of resilient MPAs and no-take replenishment zones (NTRZs) expanded.
2. Community co-management of MPAs/marine capture fisheries strengthened.
3. Private sector investment in MPAs and marine capture fisheries co-management expanded.
4. Integration of relevant science-to-MPA management improved.

Objectives.
This announcement is a call for Request for Application (RFA) is seeking to award a grant to an NGO, Civil Society Organization (CSOs) to undertake an artisanal fishing pattern mapping survey along the northern Tanzania Mainland coast. The objective of the activity is to generate systematic baseline data to incorporate into multi-parametric marine spatial analysis to identify priority marine areas for protection and management.

Geography coverage and target.
The overall target area covers the nine collaborative fisheries management areas (CFMAs) in nearshore waters of Southern Tanzania Mainland.

Eligible Recipients:

- Applicants must be a non-governmental organization (NGO) or CSO registered and formally constituted in Tanzania (both Mainland or Zanzibar), recognized by and in good standing with appropriate authorities, and compliant with all applicable civil and fiscal regulations.
- Applicants may only submit one application per prime organization under this RFA.
- Applicants must be able to demonstrate successful past performance in implementation of focus group-based social science surveys with coastal fishing communities in Tanzania Mainland or Zanzibar. Organizations having recent or ongoing project engagements on fisheries co-management with coastal communities in the target districts and CFMAs will have an advantage.
- Applicants may submit an application covering the whole target area, or covering specific districts only, depending on their area of engagement and interest.
- Applicants should assemble an implementation team with the following minimum requirements:
 - (i) A Team Leader with: (a) a Master's degree or PhD in social science, fisheries science or other relevant discipline; (b) at least 10 years' experience leading similar social science research studies in Tanzania; (c) significant, demonstrable experience undertaking research or other project facilitation in coastal fishing communities in Tanzania; (d) significant demonstrable experience writing high-quality technical reports for international donors or organizations or other international

audience; (e) written and spoken fluency in Kiswahili and English;

- (ii) Fisheries Specialist: (if team leader is not a fisheries specialist) with (a) a Masters' degree or higher in fisheries science or related discipline; (b) at least 10 years' experience in similar fisheries-related social science studies in Tanzania; (c) significant, demonstrable experience facilitating engagement with coastal fishing communities in Tanzania; (f) written and spoken fluency in Kiswahili and English;
- (iii) Facilitators: 2 to 4 other team members with significant, demonstrable facilitation skills and significant, demonstrable experience working with coastal fishing communities in Tanzania. Depending on how focus groups will be organized, it is emphasized that information capture from focus groups during this assignment will require close facilitation, and might also call for concurrent groups to be working simultaneously.

- Applicants must display sound management in the form of financial, administrative, and technical policies and procedures and present a system of internal controls that safeguard assets; protect against fraud, waste, and abuse; and support the achievement of program goals and objectives. USAID Heshimu Bahari will assess this capability prior to awarding a grant.
- For any grant award(s) resulting from this solicitation that is other than in-kind, equivalent to \$25,000 USD or more, and has no anticipated subawards, grantees will be required to provide a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) at the time of award. If the applicant already has a UEI number, it should be included in their application. Otherwise, applicants will be expected to get a UEI number before an award is made. USAID Heshimu Bahari will assist successful applicants with this process.
- The project will work with the successful grantee to draft a marking and branding plan which will be annexed to the grant agreement.
- Faith-based and community groups will receive equal opportunity for funding in accordance with the mandated guidelines laid out in ADS 303.3.28 except for faith-based organizations whose objectives are for discriminatory and religious purposes, and whose main objective of the grant is of a religious nature.

Funding:
Fisheries pattern mapping grant for the entire area will be awarded up to the maximum of \$ 150,000 for the period of no more than four months.

Application and Submission Information.
Interested agencies are invited to request for RFA through the mail address mailto: HBAprocurement@HeshimuBahari.com

The deadline for submitting of Request for proposals is **November 2nd 2023, 5.00 p.m.** All interested agencies must submit their proposals in electronic version through HBAprocurement@HeshimuBahari.com. with subject clearly marked RFA 6/2023

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The outgoing Tanzania Education Authority director general, Bahati Geuzye (L), hands over office to her successor, Dr Erasmus Kipsha, in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. She was recently appointed Mtwara regional administrative secretary. Photo: Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

'Consumers Choice Awards has further energised production of quality goods'

By Guardian Correspondent

THE Founder of Consumers Choice Awards Africa, Diana Lazier has said the awards for firms that produce and sell various kinds of products has energised the firms in enhancing products quality, and as well as market competition.

Diana further says the aim of the awards established five years ago is to provide value to customers to who they depend as they are selectors and buyers of products in the market.

She made the observation in Dar es Salaam at the weekend as she addressed reporters on the opening of the Consumers Choice Awards Africa 2023 window while the process to obtain winners began via online voting will take place between October 9 to November 2 this year.

"The customers are the ones boosting the firms for their continual existence and provide them with the enthusiasm to consider which products should be manufactured and preferred by customers.

"We call upon to participating firms to explain about the criteria the hold to enable them become better ones from their services," Diana added.

She added that the awards have gone through a process to obtain participants through collaboration with TANTRADE in order to make sure the names recommended go in tandem with the existing markets

"The process is coordinated by the Independent System Verifiers, expert verifiers who will oversee the voting

system, and the awards will be presented on November 11 this year," she said.

Alex Mzanda, Senior Information System Auditor from Auditax International said the aim of their participation in the process to get winners is to follow on the existence of trust by abiding with the laid down procedures during voting that will be done electronically.

"Before one casts his vote, he will enter his email in the system and will be given a link on how to vote and will see various criteria on those to be voted for and the the vote will select a winner in every criterion," Mzanda said.

He said the voting process will last 23 days hence customers have ample opportunity to pick firms that they think performed better in business through the goods in the market.

Fredrick Bundala, this year's awards coordinator from the Simulizi na Sauti Media said there are opportunities for the competing firms to speak and explain themselves online, that they are in the process of being voted for.



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Arusha for 100m/- worth of scholarships to bright students in talent hunt contest

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

ARUSHA has just announced the winners of this year's Talent Hunt Scholarship Competition, which involved more than ten schools in the city, with over 100m/- being dished out to the winning students.

A total of 27 students emerged as scholarship winners, collectively receiving scholarships worth 100 million Tanzanian Shillings. The scholarships will foot up to 75 percent of their school fees.

"The Talent Hunt Scholarship Test

2023 has been a journey of hard work, dedication, and unwavering commitment. It is a testament to the talent, intellect, and perseverance of our remarkable students," said Dr Zeeshan Ahmed Khan, the Chief Executive Officer of Meru International School.

More than ten schools participated in the Talent Hunt Scholarship Test 2023 which kicked off in August 2023, with the climaxing event topped with award giving ceremony being held over the weekend.

Dr Khan emphasized the impor-

ance of nurturing young talent and providing opportunities for them to shine

Arusha Meru International School (AMIS) which organized the educational event, celebrated academic excellence and exceptional talent in a grand award ceremony for the Talent Hunt Scholarship Test 2023.

The over 150 students who took part in the Talent Hunt Scholarship hailed from Saint Constantine International, Braeburn School, Jaffery Academy, Arusha Meru and Prime School.

They were mostly Primary (Grade 3-6), Lower Secondary (Grade 7-9), and IGCSE and AS/A Level (Grade 10-13) students.

The event brought together students, parents, and educators to recognize and reward the remarkable achievements of young scholars.

The competition was fierce, showcasing the intellectual prowess of students in various subjects.

Speaking during the occasion, one of the winners, Pendo Karungu from Prime School said the scholarships will significantly ease the financial

burden of their education, allowing them to excel academically.

"The tests were difficult and challenging but I am glad to have won and help reduce the burden of school fees for my parents," she said.

One of the parents, Sabrina Roshan said the talent hunt helped children to be more active academically, bring students together but also save parents on the cost of school fees.

"Out of the 27 scholarship winning students, 10 hailed from different institutions and 17 from Arusha

Meru International School, highlighting the competitiveness and inclusivity of the Talent Hunt Scholarship Test.

Vice Chairman of Arusha Educational and Cultural Society, Sudha Majhithia described the importance of education in shaping the future of young people in the building of the nation.

The award giving event also consisted of distribution of scholarship certificates to the winners, symbolizing their dedication to learning and their promising futures.

Form more partnerships to educate Tanzanians, government challenged

By Getrude Mbago

THE government has been urged to increase efforts in forming more collaborations to educate Tanzanians on the current constitution for them to have a wider understanding before the process of drafting new laws begins.

Dr Mayrose Mazinge, executive director of the Dar es Salaam-based Family Vibes Foundation, made the call in Dar es Salaam yesterday when speaking to reporters on the country's constitution making process.

According to her, many people have a low understanding of the meaning of the constitution and what the current constitution carries, so jumping to the new constitution making process will confuse the majority of them.

"We are supporting the recent statement issued by President Samia Suluhu Hassan that it is better to educate Tanzanians on the 1977 constitution before commencing the process to have a new constitution," she said.

She noted that the public awareness exercise set to be implemented by the government in familiarising Tanzanians with the current constitution and picking out possible areas for improvement, was the best way to start.

Dr Mayrose who is also a psychologist said

during the awareness campaign, Tanzanians should also be told deeply on the importance of patriotism for the country's development.

"We need to invest heavily in efforts to furnish Tanzanians with more information on how they need to stand up for their country, fighting for its development and protecting peace and unity, this is very important, Tanzanian youth should be told on the importance of respecting elders but also having systems that value the retired people who worked hard to bring development in the country," she explained.

She said President Samia Hassan has shown a great political will of restoring democracy, freedom of expression and improvement of good governance.

The psychologist further noted that many Tanzanians are suffering from challenges brought by poor mental health thus affecting daily social and economic activities, something which also needs more efforts to promote good mental health.

The government is currently working on a nationwide awareness programme to educate Tanzanians on the current constitution and is conducted by the National Agency for Public Education on Constitution.



Barrick president and CEO Mark Bristow (3rd-R) pictured in Tarime town on Saturday presenting to Mara district commissioner Michael Mtenjele a car Barrick Gold has donated to the Tarime District Council to facilitate the monitoring of progress in the implementation of development projects funded by Barrick North Mara Mine. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Twiga partnership shows transformative impact of mining, says Barrick

By Guardian Correspondent, Tarime

BARRICK Gold Corporation and the government have demonstrated how mining can be an enormous force when miners and host governments work together to create sustainable value for all stakeholders, president and chief executive Mark Bristow said yesterday.

Speaking to journalists, Bristow said Barrick's pioneering Twiga partnership with the government, which equally shares the economic benefits generated by the North Mara and Bulyanhulu mines, should be a model for successful cooperation, notably in developing countries.

"Not only is Barrick now the largest contribu-

tor to the Tanzanian economy through taxes, salaries, dividends, payments to local suppliers, and investment in community projects, but it is also proving the country's inevitability to other international mining companies," he said.

Since taking over the two moribund mines in 2019, Barrick has transformed them into a world-class gold mining complex making a substantial contribution to the company's bottom line.

In that time, it has contributed more than \$3 billion to the Tanzanian economy, with Twiga this year recognized as the largest dividend payer of all the companies in which the gov-

ernment has an interest.

The mines spent 84 percent of their procurement budgets with local companies, and Tanzanian citizens account for 96 percent of their workforce.

In the same spirit of partnership, Barrick has committed \$40 million to a road building program and a further \$30 million to the improvement of the country's education facilities.

Both mines are well on track to achieve their production guidance for 2023 as well as to replace reserves depleted by mining. In the meantime, exploration across Barrick's licence areas has highlighted new development

opportunities across these areas, including a potential new underground mine at North Mara.

