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Norway, FAO data vessel in month-long fisheries update

By Getrude Mbago

TANZANIA is set to update data on the state of fisheries resources along the coastline, in the wake of a month-long research voyage.

Nyabenyi Tipo (pictures), the UN Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) country representative, said at the port of Dar es Salaam yesterday that the Norway-funded ecosystem approach to fisheries Nansen programme executed by the UN agency will update the data as the vessel traverses deep waters near Mtwara, Tanga, Dar es Salaam as well as Unguja and Pemba islands.

The research exercise is timely as the data will help to calibrate industrial fishing projections as part of the blue economy drive, she stated, noting that the vessel started plying the waters on June 28 and finishes up on July 28.

It is focused on collecting samples for determination of the diversity of fish and their distribution, the physical environment and levels of pollution in the coastal waters, she stated.

A team of 12 scientists from institutions like the Tanzania Fisheries Research

State saves 140bn/- by digitising transactions

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan has declared that the government managed to save nearly 140bn/- in the wake of the digitization of government transactions.

Officiating at the climax of the Africa Anti-Corruption Week events here yesterday, she said the saved funds will now be used to equip local hospitals with drugs and medical equipment.

In the ongoing efforts to seal loopholes of corruption in public offices and government transactions, the government was working to adjust anti-graft laws to update related acts in synchrony with the changing environment, she stated.

Adjustment needs to be in line with global digital transformation, she said, noting that digitalization of application forms and public payments has succeeded in blocking most loopholes.

This had saved billions in public funds, she said, pointing out that corruption cases were often a cross-border phenomenon where criminals form syndicates, thus African countries need to consolidate efforts in addressing the problem.

"We must exchange convicts, suspects and information along with data on cases bearing on corruption or international crimes," she urged.

Tanzania has latched to a number of bilateral arrangements on issues of cross-border corruption, while instituting anti-corruption bodies operating in all parts of



Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau director general Salum Rashid Hamduni (L) briefs President Samia Suluhu Hassan in Arusha city yesterday on the agency's activities. The event formed part of the climax of the African Anti-Corruption Week Conference. To the president's right is George Simbachawene, Minister of State in the President's Office (Public Service Management and Good Governance). Photo: State House

EABC urges rapid AfCFTA payments system installing

● Goods from special economic zones still problematic

By Guardian Reporter

THE Pan-African Payments Settlement System to facilitate trade transactions across the continent under the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) agreement needs to be expedited, a business leader has declared.

Angelina Ngalula, chairperson of the East African Business Council (EABC) issued this appeal yesterday at the opening session of the 14th African Union high level private sector forum in the Kenyan capital of Nairobi.

She also underlined the need for the AfCFTA Adjustment Fund aimed at



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supporting state parties to absorb fiscal pressures arising from operationalisation of key AfCFTA implementation instruments to be set up in the spirit of eliminating fears on the pact.

Africa needs to take steps to adjust to the newly liberalised and integrated trading environment established under the AfCFTA agreement, she stated, highlighting that the successful implementation of the pact will lead to an increase in Africa's income by upwards of \$450bn by 2035, on the basis of initial estimates.

This arises from the creation of more decent jobs, improved welfare, a better

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the country.

George Simbachawene, the Public Service Management and Good Governance state minister in the President's Office, had earlier said that discussions during the conference touched on confiscating all assets and properties acquired through dubious means.

Corruption's impact in Africa's education sector was also raised, he stated, exclaiming that this "needs immediate intervention to save the future of the continent." Security organs especially the police and courts along with politicians were steeped in graft, the minister insisted.

Dr Ayoub Rioba, the Tanzania Broadcasting Corporation (TBC) director general, said in an interview that it was difficult for most media outlets to investigate cases of graft.

Many outlets are dependent on public entities, private companies and other institutions who place paid advertisements in those outlets, he said.

Journalists face hurdles in effectively pursuing stories that light up corruption cases, while Dr Edward Hoseah, the former head of the Tanzania anti-corruption agency, said the fight against corruption in Africa may be slowed down by ineffective anti-graft agencies.

Some of them are weak in executing their tasks such that high level corruption was still rife in the continent despite concerted efforts to tame the vice.

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Z'bar eyes 48MW solar power, 2024

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

A TOTAL of 48MW of solar power is expected to be produced in Zanzibar by late next year.

Joseph Juma Kilangi, the Water, Energy and Minerals permanent secretary for Zanzibar made this observation at the signing event for solar power management by a German firm under the Zanzibar Energy Sector Transformation and Access (ZESTA) project.

The change will create an enabling environment to serve investors and the people, he said, noting that 48MW of solar power will help to spur Zanzibar's economy. Areas that will be accessed by the project



include Makunduchi, Ubago and Matemwe, with GOPA International Energy of Germany managing the project, he said, underlining that the project will spur economic activities in the areas and Zanzibar generally.

Mshenga Haidar Mshenga, the Zanzibar Electricity Co. (ZECO) general manager said that the firm will have to do extra work to produce the power during the set period.

Paul Freunsch, the GOPA International Energy consultant managing director, lauded the Zanzibar authorities for cooperation shown in the project.

GOPA technicians will do all they can to produce the needed energy in the areas to spur Zanzibar economic growth, he added.



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Air Tanzania Company Limited managing director and CEO Ladislaus Matindi (L) shows visitors at the firm's pavilion at the ongoing 47th edition of the Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair yesterday the prestigious Africa's Most Respected CEO's Award 2023 in the airline industry he scooped recently. Photo: Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

Matindi named Africa's most respected CEO

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

AIR Tanzania Company Limited (ATCL) managing director Ladislaus Matindi, has been named Africa's Most Respected CEOs by the Business Executive institution of Mauritius for leading efficient operations of the airline company.

Speaking to this paper at the ongoing 47th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF) in Dar es Salaam, the head of the agency's relations unit, Sarah Reuben, said that the award was presented to him last week in Mauritius.

She said one of the criteria for getting the award was his

performance in the company and his history of excellence in the aviation sector.

Sarah said that during a period of 2016 to 2023, there have been many improvements to revitalize ATCL where Matindi has been a leader in the transformation process.

"In recognition of his contribution, the way he achieved reforms within the organization in a short period of time in comparison with the performance of other airlines, they decided to name him the Best Chief Executive Officer in Africa for the year 2023," she said.

He said that among the things that were looked at were the operations of the company, the increase in flights, the increase

in flight destination, the way he manages flights and the way he managed to reduce the costs of the company.

She said that other criteria that were checked was the way he managed to add executives and experts of various types within the organization such as pilots and flight engineers.

"There are many criteria that are looked at, for example his ability to supervise pilots, manage these planes and the ability to do internal maintenance have contributed to get this award which is given every year and his ability to contribute to various regional issues," she said.

Sarah added that another attribute that enabled him to get the award was his contribution

to the African Airlines Association (AFRAA) where Matindi is one of the members.

Sarah said that in recent years ATCL had won the award of best choice consumer airline in domestic and for this region of East Africa.

She said in 2022 African Airlines Association (AFRAA) became the most improved airline in Africa while in 2021 Skytrax World Airline Awards they emerged the Regional Airline of the Year in Africa.

She said in the 2021 Trip Advisor Travelers' Choice Awards the company also emerged in the Top 10 Airlines in Africa and in the 2020 AFRAA Air Transport Excellence Awards they emerged the best regional airline in Africa.

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quality of life and sustainable development, she stated, urging state parties to the AfCFTA accord, working with the private sector, to carry out mass awareness campaigns on the trade opportunities the pact brings up.

To ensure meaningful trade integration at the continental level Africa needs to expedite and finalise negotiations on the AfCFTA rules of origin, she said, pointing at textiles and motor vehicles as the key problem areas.

This is a key step for harmony of rules and determining the nationality of products traded across the continent, she stated, underlining that this should go along with formulating a common position on the status of the goods produced under EPZ/SEZ schemes.

Rebecca Miano, the East African Community and Arid and Semi-arid Lands cabinet secretary in Kenya, underscored the need for a vibrant private sector in promoting economic growth at the national, regional and continental level.

The private sector accounts for 80 per cent of Africa's total production, two-thirds of investment and three-quarters of credit in addition to employing 90 per cent of the continent's working-age population, she stated.

A robust private sector was indispensable to the realisation

of sustainable development and economic transformation, she said, insisting that the success of Africa's economic integration is premised on the role of the private sector.

It is key to achieving growth objectives of Africa's economies, and by extension, creating greater wealth and expanding employment opportunities, the minister noted.

African regional economic communities like the EAC need to upscale investment in agricultural and extractive industries for value addition to expand the potential of crop sector and mineral industry value chains, she affirmed.

Annette Ssemuwemba, the EAC Customs, Trade and Monetary Affairs deputy secretary general urged the forum to come up with practical and timely solutions to the current economic crisis facing the African continent caused in part by the Covid-19 pandemic.

EAC partner states' economies were on a growth trajectory, though slowly, with post-COVID-19 economic recovery since 2021 indicating the region's GDP growth as standing at upwards of 4.0 per cent in 2022.

It is expected to increase to 4.7 per cent by the end of 2023 as countries reopen their economies further, with all EAC partner states having experienced positive growth ranging from 1.5 per cent to 11 per cent in the past two years, she added.

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America, assisting them in fisheries research and management, she stated.

She noted: "The future of our ocean depends on all of us, and the EAF-Nansen Programme is committed to its role as a catalyst for achieving sustainably managed oceans in the face of changing tides, FAO supports various countries with the implementation of an ecosystem approach to fisheries and a better understanding of the impacts of climate change and other external factors such as pollution on aquatic ecosystems," she asserted.

Suleiman Masoud Makame, the Blue Economy and Fisheries minister for Zanzibar said that the future of Tanzania and Africa in general depends on healthy oceans, thus studies on marine resources are critical towards achieving set goals.

Elisabeth Jacobsen, the Norwegian resident ambassador, emphasized cooperation in enhancing the understanding of the ocean and its resources.

"By working together, we can build productive and thriving marine and maritime industries, which we know contribute to economic growth and

development," she stated.

Dr Ismael Kimirei, the TAFIRI director general said that the Nansen programme has been instrumental in building the capacity of local scientists and researchers.

"Through training programs, workshops and joint research projects, we have been able to develop a new generation of experts equipped with the skills and knowledge needed to address the complex challenges facing our part of the sea," he said.

Dr Zakaria Khamis, his ZAFIRI counterpart, underlined that the challenges confronted are enormous - overfishing, climate change, pollution, and habitat destruction, posing significant threats to the integrity of marine ecosystems. These challenges can only be effectively addressed through comprehensive collaborative efforts within the country and through international cooperation.

The EAF-Nansen Programme is a longstanding partnership between the FAO and Norway, dating back to the mid-70s, having collaborated with 58 countries across Africa, Asia, and South America in fisheries research and management.

Association donates medical equipment for treatment of heart's electrical system

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE Association of African Doctors in the United States has donated medical equipment worth 1bn/- for the special five-day camp for treatment of the heart's electrical system.

The camp that started yesterday at Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute (JKCI), is aimed at sharing experiences between JKCI health experts and their colleagues from the US in assisting patients with medical equipment and providing medical services for the electrical system of the heart.

"In addition, annual headline inflation rates over the same period have shown a stable trend that ranges between 3.6 percent and 4.9 percent," reads the statement.

In comparison with other East African countries, both Uganda and Kenya also experienced decreased inflation rates with Kenya recording 7.9 percent in June 2023, down from 8.0 percent in May, 2023. Uganda recorded 4.9 percent in June, 2023 compared to 6.2 percent in May, 2023.

for a long time," said Dr Mollé. Dr Mollé said apart from sharing experiences, the doctors know that there are Tanzanians with heart problems but they are not able to afford the medical expenses, so they bring medical equipment to support them.

JKCI executive director Dr Peter Kisenge said the visiting experts have brought medical equipment to the camp, where patients with serious problems will be treated, and hence sharing experiences with local nurses and experts in operating the Cathlab machine.

David Singh, an electrocardiologist from the African Doctors Association, said that in the camp they are collaborating with JKCI doctors to learn new methods of treating the heart's electrical system in order to keep up with the development of medical technology.

"We have arrived at this Institute because we have information about the best services provided to patients who are treated here, so we saw that it is the right place where we can collaborate and improve services further," said Dr Singh.



Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa has an audience with the outgoing Ambassador of Qatar to Tanzania, Hussain Ahmad Al-Homaid, in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: PMO

June inflation rate declines to 3.6 pct

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE annual headline inflation rate for the month of June, 2023 has decreased to 3.6 percent from 4.0 percent recorded for the month of May, 2023, the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) has shown.

The decrease of the headline inflation explains that, the speed of price change for commodities for the year ended June, 2023 has decreased compared to the speed that was recorded for the year ended May, 2023.

A statement issued by NBS also states that the overall index went up from 108.93 recorded in June, 2022 to 112.81 in June, 2023.

The national consumer price index between May 2023 and June 2023 has increased by 0.1 percent. The increase of the overall index is attributed to price increase for non-food items.

Some non-food items that contributed to an increase of the index include alcoholic beverages and tobacco by 0.2 percent, clothing materials (0.3), garments for men (0.6) and garments for women (0.3).

Others are garments for children (0.5), footwear for men (0.4), footwear for women (0.2), actual rentals paid by tenants main dwelling (0.2), products and materials for the maintenance of

the dwelling (0.3).

The rest are firewood (5.1), wood charcoal (1.1), corrective eyeglasses (1.8), petrol (0.2) mobile telephone handsets (0.4), food provided by full-service restaurants (0.5), accommodation services in hotels, lodges and guest house (0.4) and goods and services for personal care (0.5).

Food and non-alcoholic beverages inflation rate for June, 2023 has decreased to 7.8 percent from 8.5 percent that was recorded in May, 2023.

On the other hand, annual inflation rate for all items without food and non-alcoholic beverages for June, 2023 also decreased to 1.8 percent from 2.1 percent that was

recorded in May, 2023

The NCPI has shown a relatively stable price movement from June, 2022 to June, 2023 ranging between 108.93 and 112.81 respectively.



Equinor Tanzania's Dr Naomi Makota (2nd-R) has a word at the weekend with CCBRT Hospital fistula surgeon Dr James Chapa (R) at the fistula surgical camp now in progress at Lindi Region's Sokoine Referral Hospital. Looking on (from-L) are CCBRT projects manager Yohana Kasawala and Fistula Ward nurse-in-charge Neema Manyerere. CCBRT, Equinor Tanzania and the Lindi hospital have since 2019 been collaborating in attending to obstetric fistula cases in Lindi Region. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

EAC challenged to get solutions to non-tariff barriers affecting women entrepreneurs in bloc

By Felister Peter

EAST African Community (EAC) partner states have been challenged to find solutions to non-tariff barriers (NTBs) affecting women entrepreneurs in the bloc.

Some of the NTBs that are said to affect business by women cross border traders in the region are excessive charges, corruption, bribes, impounding of goods and difficulties in obtaining passport and Visa.

Addressing delegates at the Academy for Women Entrepreneurs (AWE) Alumni East Africa summit in Dar es Salaam yesterday, Fred Mwesigye, the High Commissioner of Uganda to Tanzania underscored the need to ensure an enabling business environment for women as 70 percent of cross border traders in the region are women. He said women entrepreneurs account for 80 percent of informal cross border trade.

AWE is a global initiative of the United States government seeking to promote women's economic empowerment with the goal of helping 50 million women worldwide. In Tanzania, AWE has empowered over 150 women entrepreneurs in partnership with SELFINA by providing them with skills to achieve their economic potential.

Mwesigye stated that apart from NTBs, the other challenges that women entrepreneurs in EAC face include poor technical technology and managerial practices which affects their competitiveness at local and international markets. He highlighted that most women entrepreneurs are also not aware of the EAC trade rules and regulations.

"We are grateful to the US government as it works to assist women entrepreneurs to add value to their products. Efforts to provide entrepreneurs with the seed funding will help resolve challenges of high transaction costs as well as inadequate funding among women entrepreneurs," he remarked.

He said according to the EAC strategy for promoting women in business and women social economic empowerment, women own between 35 and 55 percent of business in the region. He however said most of the

businesses are in the informal sector.

Representing the High Commissioner of Kenya, Robson Wanjara, in charge of Economic and Commercial issues at the Embassy, said women entrepreneurs in the EAC play a significant role in creating jobs and reducing poverty.

"It is important to promote women entrepreneurs and mainstream gender equality in our development process in the bloc. Gender equality and women empowerment is critical in realizing our development goals," he said, commending the US government's initiative as it is in line with the EAC's efforts to attain the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) on gender equality and women empowerment.

Dr Victoria Kisyonbe, AWE Tanzania Implementer said since its establishment in 2019, the program has benefited more than 300 women entrepreneurs in the country.

Dr Kisyonbe added that the US government has so far provided 540m/- as seed money to 22 women entrepreneurs in Tanzania. She said the US Embassy in Dar es Salaam is also supporting 50 women entrepreneurs participating at the ongoing Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF).

In Tanzania, she said, AWE has expanded to reach women in Kagera, Kigoma, Mbeya, Mwanza, Dodoma, Iringa, Zanzibar and Bagamoyo District in Coast Region. She said two more regions—Mara and Pemba will be included in the program this year.

US Ambassador to Tanzania, Michael Battle said a total of 25,000 women entrepreneurs around the globe have been empowered through AWE since 2019. He said AWE alumni have demonstrated the importance of investing in women led businesses to achieve sustainable growth across the EAC.

Rashid Kilambo, Principal Trade Officer, Ministry of Industry and Trade said the program is crucial as it has benefitted many women entrepreneurs.

Kilambo who represented the Minister for Industry and Trade added: "Education is a key to uplifting women and providing them equal access and opportunities on the playing field."

MUHAS rated among top 3 varsities in sub-Saharan Africa in recent times

By Henry Mwangonde

THE Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS) has been rated among the top three Universities in Sub-Saharan Africa in the recent Times Higher Education (THE) World University rankings.

MUHAS acting Vice Chancellor Prof Apolinary Kamuhabwa said at a press conference yesterday that the just released 2023 Sub-Saharan Africa University Rankings has placed MUHAS third among 121 institutions after two South African Universities, the University of Witwatersrand and University of Johannesburg, which are ranked first and second, respectively.

"The ranking covers elements of teaching, impact and research through exploring five key areas which are resources and finances, access and fairness, teaching skills, student engagement, and Africa impact," he said.

He added that the Sub-Saharan Africa university rankings were developed specifically to address the challenges faced

by higher education institutions in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Prof Kamuhabwa achievement is a result of a number of strategic plans and policies that were put in place and implemented over the years to improve teaching, learning, and research at the University. These strategies have built a great capacity which has led to all the achievements for MUHAS.

Earlier this year, MUHAS was ranked among the ten best universities in Africa by THE World University Rankings 2023, and was placed at number five among the universities in Africa, and in the 401-500 category globally.

The accuracy of the data submitted to THE for ranking is of primary importance. The data submitted should be verifiable and accurate and submitted according to the guidelines and format required by THE.


He said the submitted data includes the academic profile of the University in terms of student population and student to faculty ratio, the number of academic

programmes, the number of students in different types of academic programmes, and the volume of research. "MUHAS has 103 academic programmes and most of these, 84 are postgraduate programmes. Furthermore, most of the regional referral hospitals and specialty hospitals across the country are run by the health professionals trained at MUHAS," he said.

This initiative has further provided platforms for disseminating evidence for sound policy changes and therefore impact to the wider population.

This research output has been a result of multiple efforts by MUHAS scientists, faculty, students and our collaborating partners.

Over the 60 years of its existence, MUHAS has continued to grow and expand the teaching and research environment while taking a leading role in providing consultancy services and advice to our government, Non-Governmental Organizations as well as for the international community.




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BGML, therefore, invites "Expressions of Interest" from reputable, experienced and certified companies interested in pre-qualifying for inclusion in a tender process for the provision of the below goods/service packages.

No.	Reference no.	Description of services to be procured	Pre-Qualification Criteria
1	BUL-23-06-09	Hiring of Wet Equipment(s) with Operator and Spotter for TSF Cell 1&2 Rehabilitation & Closure and TSF Cell 4 Lift 5 Cladding and Buttressing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contractor specialised in earthworks, must have proven experience with tailing storage facilities constructions and rehabilitation. • Experience working with similar works in last 5 years • Competence in tailing storage facilities rehabilitation, closure, cladding, buttressing and fully conversant with the risks and control measures of working in Mining industry • Team with multi discipline members (Mainly - Supervisors / Safety officer / QA&QC officer / Multi skilled) should have sound Knowledge of Mine Health & Safety acts. • List of equipment's - Resource list - specifying quantities - List of all tools and tackles (with detailed specifications of important equipment). • Submit registration certificates for all the above listed equipments.

The above Services/goods are intended to be awarded through a competitive tendering process in which a restricted number of suitable pre-qualified and experienced contractors shall be invited to receive the tender documents. Please submit an "Expression of Interest" on your company's letterhead If your company qualify as per the pre-qualification criteria together with the following additional information and/or documentation:

- Full company profile.
- Company registration documents i.e. Certificate of incorporation, Tax Clearance Certificate etc.
- Approved Local Content Plan or acknowledgment of submission from the Mining Commissioner.
- BRELA detailed search certificate i.e statement indicating Tanzanian ownership percentage, Tanzanian management and below management employment percentage to determine classification as an Indigenous Tanzanian Company as per the Local Content Regulation, 2018.


Kindly send your response by email to bulytender@barrick.com by latest 1800hrs on the **19th July 2023**. Any responses received after this date shall not be considered.

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1	BUL-23-06-08	SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF GLAND WATER TREATMENT PLANT 50m³/hr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contractor specialised in supply & installation of water treatment plant with minimum Class 5 CRB registration • Experience working with similar works in last 5 years • Competence in UF System design and fully conversant with the risks and control measures of working in Mining industry • Team with multi discipline members (Mainly - Supervisors / Safety officer / QA&QC officer / E&I Engineer / Multi skilled) should have sound Knowledge of Mine Health & Safety acts. QA / QC officer should be NACE certified or equivalent • List of equipment's - Resource list - specifying quantities - List of all tools and tackles (with detailed specifications of important equipment).

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- Applicable certification, accreditation and affiliated registration
- Required equipment availability to perform the specific work
- Time frame to complete the project. (including site mobilization stage)
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SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE

REQUEST FOR BIDS

NON-CONSULTING SERVICES

Employer : Ministry of Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development
Project : Land Tenure Improvement Project (LTIP)
Contract title : Establishment of Continuously Operating Reference Stations
Network for Land Administration Sector of Tanzania
Country : Tanzania
CreditNo. : 70220
RFB No : ME.017/WB-LTIP-164906/TZ-MLHSD-358294-NC-RFB/2023-2024/NC/01
Issued on : 06th July, 2023

- The Government of the United Republic of Tanzania has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the : Land Tenure Improvement Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for Establishment of Continuously Operating Reference Station Network for Land Administration Sector of Tanzania.
- The Ministry of Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development (MLHSD) now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for the establishment of a 22-station Continuously Operating Reference Station network covering the LTIP project regions and a Network Control Centre.
- Bidding will be conducted through International Competitive Bidding (ICB) using a Request for Bids (RFB) as specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers - November 2020 ("Procurement Regulations") and is open to all eligible Bidders.
- Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development and inspect the bidding document during office hours from 08.00 to 15.30 hours Local time Monday to Friday except public holidays at the address given below .All requests for clarification should be sent to the address given below as well and the Client will send Responses to Clarifications and Amendments through email and notification will also automatically be sent to those Expected Bidders who have started working on this Request for Bid.]
- The bidding document in English may be purchased by interested eligible Bidders upon the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of Tanzanian Shillings One Hundred Thousand TZS.100,000 or its equivalent in any freely convertible currency. The method of payment will be by Banker's Cheque, Banker's Draft or cash payable to the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development or direct deposit or telegraphic transfer to the following bank account:

Account Name : Ministry of Lands - Revenue Accounts
Account Number 20101000025
Bank Details : NMB Bank House Branch
Swift : NMIBTZTZ

The document will be sent by email and will be available to the office of the Secretary to Tender Board at the address given below.

- Bids must be delivered to the address below to the address (9a) below on or before on 6th September, 2023 at 11:00 Hours East African. Electronic Bidding will not be permitted. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend at the address (9b) below on 6th September, 2023 11:00Hours.
- All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of Sixty thousand US dollars (US\$ 60,000.00) or its equivalents in any freely convertible currency in the form of Bank Guarantee. The Bid Security shall be clearly addressed to the: Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development. Bid Security shall be valid for twenty-eight (28) days beyond the bid validity period (one hundred forty-eight (148) days) after the bid submission deadline.
- Attention is drawn to the Procurement Regulations requiring the Borrower to disclose information on the successful bidder's beneficial ownership, as part of the Contract Award Notice, using the Beneficial Ownership Disclosure Form as included in the bidding document.
- The addresses referred to above are:

(a) For bid submission:

The Secretary, Tender Board
The Ministry of Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development
Attn: Director of Procurement Management Unit
Street Address: Nanenane Ground
Building/Plot No.: City Council Building
Address: P.O. Box 2908, Dodoma, Tanzania.
Floor/ Room number: Procurement Management Unit's Office
City/Town: 40477 Dodoma, Tanzania
Country: United Republic of Tanzania
Telephone: +255783493933; +255 26 296 3313/296 3314
Electronic mail address: dpmu@lands.go

(b) For bid opening:

The Secretary, Tender Board
The Ministry of Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development
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Tanga port registers 8.2pc cargo increase

By Guardian Correspondent, Tanga

STATISTICS show an increase of 8.2 per cent of cargo handled at Tanga port in the period of six months for 2023.

Eng Aron Kisaka, Director of Transport Services in the Ministry of Works and Transport revealed this here yesterday at the meeting of the committee for the improvement of Tanga Port.

Kisaka said the government anticipates more increase after refurbishments, hence Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA) is supposed

to make sure its markets division is well mobilised.

"After investment in the infrastructures at the Port, especially on the berth and handling equipment, we should expect more cargo, hence it is the responsibility of TPA Markets Department to make sure the cargo is well handled so that customers do not run away from Tanga port," added.

He also called on TPA to make sure it increases the speed of discussion with other shipping companies in order to increase

cargo volumes at the Port.

For his part, Acting Tanga port manager, Peter Milanzi said in 2023/24 the government, through TPA, is mobilised to add an additional berth for both cargo and passengers at the Port.

Lilian Mbwambo, a ports stakeholder from Tanga Modern Shipping Agency said the government's procedure in having joint meetings with all stakeholders will simplify in solving existing challenges in time for smooth running of port operations.



Strategis Insurance CEO-non-medical Jabir Kigoda speaks at the recent launch in Dar es Salaam of his firm's Mtetezi Insurance services. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Jafo assures MPs of timely access to constituency development funds

By Guardian Reporter

DR Selemu Jafo, Minister of State in the Vice President's Office (Union and Environment) has assured Members of Parliament from Zanzibar that both Union and Zanzibar governments will continue putting in place enabling systems for sourcing funds for Constituency Development Fund to make sure all constituencies' development projects are implemented and completed in time.

The minister made the remarks in Zanzibar on Monday at the opening of the one-day training seminar for Members of Parliament and Zanzibar Government officials of constituency development funds and financial management

He said during the two years of the leadership of Union President Samia Suluhu Hassan and Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi, Zanzibar continued to receive funds for implementing big development projects in various constituencies in the Isles.

"The basic issue in this respect is to make sure project priorities in

regard to the projects we planned in our constituencies abide by the existing regulations and procedures," he said.

Dr Jafo called on MPs to be innovative in the supervision of development projects in their constituencies from constituency funds and assed that both governments will ensure the funds are made available in time.

He said there are some MPs who requested for changes in the constituency funds' management to make MPs accounting officers, saying the issue is hard to implement according to the existing laws and regulations.

He elaborated that constituency funds have attained great achievements in the implementation of development projects in the constituencies hence, he added, the government through the Vice President's Office and the Zanzibar government will continue coordinating in regard to providing professional advice to make sure the funds reach those targeted.

For his part, Deputy Minister of State in the VPO (Union and

Environment), Khamis Hamza Khamis said the government will make sure it will fully address all issues and views given by the Constituency Fund Committee.

"We understand that there are still some challenges regarding the management of constituency funds including tax deductions, but the government will make sure the issue is worked on to make sure no tax is charged on constituency funds," said deputy Minister Khamis.

For his part, the Chairman of Union Government MPs from Zanzibar, Haji Amour Haji thanked the VPO for organising the training seminar, saying it is an important step from both governments that aim to deal with various challenges facing the management of constituency development funds.

Dr Islam Seif Salum, Permanent Secretary in the Zanzibar Second Vice President's Office said both Union and Zanzibar governments continue addressing various challenges facing the constituencies' development funds management, including the issue of timely access to the fund.

'Use freedom of expression without undermining others'

By Correspondent Sabato Kasika

THE Legal and Human Rights Centre (LHRC) has reminded the public on the need to use their freedom of expression without undermining other people on the basis of gender, religion, tribe, status, colour and disabilities.

LHRC director Dr Anna Henga made the remarks in a statement to the media on the call to maintain the freedom of expression in Dar es Salaam yesterday.

She said LHRC expresses its dissatisfaction on signs for the plummeting freedom of expression among the community that recently there have been situations

in which some Tanzanians with different views complained that their lives were under threat.

Dr Henga said those claiming to be threatened by some unknown people owing to their views being different with those of others in regard to the debates regarding the national interests.

She explained in the LHRC statement that for nearly one week now, there have been debates among Tanzanians complaining about being threatened by some unknown people.

"We therefore call upon the community to utilise the freedom of expression provided by Article 18 of the Constitution of

Tanzania and other laws without undermining other people in regard to their colour, gender, tribe, status or disabilities," she said in the statement.

She added that the freedom of expression is also protected by Section 19 of the 1966 Universal Human and Political Rights, section 9 of the 1989 African Human Rights protocol both of which Tanzania is signatory.

She said it is important that these freedoms should be adhered to without undermining other people in the criteria of their colour, gender, tribe, status or disabilities," she said in the statement.

Bank of Tanzania grants licence to DPO Pay firm

By Guardian Reporter

THE African digital payments provider-DPO Pay has received approval from the Bank of Tanzania (BoT) to operate as a payment service provider (PSP) in the country.

Registered under One Payment Tanzania Limited, the company has established itself as the preferred payment solution for major merchants, including industries such as Airlines, Hotels, online retailers and logistic companies.

In a statement availed to the media yesterday, managing director of DPO Pay, Judy Waruiru said the move further demonstrates its dedication to driving financial inclusion and economic growth in Tanzania, empowering businesses of all sizes to thrive in the digital era.

"We are pleased to receive this approval from the Bank of Tanzania, which highlights our steadfast commitment to compliance and regulatory standards. We will continue to prioritise the security of transactions, adhering to stringent data protection protocols and industry best practices," he stated.

He said that the company's robust security systems ensure that merchants and consumers can transact with confidence, safeguarding their sensitive information and maintaining the highest standards of integrity. With the recently updated DPO Pay Mobile app, merchants are able to collect and receive payments anywhere and anytime.

"DPO Pay provides efficient

payment solutions enabling businesses and individuals across the continent to accept both local and international payment options. It has developed integrated payments technology to support businesses of all sizes in over 20 countries and accept payments securely and swiftly in multiple currencies and through diverse payment methods including cards, mobile money, bank transfers, USSD, and EFT," he said.

DPO Pay has been operating successfully throughout Africa since 2006 and was recently acquired by Network International, a leading enabler of digital commerce across the Middle East and Africa (MEA) region. The payments provider has worked closely with regulators across the continent to obtain new licenses as requirements vary in each country to ensure secure and uninterrupted services for its merchants and partners.

The company has gained significant recognition and trust among prestigious businesses in various industries including hotels and resorts in Arusha, Dar es Salaam and Zanzibar, where it has extensive experience in the travel and tourism sector. With a firm focus on expanding its network, DPO Pay continues to seek collaboration with top-tier businesses and brands, and cater to the diverse needs of merchants across various industries.

The National Payment System Act, 2015 requires all PSPs to undergo a rigorous license application process to provide payment services in Tanzania.