Bristow said: "Our Twiga partnership is not only adding value to the Tanzanian economy but to the quality of the lives of the communities around its mines as they continue to grow. Our continued engagement with these communities and their village leaders, local NGOs and human rights organizations demonstrates Barrick's partnership philosophy and our commitment to upholding human rights standards in the regions in which we operate."

Bristow handed over to Tarime District Council (Rural) a Toyota Land Cruiser car

provided by Barrick for the monitoring of social projects implemented due to corporate social responsibility (CSR) funds provided by Barrick North Mara Mine. North Mara Mine is currently implementing more than 100 CSR projects in the Mara region.

The Tarime District Commissioner, Colonel Michael Mtenjele, said the car is important in facilitating the implementation of CSR projects funds from Barrick.

"We are grateful to Barrick for the vehicle donation, as it will help our staff to get easy access to projects on time so that projects can be timely implemented, and thus benefit our people," said Colonel Mtenjele.



Exim Bank Tanzania chief financial officer Shan Kinswaga (2nd-R) and Commissioner of Police Liberati Sabas pictured in Dar es Salaam at the weekend signing an MoU on the issuance of soft-term loans to police officers under the bank's 'Wafanyakazi Loan' arrangement covering public servants. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

FBOs call for climate financing initiatives, policies' harmonisation

By Correspondent Aisia Rweyemamu, Arusha

FAITH-based organizations have underlined the urgent need to harmonise climate financing initiatives and policies especially on adaptation and mitigation so as to address the increasing adverse impacts of climate change in the country.

The actors made the call during the weekend here at the International Transparency and Accountability Conference (ITAC-2023) themed: 'Strengthened accountability for climate action', jointly organised by Wajibu Institute of Transparency and Accountability and the Vice President's Office.

"Harmonising the three components of climate financing: policies, equality and resilience frameworks is vital and fundamental in addressing climate change by the fact that beneficiaries are not familiar with the operating policies and regulations," said Rev. Modest Pesho from Christian Council of Tanzania (CCT).

He said harmonisation could be a catalyst for achieving resilience and adaptation targets through enhancing localisation of the policies and regulations as a means to promote resilience and adaptation as locally-led interventions by changing the narrative from donor dependency to self-reliance using indigenous knowledge and local innovative skills in addressing the devastating impacts of climate change.

Brother John Sure from the Tanzania Episcopal Conference (TEC) said harmonizing climate finance and policies are needed both to mitigate emissions and to help communities and economies adapt to the changes that are now inevitable.

"If greenhouse gas emissions are not reduced immediately, it won't be possible to limit warming to

1.5°C, or even 2°C, putting the world on a catastrophic path," Brother Sure added.

He said that, in the Paris Agreement, it was decided that developed countries would provide financial resources to help developing countries meet their NDCs, pay for mitigation and adaptation, and mobilize more climate finance.

Rev. Aidan Msafiri, technical advisor for Interfaith Standing Committee on Economic Justice and Integrity of Creation (ISCEJIC) the harmonisation will help to develop a common understanding and vision for climate finance in Africa.

Rev. Msafiri who is also a Senior Lecturer and Research Fellow at the Collage of African Wildlife Management (MWEKA) admitted that climate change and its quantifiable and immeasurable fiscal risk effect, remain the most troubling 21st century crisis ever.

Presenting a topic titled 'Climate Change and Fiscal Risk, he said climate finance has the potential to revamp most vulnerable climate change disasters, loss and damage.

Rev. added that climate change risk, challenges and threat remain top most global challenge not only in terms of quantitative fiscal, infrastructural, physical ecological and qualitative trajectories, but in both short- and long-term scenarios.

Speaking on biodiversity, ecosystems and wildlife fiscal risks and vulnerabilities, Rev. Msafiri stated that, from Tanzania view point for instance, quantitative and qualitative biodiversity and ecosystem loss are clear and scientifically verifiable, the destruction and disappearance of grass land, soil flora, wetlands, natural forest, habitat, birds and species.

According to him, uncertainties for financial returns and prof-

its, ever-increasing insurance cost and risk, increased health cost, increased conflict on water, land and resources, massive risk on investments are among the economic and development risks resulting from climate change.

Rev. Msafiri said as an effect of climate change there are also some critical human health risks resulting from increasing environmental stress, due to heat waves, pollution and floods.

He warned that there are also some destructive ethical, moral, ideological and philosophical root causes for the climate change crisis.

Rev. Msafiri said climate finance has the potential to revamp most vulnerable climate change disasters, loss and damage, and is a credible means to shift investment and boost up green growth and infrastructure. Climate finance provides a suitable platform particularly in promoting equity among all polluters through the principle of common but differentiated responsibility.

He has also called for operationalizing climate change adaptation and mitigation projects especially through climate justice, action, resource, mobilisation and energy transfer, energy mix and resilience.

However, the conference was funded by development partners including Norwegian Church Aid (NCA). The organisation is supporting faith actors in developing climate change actions that resonate with local needs and vulnerabilities.

It mobilizes faith leaders across Tanzania, championing climate-smart agricultural practices and facilitating community climate adaptation committees, aimed at fostering conservation efforts. Like tree planting, land use planning, and awareness raising.

India's Chief of the Army Staff in Dar for four-day official visit

By Guardian Reporter

GENERAL Manoj Pande, the Chief of the Army Staff of India, is expected to commence his four-day official visit to Tanzania from today, October 2 to 5.

A statement availed to the media yesterday noted that during the invitational visit, the four-star General is scheduled to call on the Minister of Defence and National Service, Chief of the Defence Forces and other senior military leadership of Tanzania Peoples Defence Forces (TPDF).

He will also be visiting Zanzibar and interacting with the Army Brigade.

The General will also address the National Defence College in Dar es Salaam and interact with Commandant and Faculty of Command and Staff College, Duluti.

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The visit of the Chief of the Army Staff further consolidates the high level of bilateral defence engagements between India and Tanzania.

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Tanzania, Saudi Arabia for enhanced bilateral ties

By Correspondent Felix Andrew

TANZANIA and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia are working to strengthen cooperation in the areas of trade, economic, investment, and cultural fields.

New Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to Tanzania Yahya Ahmed Okeish made the remarks in Dar es Salaam over the weekend at the occasion to mark the country's 93rd anniversary.

"Leaders from the two countries are working to strengthen and develop fraternal relations in various fields. We have opened our embassy in Tanzania to affirm our keenness to deepen our relations with Tanzania," he said, adding that Saudi Airlines has launched a direct flight between Jeddah and Dar es Salaam which would further strengthen the existing bilateral relations. The Ambassador commended President Samia Suluhu Hassan for her interest and support in strengthening bilateral relations with Saudi Arabia.

Okeish said that his government has created a flexible and open economic environment that attracts foreign investments and supports local talent through clear legislations and provides motivations to entrepreneurs to actively participate in the success of the Saudi Vision 2030 programs and initiatives.

He said entrepreneurs contribute through their dis-

inction and innovation to the growth of the private sector and pave the way for a better future. He said the Saudi Arabia government also ensured the presence of innovative financing plans, supportive regulations, talent, and development discovery programs.

According to Okeish, Saudi Arabia's GDP has continued to grow, reaching 8.7 percent in 2022, recording more than \$1 trillion despite the complex economic conditions and challenges that the world countries are experiencing.

The percentage of non-oil exports has increased to 25 percent, and the percentage of oil content has increased with the local share in the oil and gas sector rising to 59.5 percent, from 37 percent, and the small and medium enterprise loans as a percentage of bank loans have increased to 8 percent compared to the previously 2 percent.

"We have launched many major projects that are currently underway for purposes of creating direct and indirect jobs," he added.

Speaking at the event the Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Mbarouk Nassor Mbarouk commended the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for celebrating their national day.

He said the government of Tanzania would continue to collaborate with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for the betterment of citizens in both nations.



POSITIONS ANNOUNCEMENT

The International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) is a not-for-profit institution that generates agricultural innovations to meet Africa's most pressing challenges of hunger, malnutrition, poverty, and natural resource degradation. Working with various partners across sub-Saharan Africa, we improve livelihoods, enhance food and nutrition security, increase employment, and preserve natural resource integrity. IITA is a member of CGIAR, a global agriculture research partnership for a food secure future. Please visit <https://www.iita.org/> for more information about IITA.

IITA is seeking to recruit various nationally recruited staff positions under BioSSA project, to be based in Dar es Salaam- Tanzania.

Position Number 1

RESEARCH ASSOCIATE - Ref No. IITA-TZ-2023-NRS-015-DSM

The Research Associate has the overall responsibility for maintaining, growing, storing and manipulating the microbial strains in the laboratory for field experiments under the BioSSA project. The research Associate will work closely with project staff and will ensure that efficient strain collection management/manipulating, analyses and reporting is done in a timely manner.

This position is based in Dar es Salaam and reports to the Soil Microbiologist.

Responsibilities:

- Ensuring microbial collections for use in the project are maintained, stored, grown, and formulated as per the required standards.
- Examination, assessment and characterization of strains used in field trials.
- Extraction, examination and identification of strains used in field trials using dissecting and compound microscopes as well as molecular tools, evaluating influences of crop-soil environment for biostimulant research.
- Ensure microbial mass production for laboratory and field testing.
- Setting up laboratory trials in close collaboration with the project staff.
- Working together and assisting staff and other researchers working in the laboratory and preparation of experimental materials.
- Contribute to developing protocols for assessment of potential products in terms of quality control and quality assurance.
- Establishment of databases (laboratory files, data sheets, logging forms and data entry), keeping them organized, updated, and precise.
- Carrying out inventories and quotations of chemicals, equipment, and laboratory consumables, field samples for laboratory analysis, and maintenance of laboratory equipment
- Coordinating with scientists, other laboratory staff, to ensure that laboratory activities are effectively and efficiently done.
- Supervision of interns/attachment students and perform other duties assigned by the supervisors.

Criteria for Success

- Must be able to work independently with minimal supervision.
- Need to participate as a team member in accomplishment of duties.
- Strong attention to detail and maintaining a timely and efficient workflow.
- A positive attitude and strong administrative service orientation.
- Possess excellent interpersonal and communication skills, good judgement, and a high level of respect for confidentiality.
- Ability to work in a multi-cultural environment.
- Critical thinker and curious individual.

Required Qualifications / Experience

- MSc degree in soil microbiology and biology molecular technique
- Minimum of three years of working experience
- Experience in soil microbiology research, preferably on topics that are relevant to BioSSA project (fungal collection maintenance, growth of microorganisms, formulation of microbe-based products).
- Proven skills and experience in soil microbiology techniques in the laboratory.
- Familiarity with molecular techniques such as PCR/RFLP and DGGE.
- Computer literacy and statistical data analysis capabilities.
- Fluency in oral and written English.

Position Number 2

FIELD TECHNICIAN - Ref No. IITA-TZ-2023-NRS-016-DSM

The Field Technician has the overall responsibility for fieldwork activities for the BioSSA Project. The Field Technician works very closely with other research assistants in management of field trials and with the laboratory technicians in preparation of samples for analysis. The position reports to the Soil Microbiologist and is based in Tanzania.

Responsibilities:

- Establishment and management of field trials for the project, including application of the biostimulants.
- Collection and processing of samples in the field.
- Preparation of samples (grinding, labelling, storage).
- Perform a variety of routine non-technical duties and assist staff to prepare different activities in the field.
- Perform other related duties to the work described above.

Criteria for Success

- Must be able to work independently with minimal supervision, but also participate as a team member in accomplishment of duties.
- Strong attention to detail and maintaining a timely and efficient workflow.
- Possess good interpersonal and communication skills.
- Ability to work in a multi-cultural environment.