More girls to be enrolled into the health and allied science: courses

By Correspondent Mary Kadoke

MORE girls are to be enrolled into the health and allied science programmes countrywide in this academic year than their counterparts, the National Council for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (NACTVET) has unveiled.

Dr Marcelina Baitilwale, NACTVET director of admission, examination and certification made the remarks yesterday in Dar es Salaam in a press conference held in Dar es Salaam as she announced results of students enrolled in health and allied science programmes through the Central Admission System (CAS).

She said with 24,007 students, who submitted applications via CAS, 22,279 applicants completed their application of their university preference. However, 20,234 had the needed qualification while on the other hand 2,034 applicants lacked qualifications over the applied programmes.

"A total of 15,833 applicants have been admitted to 219 universities offering health and allied science, whereas 8,248 women carried 52 per cent and 7,585 men carried 48 per cent. 2,868 applicants were selected in 48 public universities and 12,965 applicants in 171

private universities," she said.

She said applicants with qualifications were not selected due to competition in the program and universities have an admission opportunity to universities through the second admission window opened yesterday until August 8, 2023, via www.nacte.go.tz where application results will be aired on August 13, 2023.

Twaha Twaha, NACTVET examination and certification manager said one of the challenges faced in the application process was some universities' (unnamed) decision to act contrary to students' admission guide book by sending congratulatory messages to some applicants, the action that forced the council to impose disciplinary measures upon them.

He added: "Having 24,007 with only 15,833 selected shows that large number of students did not meet the needed criteria and on top of that did not read the guidelines in students' admission guide book placed in NACTVET website." He said.

He further urged students to use the second admission window and apply to universities that still have chances as displayed by CAS system as he stressed that students will not incur any cost.

Samia has genuine intention to assist poor households: minister

By Guardian Correspondent, Kibaha

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan has implemented her intention to reach out to Tanzanians in need through the Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF) project.

Ridhiwani Kikwete, Deputy Minister in the President's Office (Public Service Management and Good Governance) made the remarks here yesterday when addressing Kingowe Ward residents who are TASAF beneficiaries during his official visit that aimed to inspect the implementation of TASAF projects in Kibaha Town Council, Coast Region.

Kikwete said within two years of President Samia's leadership, more than 51bn/- has been spent to help poor households through TASAF.

He called upon Tanzanians to

continue working hard in support of President Samia who has shown her genuine intention to raise the economic wellbeing of Tanzanians through TASAF.

For his part, Kibaha District Commissioner, Nickson Simon commended TASAF beneficiaries who conduct business through various loans obtained from TASAF.

Mariam Pazi, a TASAF beneficiary, on behalf of fellow beneficiaries thanked President Samia for enabling them to get various loans that have assisted them engage in businesses through various groups they formed.

Kikwete in his one-week visit in the Coast Region aimed to mobilise for accountability among public servants, solve the challenges they face and to inspect the implementation of TASAF projects.



Finance ministry permanent secretary Dr Natu El-Maamry Mwamba (2nd-L) graces the launch of FinScope Report 2023 in Dar es Salaam on Monday. Photo: Correspondent

Samia meets AfDB to advance post-Dakar 2 Africa food summit farming transformation

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan held talks with an African Development Bank (AfDB) delegation led by vice president Beth Dunford to boost the East African country's agricultural production and food security.

The meetings, held on 27 June, covered various development issues, including the Bank's recognition of Tanzania's progress in developing its agriculture sector following January's Dakar 2 Africa Food Summit.

President Samia was one of many Heads of State and Government who chaired or commissioned Presidential boardrooms during the summit to discuss country food and agriculture delivery compacts centered on African solutions to boost the continent's food systems.

Since the Summit, Tanzania has tripled its budget for agriculture

and was the first country to set up a Presidential Delivery Council to oversee the implementation of its Compact. The Council will approve and advise on establishing an enabling environment to deliver on work plans across commodity value chains.

She thanked the Bank for organizing the Dakar 2 summit, calling the institution a "dependable partner" for assisting Tanzania with its development goals in agriculture and other sectors.

Tanzania's Food and Agriculture Delivery Compact, like other Dakar 2 country compacts, is rooted in agriculture and cuts across many sectors. These include improving national, regional and international trade; affirming the "bankability" of women who work or own most of Africa's small and medium agriculture enterprises who face barriers to financing; and, creating decent jobs for youth across Africa's

agricultural value chain.

President Samia and the Bank agreed to increase collaboration with other development partners to ensure a holistic and integrated approach to the full realization of the Tanzania Food and Agriculture Delivery Compact.

Dunford, vice president for Agriculture, Human and Social Development, commended President Samia's "dynamic leadership" and commitment to Tanzania's agricultural transformation.

She said her advancing outcomes of the Dakar 2 Africa Food Summit are delivering impactful results for the people of Tanzania.

Tanzania's Ministers of Agriculture, Finance, and Livestock and Fisheries participated in the discussions, which also touched on the Bank's financing of a national initiative to attract more youth into agribusiness. Known as Tanzania's

Building A Better Tomorrow: Youth Initiative for Agribusiness, it focuses on empowering youth in the agriculture sector, providing them with skills, including technologies for sustainable and improved livelihoods.

"The Bank will provide young people with climate-smart technology packages for improved production of wheat, horticulture and for oilseed. We will also provide them with access to finance and markets," said the Bank's Director for Agriculture and Agro-Industry, Martin Fregene.

The Bank plans to develop a Special Agro-Industrial Processing Zone in Tanzania's southern highlands next year. Special Agro-Industrial Processing Zones, a Bank flagship initiative, creates economic zones in rural areas to provide one-stop agricultural infrastructure - by concentrating commercial farm production systems, utilities, transport, processing and other services. The zones also build capacity to scale up marketable food products for local and global markets.



Evpat and Fortune International Consulting (EFIC) managing director Peter Mapigano (R) pictured in Dar es Salaam at the weekend contributing to discussions at training for public sector employers and employees. From-L: Ambassador Peter Kallaghe, Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority director of services Teophory Mbilinyi and Uongozi Institute CEO Kadari Singo. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

'UDBS benefited from intensive practical training'

By Getrude Mbogo

THIRTY-THREE third-year students of the University of Dar es Salaam School of Business (UDBS) have benefited from an intensive practical training supervised by the Centre for Banking and Financial Services Research.

This is part of the programme dubbed: Graduate Banker Readiness Programme run by the centre with support from banks involving five practical lectures from banking experts as well as field visits.

Speaking during the graduation ceremony of the second cohort held at the varsity's grounds over the weekend, coordinator of the centre, Prof Esther Ishengoma said many students have been

learning in theory something which makes it difficult for them to apply the knowledge practically after graduating.

She said experts from CRDB bank, NMB bank, ABSA and DCB bank supported the success of the programme by providing needed training and other support.

She said under the programme students undergo special training to equip them to become knowledgeable bankers and be able to bring positive outcomes in the industry.

"This year, the programme has recruited students taking accounting, banking and financial services, tourism, Actuarial Science, Economics and Statistics courses, we are looking to extend the

training to benefit other students in the College of Agriculture and Food Science," Prof Ishengoma said.

She also said that the centre plans to enhance linkages with the financial sector through FSDT Tanzania.

"We are also looking forward to having several assignments from banks which our students can work on, the centre is also executing a project on agri-Preneurship education for sustainable development in East Africa," she added.

Thobias Swai, Head of Finance department at UDBS said the programme's major aim is to strengthen practical knowledge of students exposing them to the real World before they graduate so as to

enable them to excel and compete well in the banking industry labour market.

Latifah Mzamiru, third year perusing Accounting course thanked the university's centre and the banks for supporting the programme which has helped many including those who were recruited in the first cohort

"This programme has exposed me to many good things, I have widely understood what the banking industry needs, this will greatly help me once I graduate," she said.

Darius Elias, Senior relationship manager at NMB bank said that the bank will continue supporting the initiative as it has shown positive outcomes.

MP donates wheelchairs to students with disabilities

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

MBEYA Region's Special Seats Member of Parliament, Suma Fyandomo, has donated wheelchairs for students with disabilities in Rungwe District, Mbeya Region to help them to go to school and return home.

She also handed over sanitary pads for girl students from various schools.

The MP handed over the items on Monday at the launch of her institution - Sima Ikenda Foundation that deals with various community issues especially those affecting women, youth and elders.

She said the items will help the

students to attend school to enable them study just like other students and pass examinations.

She added that he will also donate milling machines to CCM women wing (UWT) in all districts of Mbeya Region.

MP Fyandomo also said she donated a delivery bed and bed sheets to Rungwe District hospital including 1m/- to elders in the districts.

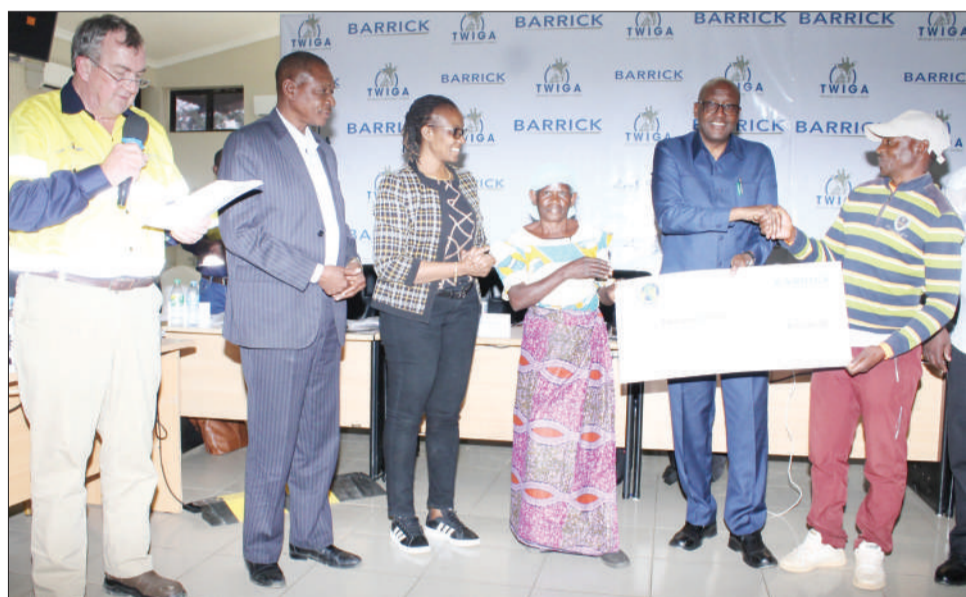
Launching the institution, Speaker of Parliament Dr Tulia Ackson commended the MP for creating the foundation and stressed that it has a vision to assist vulnerable groups in the society.

Dr Tulia also advised MP

Fyandomo to make sure she continues to seek sources of funds to expand her services in various wards in Mbeya Region.

For his part, the ELCT Bishop for Eastern and Coast Diocese, Dr Alex Malasusa who participated at the event called on Tanzanians to continue maintaining the country's peace.

He said when the nation is at peace, various development issues can easily be accomplished than in the nation that lacks peace and stability. He also commended MP Fyandomo for her assistance to vulnerable groups and called on other leaders with finances to emulate her.



Minerals deputy minister Stephen Kiruswa (2nd-R) pictured in Shinyanga yesterday presenting a dummy cheque for US\$10000 to Bertha Nyawanga (3rd-R) and Daniel Samson, representatives of Shinyanga-based Tulikondele Institute in Shinyanga. It was support from Barrick Gold Corporation president and CEO Dr Mark Bristow (L) to help in attending to various challenges. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

'Construction sector leads in commercial disputes'

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA Institute of Arbitration (TIArb) has said that in the past six months alone it has received a total of 42 new cases, most of which are disputes in the construction sector followed by the communications sector.

Addressing the media in Dar es Salaam on Monday, the institute's secretary, Usaje Mwambene, said that other cases involve disputes between businesses, businesses against the government, and private individuals.

He was speaking during the launch of activities to mark the 26th anniversary of the institute which will be marked by a myriad of weeklong activities which will climax on July 14 with the holding of the 6th Annual Arbitration Conference.

"The construction sector has become a beacon for having many disputes and the communication sector comes next, some are normal business relations and some are between the government and individuals," he said.

TIArb also assured that they have resolved many commercial disputes

in the country most of which resulted in a win-win situation for the disputing parties, but they would divulge further details for ethical reasons.

For his part, TIArb Vice President, Aderickson Njunwa said that among the activities this year will be to sensitize the public on issues related to arbitration and the theme for this year is "Arbitration in the 4th Industrial Revolution."

"There is a revolution in the technology used in doing business right now and it is crucial for people to understand alternative ways to resolve and settle their disputes before they are brought to court," he said.

Njunwa said their main activity is to coordinate and resolve commercial disputes as an alternative to the court system.

"Tanzania is currently open to investment and investors and the availability of alternative channels to resolve disputes serves as an assurance to prospective investors," he said.

Another activity carried out by the institution is to develop the skills and build the capacity of alternative arbitrators as it is a profession that

requires expertise.

The conference was also graced by Judge Zainabu Mango from the Arbitration Center of the High Court of Tanzania who commended the institution for helping the courts in resolving disputes.

"The institute is an important stakeholder in matters of arbitration, the court has the primary responsibility to ensure that justice is served in Tanzania and we cannot reach that goal alone, there are many disputes," she said.

He said in the past it was common for people to go to arbitration; they must have a written clause in their contracts before coming to court to be heard. "In recognition of the ongoing changes in the world, our laws on the conduct of civil proceedings have been amended in 2021 to allow the settlement of disputes in court even if they are brought to court by default," he said.

She also said that by using the services of the institute, people will save time and resources compared to going to court and thus encouraged the public to make the most of the services provided by TIArb.

By Guardian Correspondent

Dar security firm maintains standards ISO certification

SGA Security has maintained its ISO 18788 - security operations management system. The company first acquired this certification in 2020, being the first company in the country to be locally certified on key standards in security operations.

Speaking during the ceremony to receive the ISO 18788 certificate, SGA managing director, Eric Sambu, reiterated the company's commitment to compliance with all laws and regulations in the country. "We believe that compliance is our license to operate, and we actively pursue top standards in every field to be able to give our customers value for money," Sambu said.

He said ISO 18788 is a much sought after certification by security operators as it connotes top standards in operations by the certified company. It demonstrates upholding of human rights in performance of duties and most importantly, quality of security services being provided.

SGA, he said, underwent a recertification audit conducted by Intertek Certification Limited of the UK, which is accredited by UK Accreditation Services (UKAS). The certification is applicable to the company's services including

guarding, Cash-In-Transit, Electronic Security Solutions, alarm and response, Courier services and tracking solutions.

He added that SGA is a member of International Code of Conduct for Private Security Companies Association (ICoCA) that sets and maintains code of conduct for its members and reiterates human rights and full compliance with laws. We are proud that we continue to set a good example in the private security sector, living according to the wishes of the founding fathers of the company - the former IGP, the late Philemon Mgaya and his partner, Edmond van Tongeren.

SGA member of the Board of Directors, Oscar Mgaya, also took the opportunity to thank the management for being keen on the process that led to sustaining quality and complying with the law. He singled out the close partnership with stakeholders, especially the Tanzania Police Force.

"The founders, whom we are celebrating their lives with this week, intended that they forge mutually beneficial relations with all stakeholders and that is why the

government and employee unions are always present during SGA functions," Mgaya said.

He stressed that the company has grown from strength to strength in provision of security services in the country, while ensuring full compliance with the statutory requirements.

"People remain at the centre of SGA operations, and we foster a conducive working environment for many to have a successful career in the company, as demonstrated by the huge number of officers with long service," he concluded.

Kinondoni Regional Police Commander, ACP Mtatiro Kitinkwi commended SGA for being a great example in the private security industry.

SGA Security is one of the oldest private security companies in the country, having started its operations in 1984. It now employs about 5,000 Tanzanians in its various service lines and branches across the country. It provides services across all sectors in the country. It has three other ISO Certifications - 9001, 14001 and 45001.

THE INSTITUTE OF FINANCE MANAGEMENT



RECRUITMENT OF DEPUTY RECTOR – ACADEMIC, RESEARCH AND CONSULTANCY; AND DEPUTY RECTOR – PLANNING, FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

The Institute of Finance Management (IFM) was established in 1972 by the Act of Parliament No. 3, and stands as among the oldest higher learning financial institutions in Tanzania. It is regulated by the National Council for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (NACTVET) whose powers are derived from the Act of Parliament Cap. 129. The Institute is dedicated to excellence in teaching, research, and consultancy. The Governing Council now seeks to recruit visionary Deputy Rectors of the Institute for Academic, Research and Consultancy and another for Planning, Finance and Administration. The successful candidates will be responsible to assist the Rector of the Institute to provide vision, direction and leadership to the organization. They will work harmoniously with other members of the Institute's Management. This is to ensure that the Institute acquires and maintains a positive and solid image as a successful training institution of higher learning by formulating and implementing the right strategies and ensure efficient and effective use of resources.

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Reports to: Rector

(b) Minimum Entry Qualifications

Holder of PhD in one of the following fields: Accountancy, Finance, Banking and Finance, Procurement Management, Human Resource Management, Business Administration, Economics, Computer Science, Information Technology, Information Systems and Mathematics, Risk Management, Insurance, Insurance and Social Protection, Insurance and Actuarial Science or equivalent qualifications from recognized institutions with a GPA of at least 3.5 at Undergraduate level or B+ average for non-classified degrees, and at least 3.8 at Master Degree or B+ average for non-classified degrees.

(c) Relevant Work Experience

Must have working experience of at least ten (10) years in a senior managerial position in a tertiary education institution or university at a Full Professor, Associate Professor or someone eligible for re-categorization to the rank of Associate Professor or above and eligible for registration as a technical teacher.

(d) Duties and Responsibilities

- To be responsible to the Rector in respect of such matters of education administration and delivery;
- To assist in development/review policies for Research and Consultancy
- To act as the Rector during Rector's absence from office;
- To facilitate learning of academic programmes in the Institute;
- To be responsible for smooth running and development of academics in the Institute;
- To advise on all matters pertaining to Academic Management, quality control and assurance;
- To evaluate current progress of academics in the Institute and recommending future programmes;
- To recommend appropriate budgets for the Academic directorates;
- To oversee research, publications and consultancy activities at the Institute;
- To coordinate the development and establishment of academic programmes and management of academic resources;
- To oversee admission and examination regulations; and
- To perform any other related duties as may be assigned by the supervisor.

(e) Salary Scale: Academic Substantive Salary Scale

- Tenure of Office: Four (4) years term renewable consecutively for one more term of four (4) years.

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- To be responsible for implementation of the Institute's strategic plan;
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- To supervise and maintain acceptable standards of discipline of staff;
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- To be responsible to Rector for the general administration and financial matters;
- To be responsible for formulating accounting policies and procedures of the Institute, submitting budgets, audited accounts;
- To safe custody and use of Institute's assets such as machines and vehicles;
- To be custodian of Institute's seal; and
- To perform any other related duties as may be assigned by the supervisor.

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Mode of Application

Applications which are accompanied by signed up-to-date Curriculum Vitae, certificates and other relevant documents, names and addresses of three referees (including the last employer) should reach the Chairperson of the Search Committee via the following email:

deputies-rector-search@ifm.ac.tz, NOT later than Friday 21st July, 2023.

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Education and training systems must respond to needs of youth

As the world undergoes rapid technological, economic and societal transformations, young people will need the right skills to successfully navigate these challenges and achieve their full potential. Recent estimates suggest that 600 million jobs would have to be created over the next 15 years to meet youth employment needs. People need a broad range of skills to contribute to the modern economy.

In December 2014, the United Nations adopted a resolution declaring 15th July as World Youth Skills Day. The goal is to achieve better socio-economic conditions for today's youth as a means of addressing the challenges of unemployment and under employment. The theme for 2023 World Youth Skills Day is "Skilling teachers, trainers and youth for a transformative future".

The Day is also meant to celebrate the strategic importance of equipping young people with skills for employment, decent work and entrepreneurship.

It highlights the essential role that teachers, trainers and other educators play in providing skills for youth to transition to the labour market and to actively engage in their communities and societies.

Hard skills, also called technical skills, are any skills relating to a specific task or situation. It involves both understanding and proficiency in such specific activity that involves methods, processes, procedures, or techniques. These skills are easily quantifiable unlike soft skills, which are related to one's personality. These are also skills that can be or have been tested and may entail some professional, technical, or academic qualification.

The total global number of

unemployed youths was estimated to reach 73 million in last year, a slight improvement from 2021 (75 million) but still six million above the pre-pandemic level of 2019.

The youth population will grow by more than 78 million between 2021 and 2030. Low income countries will account for nearly half of that increase. Education and training systems need to respond to this challenge.

An additional 8.4 million jobs for young people could be created by 2030 through the implementation of green and blue policy measures. Technological advancements and shifting labour market dynamics increasingly call for agile and adaptable skill sets. It is crucial that we empower young people to navigate these changes effectively. Technical and vocational education and training (TVET) is well placed to meet these demands by reducing access barriers to the world of work, ensuring that skills gained are relevant, recognized and certified, promoting green skills and practices, and offering skills development opportunities for youth who are not in education, employment and training.

Recent estimates suggest that 600 million jobs would have to be created over the next 15 years to meet youth employment needs. The total global number of unemployed youths is estimated to reach 73 million in 2022, a slight improvement from 2021 (75 million) but still six million above the pre-pandemic level of 2019.

The share of youth not in employment, education or training (NEET) in 2020 - the latest year for which a global estimate is available - rose to 23.3 per cent, an increase of 1.5 percentage points from the previous year and a level not seen in at least 15 years.

Financial inclusion tied up with transacting, but awareness vital

Brainstorming was taking place early this week on what to do to enhance financial inclusion, and indeed about the quality of inclusion for a wide section of the population. A recent survey by an institution related to the Treasury had affirmed that there was a stride in financial inclusion, while 82 percent of those using such services in rural areas are cash dormant. They don't use services in a regular manner, and may trust home keeping of cash rather than banking it, etc.

A number of surveys of the sort have taken place over a 17 year period, in which case if its results have a consistent pattern, or specific shortfalls, they make sense in long or medium term projection. One such observation was that since 2017 the number of adults excluded financially has fallen to 6.4m in 2023 from 7.8m at that time. A policy maker noted that as there are more adults now than in the earlier survey, it means the reduction in real terms was more intense.

Some experts looking at the survey results expressed the view that financial illiteracy brings up dormant cash, which is particularly true of the rural areas. Still this observation could be mitigated by observing other aspects, for instance formal financial inclusion jumping from 65 percent to 76 percent, with also a significant reduction in financial exclusion across gender. Cash dormancy is thus a matter of shortfalls in using potential after formal inclusion by real needs.

Looking at another parameter may bring out this impression more cohesively, in the finding that insurance penetration shrunk from 15 percent to 10 percent during

the period. Evidently there was a reduction of businesses needing insurance services, apart from life insurance that has a different pattern of inclusion. A key reason was the folding up of plenty of activities doing well in the days of a luxury economy tied to 74 per cent of the budget as recurrent expenditure. Recurrent flows dropped to 61 per cent, with 'collateral' damages.

In that case earlier expectations in the financial sector development master plan, projecting 50 percent of the adult population being included in the use of insurance products by 2030 took a hit. The issue is how the damage can be rectified, and the idea that financial literacy is the key issue is unhelpful, as it negates real needs, of growth based on formal sector activities. Even business that is registered for taxes, like operating frames, often remains marginal in size.

Discussants of the survey report noted that challenges in financial inclusion have to do with the way people earn and the irregularity of dominant income sources like crop harvests or livestock sales. It is such income that may often go without being banked as those earning it don't have needs in banks all the time, or having to withdraw cash from automatic dispensers. Clearly communal activities don't sufficiently interact with financial services, but portions of land are continually being bought or abandoned after compensation to start projects. Formal activities are on the rise. That is why the large oil and gas projects ought to be protected against protests in Europe and elsewhere since we need to pay traditional users of land to abandon it and shift to trading in a win-win situation.



By Cyrus Ademola

FOR the past few weeks, I have restrained myself from commenting on the controversial issue of subsidy removal. I've heard many pundits, commentators and columnists utter their criticism against what was once the consensual position of the political and economic elites: subsidy removal.

Up until May 29 when the president-elect declared in his inaugural speech that "subsidy is gone", the standard position is that subsidy is unsustainable and its cessation imminent. One then wonders, what exactly changed between then and May 29?

The unadulterated truth is that Nigerian elites are mired in the cultural trait of critique. It's adulatory and progressive to critique whatever it is the government does. This critical mindset confers the elites a celebrity position that they identify with the masses and ordinary, struggling Nigerians. It's a typical virtue-signalling approach that has its root in cultural Marxism, whereby every position held by the establishment is brought to questioning and ridicule -- regardless of the singsong praises such position enjoys before being adopted by the power-that-be.

It's no secret that the three leading presidential candidates -- Atiku, Obi and Tinubu -- held similar position that subsidy has to go, and it has to go "immediately". Now, rather than lauding the courage of the president for the political determination to uphold his campaign promises, social commentators (and even economists) are now claiming that such position is antithetical to the general view. This is hypocrisy. Added to that is the irony that subsidy removal was once a populist policy that the leading presidential candidates could push as their political talking points without the fear of losing potential votes.

I don't mind the criticism that the government should have rolled out palliatives and social welfare programmes before putting an end to the era of subsidy. I can understand the feeling of those who claim that the aftermath of the policy is biting hard on the masses, and there's a need to cushion the effect through government intervention.

This is a reasonable position to hold. However, no one believes that the removal of subsidy won't have a short-term adverse effect on the prices of goods and services. But the intelligent position is that on net balance those short-term discomforts will in turn unleash the latent potential of the oil sector and create room for competition, all the while ridding it of its inherent

Nigeria's fuel subsidy and the arrogance of the elite



corruption and the malpractices embedded in subsidy.

We've seen in recent days how prices of premium motor spirit, PMS, have increased in neighbouring countries such as Benin, Mali, Togo, Ivory Coast and Ghana. This is owing to the fact that these countries benefit massively from our subsidy programme through the intermediary of black marketers. Put differently, our oil products are subsidised not only for Nigerians, but for other African nations.

As a result, Nigerians are left high and dry, victims of record-high inflation, insurmountable public debt and unemployment, while other nations enjoy effortlessly cheap PMS to boost their own economy. This is how inherently corrupt and lopsided the subsidy era was. For the elites who shout the loudest against corruption and corrupt systems in governance, shouldn't this be a big win for them? Not at all. To laud such policy will be giving up their pseudo-morality that they are against the tide.

I know some people might accuse me for being partisan or pushing a narrative to ally with the ruling government. Granted that such possibility is inevitable, I must however point out for clarity sake that I've never at any point supported the ruling party pre or post-election. I never voted for Tinubu. Hence, the speculation that I'm only reiterating my party line is not only false, but also disingenuous.

One doesn't have to support the ruling party to appreciate a policy

that works. That is the crux of this article -- that while criticism is a welcome development in any democratic system, it also has to be constructive, objective and nonpartisan. If all the opposition does is criticise without offering a more palpable solution, then we're not after nation building.

No matter how one twists and turns it, subsidy removal is a good thing for the Nigerian economy; it's particularly a good thing for the oil industry that has been mired in corruption, opacity, unaccountability and wastage for several decades. For the oil industry to be rejigged to become a wealth creating industry it once was, subsidy has to go. There's a saying that one must crack a few eggs before one makes an omelette. I think the newly elected president is doing exactly that. The cracking is never comfortable, but who doesn't like an omelette for breakfast?

We will fault the government when the time comes, but to speak against a good policy simply because one is trying to be politically correct or play opposition is simply out of principle. While we are at it, another brave move from the president is the unification of the naira in the foreign exchange market.

Here's another big blow dealt against corruption in the monetary and fiscal sector. With multiple exchange rates out of the window, those who maliciously benefit from arbitrage and rent-seeking can kiss their fraudulent enterprise goodbye.

The elites must realise that

Nigeria is bigger than their obsessive attempt to score cheap political points at the detriment of nation building. The position that the only acceptable convention is to be unconventional doesn't do anyone good, except the elites themselves. The arrogance of always wanting to be right borders on narcissism as well as intellectual dishonesty.

After eight years of Buhari's abysmal leadership, it is a no-brainer that whoever is at the helm of affairs of the Nigeria state has some tough decisions to make. If Tinubu is rising to the occasion to make these tough decisions, the least we can do for our nation is to offer constructive criticism, not blatant rebuke that he's working against the masses.

The strategic move to revamp both the macroeconomic and monetary policy in Nigeria by the president was once the consensual position of the elites. Now that they've been granted what they wished and clamoured for, they should stop acting as though their wishes didn't come true. The bourgeois view has now been adopted by the political class; it's glaringly pretentious for the bourgeoisie to act like they didn't know exactly what they ask for.

Besides, it does no one any good if we continue to perpetuate and reward corruption and fraudulence simply because we want to uphold the status quo of elitism. Subsidy removal is a positive economic move; and no amount of virtue-signalling is sufficient enough to brush stroke it as calamitous.

ABCD: The use of local assets, talents to bring development

By Correspondent Deogratias Mushi

ASSET Based Community Development (ABCD) is an approach to sustainable community-driven development with a premise that communities can drive the development process themselves by identifying and mobilizing existing, but often unrecognised assets, thereby responding to challenges and creating local social improvement and economic development.

Beyond the mobilisation of a particular community, it is concerned with how to link micro-assets to the macro-environment. It is this grassroots approach to development that makes ABCD one of the most popular development models.

The Tanzania Gender Networking Programme (TGNP) uses this approach through its Knowledge Centers (KCs) based in various parts of the country to implement sustainable community-driven development projects.

Last week, TGNP organized a five-day training for KCs members from Mbezi, Majohe, Mabibo, Saranga, Kivule, Mabwepande and Manzese in Dar es Salaam Region.

Other participants came from Mbiu, Mwadui, Mwawewe, Kishapu, Kiloleni, Mondo, Mkenyenge, Maganzo and Songwa KCs in Shinyanga Region.

The primary aim was to let the participants share experiences on how women should tap resources available in their own areas for development.

According to TGNP Executive Director Lilian Liundi, the objective was to help participants understand how to link micro-assets to the macro-environment for communities to drive the development process themselves.

Anjelina Mahona is a 34-year-old woman who resides at Mkeyenge Ward in Kishapu District, Shinyanga region. She has been going around her area for over a decade now, sensitizing women to tap available resources around them for their own development.

She did not go beyond primary school but has been an agent of change in her community, educating women on how to be self-reliant through socioeconomic activities so that they can take care of their families.

"In our community, women used not to have the right to own land and other properties that culturally belong men-led families. Through KCs training, my community has started to change after understanding the importance of letting women own properties since they play key role in their children's education and welfare", she said.

ABCD draws out strengths and successes in a community's shared history as its starting point for change. Of all the assets that exist in a particular community, the approach pays particular attention to the assets inherent in social relationships as evident in formal and informal associations and networks.



Lilian Liundi (standing-L), Tanzania Gender Networking Programme executive director, speaks at a seminar in Dar es salaam last week. Photo: courtesy of TGNP

ABCD's community-driven approach is in keeping with the principles and practice of participatory approach to development where active participation and empowerment (and the prevention of disempowerment) are the basis of practice.

A rural-based woman like Mahona is proud that she has been trained on how to make sanitary pads and she recently started receiving orders from the nearby institutions such as schools, a development that allows her to employ some other women in, thus contributing to their social-economic wellbeing.

"I can make 100 sanitary pads per day. I work with organizations like Life Water based in Mwamala Ward which has four schools namely Mwaluka, Igebu, Ibanza and Mwanale. An NGO based Kahama District has also placed an order for the pads I make. My pads can be reused after being washed," she said.

According to Liundi, there is a need to build on assets that are already found in the community and mobilize individuals, associations and institutions to come together to work on their assets and eventually respond to their needs.

"An extensive period of time should be spent in identifying the assets of individuals, associations and then institutions before they are mobilized to work together to build on the identified assets of all involved," she said.

She added that the identified assets from an individual are matched with people or groups in KCs who have an interest or need in that asset, and the key is to begin to use what is already in the community.