Required Qualifications / Experience

- BSc in Agriculture or other relevant subject with proven field layout, sample collection and preparation skills.
- At least 3 years of relevant work experience in a closely related field gained in an international organization.
- Computer skills, and ability to learn new applications quickly.
- Ability to work with people and especially farmers, casual labourers and students.

The initial contract for the position is for two years: renewable subject to performance and availability of funds. The duty station for the position will be IITA in Dar es Salaam. This is a nationally recruited position and IITA offers a competitive remuneration package.

Applications: Applications including a cover letter, curriculum vitae, copies of certificates, telephone number, email address, and names/addresses of two referees should be addressed to the Country Representative, IITA-Tanzania, Plot No. 25, Mwenge - Coca-Cola Road, Mikocheni Industrial Area P.O. Box 34441, Dar es Salaam and sent by email to IITA-Tanzania@cgiar.org.

Applicants are requested to use the position heading reference number as the email subject.

Closing date is on 16th of October 2023. Please note that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

TASAF safety net modality helpful, for those it reaches

AS with scores of other economic and social initiatives, there is no real policy debate about strategies that are effective, and those which aren't.

However, once an initiative is rolled out, those it involves will give testimonies of one kind or another.

Thus, we discuss effectiveness from the viewpoint of those reached or touched, not from potential need, and how far that can be rectified.

If there is US\$20.3 million (50.13 billion/-) available on grant basis to reduce poverty, there are various ways in which to put it into use - choosing families to help or issuing low-cost loans.

In the recent grant agreement with the Irish and Swiss aid agencies for the second productive social safety net (PSSN II) programme supervised by the Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF), as in the first phase, it is the first option which is being implemented.

The two donor partners have different weights and facets of emphasis in the aid arrangement, as the Swiss are providing US\$18 million, looking at broad poverty reduction effects. Ireland has meanwhile offered US\$2.3 million tuned more specifically to women's empowerment uses.

There are differences of approach on how poverty ought to be tackled, one a basically liberal outlook and the other a welfare-inclined method.

The liberal one focuses on provision of loans to needy people, often with prior training on what they can do uplift their lives. At times it can have components for income generation projects and some other part for building materials, but mostly such loans are directed at income generation; the rest is one's personal initiative.

By contrast, the welfare-inclined method seeks direct cash transfers to shore up the household upkeep of identified families, and that listing of families to be

aided is never wanting in shortfalls, as too many poor families meet the relevant criteria while not all can be assisted.

Second, those arrangements usually place huge respect for household basics in the cultural sense of the term, like the handing of assistance to a father in a household as its head.

Loans are scarcely ever directed at men if the intention is families as, rather unavoidably, women would usually return most of what is earned to children.

With 50 billion/- directed singularly at the poorest households to be spent on initiatives unlikely to generate losses, and be repaid over a short period of time for others to benefit, poverty would be sharply reduced.

But when directed at aiding families or paying for their schooling even at university level, its impact would often be especially substantial for the beneficiaries though less so for poverty reduction as an objective.

Saying that handing money to families is consonant with the third five-year plan - not loaning vital seed capital for usable projects especially to mothers in those households, for farm or other projects, may be begging the question.

Going further to figure out how to use in a more positive way the total provision for PSSN II, projected at US\$883.32 million, and being told that family members from poor households are assisted to attain social and economic uplift in a durable manner by September 2025, it is even possible to feel irritated.

Using 2.2 billion/- for baby-sitting families up to higher education needs would point to problems with ability to grasp what the amount could actually do to cut poverty as a revolving fund.

That may illustrate why and how Africa has so far used more than US\$500 billion in aid, while Europe recovered fully with US\$50 billion.

Allowing private operators on railway lines is a key first

RATHER slow but sure changes are coming up in the running of railways in the country, with the Transport ministry gearing up to prepare amendments to the Railways Act to allow private operators on railway infrastructure.

It is not the first time that this idea has been heard or floated, but there are meetings to check the terms of the development with key stakeholders.

Accordingly, a meeting was convened recently to see how to allow greater use of our railway services by firms based in neighbouring countries.

Top ministerial officials took the rare step of checking internal policy moves with neighbouring to be more numerous and with appreciable loads to consign to the central corridor.

Evidently the main part of local business interest in the matter is the port, with the subsequent movement of goods a more disparate matter. The way it was organised, before the relevant bill is sent to the legislature shows that caution is watchword in the issue.

It is also likely that policy caution is one thing and the presence of relatively binding regional legislation or agreements another.

For once, this initiative needs to be harmonised with the requirements of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).

When note is also made of the East African Common Market and the Southern Africa Development Community, the setting up of a viable institutional framework incorporating the participation of firms in neighbouring countries in the key transportation facility is largely expected. It is an aspect of those treaties.

Noticeably, Malawi and Zambia were added to the list of central corridor member states to bring the membership to seven - that is, alongside Tanzania, Burundi, Democratic of Congo (DRC), Rwanda and Uganda.

Convenors said that this arrangement will usher in greater efficiency in the use

of infrastructure and quality of services, which implies increased national incomes.

The point is that the Tanzania Railways Corporation would be coordinating rolling stock moving from different countries, not really as commerce but being aware that they belong to associated trading blocs, etc.

It isn't clear if this is just a coordinated running of rolling stock in a wider trading area or a substantive example of public-private partnerships in operating the railway infrastructure.

There was a time when this idea started as merely involving provision of locomotives and wagons, especially with the World Food Programme - whose delivery of relief grain and other consignments to refugee areas near the western border is a regular requirement.

It isn't much the same with the central corridor arrangement, though, as here there is the need to feel at home in sending trains on turn round trips. It would involve the paying of a fee but under the cover of belonging to a common trading area, which would impose a number of obligations.

The convenors' Burundi counterpart was reported to be arguing that if the member countries strengthened their roles in the railway sector that would provide room for larger cargo to be transported, diminishing wear and tear on highways.

That, in turn, would reduce maintenance costs and raise incomes in that rail transportation usually eases the movement of products from the various countries.

This view adds to the need to consider the use of railway facilities in tandem with the scenario of a wider trading zone.

Keeping those unavoidable fees low enough would help the wish to integrate central corridor riparian states in the system instead of looking for different routes.

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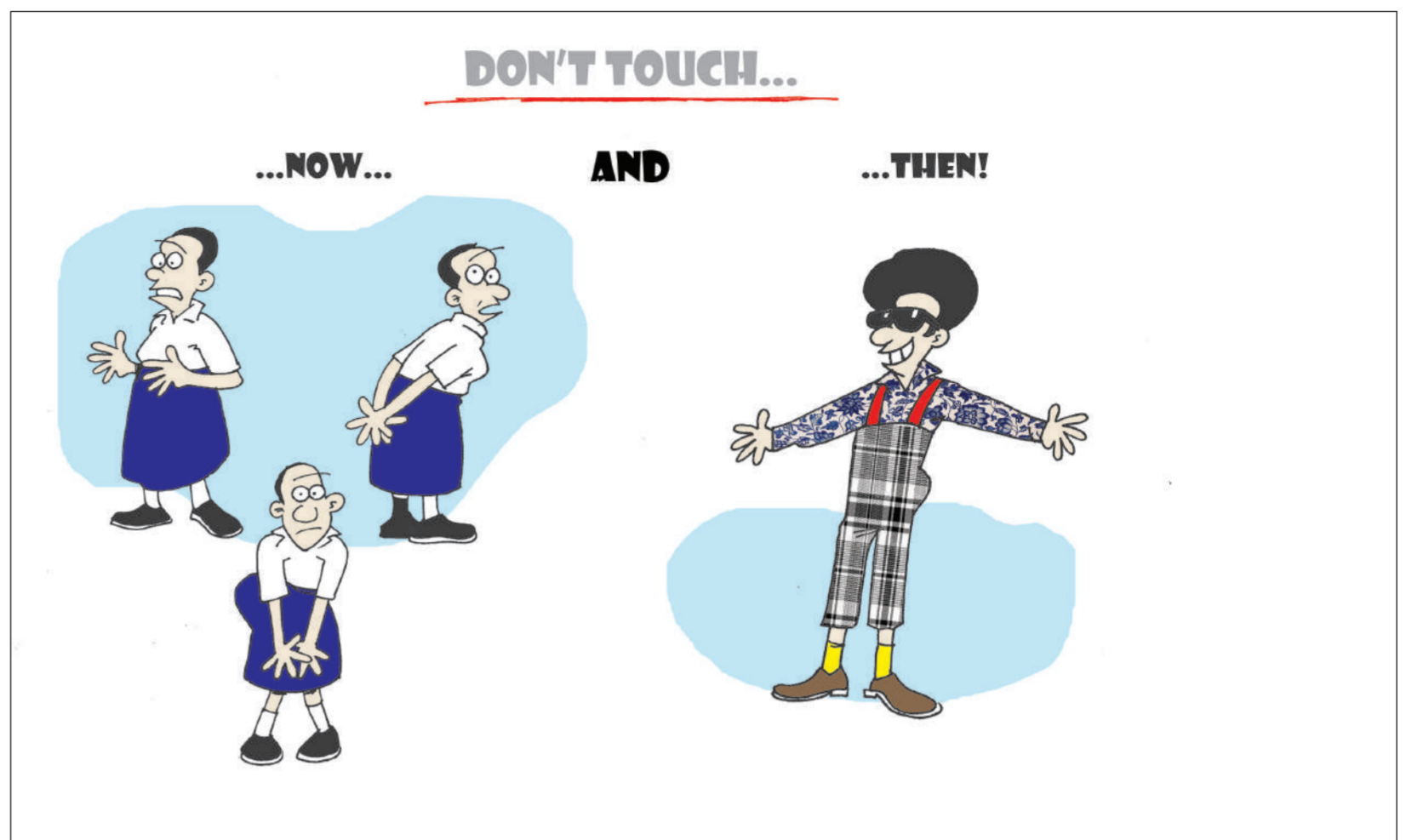
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Jimmy Carter turns 99: Four habits that have helped him live this long

By A. Pawlowski

FORMER United States president - the oldest living commander-in-chief in the nation's history - turned 99 yesterday (Sunday, Oct 1), a milestone that seemed impossible when he entered hospice (or nursing home) care in February 2023.

Carter (pictured), who is a cancer survivor and had suffered a series of falls in recent years, decided to spend "his remaining time at home with his family" in Plains, Georgia, foregoing additional medical intervention after several hospital stays. The Carter Centre said in a statement at the time.

"We thought at the beginning of this process that it was going to be in five or so days," Jason Carter, his grandson, told The New York Times last month.

"I was down there with him in the hospital and then said goodbye. And then we thought it was going to be in that week that it was coming to the end. And it's just now been seven months," the grandson said.

The Jimmy Carter Library & Museum and The Carter Centre have co-hosted a three-day birthday celebration in his honour in Atlanta, starting on Friday, Sept 29.

A week before he turned 99, the former president made an appearance at the Plains Peanut Festival in Georgia, riding in a car with his wife, Rosalynn, on a beautiful autumn day. He still likes peanut butter ice cream, The Carter Centre tweeted.

Why he's living longer than expected

Such small joys are "invaluable" to keep a terminally ill patient going, says Dr BJ Miller, a hospice and palliative medicine physician in San Francisco. He is not treating Carter.

"It's important for the world to see how hospice should go, and that it's not a scary thing. It's not about death - it really is about living until you die. I'm glad for (Carter) to be making this example," Miller told TODAY.com.

He noted that patients go into hospice when doctors believe that they have six months or less to live. They're no longer trying to "push back on the illness", so the focus becomes comfort care to ease any suffering, Miller adds. That includes medicine to alleviate pain, nausea or anxiety.

It also means emotional support for the patients and their families, talking things through and trying to find meaning in their remaining time.

But it's "not rare" that people live longer in hospice care than expected, like Carter, Miller explained, adding that he has seen it many times in his own practice.

It's very difficult for doctors to pinpoint how much time a terminally ill patient has left, so they're always guessing, Miller noted further.

Another reason is that hospice care



can be a relief for a patient who has been in and out of the hospital receiving aggressive medical treatment and taking countless medications.

"At some point, a lot of that effort can be fatiguing on the body, certainly emotionally draining and sometimes even demoralising," Miller said.

"In hospice, you're no longer being pulled all over the place to try this or that treatment. Finally, there's some peace. Finally, there's someone listening to your symptoms. And finally, you get to stay home and the care is coming to you."

Sometimes people live longer in hospice than they would otherwise because of that "loving, de-stressing support", he noted.

Carter's longevity habits

Carter is the first US president to live until 95 or older - and the only one to live to see the 40th anniversary of his inauguration.

Genes can play a role in longevity, but Carter has a complicated family medical history. His mother lived to be 85, but his father died of pancreatic cancer - at 58. Both his sisters and his brother also died of pancreatic cancer, and his mother had the disease as well, according to an NBC News report.

In 2015, Carter was diagnosed with melanoma that had spread to his liver and brain. He received immunotherapy treatments and scans showed no evidence of the cancer within months. In 2019, he had a series of falls that led to broken bones and required surgery.

Still, the former president has made it to 99. His healthy longevity habits include sense of purpose.

Carter and his wife have famously gotten involved in the community, helping to build, renovate and repair more than 4,300 homes in 14 countries while volunteering for Habitat for Humanity since 1984. The work gave him joy, he himself wrote in one of his books.

"Community involvement tells you that you want to live, you want to help other people," Valter Longo, PhD, professor of gerontology at the University of Southern California and director of the USC Longevity Institute in Los Angeles, told TODAY.com.

"You have a reason to keep doing all the things that you need to do," Longo said, noting that this included going to the doctor, eating a healthy diet and exercising. "In the end, it's whatever gets you out of bed."

Volunteering helps people stay engaged with others and contribute, Miller said, adding: "You need to put love into the world and care in the world. And that, too, is a lifeblood." The second factor is having strong family ties. Carter and Rosalynn have been married for 77 years. They are the longest-married couple in presidential history. Carter has called it "a full partnership".

Their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren complete the tight-knit family.

Committing to a life partner, caring for children and putting family first is a key part of longevity, researchers studying the Blue Zones, places around the world where people live long lives, have found.

It's important to be part of a loving connection, though it doesn't have to be a marriage per se - it can be a spouse, but also a sibling, a friend or any relationship where a person feels seen and heard, ac-

ording to Miller.

On the flip side, Longo has also seen many centenarians display extraordinary resilience when it comes to marital status.

Some are "warriors of longevity and nothing bothers them - whether they are alone or with somebody," he noted, adding: "They'll say, 'I find happiness in lots of other things.'"

There is also the regular exercise factor. Carter was an avid runner until he was 80 and developed knee problems, so he switched to swimming and walking, he told The Washington Post in 2013 and 2018.

The couple liked to ride bikes in their hometown as well as on trips across the country and abroad. The former president also enjoys fly-fishing and wood-working, according to his biography.

Exercise affects every cell in the body and is vital for good health, experts say. Then comes faith: since leaving the White House in 1981 and on until 2020, Carter regularly taught Sunday school at Maranatha Baptist Church in Plains, Georgia, where the couple attended services.

"Our religious beliefs are important to us," the former president wrote in one of his books.

Just like having a sense of purpose, religion can help people do the right things for their health and keep going, Longo said, with Miller adding that faith can be a source of meaning and belonging, "which is good for the body and soul".

"We can push and prod at the body to keep going in all sorts of ways. But if there's no spark, if there's no reason to live, if there's no joy in living" it won't help much, Miller said.

"Those are essential ingredients for life," he stated.

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Having digital archives for all past leaders a good decision

By Mark Mapambano

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan announced at the weekend that plans are underway to create digital archives containing important information about all past national leaders.

Speaking at the launch of Dr Salim Ahmed Salim Digital Archive which she officiated in Dar es Salaam on Saturday, the President said that through the digital archives, leaders leave behind a mark of their work and examples for future generations.

Because digital archives are accessible virtually, anybody with a gadget connected to the internet can read the same from anywhere around the world. This will revolutionize access to information about our national leaders.

For example, Dr Salim's archive <https://www.salimah-medsalim.com/> collects his videos, images and text documents such as speeches, notes, and academic papers. It offers unique insights into his journey in public service and his role in international diplomacy and the African liberation movements. It also covers the broader role that African countries played in geopolitics from the 1960s through to the early 2000s.

Apart from students of history like me, such archives will be of great help to researchers and academics living outside Tanzania. For, such platforms will spare the cost of travel and accommodation since they will access authorized information at their fingertips.

President Sama did well with this move because digitizing information is the new way of doing things. Converting physical documents into digital files reduce the need for physical storage space, which by itself saves money on storage costs and free up valuable space for other uses.

Lovers of history and researchers now look forward to virtual platform containing the works of our father of the nation, the late Julius Nyerere, Ali Hassan Mwinyi, Jakaya Kikwete, Rashid Kawawa, the late Edward Moringe Sokoine, Cleopa David Msuya, John Samuel Malecela, Joseph Warioba, Frederick Sumaye, Edward Lowasa and other leaders as seen fit.

President Samia also renamed the Centre for Foreign Relations (CFR) after Dr Salim, saying that the former Prime Minister deserved the credit due to his outstanding role in the area of diplomacy.

She then showered praises on the man she termed as great leader and pan-Africanist, further describing him as a person of high leadership calibre, integrity, resilience, humility and patriotism.

"Since charity begins at home, it's true that we all acknowledge that Dr Salim was a renowned diplomat. That being the case, we have agreed to rename CFR after him. It's now official the college will be called Dr Salim Ahmed Salim Centre for Foreign Relations," she said.



President Samia Suluhu Hassan presses the button to launch Dr Salim Ahmed Salim Digital Archive in Dar es Salaam on Saturday. File photo

The President said the aim of renaming the institution after the diplomat is to recognise his contribution after his long outstanding service in the field of foreign diplomacy, the area he served with honour, integrity and without giving up.

She praised Dr Salim and the family for establishing the archive in collaboration with the government, noting it was not only beneficial to the country but Africa and the entire globe. "It's of great importance for people to learn about his history and that of the nation and the African continent."

"As I went through the archive, I learnt that it's going to reflect on the history of the country through the lens and Dr Salim's own narration, all combined in a special way with his speeches, written communication, newspaper cuttings, photos and video footage," she said.

"The same applies to letters and other written communication which show Dr Salim's capabilities to advise and strengthen liberation movements and development of the African continent."

She referred to the archive as a great asset for the country with great benefits to all those who like to learn issues of leadership, diplomacy and international relations, adding that it's also a great reminder to present and future leaders on the importance of integrity, resiliency humility and patriotism.

The home page of the archive reads 60 years of public service: Diplomat, Pan-Africanist & Statesman followed by this quote: "We should aim for an Africa that is free, an Africa that takes care of its own responsibilities and, working in tandem with the international community, an Africa that does not tolerate extremism of any kind - and an Af-

rica where our young people, who are the majority, feel they have a future." - December 2014.

Dr Salim is Tanzania's former ambassador, former permanent representative to the United Nations, former Prime Minister and former secretary general of the Organization of African Unity from 1989 to 2001.

In September 2019, China honored Salim with a top national award - the Medal of Friendship. The Chinese government conferred on Dr Salim the award in recognition of his contribution to ensuring that the People's Republic of China was admitted to the UN in 1971 when he was Tanzania's permanent representative to the UN.

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Smallholder women farmer especially vulnerable to exploitation

By Correspondent Zuwena Shame

IN Sab-Saharan Africa, more than 60 percent of working women are smallholder peasants producing nearly three-quarters of all food to feed their families and nations. Their livelihoods are intertwined with rural land territories which are constrained with multiple challenges, including lack of access to social services and unfair markets.

These problems are not only affecting women's chances of having decent work or having a fair chance to live dignified lives but they are affecting peasants as a social group and rural areas as a space, in terms of production processes, group relationships, and the development of all of the above. To deal with this reality, various forms of struggles and activism have risen aimed at fighting the injustices against peasants.

To build strong peasant movements, there is an emerging recognition of the importance of addressing gender inequalities that exist in production and reproduction relations, and thus to strengthen these movements collectively. In the current context, women peasants' rights are undermined by capitalism and patriarchy, making them vulnerable to various forms of oppression and exploitation, within peasant groups and as women as social group.

LaVia Campesina Southern and Eastern Africa conducted a study on Understanding Violence Against Women in Southern and Eastern Africa and came up with findings that women experience violence in two layers.

The first layer of violence experienced by women is due to their condition of being women. As many women in the world, they experience oppression and exclusion due to patriarchy. Peasant women in Tanzania who are members of Association of Small Scale Farmers in Tanzania known in Kiswahili as Mtandao wa Vikundi vya Wakulima Tanzania (MVWATA) were interviewed by this writer and shared their experiences of subordination and oppression through marriage, inheritance, religion and culture in some of the mainland regions.

"Women suffer a lot and many don't know where to get relief and the most common is abuse is sexual violence. I don't want my daughter to suffer the way I did. I have raised my children alone



and I don't want them to suffer too," said Basilisa Crescent, a resident of Dadili Ward in Babati District, Manyara Region.

Basilisa is a peasant who lives with her four children. Three boys and one girl whom she doesn't want to suffer the way she did because she was denied an opportunity to attend school by her parents. Basilisa believes that educating her daughter is the only way to success for her children but more do for her daughter.

Basilisa decided to put more efforts in educating her daughter after witnessing many cases at her village where she said women endure various forms of violence from their partners and their families don't support them because of patriarchy.

"Two years ago, I witnessed a woman from my village being beaten up often by her husband who was alcoholic but whenever she told her parents, they repeatedly told her to endure the physical violence to protect her marriage. I believe if she had an education, she would

not have endured such violence," she said, adding that due to too much violence and depression, the woman developed mental health issues.

The second layer of violence is due to their condition of being peasants. This class, in relation to production and reproduction, their labour is exploited by the prevailing capitalist or neoliberal economic system. In this regard, peasants lack support due to the presence of greedy financial agents and market forces that are exploitative and destructive to the wellbeing of women in particular and peasant communities as a whole.

"I used to work hard in the family farm from the

start to harvesting to ensure I get food for my two children, keep some crops for selling but my husband did not bother to support me with farming. I also used to work as a labourer to earn extra income for my children," said Oliva Juma, another peasant from Lupeta Village, Mpwapwa Ward in Dodoma Region.

Oliva said that she is not the only one suffering violence Against Women (VAW) in her village but it's a trend despite advancement of science and technologies worldwide and the fact that VAW awareness has risen in recent years.

She said that after harvesting crops, peasant women don't have author-

ity to own farm produce; men are the ones to arrange or negotiate prices from the market.

"Sometimes my husband and I go together to the market to sell crops but I only measure and give the produce to the buyer while my husband collects and pocket the money," she said.

"And after selling, he asks me to go back home prepare food for the family and do other house chores while he remains at the market with all the only to come home late at night while tipsy."

Apart from being exploited, she said she faces various challenges including lack of social services such as water, whereby she and other women

walk for hours in search for water.

"We women suffer a lot in villages but the situation is worse for us peasants. We are the leading victims of many forms of violence and that means we need to unite and make our voices heard," she said.

There are specific violence peasant women experience because they are exposed to certain types of conditions that manifest within rural communities such as regressive traditions and customs.

"We peasant women are prone to exploitation than other groups. It is also true the market does not give us the best prices for our crops. When the marginal gains of our crops pass through the hand of men,

we hardly get a fair share of our labour," said Victoria Ngowi, another peasant from Manyara Region.