Liundi said that in the past when a person had a certain need, they used to go to their neighbour for assistance but this has since changed due to challenges such as skills hence people go to professionals for assistance.

"The welfare system today works in such a way that professionals have made poor people their clients, robbing them of the support from their neighbours who now think that they are not skilled," she said.

According to her, the poor begin to see themselves as people with special needs that can only be met by outsiders, but this can be changed through ABCD process.

Such associations are the vehicles through which all community's assets can be identified and then connected to another in ways that multiply their power and effectiveness, she asserted, adding that users of the ABCD approach are deliberate in their intentions to lead by stepping back.

"Existing associations and networks, whether formal or informal, are assumed to be the source of constructive energy in the community. Community-driven development is done rather than development driven by external players" she said.

TGNP promotes gender equality and social justice, creating a forum where women's rights activists come together to share experiences on how to use their talents to improve their lives.

Such activists share knowledge and celebrate achievements and assess the challenges facing women and other marginalized groups. Liundi said the organization has been providing opportunities for networking and coalition-building, capacity strengthening, enhancing contribution of women and marginalized groups to public debates and planning collectively for social change.

"We provide an opportunity to enhance participants' capacity to organize and demand transformative approaches to governance and decision-making on policies, to ensure that the resources are allocated to promote gender equity, women empowerment, and social transformation," she said.

According to Rehema Mwateba who facilitated the training in Dar es Salaam, it also focused on how to mobilize both women and men in the production of food crops for food security to reduce the burden of unpaid work on women.

"It is undisputed that women are the most affected by the impact of climate change in our country and it is important to empower women farmers with modern agricultural technology. We want our trainees to be agents of this change," she said.

She added that this will shield women from the threats of decreased production in drought seasons and guarantee availability of adequate food and sustainable livelihoods for households which depend on farming.

To urban-based women, there is a need to increase micro-finance credit to small-scale women traders who have a bigger contribution to household and national economy.

Mwateba said that since the establishment of KCs over a decade ago, the centres have been at the forefront of grassroots mobilization, organizing transformative feminist movement building at the local level.

It should be recalled that Tanzania implemented its second Five-Year Development Plan 2016/17 to 2020/21 (FYDP II) which encouraged sustained growth based on private sector development with the objective of becoming a middle-income country with a varied and semi-industrialized economy.

This was implemented alongside the Sustainable Development Goal number two which targeted to end hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, and also promote sustainable agriculture.

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APPLICATION FOR LICENCE UNDER THE CONVERGED LICENSING FRAMEWORK

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[Made under section 31 (7) of the Wildlife Conservation Act No. 5 of 2009 and Regulation 55(2) of WMA Regulations of 2018 and its amendments]

To ensure a competitive bidding process, The Magingo Authorized Associations (AAs) of Liwale District re-invite applications from interested outfitter companies to conduct business in their Tourist hunting blocks for the period commencing July 2023. The table below provides key information concerning the respective Hunting Blocks.

AA	DISTRICT	BLOCK	SIZE IN KM SO	CATEGORY	APPLICATION FEE (USD)	ECOSYSTEM
MAGINGO	LIWALE	Naimba Plain	421.35	II	2000	Nyerere - Selous - Mikumi
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Both new hunting tourism companies and those which are already in the industry are invited. Criteria for evaluating hunting tourism companies are stipulated in Section 9(2) of Tourist Hunting Regulations (2015) and its amendments.

Application forms are available at the CWMAC office located at Igombe Street, Mikocheni B Area, Dar es Salaam and in Magingo Authorized Association Offices Located in Liwale Town.

Applications (filled application forms, paid bank slips, and all other supporting documents) should be sent to the respective Authorized Association through the postal address indicated in the table below or to the CWMAC office in Dar es Salaam by the 1st August 2023.

AA MAILING BOX	AA BANK ACCOUNT
MWENYEKITI, JUMUIYA YA HIFADHI YA WANYAMAPORI NA MATUMIZI ENDELEU LIWALE - MAGINGO, S.L.P 86, LIWALE.	A/C NO. 7032300087 NMB, LIWALE BRANCH

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NOTE: For companies that have already submitted their applications through the last advert issued on 22nd March 2023, they do not need to send them again because the applications have been received and will be fully considered.

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NOTICE FOR THE 3RD SHAREHOLDER'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, the **3rd Annual General Meeting (AGM)** of Mwanga Hakika Bank Limited will be held on Saturday, the 05th August, 2023 at Boabab Retreat Hall, in Mwanga – Kilimanjaro commencing at 10:00 am and the following will be transacted:-

1. **Opening of the Meeting.**
2. **Adoption of the Agenda.**
3. **Confirmation of the minutes of the 2nd Annual General Meeting.**
4. **To discuss matter arising from the 2nd Annual General Meeting.**
5. **To receive, discuss and approve Board of Director's Report for the year ended 31st December, 2022.**

- 5.1 Directors' Report.
- 5.2 Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2022.
- 5.3 Capital position as required by the law.

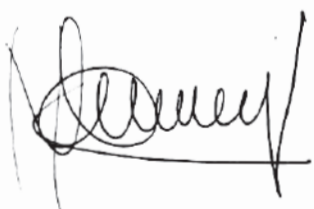
6. **To receive, discuss and approve Statement of the External Auditors for the year ended 31st December, 2022.**
7. **To appoint External Auditors for the Year 2023/2024.**
8. **To appoint and ratification of the Board Members for the Year 2023/2024.**
9. **Discussion, questions and suggestions from Shareholders.**
10. **Any Other Business (AOB) as approved by the Chairman.**
11. **Closing of the Meeting.**

IMPORTANT NOTE:

- ▶ All Shareholders are reminded to come with their National Identity Card (NIDA) or Voting ID or Shareholder's Membership ID.
- ▶ Any Member who is eligible to attend and vote is entitled to appoint one proxy to attend the meeting and vote on behalf (Note: Proxy form is available in all MHB Branches, and a duly -filled in form must be submitted at least a day prior to the meeting).

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Re-thinking disability inclusion for the SDGs

By **Ulrika Mod er and Jose Viera**

THIS year marks halfway towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), an ambitious agenda which set out to transform our world. We have always known that the goals cannot be realized without the inclusion of persons with disabilities. From poverty to inequality, climate to health the promise to leave no-one behind is the bedrock of the SDG call to action.

Unfortunately, the midway indicators should give us all cause for concern. The UN Secretary-General recently announced that progress on 50 percent is weak and insufficient and we have stalled or gone into reverse on more than 30 percent of the goals.

And what can this lack of SDG progress tell us about disability inclusion?

Worryingly, very little. While the SDGs include persons with disabilities, this does not fully extend into the monitoring. Only seven out of 169 targets specifically address disability inclusion and only 10 of their 231 indicators explicitly require disability data disaggregation.

However even without specific SDG data, the extent of progress must be called into question when we see that, in 2023, the 1.3 billion people worldwide who experience significant disability, still face a range of barriers to inclusion.

While specific actions to progress disability inclusion undoubtedly need reinvigorating, it is also important to remember that we are living in unprecedented, testing times.

The COVID-19 pandemic, the largest cost of living crisis this generation has ever seen, climate change and increasing conflicts are placing pressure on communities all over the world at a ferocity and speed which we have rarely seen before.

And while everyone may be affected by these interconnected crises, they are not affected equally. The most vulnerable always bear the greatest burden and persons with disabilities have been disproportionately affected by the events of recent years.

Yet despite these challenges, across the world, disability inclusion has been gathering greater momentum. Even in the most challenging of crisis settings, such as the war in Ukraine, we have seen that early assessments such as the one UNDP carried out - looking at how to improve the accessibility of information and notifications in crises, and the specific difficulties persons with disabilities face during evacuations - have brought together persons with disabilities, civil society and government partners to help bring about change.

These joint efforts also give recognition to the importance of not only taking into account the needs of persons with disabilities as beneficiaries of aid, but also their engagement as key actors in humanitarian response planning.

An increased understanding of intersectionality and recognition of the multiple factors which affect people's lived experience is also taking hold, and it is awe-inspiring to see the extent to which organizations

of persons with disabilities are driving forward this change.

But it is time for global and country level policy commitments to catch up. At a global level monitoring of the SDGs must include greater involvement of organizations of persons with disabilities, and this should be matched with investment for these groups, to ensure capacity building programmes around the SDGs can scale up.

Without this, the disability community and under-represented groups will continue to struggle to take part in national SDG plans.

The collection of disability-specific SDG data is also a priority. Persons with disabilities are often excluded from participating in data collection processes, leading to an under-representation of their perspectives.

Data collection mechanisms designed by and with persons with disabilities and their respective organizations, including disaggregated data on disability types, age and gender, are vital yet currently missing.

At a national level, we must fast track implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, which sets out to promote, protect and ensure the human rights of persons with disabilities.

Significant progress has been made since 2008, when the convention came into force, but more must be done to develop policies and legislative frameworks in close consultation with persons with disabilities and their respective organizations, and to couple this with strong political will and the necessary resources.

UNDP and the International Disability Alliance (IDA) are working together with global partners to advance this work, recognizing that it is a prerequisite to achieving the SDGs.

But much more remains to be done. Because we cannot truly claim progress when in large parts of the world, persons with disabilities are still unable to equally and meaningfully participate in the world around them. When they remain unheard and unseen in programmes designed to meet their needs, and when systemic barriers to their full inclusion and participation in society still exist.

This year offers an important moment for reflection, to take stock of what has been achieved but also - critically - to course correct. Persons with disabilities are some of the most marginalized and excluded in the world.

Righting this wrong is one of the ways that we can get the SDGs and the 2030 Agenda back on track. This is not a task for one group or one country. It will require cooperation across the board, political will and perhaps most importantly - real collaboration with persons with disabilities and their representative organizations - recognizing that they are the ones who stand to benefit or lose the most from the progress being made.

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Persons with disabilities have been disproportionately affected by the events of recent years, including the COVID-19 pandemic. Credit: UNDP Honduras

Visit by India's External Affairs minister seen enhancing Indo-Tanzanian relations

By Guardian Correspondent

INDIA'S External Affairs minister, Dr Subrahmanyam Jaisankar (pictured), has recently completed an official visit to Tanzania widely regarded as part of a strategy to bolster relations between the two countries. Here are excerpts from remarks he made in response to questions from The Guardian:

Question: How would you summarise the focus of your visit?

Answer: Tanzania is an important partner for India, as the two countries boast historical relations. We have deep-going links spanning multiple sectors, including education, defence, trade and investment. We have in place various institutional mechanisms for reviewing the relations, one being the Joint Commission Meeting or Joint Permanent Commission Meeting. During this visit, I co-chaired the JCM with Tanzania's Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation minister, Dr Stergomena Tax. The JCM has for long served as a crucial platform for us to comprehensively evaluate and assess the entirety of our engagements alongside enabling us to plan for multiple areas of cooperation in the future. I am delighted to express my satisfaction with the fruitful discussions we have had which touched on multiple areas of interest and priority domains.

I have had a highly productive and rewarding meeting with President Samia Suluhu Hassan. During our interaction, I expressed my gratitude for her exceptional leadership and unwavering support in enhancing our bilateral relations. Furthermore, I took the opportunity to commend her for the series of landmark reforms implemented under her leadership.

I also visited Zanzibar, where I had an excellent meeting with

Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi. You would be happy to know that it was while I was there (in Zanzibar) that we signed the memorandum of understanding on the establishment of the first offshore campus of the Madras-based Indian Institute of Technology (IIT). And, by the way, my visit to Zanzibar coincided with the visit of Indian Naval Ship INS Trishul to Zanzibar, this in and by itself showcasing the expanding defence cooperation between Tanzania and India.

How would you describe the current level of cooperation between India and Tanzania?

As already explained, India boasts historical relations with Tanzania - these dating back several centuries and linked by the age-old Indian Ocean trade routes. Our countries have shared a history of a colonial past and even now we face similar developmental challenges. We are intricately balancing our growth and development aspirations with contemporary challenges like climate change, new and unprecedented health emergencies as well as energy crisis, to name but a few.

Being typically developing countries, we are bound by a raft of issues, challenges, prospects and considerations. We have come to increasingly and gainfully understand and support each other. This is reflected in our current growing engagements. It's not only that our bilateral relations have become stronger but also that we have supported each other at a range of multilateral forums.

India and Tanzania have had wholesome engagement in a variety of sectors. Our trade has crossed the US\$6.4 billion mark, an unprecedented achievement. Tanzania is India's fourth largest trade partner in Africa. The bilateral trade is relatively balanced and, in recent



years, Tanzania's exports have increased significantly. You may wish to know that 98 per cent of Tanzania's exports enjoy duty free status in India. Additionally, Tanzania is home to Indian investments in several sectors. Our defence collaboration is, meanwhile, deepening. Development partnership is a strong element of our bilateral relationship. Our support of about US\$1 billion for Tanzanian water projects, capacity building and scholarship programmes and other collaborative projects have won resounding appreciation from the Tanzanian people after having had great positive impact in their lives.

Our links are not limited to business-to-business or government-to-government relations but have grown into much broader people-to-people ties. We have a large Indian diaspora in Tanzania who have contributed - and continue to contribute - immensely to nation building in Tanzania. Further, India hosts a number of Tanzanians for various forms of education and training as well as for medical reasons. Tanzanian siblings Kili and Neema Paul are social media sensations in India. This goes on to show the close connection between our peoples.

In what areas of cooperation between Tanzania and India would you appreciate seeing enhance-

ment or strengthening for the benefit of both countries?

I am satisfied with the current momentum and extent of cooperation that we have with Tanzania but I know that there is surely room for more growth. Going forward, we are determined to boost cooperation in sectors like ICT, healthcare, agriculture, education, energy and mining.

India has made remarkable progress in digital governance for its population of 1.4 billion. Our vision of Digital India is to transform our country into a digitally empowered society by ensuring that digital technologies improve the lives of the citizenry; create investment & employment opportunities and enhance digital technological capabilities in the country.

The Digital India movement has helped a lot in the delivery of services directly to the intended beneficiaries in a transparent manner, removing leakages. We have shared our digital technology and helped partner nations to build their own biometric systems as well as digital payment and other networks.

There is a greater potential for partnership and collaboration in this sector, as offered to the Tanzanian delegation during the recent G20 event held in Pune, a sprawling city in the western Indian state of Maharashtra.

Initiatives like Start-up India have ignited a culture of entrepreneurship among the youth in India. We will encourage Indian start-ups to venture into the Tanzanian market as well as support collaboration between Indian and Tanzanian start-ups.

Agriculture sector cooperation will remain an important pillar and I am happy to see the Indian private sector showing interest in investing in Tanzania. Similarly, we are noticing great interest among Indian investors in Tanzania's energy, infrastructure and mining sectors.

Is there any bilateral agreement guiding the two countries to cooperate in the various sectors?

Our overall development cooperation is a time-tested practice that is supported by several sector specific agreements between India and Tanzania. The Joint Commission brings them all together for an overall stock-taking.

Are you satisfied with your visit? What is the future scope of cooperation between India and Tanzania?

Yes, very much so. This is my second visit to Tanzania and I was looking forward to it given the growth in the engagements between our two countries. As I have already mentioned, Tanzania is an important partner and a maritime neighbour across the Indian Ocean. We are both democracies with young populations and fast growing economies. There are several areas of convergence and opportunities to work together. I am certain that you will be seeing steady growth in our government-to-government, business-to-business and people-to-people relations as we head into the future.

What is the current status of the India-Tanzania Joint Permanent Commission?

This is the 10th round of the JCM. It has proved an effective mechanism in the past and, once again, on this occasion as well. I believe that the roadmap that it produces will be a comprehensive guide for our shared endeavours.

ECOWAS hailed for leadership in eliminating NTDs in Africa

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THE Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) has been recognised for gains made by the West Africa region in tackling neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) that affect more than 600 million people in Africa, nearly half of whom are in ECOWAS.

ECOWAS was presented with a Leadership Award by Uniting to Combat Neglected Tropical Diseases during the bloc's Heads of State Meeting. The award honoured 10 of ECOWAS's member states who are among 21 African countries that have successfully eliminated at least one NTD. Also recognised were Ghana and Benin; both countries received a Major Achievement Award for eliminating three NTDs each.