She added that in peasant women movements, inequalities tend to be overlooked in the name of solidarity against the exploitative nature of the markets.

Lina Andrew, La Via Campesina Regional Coordinator for Southern and Eastern Africa said that according to the study conducted by the movement, horrific experiences of women peasants in the region have been documented and grouped into two levels namely women who are small producers under patriarchy and women who belong to a social group called peasants.

Lina said there is a need to build strong movements for peasant and popular feminism in Southern and Eastern Africa for peasant and their allies from all over the continent in fighting exploitation.

She said that spaces must be created for peasants and other social groups to learn about the linkage between capitalism, patriarchy and imperialism as well as oppression and exploitation.

"We should not only bring the discussions on popular and peasant feminism to women at the grassroots level by involving community and peasants organizations from local and national level but also use local structures such as schools, places of worship and local government to educate about peasant feminism and GBV as well as its relation to patriarchy and capitalism," she said.

Wrecked by climate change, farmers in Kashmir shift to lavender cultivation

By Umar Manzoor Shah

MOHAMMAD Subhan Dar diligently tends to some bright purple plants on a four-acre farm in Bijbehara, a hamlet south of Kashmir's capital, Srinagar. As you draw nearer, you'll be mesmerized by the sight of sprawling lavender fields, where about 10 to 15 farmers, including Dar, prepare for a promising harvest.

Smiles grace the faces of these hardworking individuals as the harvest season draws near.

However, this hasn't always been the case. The farmers in this village were deeply troubled by the significant shifts in weather patterns. Unseasonal rains, prolonged heat waves, and severe water scarcity have become constant sources of concern for them.

Kashmir Valley - a northern Indian state bordering Pakistan - has agriculture as its primary source of livelihood. Farmers comprise 80 percent of the state's population, and agriculture and horticulture are the backbone of the state's economy. The unique climate in the foothills of the Himalayas allows for the growing of exotic fruits and vegetables not usually found in India.

According to government records, an estimated 60 percent of Kashmir's agriculture is dependent on rainwater for irrigation. However, during the past few years, Kashmir Valley has witnessed the worst-ever dry seasons. Meteorological Department shows that instead of an average of 622 mm of snow, the mountain ranges in Valley during the past three years witnessed a mere 172 mm - indicating a problematic change in the weather pattern. This has directly affected the region's agriculture sector, with farmers incurring devastating losses.

Mohammad Subhan Dar is one such farmer who, in 2018, decided to abandon farming forever.

"My huge chunk of land gave me no income. It was like working round the year and getting nothing in the end. While we sowed the paddies, hoping for profitable yields, the dry weather would leave us wrecked. We would not be able even to get basic costs mitigated, let alone earn anything out of it," Dar told IPS.

Around this time, the government's Department of Agriculture asked farmers if they could switch to alternate farming methods that could provide them profitable harvests owing to indications of climate change in the region. Lavender farming was provided as a viable alternative.

Lavender is a valuable source for extracting essential oils, which finds its way into creating various products, including soap, cosmetics, fragrances, air fresheners, and medicinal items. Notably, lavender plants are not particularly water-thirsty and tend to resist pests and other crop-damaging creatures. A single lavender plant can start being harvested after just two years from planting, continues to bloom for up to fifteen years, and demands minimal maintenance.

Lavender farming was initiated as part of the 'Aroma Mission,' a collaborative effort between the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research and the Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine under the Ministry of Science and Technology.

Following the successful completion of Phase I, CSIR has embarked on Phase II, a larger endeavour that aims to involve more than 45,000 skilled individuals and benefit over 75,000 families. According to officials, the climate in Jammu and Kashmir is exceptionally well-suited for lavender cultivation, given its ability to thrive in cold temperatures and moderate summer conditions.

The Kashmir region within the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir is widely recognized as a significant centre for medicinal plants. Lavender holds excellent promise as a therapeutic and aromatic herb that can positively impact India's economic and healthcare prospects. The lavender produced in Kashmir has garnered attention from both domestic and



Farmers cooperate and now benefit from lavender which is a valuable source of essential oils that find their way into soaps, cosmetics, fragrances, air fresheners and medicinal items. Credit: Umer Asif/IPS

international markets. Research findings have indicated that lavender farming can be lucrative for farmers, provided there is sustained demand and well-organized farmer activities.

Dar says he had a chunk of land adjacent to his paddy field, and other villag-

ers had pockets of cultivable lands there.

"We joined hands, got training from the government, and began the cultivation of lavender. It needs meagre care, and climate change doesn't affect its production in any manner. It was a win-win situation for us. The hopes were high from the very

beginning. As we slowly ventured into it, we found its importance," Dar says.

Another farmer, Imtiaz Ahmad, says the profit from Lavender farming is far greater than rice cultivation and that the farmers are a little worried about losses if the weather remains bad.

"There is nothing like dry weather or heavy rainfalls here that could affect the lavender cultivation. The research done at the government level has revealed how suitable this place is for lavender crops. Farmers in large numbers are switching to lavender cultivation and abandoning the traditional methods that used to provide them nothing except anxiety and losses," Ahmad said.

Farmers claim that selling at least one litre of its oil fetches them Rs 30,000 (500 USD). The farmers say that lavender grown over one hectare of land gives them a minimum of 50 litres of lavender oil.

As per the government estimates, over 1,000 farming families are currently engaged in lavender cultivation across more than 200 acres in various regions of Jammu and Kashmir. Each of these farmers has provided employment opportunities to at least five additional individuals, resulting in the mission already benefiting over 6,000 families.

"Farmers in the districts of Anantnag, Pulwama, Budgam, Ganderbal, and Kupwara have begun to shift away from traditional crops and are increasingly embracing lavender cultivation," a senior government official told IPS.

Dar believes that it has secured his future.

"It proved to be the best alternative to traditional farming in times of the drastic changes occurring at a frantic pace in Kashmir."



Lavender is resilient and doesn't need lots of water; it is also resistant to pests and has a 15-year lifespan. Credit: Umer Asif/IPS

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RATIBA YA VIPINDI JUMATATU - JUMAPILI

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AI platform for Rwandan small holder farmers

By Diana Iriza, Kigali

A Young female student in Rwanda from the University of Rwanda Theofrida Mungira is creating 'Mkulima GPT,' a ChatGPT-driven Swahili chatbot. Its mission is to empower smallholder farmers by detecting crop diseases and providing culturally-sensitive agricultural advice.

Named 'Mkulima GPT,' this ground-breaking project combines AI and IoT to aid small-scale farmers, especially those with limited resources.

"I come from a background where we depend on the cultivation of Agriculture," MKULIMA CHATGPT founder Theofrida Mungira says.

"So in this aspect you look at so many farmers being left behind when it comes to technology, one of the technologies we are using is CHATGPT and I know most farmers don't really know about it or they are probably not interested but we can make great use of these artificial intelligence technologies."

What sets 'Mkulima GPT' apart is its commitment to local languages and its vision to expand services to more African languages. To facilitate accessibility, 'Mkulima GPT' has already established an online presence through a dedicated website and a WhatsApp phone number where farmers can ask queries that cover a wide range of topics, including farm preparation, maize disease management, and post-harvest procedures.

"We are expecting to have multiple numbers of farmers to use this technology and we are looking at the possibility of including Kinyarwanda into CHATGPT as well. When we were developing the application we got to interact with farmers and one of the crop diseases was [head] smut."

"[Head] smut keeps [spreading] because the practices are poor, but the application keeps on reminding of the good practices and not the practices that bring back the disease.

Currently in testing, the project welcomes user feedback and plans to launch in December, with input from agriculture and AI experts to enhance its capabilities before reaching smallholder farmers.



A student from the University of Rwanda is creating 'Mkulima GPT,' an AI-powered Swahili chatbot aimed at helping smallholder farmers

Eswatini human rights lawyer says he lives in fear

MBABANE

LEGISLATIVE elections held in Eswatini on Friday are unlikely to change the country's political landscape.

As Africa's last absolute monarchy, parliament only has an advisory role, and those who go against king do so at their peril.

This is something human rights lawyer, Sibusiso Nhlabatsi, knows well. His mentor, Thulani Maseko, was murdered in cold blood in front of his family in January as they watched a football match.

"When you see a threat to a fellow person that you know, then it means that it is also a direct threat on you," said Nhlabatsi.

While the of the prominent

pro-democracy lawyer shocked the world, there are yet to be any arrests.

Just hours before Maseko died, King Mswati III, warned activists who defied him not to "shed tears" about "mercenaries killing them".

"Each day we're living in fear because you don't know what

rights and religious groups created to foster dialogue with the king.

Now Nhlabatsi has taken over the dangerous job of defending the country's pro-democracy activists.

The United Nations has called for an independent investigation into Maseko's death.

In 2021, Eswatini was shaken by pro-democracy protests, and dozens of people were killed in the subsequent crackdown by the security forces, triggering a political crisis.

Two opposition lawmakers elected in the last vote in 2018 are now in jail. A third is in exile.

Uganda underfunds environment sector amid ravaging climate change

KAMPALA

UGANDA allocated \$114 million, 0.8 per cent of its 2023/24 budget to climate change, natural resource, environment and water management - compared with \$2.06 billion (14.6 percent) allocated to governance and security or the \$1.2 billion (8.5 percent) allocated to transport and infrastructure.

And yet, as extreme weather disasters escalate, Uganda needs to commit 30 percent of national resources or at least \$258 million per year to implement actions listed in the government's 2015 Climate Change Policy, according to data from the Economic Policy Research Centre.

Christine Nakimwero, women MP for Kiboga District in Central Uganda, who also serves as Uganda's shadow minister for Water and Environment, says 70 percent of the country's climate change management funding is projected to come from external sources.

And yet, even though rich nations pledged \$100 billion in annual aid to help poor countries adapt to a warming planet, they have persistently fallen short of their obligations under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change - which leaves countries like Uganda with little climate finance.

"For a long time, there has been very little allocation of resources to climate change," says Nakimwero. "It's tough. Some district environment officers are given as low as

Ush700,000 (about \$190) per year to facilitate monitoring."

Over the past decade, climate change has made extreme weather events in Uganda, such as floods and mudslides, more frequent and intense, making it even harder for vulnerable communities - especially those residing in the mountainous areas of southwestern Uganda and the Mt Elgon region - to cope and rebuild.

Floods, mudslides

In May, raging floodwaters killed close to 600 people in the Virunga massif - a chain of eight volcanic mountains spanning Rwanda, Uganda and the DR Congo - following repeated torrential rains. Humanitarian aid agencies said at least 5,000 people were left homeless.

During the heavy rains, River Katonga in Central Uganda also flooded, cutting off the Masaka-Mbarara highway, the region's main trade route to the DR Congo and Rwanda. The road has remained cut off for heavy goods vehicles and buses for months, paralysing regional trade.

The flooding was attributed to destruction of the Katonga swamp by local communities for agriculture.

At the beginning of September, the Uganda National Meteorological Authority warned that the country would be experiencing above normal rains until early January 2024 - with likely devastating impacts.

The persistent loss of lives and property underscores how climate



change can conspire with lack of climate finance to magnify the scale of extreme weather disasters.

Floods are also notorious for causing increased cases of diseases such as malaria, diarrhoea and other waterborne diseases. In fact, 29 percent of diseases in Sub-Saharan Africa are now attributed to the vagaries of the climate.

Dr Achilles Byaruhanga, the executive director of Nature Uganda, told The EastAfrican that most district environment officers say insufficient funding remains the top stumbling block to fully implementing monitoring and sensitisation plans.

Limited human resource and lack of intersectoral collaboration are also key barriers, he said.

"Surprisingly, Uganda has some of the best environmental laws in Africa. But there are no funds to ensure that these laws are executed," he said.

The agency advised people living in disaster-prone areas, such as mountain slopes, to relocate to safer places.

AfCFTA to create immense opportunities for Algerian businesses

ALGIERS, Algeria

“IT is time for Africa to take her destiny in her own hands and to determine her own developmental agenda. However, doing so will not be easy.

It will require commitment, courage, and deliberate action. Traders need to seek out new market opportunities rather than the conventional route of turning to markets abroad”.

Rallying words from Kanayo Awani, Executive Vice President, Intra-African Trade Bank, Afreximbank, in her opening remarks as she addressed delegates at the High-Level Business Roadshow in Algiers, Algeria.

Awani congratulated Algeria for becoming a Member State of Afreximbank in June 2022. She stated that the African Continental Free Trade Area “promises to revolutionise trade, reshape markets across the region, boost output

in the manufacturing and service sectors, and fundamentally transform Africa's economic structure”.

She lauded the opportunities that it will provide to Algeria's businesses.

She also explained the broad range of Afreximbank programmes and initiatives that can facilitate Algeria's intra-African trade, such as the Africa Collaborative Transit Guarantee Scheme, which will mean for example that goods going from Algiers, Algeria to Lagos, Nigeria, will not need “a Customs Bond on every border as is the case today.” She also discussed the Bank's programmes that support trade-enabling infrastructure especially those that address mobility and connectivity (road, rail, air, maritime, ports and logistics).

Speaking about the Intra-African Trade Fair, she said that it was created “to deal with the challenges of lack of access to trade and market information” and she

praised the Algerian Government for deciding to hold a Country Day at IATF2023 in Cairo, saying that “it gives me confidence that Algeria is poised to lead the charge for African trade.”

The High-Level IATF Roadshow in Algiers also featured an impactful panel session themed: ‘Seizing opportunities under the AfCFTA: Empowering Manufacturers, Exporters, Investors, and relevant industry players’ that provided a platform for insightful discussions on a range of trade-related issues.

Mokhtar Gamil Tawfik Warida, Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt in Algeria, informed Roadshow delegates that “Egypt is ready to welcome Algerian businesses and companies to participate in the Intra-African Trade Fair, conference, and exhibition from 9 - 15 November. Egypt and Algeria have strong potential, they have strong will and the capacity to be leaders of economic cooperation in Africa and to bring to

fruition the pan-Africa Free Trade Area.”

Youcef Cherfa, Minister of Transport, represented the Minister of Trade and Export Promotion, Algeria, at the Roadshow, while Wamkele Mene, Secretary-General, AfCFTA Secretariat, was represented by Hamadou Karidjo, Head of AfCFTA Liaison Office, AfCFTA Secretariat.

The informative Roadshow provided persuasive reasons for the Algerian business community to fully engage with the transformational opportunities created by the AfCFTA and to attend the Intra-African Trade Fair (IATF2023) which is being held from 9 to 15 November 2023 in Cairo, Egypt. The Algerian private sector has compelling opportunities to target a significant share of the forecast US\$43 billion of trade and investment deals expected to be concluded at IATF2023 by joining the 1,600+ exhibitors and the 35,000+ buyers, visitors and conference delegates.



Deputy Minister of Transport, David Kihenzile looking on the Flight Simulation Training Devices shortly after visiting the National Institute of Transport in Dar es Salaam on Friday.

Deputy minister lauds NIT for introducing new programmes

By Guardian Reporter

TRANSPORT deputy minister for David Kihenzile has commended the National Institute of Transport (NIT) for introducing new programmes that support government endeavours towards improving the transportation sector.

Addressing reporters on Friday after his first visit at NIT main campus in Mabibo, Dar es Salaam, the Deputy Minister said that President Samia Suluhu Hassan is currently investing heavily in transport projects including the construction of SGR, hence the need for NIT to come up with suitable courses.

He commended NIT for coming up with various projects including construction of a railway college in Tabora and opening a new campus in Lindi region.

Kihenzile applauded the institute for initiating aviation courses and high-tech equipment and workshops that are used by aviation students.

“The institute will produce the best professionals to serve the aviation sector; our planes will be serviced locally,” he said.

He also advised the NIT management to construct more hostels to accommodate more students as well as to establish vehicle inspection centres country-wide to enhance road safety.

Currently, there are over 2.5 million vehicles and half of them are in Dar es Salaam, therefore establishing vehicle inspection centres will ease inspection services.

The Deputy Minister has also ordered CRJE (East Africa) Limited and Nandhra Engineering and Construction Company

Limited that are construct five buildings at the Institute's main campus, Mabibo in Dar es Salaam as part of the support from World Bank's East Africa Skills for Transformation and Regional Integration Project (EASTRIP) to complete the work within schedule and ensure value for money.

Responding, Nandhra Engineering and Construction Company Limited assured the Deputy Minister that the job will be completed on time while CRJE (East Africa) Limited said they will hand over the project in March next year instead of November 2023 due to various reasons.

NIT Rector, Prof Zacharia Mganilwa promised to work on the directives, saying the institute works closely with the contractors to ensure the projects are finished on time and at required stand-

ards.

He said the institute employed an administrator to supervise the projects and ensure they are of the required quality.

NIT is the only training institute in Sub-Saharan excluding South Africa, mandated by the government to offer training in transport and communications.

The institute started in 1975 as training wing of the then National Transport Corporation (NTC). NIT was charged with the responsibility of strengthening human resource capabilities of transport operatives and middle level managers of subsidiary companies of NTC.

The subsidiary companies were the National Bus Services Limited (KAMATA), Usafiri Dar-as-Salaam Limited (UDA), Regional Transport Companies (RETCSOs).

Empowering farmers to conduct smarter farming via adoption of high-tech devices

By Guardian Reporter

THE Farm to Market Alliance (FtMA) a consortium of public and private institutions has empowered farmers to conduct smart agriculture by sensitizing and promoting the utilization and adoption of IoT technology devices among tractor owners to optimize tractor service operations through improved fleet management remote tracking and booking management.

During the eleven-month pilot which was implemented in Kiteto, Mbarali and Mvomero districts, the company aimed to increase income and strengthen the resilience of smallholders while simultaneously increasing commercial viability for all value chain stakeholders.

A statement issued yesterday by FtMA and Hello Tractor—the agricultural technology companies stated that the collaborative effort signified a significant milestone in revolutionizing agricultural mechanization for smallholder farmers, thus improving their livelihood.

The companies connect tractor owners and small holder farmers in need of tractor services and have completed a successful pilot of Hello Tractor's entry into Tanzania with cutting-edge technology. During the pilot, eight booking agents, sixty-five tractor owners, were on-boarded and provided with extensive training and capacity-building to effectively use their technology.

The pilot successfully demonstrated the value of mechanization services such as ploughing and harvesting in enhancing smallholder productivity and farm-level impact. The pilot was carried out over a production season from

Hamisho Ramadhani, a tractor owner from Mswiswi area in Mbeya Region said: “Hello Tractor tracking technology has truly been a game-changer for me. It's helped me uncover the exact measurements of my farm, allowing my customers to better grasp the true size of their own plots.”

He added: “I can effortlessly manage my fleet right from the comfort of my home. If I notice any unusual activities involving my tractor's operator, I can quickly address them using the mobile application. It's like having everything I need right at my fingertips.”

“Hello Tractor, has revolutionized my tractor-renting business. Real time data and GPS tracking provide peace of mind, preventing conflicts with operators. For any tractor own-

er seeking operational optimization and revenue maximization, it is a must-have,” he added.

Omary Shabani, tractor owner from Dodosi in Kiteto District, Manara Region said the pilot phase has reaffirmed the transformative potential of Hello Tractor's technology in uplifting smallholder farmers and tractor owners alike.

“FtMA and Hello Tractor are steadfastly committed to continuing their collaboration, expanding access to the Hello Tractor solution, and creating sustainable, inclusive agricultural value chains in Tanzania and beyond,” he asserted.

FtMA played a crucial role in laying the foundation for Hello Tractor's introduction of IoT technology to key partners, a first of its kind in Tanzania along with identifying potential booking agents, tractor owners, and Farmer Service Centres (FSCs) in the pilot districts.

FtMA also conducted a comprehensive market assessment and documented case studies and lessons learned from the pilot phase.

Hello Tractor's, technology has proven to be a game-changer. The technology has not only enabled tractor owners to efficiently monitor and manage their fleets, but it has also improved punctual and dependable service delivery to farmers, streamlined operations, minimized downtimes, and empowered tractor owners to deliver cost-effective services to smallholder farmers, thereby contributing to heightened productivity and improved livelihoods.

The technology has empowered smallholder farmers by granting them access to mechanization services with convenience and optimized their farming operations.

As part of the pilot, Hello Tractor devices were installed in at least 10 tractors and 4 combine harvesters across 4 regions.

The impact was substantial, resulting in the ploughing of nearly 2,245 acres and harvesting of 971 acres, benefitting no less than 1,251 farmers through the utilization of the technology with \$109,348 generated as revenues from provision of ploughing and harvesting services at the last mile.

The pilot phase has reaffirmed the transformative potential of technology in uplifting smallholder farmers and tractor owners alike.

The enthusiastic support of local governmental authorities has been pivotal in ensuring the smooth roll-out of the pilot initiative.

New initiative meant to connect the US to Africa

WASHINGTON

THE White House says a new advisory council composed of prominent Americans of African heritage aims at "enhancing dialogue between U.S. officials and the African diaspora" – a key focus of President Joe Biden's partnership-focused revamped Africa strategy.

The initiative coincides with a steady, two-decade rise in immigration from the continent that will have a significant demographic impact in coming decades.

The 12 members of the volunteer council – called the President's Advisory Council on African Diaspora Engagement in the United States – were chosen from more than 100 "exceptional" applications and recommendations, said Johnnie Carson, a longtime Africa diplomat who serves as Biden's special representative to oversee the implementation of the 2022 U.S.-Africa Leaders Summit.

The council, whose quarterly meetings will be open to the public, is packed with business leaders but also includes artistic figures and a WNBA player.

Carson said it will advise the White House and State Department on how to "deepen the connections that exist between the U.S. and Africa in the business world, in the financial world, in the sporting world, in the creative world, and to stress and bring to the attention of American policymakers issues of concern to the diaspora community."

Group includes clergy, artists, writers

The council members come from eight U.S. states and the capital, and have ties spanning the African con-



tinents.

Some members are U.S.-born, including council leader the Rev. Silvester Beaman, a bishop at the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and decorated artist, actress, producer and author Viola Davis.

Others were born on the continent, like Eritrea-born Almaz Negash, founder of the African Diaspora Network, and Congo-born Patrick Gaspard, the former U.S. ambassador to South Africa.

Gaspard, who now leads the Center for American Progress

think tank, told VOA that his priorities on the council will be promoting two key programs soon up for congressional renewal: the trade-related African Growth and Opportunity Act and the President's Emergen-

cy Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR).

Both programs, started under President George W. Bush, have been credited with boosting trade and saving lives.

Other members, he said, bring different

perspectives. He anticipates they will cover "everything from cultural ties, to economic ties to what we do together to solve for the big challenges. ... We have the chance to turn that into opportunities."

One in 10 Black Americans is a recent immigrant, according to the Pew Research Center, which projects that the nation's Black immigrant population will account for roughly a third of the U.S. Black population's growth through 2060.

And, said Cameroon-born analyst and writer Yaya Moussa, the large size of the African diaspora in the U.S. offers a "potential powerful role in the soft power competition."

"These connections simply do not exist in China and Russia, America's biggest strategic rivals in Africa," writes Moussa. "African-Americans have been instrumental in shaping U.S. foreign policy toward Africa, and the U.S. government has begun to recognize the latent strength of its diaspora communities."