NTDs are a group of 20 preventable and treatable diseases that are endemic in 49 African countries, and which affect over a billion people globally. They cause suffering, disability, disfigurement, and are fatal in many cases. They also inflict significant economic damage on individuals and countries in terms of lost productivity and treatment costs. The African continent accounts for more than a third of the global NTD burden.

Speaking during the awards ceremony, Guinea Bissau's President, Umaro Sissoco Embaló, who is also Chairman of ECOWAS, commended the region for its relentless pursuit of an NTD-free West Africa.

President Embaló said: "Across West Africa, we have witnessed the transformative impact of our combined efforts. Through sustained commitment and innovative

strategies, we have made substantial strides in reducing the prevalence of NTDs, alleviating human suffering, and promoting a brighter future for our people."

Reacting to the announcement, the Chair of the African Union Commission, Moussa Faki said: "Our vision for Africa is for healthy and well-nourished citizens, free from preventable diseases, including NTDs. The exceptional achievement by ECOWAS showcases the relentless efforts to accelerate the elimination of NTDs on the Continent. As we celebrate these accomplishments, we must redouble our efforts to promote domestic resource mobilisation, enhance integration and further advance the fight."

Recognition of the achievements of ECOWAS, Ghana, and Benin, follows that accorded to Togo in 2022, when it became the first country globally to eliminate four NTDs and the first African country to be validated as having eliminated sleeping sickness.

The President of the ECOWAS Commission, Dr Omar Alieu Touray, said: "The progress we have made in eliminating these debilitating diseases is a testament to the dedication and collaboration of our member states and serves as an inspiration to double down on our efforts."

The Director-General of the West African Health Organisation (WAHO), Dr Melchior Athanase J.C. Aïssi said: "The collective determination and coordinated actions of ECOWAS member states is reflected in a recent health ministers' resolution in Abuja in accelerating the elimination of NTDs and could serve as a model



Left to right: Patrice Talon, President of Benin, Umaro Sissoco Embaló, President of Guinea Bissau and Chair of the Authority of ECOWAS heads of state and government, Nana Akufo-Addo, President of Ghana, Omar Alieu Touray president of the ECOWAS Commission and Thoko Elphick-Pooley, Executive Director, Uniting to Combat Neglected Tropical Diseases.

for other regions. The commendable leadership and multisector efforts have contributed to the progress achieved in the region.

Recently, Benin and Mali were validated by the World Health Organization for successfully eliminating trachoma, a highly contagious bacterial infection that is the primary cause of infectious blindness globally.

Ghana holds the distinction of being the first country in sub-Saharan Africa to eliminate trachoma and

joins Benin and Togo in having successfully eliminated at least three NTDs each.

Ghana's President Nana Akufo-Addo said: "I am immensely proud of the remarkable progress we have made in combating NTDs in our region. We have shown that together, and with resilience, no challenge is insurmountable. Let us continue to push boundaries, strengthen partnerships, and leave no one behind in our pursuit of an NTD-free West Africa. The Kigali Dec-

laration on NTDs, which Ghana is proud to have endorsed, provides the political framework for countries and partners to come together to deliver our global goals."

On her part, the Representative of the WHO Regional Director for the African Region, said: "The African region has achieved some progress in the elimination of NTDs with twenty countries having eliminated at least one NTD. However, we know that more still needs to be

done to improve living conditions and increase access to prevention and treatment of NTDs for our people. With the right investment, we will achieve elimination of all NTDs in our region and the ECOWAS region is showing that this is possible."

"The collaborative efforts of ECOWAS member states have truly set a remarkable example in the fight against NTDs. By prioritizing resilience, innovation, and sustained commitment, we are charting a path towards a

healthier and more prosperous Africa," was the reaction of Dr Socé Fall, Director of WHO's Global NTD Programme.

The recognition of ECOWAS's achievement follows efforts at the continental level to eliminate NTDs. Development of the Continental Framework and Common Africa Position on NTDs, which acts as a strategic guide in the fight against NTDs, has led to calls for increased national funding in order to eliminate these diseases by 2030.

E. African students to benefit from single qualification framework

By Wilson Odhiambo

EAST African international students could soon easily study in neighbouring countries after the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) proposed a new qualification framework to mitigate the difficulties faced when seeking education across borders.

IGAD has, over the past year, been conducting a series of seminars and workshops aimed at finding a solution to the problems faced by foreigners and refugees looking to continue with their education and employability in foreign lands.

During the 3rd IGAD conference held in Nairobi, Kenya, in March last year, it was agreed that its member states needed to develop a harmonised qualification framework that would allow their students to cross borders in search of work and education easily.

The IGAD member states include Kenya, Somalia, Ethiopia, Sudan, Djibouti, Uganda, South Sudan and Eritrea.

Countries usually have different education systems and standards, making it mandatory for foreigners to prove their qualifications before joining any institution.

Joining a higher education institution in Kenya demands one to have attained certain set standards from high school, which in this case, is to have a mean grade of at least a C+. Therefore, an international student seeking to join the same institution must show that they achieved an academic qualification from their country equivalent to the Kenyan standard.

To do this, they must go through the Kenya National Qualification Authority (KNQA) and have their high school grades converted to verify whether they meet the standards.

However, given the difference in curriculum and education standards for different countries, this is usually a tedious process for many. Students have complained of waiting for months (or even years, in some cases) before having their qualifications approved to join learning institutions. This has especially been tough on refugees from Somalia and South Sudan, whose education systems are still volatile, making it difficult for them to get quality education in countries of their choice.

South Sudan, for instance, has seen many of its citizens stream into Kenya in search of refuge and a fresh start to life. And due to their height, many Sudanese teenagers are sought after by basketball coaches in colleges and universities who are willing to offer them sport scholarship opportunities.

IPS spoke to James Mathiang during one of his basketball games to understand his transition process as a foreigner trying to further his ambitions.

Mathiang is a refugee from South Sudan who had been offered a sports scholarship by African Nazarene University (ANU) but is yet to join since he has not cleared the qualification process.

"I came to Kenya in 2021 with my family and currently live in one of the estates in Nairobi. Our country



Sudanese refugee James Mathiang (left) with teammates. He has had difficulties getting his qualifications recognised even though he was offered a scholarship. Photo: Wilson Odhiambo/IPS

is still facing civil unrest, and my parents felt it was wise for us to seek refuge in Kenya, which also meant continuing with our lives in a new country," Mathiang told IPS. "I play basketball and have many of my relatives who have been in Kenya for longer, who also play the sport and were able to introduce me to some of the teams they play in."

It was not long before one of the basketball scouts noticed Mathiang's potential and offered to get him a scholarship in return for his talents. Mathiang is, however, yet to benefit from the deal due to the required qualification conversion

process. "It has already been seven months since I was offered the scholarship, but I am yet to understand how the conversion process works. I may have to sit for another qualification exam in Kenya since my papers are not recognised by KNQA," Mathiang told UWN.

According to KNQA, the qualification is a planned combination of learning outcomes with a definite purpose and is intended to provide qualifying learners with applied competence and a basis for further learning.

Joining a university in Kenya, requires

one to have completed four years in high school and attained a mean grade of at least a C+.

This standard may differ in a country like Sudan or Uganda, where students must spend at least six years in high school before joining a University. As such, a Kenyan going to Uganda in search of higher education has to meet a standard equivalent to that of Uganda and vice versa.

Rollins Oduk, who has been on a basketball scholarship at the Uganda Martyr University, recalls how it took him almost two years to convert his secondary

school certificates to meet the qualifications required by the Ugandan system.

"Since Uganda did not have a qualification system like Kenya, I had no choice but to enrol into one of their secondary schools and sit for fresh exams so that I could be accepted by their higher education institutions. In the meantime, I could still play for the University and get some financial benefits as I waited. This is a good move by IGAD, and it will help a lot of foreigners like me," Oduk told UWN.

According to IGAD, only one of its member states, Kenya, has a properly functioning qualification system that enables foreigners to confirm and convert their qualifications quickly.

Dr Alice Kande, managing director, KNQA, explained that having a regional qualification framework would lessen students' obstacles when moving across the member states in search of education.

"KNQA is receiving so many foreign qualifications that are awarded without a clear clarification on whether they are accredited in their countries of origin, their requisite volume of learning, the skills that they impart and their equivalence to local qualifications," Kande told IPS.

"The authority plays an important role in ensuring that authenticity of foreign qualifications is ascertained; and that the country only accepts and recognises foreign qualifications that meet the national standard. By doing this, we hope that students get quality training and education that equips them with the skills necessary to work both locally and internationally and that the country as a whole only accepts and recognises qualifications that meet the national standard and protects the country from fake and sub-standard qualifications," she added.

According to Zetech University, it is tough for institutions to enrol international students due to the bureaucracy of specific government offices that frustrates the effort of potential students and the recruiting universities. There is a disconnect that makes it necessary for the concerned offices to sit with the universities and discuss a way forward.

"To join Zetech, foreign students are expected to have a visa, a student pass and the KNQA equation to get admission. It is particularly difficult for Somali students because of the fear of terrorism; hence the student pass takes too long to process," said Dr Catherine Njoki, Liaison and Resource Mobilization Director Zetech University. A student's pass can take up to eight months to a year to acquire, making some give up entirely on their education.

"The students are also required to equate their results with the KNQA. This Government body is also very slow in their service delivery, and they decline to support the recruiting institutions with a general guideline of how students can get temporary admission as they await the confirmation. KNQA should become a little flexible with such information and also realise the country needs the foreign exchange as much as the institutions need the students," Njoki told UWN.

KNQA, however, states that it should only take two to eight weeks for an evaluation process to be concluded.

"According to Kenya National Qualifications Authority, service charter evaluation of qualifications processing time is (14 - 60) working days from receipt of an application. This is counted from date of receipt of all relevant documents provided by the applicants," Kande explained.

The following are some of the requirements that will be expected of someone trying to have his qualifications converted: (i) certified copy of each qualification certificate to be evaluated, (ii) certified copy of official transcript of each qualification to be evaluated and (iii) Certified copy of certificate and transcript of qualification preceding the one that has been submitted for evaluation.

Others are (iv) certified copy of identity document or birth certificate for children under the age of 18 for citizens or passport for foreigners and (v) translations (if applicable) together with the documents in the original language prepared by a sworn translator.

Njoki added that IGAD should bring all stakeholders involved to help address these issues.

"I would like to continue with my education through this sports scholarship, and if this harmonised system works, there are many foreigners like me who are going to benefit from it," Mathiang concluded.



IGAD has been conducting a series of seminars aimed at finding a solution to the problems faced by foreigners and refugees looking to continue with their education in foreign lands.

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Treasury to pocket 127bn/- from Barrick-Twiga joint venture

By Francis Kojubi

THE Treasury is slated to pocket \$52million (127.15bn/-) for the year ending June 2023 from the joint venture between the government and Barrick Gold Corporation.

Lightness Mauki, director of public investment at the Treasury, said on Monday at a half-year meeting between Barrick and Mara regional government leaders that as of last month the treasury had received a non-tax revenue from this stake worth \$36million (88bn/-).

She said the amount has been directly deposited to the treasury account, as she hopes that the remaining amount will soon be debited into government coffers.

"This is the dividend from the government's 16 percent shareholding in Twiga Minerals Corporation Ltd. This money is going to serve for the implementation of various development projects as per the government plans," said Mauki.

Since its establishment, Twiga Minerals Corporation has invested more than \$12.5 million in landmark projects identified in collaboration with the community development committees established to push for social services and set alternative sources of income for host communities.

Twiga has also committed \$30 million to a Future Forward School Programme.

Briefing the press earlier, Barrick president and chief executive officer Mark Bristow said that the partnership is vested in producing at least 500,000 ounces of gold annually for more than 10 years at the lower half of the industry cost curve.

Bristow asserted that since Barrick's buy-out of the minority shareholders, the company has contributed more than \$2.8 billion to the country's economy through taxes, levies, dividends, salaries and contracts to local suppliers.

Equally important, he said, the company has fixed the environmental, land claims



Barrick president and chief executive officer Mark Bristow

and human rights issues that destroyed the mine's reputation.

Through Twiga partnership the mining company will build 1,090 classrooms and other facilities across 161 schools nationwide, to accommodate some 49,000 of the estimated 190,000 students who join A-Level studies this month.

Barrick has pledged \$40 million to construct a 73 kilometer tarmac road from Kahama district to Kalkola district in Shinyanga region.

"Barrick has a policy of prioritizing local employment and at Twiga this has delivered a workforce which is 96 percent Tanzanian, with almost half drawn from the communities around the mines," said Bristow.

According to him, Barrick is

committed to expanding its presence in the country.

The company is currently consolidating key prospecting licences with a view to expand its existing reserves and resources as well as to discover new world-class gold deposits. On the other hand, the company has invested 1bn/- in a clean water project to serve four villages in rural Tarime district where it operates through the North Mara mine project.

The investment which is incorporated in the company's corporate social responsibility (CSR) plan has seen 3,700 households with 34,000 people from the villages of Nyabichune, Nyangoto, Matongo and Mjini Kati benefiting from the project.

The company has been treating almost 300,000 litres of water for the host community's consumption at its mining site which are stored in a reservoir to be supplied to people through taps.

Hermence Christopher, North Mara community relations superintendent said that the project has facilitated easing access to clean water for host communities.

"Barrick has been working to uplift host communities in almost all sectors from education, health, business empowering, and infrastructure to horticulture;

We had realized that host communities had faced difficulties in accessing clean and safe water for domestic consumption. In this case, Barrick reached a conclusion

of coming up with this project," said Christopher.

He further noted that apart from funding the project, Barrick has worked with the Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agency (RUWASA) in rural Tarime district to make the project a reality.

Doto Lino, Chairman of the Matongo ward water users association said that prior to the project residents of the four villages had used to pay more for clean water supplied by water users through bowers.

According to him, residents also walked long distances during dry seasons in search of water for household consumption.

"This project has brought a relief in terms of costs of accessing clean water for domestic use. Prior to this project, one has to pay 2,000 to secure five buckets of 20 liters for family consumption. In other words one used to pay 400/- for a 20 liters bucket," said Lino.

He asserted that as of now one has to pay only 40/- to fetch a 20 liters bucket of water on a tap supplying water from the reservoir constructed by the mining company. In this case, he said, one has to pay only 200/- to fetch five buckets of water.

"As I speak, about 300 residents have filed requests seeking to be connected with tap water from this project in their homes. Villagers have to pay 10,000 to be connected with a tap from the reservoir;

They will also be liable to pay 2,000/- for 1,000 liters or one unit of water. We are working with RUWASA in implementation of these activities," said Lino.

Kenya's fuel taxes beat S.Africa, US on higher VAT

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KENYA has joined the league of countries collecting the highest taxes on fuel, calculated as a percentage of the final price, overtaking bigger economies such as the US and South Africa.

An analysis by the Business Daily shows that taxes in Kenya now account for 40 percent of the cost of every litre of super petrol and diesel, compared to 14 percent

in Illinois State—the state with the highest fuel taxation in the US—and South Africa at 30 percent. Ethiopia does not tax fuel.

Though Tanzania has the cheapest fuel in the region, the ratio of taxes as a percentage of the pump price ties with Kenya at 40 percent.

Kenya charges seven levies and two taxes on fuel and last week doubled Value Added Tax (VAT) on the commodity to 16 percent, further increas-

ing the taxation component for every litre of super petrol, diesel and kerosene.

A litre of super petrol and diesel jumped to Sh195.53 and Sh179.67 respectively in Nairobi in the wake of the imposition of the new VAT rate from the start of this month against the backdrop of public outrage over the heavy taxation of fuels.

President William Ruto defended the decision to double VAT despite it having trig-

gered a fresh surge in the cost of living given that Kenya's economy heavily relies on diesel.

"We are not overtaxing ourselves. But to balance it out, as we add eight percent on the same fuel, I have removed the Railway Development Levy (2.0 percent) and Import Declaration Fee (3.5 percent)," Dr Ruto said recently.

VAT is the biggest tax charged on fuel in Kenya followed by excise duty, the

Road Maintenance levy and the Petroleum Development Levy at Sh5.40 per litre of super petrol and diesel. Others are Petroleum Regulatory Levy, the Anti-adulteration Levy, and the Merchant Shipping Levy.