'There may be opportunities'

Oye Owolewa is among a small group of Africa-born immigrants who has risen within the American system: in 2020, the Nigeria-born pharmacist was elected as Washington, D.C.'s shadow representative in the House of Representatives. That position does not make him a voting member of Congress.

Owolewa, who is not on the diaspora council, offered his take:

"If it isn't just a one-off, then I believe

that there may be opportunities for people outside of the White House to also have their own collective impact and continue what we're doing," he told VOA.

His office has taken a particular interest in an issue that he believes uplifts residents of his constituency, of whom 13% are foreign-born and 45% are Black: That is teaching women- and minority-owned businesses how to apply for often-lucrative U.S. government contracts.

VOA pointed out that there are set-asides in government contracting regulations for those very kinds of businesses.

"That's true," he said. "But no one teaches these businesses how to get contracts. So our office has been doing that. Because if you roll out the money, but don't teach those that fall between the cracks how to retrieve it, it's the same few getting more opportunities."

And that, Gaspard said, is what the council broadly aims to do, but on a larger scale.

"There really is a need to strengthen those ties, the umbilical cord that stretches from the continent to its diaspora," he said.

"The diaspora is growing leaps and bounds in places like Detroit, certainly my hometown of New York, and you can't go into a public institution in Washington, D.C. without encountering the African diaspora," he said. "It's now more important than ever for us to kind of more broadly socialize awareness of the disparate cultures, but that leads to real opportunities for partnership."



Namibia suspends poultry imports from South Africa after bird flu fears

WINDHOEK

NAMIBIA has suspended imports of live poultry, birds, and poultry products from South Africa following the spread of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in the neighbouring country.

The move, which takes immediate effect, was triggered by an "alarming" increase in cases of "highly pathogenic avian influenza", Namibia's agriculture ministry said. "Importation and in-transit movement" of live chickens, poultry meat, eggs and chicks from South Africa would be suspended "until further notice" it said.

South Africa, one of the continent's major poultry producers, reported the first bird flu cases in commercial farms in April, according to an industry group.

Due to its proximity, South Africa was Namibia's "preferred supplier" of chicken, but the country also imports poultry from Europe and South America, agriculture ministry spokesman Jona Mush-

eko said,

Earlier this month, the South African Poultry Association (SAPA) said the nation was contending with two different strains of the virus, the infamous H5N1 and a new strain identified as H7N6.

Producer Quantum Foods said last week that this year it had lost almost two million chickens – worth a total of more than 100 million rand (\$5.2m) – because of the disease.

Bird flu does not typically infect humans. But H5N1 is increasingly infecting mammals worldwide, raising fears it could pass on more easily to people.

The virus has typically been confined to seasonal outbreaks, but since 2021 cases have emerged year-round, and across the globe, leading to what experts say is the largest outbreak ever seen. SAPA said the number of avian flu cases in South Africa this year was higher than in any year since the first outbreaks were reported in commercial farms in 2017.

UZALO

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Tanzanians ought to value traditional dances- call

By Correspondent Theresia Victor

TANZANIANS have been urged to get more involved in traditional dances to enrich their lives via cultural, physical, and social benefits.

Kwame Mchauru, a Performing Arts Manager at a contemporary art center, Nafasi Art Space, issued the call at the 'Weekend Live' show held at the center's premises in Dar es Salaam last weekend.

Mchauru said that engaging in traditional dances can enrich the lives of youths by providing cultural, physical, and social benefits.

"People have forgotten a lot about traditional dances because many young people these days are concentrating on 'amapiano' music, which is good, but they shouldn't forget their origin, rather, they should look for ways to make traditional dances shine," he noted.

"The art of dance has been forgotten a lot and that's why we, at Nafasi Art Space, organize various events to support the art of traditional dance," the Nafasi Art Space Manager noted.

Mchauru disclosed: "For example, last year we were at the Chamwino Chigogo festival in Dodoma, a festival that involves the traditional dances of Wagogo tribe and, this year, we expect to go to Mtwara where there is a festival called MAKUYA (Makonde, Makua and Wayso)."

"The tribes will (in the MAKUYA) also be showing their traditional dances for audiences to see and motivate young people to showcase their creativity," he said.

He further noted that youths dis-

regard traditional dances but they have no idea how important the art is because traditional dance artists can perform on different platforms in and outside the country.

"Today's show includes various artists from all walks of arts and talents, whereby, people get to exhibit their graffiti skills, singing, dancing skills as well as well crafting and a lot more," Mchauru said.

Mbuzi Ngoma traditional dance group's artist, Latifa Hassan, said that traditional dances have the same value as other art forms because, through engaging in the art, an individual can express himself/herself emotionally and relieve stress.

She revealed: "Apart from such a benefit, you can use dance to earn money and support yourself financially, as well as increase your confidence and stage presence if you do it long enough."

Magret Liwembe from the Women Express group, made up of graffiti artists, said that people should embrace such an art.

"Through the art, we communicate different messages that people find complex and make them aware of reality," she noted.

Nafasi Art Space's Marketing and Operation Manager, Ibrahim Mkude, known by the stage name 'Mtugani Hanajina', said that arts are good, adding traditional dances are a vital part of cultural heritage.

The official stressed participation in the art form helps people preserve and pass down cultural traditions to future generations.



Benjamin Mkapa Stadium

Seven facts about 'EA Pamoja Bid' for 2027 AFCON finals' hosting

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi & Agencies

ON Wednesday, the Confederation of African Football (CAF) Executive Committee, sitting in Cairo, Egypt awarded hosting rights for the 2027 Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) to a joint bid bringing together Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania, also known as 'East Africa (EA) Pamoja Bid'.

Botswana, Senegal, and Algeria were also in contention to host the 36th edition of the CAF flagship tournament, however, Algeria pulled out at the eleventh hour.

If hosted successfully, it will mark 51 years since the tournament was last staged on East African soil since the 1976 edition that took place in Ethiopia.

The 2027 continental showpiece will be the first AFCON co-hosted by three nations. Gabon and Equatorial Guinea, as well as Nigeria and Ghana, have previously staged the event jointly.

By being hosts, Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania have all qualified for the 2027 AFCON finals.

The joint hosting is expected to cost \$104 million, approximately

Ksh. 15.3 billion- adjusted to a 2% annual inflation rate.

The money is exclusive of what will be spent to build new stadiums and revamp existing sporting infrastructure in the three countries.

A total of 10 stadiums will be in use. Tanzania has earmarked Benjamin Mkapa Stadium and Uhuru Stadium in Dar es Salaam, Amaan Stadium in Zanzibar, and Sheikh Amri Abeid Memorial Stadium in Arusha to be renovated to host the showpiece.

On the other hand, Kenya will go with Moi International Sports Centre (Kasarani) and Nyayo Stadium in Nairobi, and Kipchoke Keino Stadium in Eldoret.

Uganda will present Nelson Mandela National Stadium, Kampala, and build two more facilities, FUFA Stadium, Hoima, and Akii Bua Olympic Stadium, Lira City.

The joint hosting will need a combined total of 36 training grounds to actualize the tournament.

Passport holders outside of the East African Community (EAC) attending the jointly-hosted AFCON finals will receive a visa on arrival.

NBC Bank partners Azam FC, Twiga Stars players to host football clinic for children

By Guardian Correspondent

THE National Bank of Commerce (NBC), the primary sponsor of the Mainland Tanzania Premier League, has introduced a captivating sports program for children, termed 'NBC Chanua Account Football Clinic'.

The remarkable initiative aims to cultivate young talent and forms a crucial part of the bank's overarching strategy to promote football in the country.

The project's introduction event took place at the Agha Khan grounds located along Sam Nujoma Road in Dar es Salaam over the weekend, with an array of stakeholders, parents, and their children gathering to join forces with star players from the illustrious outfit, Azam FC.

Among Azam FC's star players present were Prince Dube, Abdulhamis Suleiman 'Sopu', Lusajo Mwaikenda, and Iddi Selamani 'Nado'.

The presence of midfielders Stumai Abdallah and Fatuma Issa, two exceptional talents from the senior national women's team, Twiga Stars, added an extra layer of excitement to the event.

As a testament to NBC's commitment to talent development, the bank also graciously donated 30 balls to Dar es Salaam's Magnet Youth Academy.

During discussions about the program, NBC Marketing Manager Alina Kimaryo expressed that it stands as a testament to the bank's ardent endeavours to elevate football, while simultaneously creating employment opportunities within the realm



Tanzania's senior national women's football team 'Twiga Stars' midfielder, Fatuma Issa (L), participates in sports and games with children drafted in the newly introduced sports program for youngsters, known as 'NBC Chanua Account Football Clinic', organized by NBC Bank and took place at the Agha Khan grounds located along Sam Nujoma Road in Dar es Salaam over the weekend. The remarkable initiative aims to cultivate young talent and forms a crucial part of the bank's overarching strategy to promote football in the country. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

of sports.

The official disclosed: "NBC's current strategy revolves around transform-

ing the sports sector into a thriving source of employment. Our journey began with the sponsorship of the NBC Premier League, and we subsequently expanded our support to the captivating Championship League."

"Through our groundbreaking 'NBC Chanua Account Football Clinic' program, we endeavour to nurture the talents of our youngest aspiring athletes," Alina elaborated.

She stated: "In addition to designing tailored training programs for the young participants, we will keep bringing together star players from various clubs in

the country to serve as a wellspring of inspiration for these burgeoning athletes."

"We aim to bolster their skills, enhance their technique, and ignite their passion for the game," she passionately added.

Alina also highlighted the comprehensive nature of the program, emphasizing that it will not only provide children aged six to 13 with elite training but also impart invaluable financial education, with a special focus on the importance of savings.

The official revealed that parents will further receive guidance on optimal child-rearing practices, covering vital aspects such as proper nutrition, the significance of physical exercise, recog-

nizing and nurturing their children's talents, and understanding the stages of their children's development.

During the event, players who took part in the clinic expressed their delight and extended their congratulations to NBC for bringing them together with children, with whom they could share their knowledge of sports techniques and most importantly, inspire a continued love for sports alongside their academic studies.

Recognizing the synergy between education and sports, the players emphasized the importance of nurturing both aspects of children's lives.

"We are very happy today and we congratulate NBC

for bringing us together with children whom we were able to play with, teach them some sports techniques, and more importantly, inspire them to continue loving sports along with their studies because education and sports can go hand in hand," one of the footballers, Suleiman, said.

Parents, too, are an important pillar in the bank's new initiative, to shift their perceptions and instill a greater respect for their children's talents.

Many parents, who attended the event alongside their youngsters, expressed their admiration for the program's comprehensive coverage of key areas that benefit children, such as sports, financial education and saving, health, and child-rearing.

The program also creates a unique platform for parents and children to come together and enjoy the company of their favourite players from the NBC Premier League.

This visionary initiative from NBC is a testament to the bank's steadfast commitment to promoting football in the country while empowering young minds and supporting their holistic growth.

As the program is set to take place at least four times a year, it is a promising and exciting endeavour that seeks to foster a generation of exceptional athletes, both on and off the field.

Gymkhana golfer holds sway in 2023 NCBA Golf Series

By Guardian Correspondent

DAR ES SALAAM golfer, Salim Sharif, beat the rest to the top honour in the newly introduced 18-hole NCBA Golf Series held at Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club (DGC) course on Saturday.

Sharif, who scored 76 points, beat more than 100 participants having taken a commanding lead to outshine a string of competent golfers who rallied behind him but could not get the better of him.

"I feel happy to be the winner of this inaugural golf series that leaves a lot of stories behind," the golfer revealed.

"Thanks to the organizers, fellow golfers, and my family for supporting me," Sharif noted.

He was awarded various prizes, including a fully sponsored trip to Nairobi, Kenya to battle it out in the grand finale of the NCBA Golf Series slated for December, whereby, other golfers from the East African regional block will also compete for the regional honours.

In the showdown's women's gross category, Ayne Magombe snatched the top spot with 81 points to win similar token prizes plus a trip to Nairobi and a fuel gift voucher worth 500,000/-.

There were also winners in different categories, including Amandeep Dhani who triumphed in men's Division A (0-9 handicap) with 69 net to win a bag and a gas cylinder.

Fahmy Mbarak won men's Division C with 74 net while Maryane Mugo emerged victorious in the Ladies Division Silver category with 77 net and Catherine Mabula clinched victory in the Ladies Division Bronze category with 74 net.

Claver Serumanga, the Managing Director of NCBA Bank Tanzania, said his regional banking institution has been organizing the NCBA Golf Series for a fourth



Lake Energies Group's Managing Director, Abdirahman Ahmed (2nd L), hands over a gas cylinder and a gas payment card worth 500,000/- to a female golfer, Ayne Magombe (3rd L), after she had triumphed in the women's category of this year's NCBA Golf Series tournament which took place at Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club (DGC)'s course last weekend. Lake Energies Group was one of the showdown's sponsors. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

running year in Kenya and Uganda.

According to him, the bank has, this time, decided to introduce the event in Tanzania whereby winners join other regional winners in the grand finale in Kenya.

"We are glad to host the NCBA Golf Series for the first time here in Tanzania," the NCBA Bank Tanzania's boss said.

"This event has been of great success in Kenya and makes a second year running in Uganda with junior and professional golfers competing for glory," he

disclosed. "We want to make it a major golfing event in East Africa to promote the sport as our social responsibility," Serumanga pointed out.

The aim, according to him, is to see golfers from East African countries play in the PGA Tour and other European major events in some years to come.

Gift Shoko, an NCBA official from the East African regional block, said that they are happy to forge a friendship with the Tanzania Golf Union (TGU) that will eventually promote

the sport. "We give away a lot of prizes to encourage more turning up and make golf a social sport to everyone," he said at the presentation ceremony.

"We would therefore like to see more of the NCBA golf series taking place at various golf courses and we are ready to give our support to see that happening," he pointed out.

He said golf is a fast-growing sporting event in Tanzania and can go up to another level soon.

The showdown's chief guest, Bakari Machumu,

the Managing Director of Mwananchi Communication, hailed NBCA for successfully staging the event, calling for more people to show up to play and support the lovely sport.

The Mwananchi Communication MD revealed: "I have, of late, become a new learning golfer after being persuaded by one of my closest friends, as others tried to tempt me before but to no avail."

"I later found it is a nice social sport and I enjoy playing it at a beginner's level," Machumu said.

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Twende Butiama tour's cyclists embark on journey from Dar to Butiama

By Guardian Reporter

A bicycle tour, known as 'Twende Butiama', officially began its journey at the late Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere's residence at Msasani, Dar es Salaam yesterday and is expected to reach its destination in Butiama District, Mara on October 14.

The journey is part of commemorating the death of Tanzania's first President and Father of the Nation, Mwalimu Nyerere, who passed away on October 14, 1999.

A Sports Officer at the National Sports Council (NSC), Benson Chacha, graced the tour's flag-off on behalf of the Minister for Culture, Arts, and Sports Damas Ndumbaro.

Chacha congratulated the organizers of 'Twende Butiama' and the main sponsors, Vodacom Tanzania Foundation, for their efforts in making the event a reality and encouraged more Tanzanians to embrace sports in their daily lives.

He noted: "I take this opportunity to sincerely congratulate the organizers and all participants of the 'Twende Butiama' cycling tour, who have a genuine intention to honour the Father of the Nation."

"This event not only promotes various causes that Mwalimu Nyerere held dear close to his heart but also encourages Tanzanians to love sports," the NSC official revealed.

"Sports are an important sector that, apart from improving health, foster unity and solidarity among people," the official said.

"I would also like to commend Vodacom for sponsoring this tour, which will pass through different regions to promote various economic and social activities."

"Your contribution to sponsoring the sports sector is well acknowledged, and we hope to see you do the same in other sports such as athletics and boxing to mention but a few," Chacha concluded.

This tour, which will consist of approximately 200 cyclists covering a distance of 1,500 kilometers and passing through 20 districts in 10 regions, seeks to honour the enduring life and legacy left by Mwalimu Nyerere.

Mwalimu Nyerere championed quality education, access to healthcare to combat diseases, and economic growth among all Tanzanians.

In response, the spokesperson for the Nyerere family and former Prime Minister, Joseph Sindi Warioba, spoke briefly during the official start of the bicycle tour at Mwalimu's residence at Msasani.

He said: "I am delighted to see this event bring together different countries, including all East African nations,

which demonstrates our unity."

Warioba noted: "Along your journey, you will get to experience the breadth of our country, Tanzania, and the activities you undertake along the way will benefit Tanzanians."

"I hope that through your initiative, you can inspire changes in the sectors you focus on, just as Mwalimu intended. Education, the environment, and healthcare still have significant contributions to the public's well-being, and I am pleased to see you focusing on these areas," Warioba insisted.

The former PM noted: "I wish you all the best on your journey, and we will surely come together to welcome you when you reach Butiama."

Harriet Lwakatare, Chairperson of the Vodacom Tanzania Foundation, the main sponsor of the 'Twende Butiama' tour in 2023, added: "As we mentioned during the launch of our partnership, we have great confidence in 'Twende Butiama', especially for what they are doing in honouring Mwalimu's life and legacy."

Harriet stated: "Education, healthcare, and the environment are the areas that we are very keen on, and we are always at the forefront of collaborating with other stakeholders to improve these areas for the benefit of Tanzanians in different parts of the country."

"I would like to call on all Tanzanians to continue supporting the desk donation campaign through 'Lipa Namba' 5483454 and to join us in tree planting activities and our upcoming free medical camp," she revealed.

In conclusion, Gabriel Landa, Chairperson of the 'Twende Butiama' tour, said: "After announcing the presence of the Twende Butiama convoy to Tanzanians about two weeks ago, the day we eagerly awaited has finally arrived."

"Today, October 1, with approximately 200 participants, we have begun our journey from Mwalimu's home in Msasani, Dar es Salaam, and we expect to reach Butiama District on October 14," Landa disclosed.

He noted: "We thank our main sponsors for this year, the Vodacom Tanzania Foundation, stakeholders, Tanzanians, and all wellwishers in general who continue to show us their support."

"Along the way, we will engage in tree-planting activities, and donate desks to public primary schools in different regions."

Landa pointed out: "We also urge people to come out in large numbers to support and encourage us along the way."

Gamondi promises Yanga will compete in 2023/24 CAF Champions League



Tanzania's Yanga right-back, Kouassi Attouhoula (R), dribbles past Sudan's Al Merrikh midfielder, Brayan Angulo, when the two outfits faced each other in the 2023/24 CAF Champions League Second Preliminary Round rematch at Azam Complex Stadium in Dar es Salaam on Saturday. Yanga won 1-0. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

TANZANIA'S Yanga head coach Miguel Gamondi has insisted that his club will be up for the fight in the Group Stage of the 2023/24 CAF Champions League and will not just be there as a mere participant.

The Tanzanian representatives marked their return to the CAF Champions League Group Stage after a 25-year absence by edging out Al Merrikh of Sudan 1-0 in the Second Preliminary Round rematch to go through 3-0 on aggregate.

A second-half goal by promising striker, Clement Mzize, was enough to seal the ticket for Yanga in front of a passionate and expectant crowd at Azam

Complex Stadium, Chamazi in Dar es Salaam last Saturday.

Speaking after the game, Gamondi emphasized his team is not going to add to the number of participants but fight to represent the country well.

The Argentinian coach said: "Our goal was to qualify. We won this game. It was not easy. It is another challenge now, to

compete in the Group Stage. We are not coming to participate but to compete. We will see what will happen when the draw is announced on Friday."

"People must know we are going to compete in the Group Stage. I never promise anything but fighting, competing, playing good football, and representing the country very well," the coach noted.

Gamondi stressed: "It's not only about Young Africans (Yanga) but Tanzania. Tanzania has qualified for AFCON and, little by little, the country is making football progress. I am very happy and proud to be part of this process."

The Argentinian coach also hinted at the possibility of reinforcing during the next transfer window to aid their

quest to perform well in the Group Stage.

The tactician stated: "If we want to compete strongly, maybe we need signings but I don't know if it is possible for the club. I don't know what we can do but, as a coach, you always need more."

"It's possible, we need a little bit more reinforcements to compete against the biggest teams," he disclosed.

Gamondi noted: "We had a two-goal advantage. I thought they would be a little more offensive, so, I put fast players. However they were waiting for us, they put 10 players behind the ball. Our plan was now to move the ball around and find the space."

"In the first half, we did not create many opportunities but we managed the game. The second half was more competitive and they got tired, it became simple for us," he pointed out.

Yanga is now expected to rub shoulders with continental elites at the Group Stage which will feature 16 teams divided into four groups of four.

Continental giants Al Ahly, Wydad Casablanca, TP Mazembe, Espérance Sportive de Tunis, and Mamelodi Sundowns are among the teams to have reached the Group Stage of the 2023/24 CAF Champions League.

CAF confirms prize money for AFL, Simba SC guaranteed 2.5bn/-

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

THE Confédération of African Football (CAF) announced the prize money for the inaugural African Football League (AFL) which will feature the highest-ranked and most successful football clubs on the African continent.

The eight-team tournament will begin in Dar es Salaam on October 20, with Tanzanian side, Simba SC, taking on reigning CAF Champions League winners, Al Ahly of Egypt. The return leg will be played in Cairo on October 24.

Enyimba FC (Nigeria), Wydad AC (Morocco), TP Mazembe (DR Congo), Espérance Sportive de Tunis (Tunisia), Mamelodi Sundowns (South Africa), and Atlético Petróleos de Luanda (Angola) are the other participants.

In a statement released on Saturday afternoon, CAF said winners of the inaugural tournament will pocket \$4m (about 10bn/-), while the runners-up will collect \$3m (about 6.5bn/-).

The winners of this lucrative tournament would have, so far, played six matches to



Simba SC players are pictured participating in training at Mo Simba Arena, Bunju in Dar es Salaam recently in preparation for various tournaments including the 2023/24 NBC Premier League and CAF Champions League. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBAS C

collect this hefty prize cheque.

"The prize money is appealing and competitive as the winning club will so far play six matches to win the substantial prize money of \$ 4,000,000," CAF said.

The third-place finishers will take home \$1.7m (4.3bn/-) while the side that finishes fourth will go home with a prize money of

\$1m (2.5bn/-).

All the eight teams in the competition will earn a minimum of \$1m (about 2.5bn/-).

"The AFL is a CAF competition established in partnership with FIFA. One of the main objectives for forming the AFL is to ensure that the quality of African club football is globally competitive

and that African football clubs are commercially viable," the statement read.

"The AFL will also contribute to the development and growth of youth football talent on the African continent," it revealed.

The statement said: "CAF intends that all the 54 CAF member associations, including the

countries that may not have football clubs in the AFL, should benefit and receive financial contributions from the commercial viability and success of the AFL."

Five-time CAF Champions League winners, TP Mazembe, take on Tunisian cup specialists, Espérance Sportive de Tunis, four-time winners, in the second quarterfinal first leg on October 21. Espérance Sportive de Tunis will host the return match on October 25.

The third quarterfinal match will pit Enyimba FC against Wydad Casablanca on October 22.

The return match will be played in Morocco on October 25. In the last quarterfinal matchup, Mamelodi Sundowns will come up against Petro de Luanda.

These quarterfinal clashes bring together teams with 43 CAF Champions League titles between them in a battle of the continent's heavyweights.

The inaugural AFL final will be played in early November to crown the new champions of Africa.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