The United Kingdom (UK) is one of the countries with the highest taxes on fuel in the world, with taxes accounting for 53 percent of the cost of every litre of gasoline.

Closer home, Kenya ties

with Tanzania but ranks higher than Uganda whose taxation on fuel accounts for 26 percent of the cost of a litre of fuel.

Kenya has the costliest super petrol in the East African region in the wake of the VAT revision, ahead of Uganda, Rwanda and Tanzania.

A litre of super petrol in Uganda is currently retailing at \$1.362 followed by \$1.303 in Rwanda and \$1.186 in Tanzania. A litre of super petrol in

Kenya is now retailing at \$1.38.

In South Africa, a litre of super petrol is retailing at \$1.176 while in Ghana it is going for \$1.154. Taxes and margins for oil dealers account for 40 percent of the cost per litre of fuel in Accra.

Diesel in Kenya will, however, be cheaper at \$1.27 per litre compared to \$1.361 in Uganda, and \$1.282 in Rwanda. Diesel is cheapest in neighbouring Tanzania at \$1.099 a litre.

Villages get 6.9bn/- from carbon credit in Arusha

By Guardian Reporter, Arusha

LOCAL communities in 25 villages in Arusha Region collectively earned a total of 6.9bn/- last year from carbon credits, through dryland forests and woodland conservations, involving three climate mitigation and environmental impact projects.

This was said in the latest impact report by Carbon Tanzania, which highlights the significant contribution of nature-based carbon credits in combating climate change and deforestation, while at the same time supporting local communities.

Revenue earned from carbon credit sales supports health insurance funds with outreach clinics, community development projects, salaries for community rangers, and fees for training and education.

Carbon Tanzania contracts with local communities, ensuring that indigenous people become stewards of the forests, benefiting from the carbon finance as well as helping international efforts to protect nature through their effectiveness at protecting their natural resources.

"Carbon Tanzania's impact-driven approach to sustainable forest management and

biodiversity protection not only preserves wildlife-rich forest habitats but also enables local communities, with their valuable traditional knowledge, to recognize the value of their natural assets," the report says.

Prior to project development, the deforestation rate in the projects areas was above the national average.

"At the highest level, carbon finance is about including communities in the global financial system and allowing very remote communities access to the money in that system," says Marc Baker, Co-founder and CEO, Carbon Tanzania.

"Our projects recognize the crucial role of local communities and depend on their active involvement. Through collaborative decision-making, local communities determine the allocation of carbon revenue, supporting initiatives like building schools or healthcare facilities."

In alignment with 12 of the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the 2022 impact report shows how economic, social, and environmental benefits the local communities have attained by supporting economic growth through the distribution of carbon revenue.

Notably, the report says women's empowerment initiatives

are also currently implemented across all projects.

Women serving as Village Game Scouts (VGS) defy gender stereotypes and their salaries - not only support their families - but also contribute to small businesses which benefit the entire community, the report says.

Furthermore, improved access to quality education has been achieved through projects such as the Makame Savannah, which allocated 934.5mn/- to education in 2022.

The construction of a girls' dormitory has facilitated the attendance of 70 school-aged girls who would have otherwise faced traditional taboos regarding boarding schools for girl children, according to the report.

"Quality education for all genders without a doubt highly benefits the communities," it says.

Addressing deforestation requires supporting locally implemented mechanisms that prevent unregulated land clearance, the report says.

By collaborating with local communities and higher levels of government, Carbon Tanzania says it aims to build political support for protecting natural forests and selecting specific areas for agriculture.

Due to an increase in carbon



A Ntakata Mountains project community ranger conducts a survey

revenue, the communities of the Yaeda-Eyasi Landscape project were able to employ additional staff to ensure they can effectively protect their threatened forests which now includes nine extra villages.

Mariam Anywire Mwakilosa, Community Coordinator of the Yaeda-Eyasi Landscape Project says; "Deforestation posed a significant challenge for us.

The financial revenues from the carbon credits we now earn from protecting our forests in the way we always have, mean that we now have the resources to ensure our land is not invaded and our forests stay standing."

"Before the Ntakata Mountains Project, no one in the community was concerned about the environment because they didn't realize its importance, not even when people from neighbouring regions made land invasions and attacks, and caused massive destruction of forests, water catchments, destroyed wildlife habitat and disturbed forest ecosystems," added Frank Kweka - Project Manager Ntakata Mountains Project.

Through strategic land-use plans, defined land boundaries, and the dedication of Carbon Champions, the project has effectively prevented deforestation.

Carbon Tanzania say it remains committed to exploring the potential of a global market for biodiversity credits and building partnerships with local communities, government entities, NGOs, and private enterprises.

With national carbon trading regulations in place, Carbon Tanzania is working towards aligning with the Paris Agreement and Tanzania's Nationally Determined Contributions, driving finance to underfunded national parks, reserves, and surrounding communities.

Oil steadies as China takes steps to revive economy

SINGAPORE

OIL steadied as China signaled further economic aid for its ailing property sector, bolstering the outlook for fuel demand in the world's top crude importer.

West Texas Intermediate futures held near \$73 a bar-

rel, as Beijing pressured banks to ease terms for property companies and key state-run newspapers indicated that additional support measures may be on the way.

China's sluggish economic rebound from the Covid pandemic has posed headwinds for crude prices this year,

along with monetary tightening by central banks and resilient crude flows from producers including Russia and Iran.

"From a perspective of risk appetite, the Chinese measures are important but not enough to move the needle, and more initiatives will be needed," said Ole Sloth Hans-

en, head of commodity strategy at Saxo Bank A/S.

Oil prices have also been supported by OPEC+ heavyweights Saudi Arabia and Russia, who announced supply curbs over the summer in a bid to tighten inventories and prop up the market.

On the demand side, the US

economy has shown signs of resilience. Data released last week from ADP Research Institute in collaboration with Stanford Digital Economy Lab showed that US companies added almost half a million jobs last month, the most in over a year.

"Oil prices overall are stay-

ing firm," Hansen said. "US economic data continues to show enough strength to reduce the risk of a recession, and the Saudi production cut has helped support short-covering as it reduces the risk of a slump into the \$60s."

Traders will be watching the US consumer price in-

dex read on Wednesday for clues on the path forward for interest rates, and monthly reports from OPEC and the International Energy Agency on Thursday for snapshots of the oil market. The US will provide its Short-Term Energy Outlook on Tuesday.

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Standard Chartered pioneers digital transformation in Tanzania's banking sector

By Efeh Amoah

AS one of the oldest international banks in Tanzania, having commenced operations in 1917 and with over a century of experience, we take great pride in our commitment to embracing digital transformation. We prioritize remaining at the forefront of digital advancements and innovation in Tanzania.

Our aim is to create new products that protect customer wealth and deliver long-term shareholder returns. Leveraging on our robust digital acqui-

sition capabilities, we actively strive to drive financial inclusion by making banking easily accessible from anywhere.

Recently, we introduced Straight-to-Bank NextGen, a game-changer for corporate clients. It is no longer about having an online banking platform; it has become about the value that an online platform provides to your clients. The Straight-to-Bank NextGen platform has become a beacon of efficiency, empowering corporate clients in Tanzania to seamlessly manage their fi-



ences. Straight-to-Bank NextGen simplifies complex tasks, offering real-time access to crucial in-

formation such as powerful analytics, account balances, transaction tracking, fund transfers, invoice management, and document submission. The benefits are numerous, streamlining operations. Straight-to-Bank NextGen saves businesses valuable time and resources. With its user-friendly interface and intuitive design, corporate clients gain unprecedented control over their financial affairs.

We have embarked on a journey to unlock the power of Artificial Intelligence (AI), recognizing that AI is more than just a buzzword—it is a catalyst for delivering personalized and efficient banking experiences.

Our Straight-to-Bank NextGen platform features AI-driven chatbots available round-the-clock, providing customers with instant support and assistance.

These virtual assistants continuously learn from interactions, adapting and improving their responses to cater to individual needs. With AI at the helm, Standard Chartered ensures a seamless customer experience, eliminating the frustrations of waiting in long queues or navigating complex phone menus.

However, AI's potential extends beyond cus-

tomers. The bank leverages powerful algorithms to analyze vast amounts of customer data, transforming it into actionable insights. Furthermore, the integration of AI enables Standard Chartered to transcend the one-size-fits-all approach.

The bank's ability to analyze customer data empowers them to offer personalized financial solutions tailored to individual needs. In this era of hyper-personalization, customers are no longer inundated with generic offers but receive recommendations aligned with their aspirations and financial goals.

The result? Stronger customer relationships, heightened satisfaction, and an increased likelihood of long-term loyalty.

Standard Chartered's digital banking initiatives in Tanzania serve as a testament to our commitment to innovation. However, this is only the beginning. We are poised to further invest in advanced digital solutions and redefine the standards of convenience, efficiency, and customer satisfaction in the region.

Efeh Amoah (pictured) is the SCB's head, transaction banking Tanzania

European shares gain on hopes of end to US Fed rate hikes, China's stimulus

LONDON

EUROPEAN shares rose on Tuesday as investors hoped the US Federal Reserve was nearing the end of its interest rate hiking cycle, while China's policy measures to prop up its battered real estate sector also boosted sentiment.

The pan-European STOXX 600 was up 0.2 percent by

8:33 GMT, steadying further from last week's sharp declines after notching similar gains on Monday.

Several Fed officials have signalled the US central bank was nearing the end of its rate hiking cycle, with markets now awaiting key data on US consumer prices due on Wednesday for more clarity on whether there has been a considerable slow-

down in inflation.

Miners were the top sectoral gainers in Europe, up 1.2 percent as metal prices rose on a weaker dollar.

Meanwhile, China extended until the end of 2024 some policies in a November rescue package to shore up the real estate sector, helping lift sentiment.

"The largest economy in the world is arriving towards

peak rates and at the same time there's hope the second largest economy is getting more stimulus. That's creating a relatively upbeat mood," City Index strategist Fiona Cincotta said.

If there was a "surprise" on Wednesday over inflation numbers, "it would be to the upside on core inflation," Cincotta said.

Shares of China-exposed

luxury firms including LVMH, Hermes and Richemont rose between 1.3 percent and 1.5 percent while industrial stocks are also sensitive to China advanced 0.4 percent.

Helping the construction sub-index, Ireland-based Kingspan climbed 12.0 percent on forecasting record profit for the first half of the year.

However, UK's FTSE 100 lagged other European bourses as a firm pound pressured the exporter-heavy index after data showed robust wage growth in Britain.

Among individual companies, shares of Nordic Semiconductor reversed course to rise 5.0 percent after the chipmaker beat second quarter earnings estimates.

Daimler Truck gained 1.2

percent after the German automaker raised its profit and revenue guidance on easing of supply chain constraints.

After final data showed German inflation rose in June, interrupting a steady decline since the start of the year markets will await data on the ZEW economic sentiment index for July, expected to fall from the previous month.

Halotel uses Sabasaba trade fair showcasing products, services

By Guardian Correspondent

HALOTEL Tanzania took center stage at an ongoing Sabasaba exhibition by showcasing its wide range of services and products to the enthusiastic attendees.

The telecom made its presence felt by offering an array of exciting activities and promotions to engage with customers and introduce them to the company's latest offerings.

In line with their commitment to providing top-notch services, the company announced that has decided to revamp its logo to reflect the quality of their offerings.

One of the highlights was the opportunity for customers to register for new Halotel services and products.

The registration process was seamless, allowing visitors to easily become part of the Halotel family and enjoy the benefits of their reliable telecommunication services.

Another notable feature of Halotel's participation was the swapping of 3G customers to faster and more advanced 4G network.

As of 10th July 2023, a total of 626 customers received gifts,

according to a statement issued by the company yesterday.

"Customers who took advantage of the service were rewarded with a chance to play the exciting lucky spin wheel game, where they had the opportunity to win a range of attractive gifts," it says.

"As part of our ongoing improvements, we have redesigned our logo to align with our enhanced range of services. Our customers will now be able to enjoy unrestricted access to our upgraded 4G internet services," said Halotel director of business Abdallah Salumu.

He said the lucky spin wheel game offered various prizes, including Halotel branded key holders, cups, caps, vouchers, and the grand prize, a brand-new Samsung Galaxy A14 smartphone.

"This promotion generated immense excitement and drew a significant crowd to the Halotel booth throughout the exhibition period," he noted.

Visitors were thrilled to have the chance to win these fantastic prizes while experiencing the company's superior 4G internet speeds firsthand.

To further enhance the customer experience and create a

memorable event, Halotel collaborated with Barnaba Classic, a famous music artist in Tanzania.

Barnaba Classic performed a live stream on social media, capturing the attention of his vast fan base and engaging with customers at the exhibition.

"This collaboration not only added a vibrant atmosphere to the event but also allowed Halotel to connect with a wider audience and showcase its products and services to music enthusiasts across the country," the statement further said.

"During the exhibition, lucky winners of the grand prizes were eagerly awaited as they were presented with their gifts live by Barnaba Classic himself. This added an element of anticipation and excitement, making the Halotel booth a must-visit destination for attendees."

The statement explained that the involvement of a renowned artist like Barnaba Classic helped Halotel create a buzz and left a lasting impression on visitors.

To further entertain and engage the attendees, Halotel organized activities such as MC performances and lively dances on select days.



Halotel customers attend various entertainment and promotional activities at the firm's pavilion at the ongoing Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair. Photo by Guardian Correspondent

Additionally, the company had a dedicated team of professional and friendly PG girls who warmly welcomed visitors to the Halotel booth.

Their presence created a welcoming atmosphere and ensured that every guest felt valued and appreciated.

With over 800 visitors including some several government officials and customers were visiting the Halotel

booth, the company has successfully raised awareness about its services and products while delighting attendees with exciting promotions and engaging activities.

Halotel's active involvement in the exhibition not only showcased its commitment to providing excellent telecommunication services but also demonstrated its dedication to customer

satisfaction, according to the statement. "By continuously upgrading its network, offering attractive promotions, and partnering with influential personalities like Barnaba Classic, Halotel is proving its position as a leading telecommunication company in Tanzania," the statement concludes.

Critical mineral shortages to ease on investment surge, IEA says

LONDON

SHORTAGES of battery metals and other critical minerals are looking less likely to stymie the transition to a low-carbon economy, the International Energy Agency (IEA) said in a new report tracking a surge of investment into the mining sector.

Investment in the industry has jumped 50 percent over the past two years, driven chiefly by increases in lithium projects, and a host of newly announced projects indicates that supply is catching up with an anticipated boom in demand through to the end of the decade, the agency said in the report published Tuesday.

Two years ago, the agency

warned that booming demand for critical minerals during the energy transition risked creating huge shortages of critical raw materials like lithium, cobalt, copper and nickel.

There have been similar warnings from banks, consultancies, trading houses and miners themselves, but the IEA now says that a spending splurge on new mining projects is helping close the long-term gap between supply and demand.

"We look at the situation after raising alarm bells, and we are of the view that governments and companies have responded to this rather challenging situation," Fatih Birol, the head of the IEA, said in an interview. "We all know that mining projects often face delays – there are permitting is-



suces and cost over-runs – but the picture from an investment point of view is rather encouraging."

While it's far from assured that all of the announced projects in the pipeline will come online, recent invest-

ments show capital markets are doing their job in helping to stimulate supply, Birol said. If they do all make it into

production, it would be sufficient to satisfy nearly 75 percent of the supply needed to fulfill the world's net-zero requirements in 2030, he said. That's up from about 50 percent in its 2021 report.

While the report is good news for the climate and car-makers who faced soaring prices for battery metals last year, the IEA also said political efforts to diversify global supplies have so far been ineffective.

In the case of refining and processing some raw materials, supply has become more concentrated geographically. For example, 90 percent of new nickel refining projects tracked by the IEA are located in Indonesia.

The investment in mining hasn't been evenly distributed

either, and copper could still face shortages unless spending picks up, he said.

While copper is a much larger market than lithium, nickel and cobalt, its broad applications in the renewable energy and electric-vehicle sectors have prompted several similar warnings in recent months. Even so, Citigroup said the metal is emerging as investors' preferred way to bet on the energy transition, a trend that will bolster fundraising opportunities for copper miners.

"We see there's a growing need for copper coming because demand is growing very strongly," Birol said. "In the medium term, the copper supply-and-demand balance may be rather challenging."

Euro zone bonds hold steady ahead of US inflation data

LONDON

EURO zone government bond yields were little changed on Tuesday, hovering at elevated levels after a sharp rise last week, as investors waited for Wednesday's US inflation data.

The yield on Germany's 10-year bond, the euro zone's benchmark, was last down 2 bps to 2.608 percent.

It rose 24 bps last week and hit a four-month high of 2.679 percent on Monday in a sign that investors are increasingly believing central bankers when they say interest rates are going to remain high for some time.

There was little in the way of economic data driving euro zone yields on Tuesday, analysts said. A closely watched investor sentiment survey from Germany is due later in the European morning session.

The key event this week is the release of June's US consumer price inflation (CPI) numbers tomorrow, which is likely to influence the Federal Reserve's interest rate decision this month.

"The CPI tomorrow, probably everyone's waiting for that, that is the key piece for the puzzle this week," said Lyn Graham-Taylor, senior rates strategist at Rabobank.

Traders broadly expect the Fed to raise interest rates by another 25 bps to a range of between 5.25% and 5.5 percent on July 26.

The market thinks the European Central Bank has further to go to quell euro zone inflation. Rates are currently at 3.5 percent in the bloc but pricing in derivatives markets shows traders expect them to rise to a peak of 4 percent or more by early next year.

Expectations for higher interest rates have pushed up bond yields in recent weeks. Yields move inversely to prices.

Germany's 2-year yield, which is highly sensitive to interest rate expectations, hit a 15-year high of 3.393 percent last week, rising back above where they stood before yields plunged in response to the banking crisis in mid-March.

The two-year yield was up 1 bp at 3.338 percent on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, Italy's 10-year yield was unchanged at 4.364 percent. Investors see the bond as the benchmark for the euro zone's more indebted countries.

The closely watched gap between Italy and Germany's 10-year yields widened slightly to 174 bps. Longer-dated yields rose more than those on shorter-dated bonds last week after a long period when the opposite dynamic dominated.

Graham-Taylor said one driver of this could be "a bit of uncertainty premium because people don't know what's going on, so people are demanding a bit more yield on these long dates".

Data on Tuesday showed that British wages rose at the joint highest rate on record in the three months to May, keeping the pressure on the Bank of England.

Improved investment climate spurring FDI inflows, says EPZA

By Guardian Correspondent

THE Export and Processing Zones Authority (EPZA) said the government effort to address investment challenges has witnessed increased investment inflows that are necessary in boosting economic growth.

The EPZA Director General, Charles Itembe made the remarks recently at the 47th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF) taking place in Mwalimu Julius Nyerere Grounds along Kilwa Road in Dar es Salaam.

"Investments inflow has been rising during the Six Phase Government under President Samia Suluhu Hassan due to the concerted efforts in creating friendly investors environment," he said.

Statistics from the then Ministry of Investment, Industry and Trade shows that from July last year to March this year the manufacturing sector in the country recorded 104 projects which is 43.33 per cent increase.

During the period, the ministry recorded five projects worth US\$15.5 million invested in Export Processing Zones (EPZ) that make goods for exports.

The projects are expected to generate export revenues worth US\$12.46 million and create 1,247 jobs.

The projects have covered various sectors namely agriculture, forestry and industrial products.

To date, the ministry's statistics show that the projects have already invested US\$11.99 million and generated sales revenue valued US\$17.15 million and created 523 jobs.

Some of the markets for the products from these projects are namely USA, Asia, Canada, South Africa, Democratic Republic of Congo, South Sudan, China, Ukraine, Vietnam, Zambia, Egypt, India, Dubai and Pakistan.

"To improve further investment climate, the government is continuing to address challenges related to policy and laws which are impeding smooth investment flow into the country," he added.

For example, the government apart from providing tax and non-tax incentives as well as removed some fees which have been a stumbling block to investors in the country.

Itembe said recently the EPZA introduced the Business Facilitation Portal system that became operational at this month to help investors from anywhere in the world access various information on how to register and invest in the Tanzania.

"We encourage investors to visit EPZA booth at the 47th DITF to get information on various things related to investments in the country," he added.

On his part, the James Maziku, the EPZA Director of Investment Promotion and Facilitation said the investments flow has been registered during the 6th Phase Government due to efforts put to create friendly investment climate.



Flightlink managing director Munawer Dhirani cuts a ribbon to inaugurate the firm's newly purchased 72-seater ATR plane at the Julius Nyerere International Airport Terminal 3 on Monday. Photo by Miraji Masala



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WORLD

Türkiye agrees to advance Sweden's NATO accession

VILNIUS

TÜRKIYE agreed to advance Sweden's accession to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) on Monday, a day before the alliance's summit in the Lithuanian capital, NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg announced.

Stoltenberg said at a press conference following a three-party meeting with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Swedish Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson that Türkiye has agreed to forward Sweden's accession protocol to the parliament as soon as possible and ensure its ratification.

The NATO accession process requires the approval of all member states. Sweden and Finland applied to join the alliance last year, but faced objections from Türkiye, which argued that the two

countries harbor members of the outlawed Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) and the Gulen movement.

Türkiye eventually lifted its objection to Finland's NATO accession earlier this year after Helsinki took "concrete steps" against such organizations. In April, Finland became NATO's 31st member state. However, Ankara continued to block Sweden's NATO bid.

The NATO chief said that since the 2022 NATO summit, Sweden and Türkiye have worked closely together to address Türkiye's legitimate security concerns.

"Sweden has amended its constitution, changed its laws, significantly expanded its counter-terrorism cooperation against the PKK, and resumed arms exports to Türkiye, all steps set out in the Trilateral Memorandum agreed in



Türkiye's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan (left) shakes hands with Sweden's Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson (right) as NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg looks on prior to a meeting ahead of a NATO summit in Vilnius, Lithuania, on Monday. AP

2022," he said.

The two countries agreed to continue their cooperation under the Trilateral Permanent Joint Mechanism within the framework of the Trilateral Memorandum, and also under "a new bilateral Security Compact that will meet annually at ministerial level and create working groups as appropriate," he added.

Earlier on Monday, before leaving for Vilnius, Erdogan said that his country would support Sweden's joining NATO if the European Union (EU) revived membership talks with Ankara, an unexpected move that some media claimed would "rock the alliance's unity."

Sweden's NATO membership has been a key

focus at the Vilnius summit.

Ahead of the alliance's meeting, several organizations in Sweden have stepped up to voice their objections to the country's joining the alliance.

The Swedish Peace and Arbitration Society told Dagens Nyheter (DN) newspaper last week that the country would be safer not belonging to a military alliance.

It is "a historically bad prioritization -- Sweden safer outside NATO," said Kerstin Bergea, the society's chairperson. "I am afraid that we will escalate the tense world situation by becoming part of a nuclear weapons alliance."

Xinhua

Modi's France visit to likely boost economic cooperation and shape EU-India strategic ties -report

NEW DELHI

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi's visit to France is likely to boost economic cooperation between India and France and shape broader strategic ties between European Union and India, Media India Group reported, adding that his visit to France holds special significance as the two nations are celebrating 25 years of their strategic partnership.

PM Modi (pictured) will visit France to attend the Bastille Day Parade as the Guest of Honour at the invitation of French President Emmanuel Macron. He will be the second Indian PM after Manmohan Singh in 2009 to be the Guest of Honour at Bastille Day Pa-

rade, the report said.

PM Modi's visit presents an opportunity for the two nations to move into the next phase in the India-France strategic partnership and set new ambitious goals for cultural, scientific, academic, economic cooperation and wide range of interests, Sunil Prasad, Secretary General of Brussels based Europe India Chamber of Commerce wrote in the Media India Group report. So far, India has signed more than 35 strategic partnerships agreement with countries. However, India signed the first-ever strategic partnership with France in January 1998.

In the past 25 years, through numerous bilateral meetings, a strong institu-



tional mechanism has been established to strengthen cooperation between India and France in the space, defence, civil nuclear, renewables, cyberspace, digital technology, counter terrorism and the blue economy sectors, the report noted.

These initiatives not only cover the two nations, however, some are also multilateral, it added.

India and France at the Paris Climate

Change Summit in 2015 jointly launched International Solar Alliance to promote solar energy in 121 tropical countries all over the world. India and France enjoy synergy in the defence sector.

France is set to play a significant role in the growth of India's civil aviation industry. In June, Air India and IndiGo announced purchase agreements to acquire 250 and 500 aircrafts respectively from Airbus during the Paris Air show. The agreement marks a landmark milestone in ties between India and France.

France is a nation of the Indo-Pacific and PM Modi's visit will help strengthen the collaboration between two nations in the Indo-Pacific where France has overseas territories and an exclusive economic zone.

The two nations share a vision of a free, open, and rules-based order, based on commitment to international law, respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity, freedom of navigation and a

region free from coercion, tensions, and conflicts, according to Media India Group report.

France hosts the fourth-largest Indian community in Europe after the United Kingdom, Italy, and Germany, and is making efforts to attract students and professionals from India.

A bilateral agreement on migration and mobility cooperation is already in place between two nations which aims to facilitate circular migration on the basis of mobility and return of skills to the home country.

PM Modi's visit will leverage India as an active strategic partner on many dimensions, which includes gathering investors, focusing on clean energy and global peace, Media India Group reported, adding that his visit will strengthen the spirit of cooperation with India's European partners and mould India's image as a reliable and confident collaborative partner.

ANI

Russia-GCC cooperation not geared against anyone – Lavrov

MOSCOW

COOPERATION between Russia and member countries of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf, also known as the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), does not seek to hurt anyone, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said on Monday.

"Today's meeting confirmed that we always lay bare our positions honestly and no one of us is seeking to cooperate against anyone else," he said after the sixth ministerial meeting of the Russia-GCC strategic dialogue in Moscow.

He stressed that neither Russia nor the Gulf countries had ever tried to interfere with each other's relations with third countries. In his words, this is what distinguishes them "from a range of other relations, which, regrettably, are not equal."

The top Russian diplomat described Russia's relations with Gulf countries as "friendly, cooperative and based on mutual trust, due account of each other's interests, and the desire to form consensus approaches to any issues under discussion."

Lavrov met with representatives from the Gulf Cooperation Council nations on Monday. The meeting adopted a joint statement and a joint plan of action for 2023-2028.

Set up in 1981, the GCC includes six countries, namely Bahrain, Qatar, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Oman, and Saudi Arabia. Its key goals are political coordination and economic integration between the member nations, as well as cooperation to ensure security in the Gulf. The first meeting of the Russia-GCC strategic dialogue, which was established in 2016, was held in Riyadh in 2017.

Agencies



Oman's Foreign Minister Sayyid Badr bin Hamad bin Hamood Albusaidi, his Russian counterpart Sergei Lavrov, and Gulf Cooperation Council Secretary-General Jassem Mohamed Al Budaiwi

Xi meets Russian Federation Council speaker

BEIJING

CHINESE President Xi Jinping on Monday met with visiting Russian Federation Council Speaker Valentina Matviyenko in Beijing.

Xi noted that with joint efforts of both sides, China-Russia relations have maintained a sound and steady development momentum, with steady progress in cooperation in various fields. The social foundations and popular support for the long-term friendship between the two countries have become more solid.

"During my state visit to Russia in March this year, President Putin and I reached new and important consensus on deepening bilateral comprehensive strategic coordination and practical cooperation in various fields," Xi said, noting that the development of China-Russia relations is a strategic choice that the two countries have made based on the fundamental interests of their respective countries and peoples.

China will continue to work with Russia to develop a comprehensive strategic partnership of coordination for a new era, featuring mutual assistance, in-depth integration, innovation and win-win outcomes for all, so as to boost the development and revitalization of the two countries and promote the construction of a prosperous, stable, fair and just world, Xi said.

Noting that legislative cooperation is an important part of China-Russia relations, Xi expressed the hope that the two sides will work together to implement the important consensus reached by the two heads of state, promote and guarantee the sustained and sound development of bilateral cooperation in various fields from the legislative level, strengthen exchanges of experience in legislation and state governance, and push cooperation between the legislative bodies of the two countries to a new level.

He called on the two sides to strengthen communication and coordination within multilateral mechanisms such as the Shanghai Cooperation Organization and BRICS, guide the reform of global governance in the right direction, and safeguard the common interests of emerging markets and developing countries.

Matviyenko said the Russia-China comprehensive strategic partnership of coordination conforms to the interests of the two countries and the will of the two peoples, and has reached its highest level in history and continues to develop steadily. President Xi's successful state visit to Russia in March has injected strong impetus into the development of Russia-China relations.

The Russian Federation Council supports deepening Russia-China cooperation and is willing to strengthen exchanges with China's National People's Congress to provide a legal guarantee for the implementation of the consensus of the two heads of state, Matviyenko said.

Xinhua



Chinese President Xi Jinping meets with visiting Russian Federation Council Speaker Valentina Matviyenko at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing on Monday. Xinhua

Zelensky to attend NATO summit

NEW YORK

UKRAINIAN President Vladimir Zelensky was expected to arrive in Vilnius to take part in a NATO summit today, Bloomberg reported on Monday, citing its sources.

Earlier on Monday, NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg confirmed Zelensky's participation in the Vilnius summit. He said that the Ukrainian president will attend the first meeting of the Ukraine-NATO Council.

He said earlier that Ukraine will not be invited to join NATO during the summit in Vilnius but a signal will be sent to it that the alliance's doors remain open to it. He also said that NATO will adopt a long-term program of military assistance to Ukraine that would be implemented regardless of how the conflict with Russia was progressing.

NATO's Bucharest summit in April 2008 yielded a political declaration that Ukraine would eventually become a NATO member. However, the alliance did not provide a Membership Action Plan (MAP), the first step in a prospective member country's legal procedure for joining the organization.

In February 2019, the Verkhovna Rada (Ukrainian parliament) approved amendments to Ukraine's constitution enshrining its NATO aspirations into law. Ukrainian President Vladimir Zelensky has repeatedly said that Kiev wants to know when it could be admitted to the alliance.

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UN report calls for redoubling global efforts to achieve sustainable development goals

UNITED NATIONS

THE world risks big misses across the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) unless actions to accelerate implementation are taken, said a UN report released on Monday.

Failure to redouble global efforts to achieve the SDGs may fuel greater political instability, upend economies and lead to irreversible damage to the environment, according to "The Sustainable Development Goals Report 2023: Special Edition."

The SDGs were unanimously

adopted by world leaders in September 2015 to serve as the blueprint for global development efforts in the years leading up to 2030.

The 17 goals aim to end poverty, fight inequalities and tackle climate change. Using the latest available data and estimates, the new report provided a comprehensive midpoint assessment of the progress of the SDGs.

The combined impacts of the climate crisis, the conflict in Ukraine, a gloomy global economic outlook and lingering effects of the COVID-19 pandemic

have revealed systemic weaknesses and hindered progress towards the SDGs, the report said.

According to the report, of the approximately 140 targets that can be evaluated, half of them show moderate or severe deviations from the desired trajectory, and more than 30 percent of these targets have experienced no progress or, even worse, regression below the 2015 baseline.

It said that the impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic stalled three decades of steady prog-

ress in reducing extreme poverty, with the number of people living in extreme poverty increasing for the first time in a generation.

If present trends persist, by 2030, 575 million people will remain trapped in extreme poverty and an estimated 84 million children and young people will still be out of school, the report said.

It further warned that while lack of progress is universal, it is the world's poorest and most vulnerable who are experiencing the worst effects of these un-

precedented global challenges. Meanwhile, the report pointed to progress in some areas since 2015 which illustrates the potential for further advances.

Among the progress highlighted, the share of global population with access to electricity has increased from 87 percent in 2015 to 91 percent in 2021, with close to 800 million additional people being connected.

The report also illustrated that the number of people using the Internet has grown by 65 percent since 2015, reaching 5.3 billion people of the world's

population in 2022. Such important development gains demonstrate that a breakthrough to a better future for all is possible through the combination of collective action and strong political will, and the effective use of available technologies, resources and knowledge, said the report.

"We are at a moment of truth and reckoning. But together, we can make this a moment of hope," UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres wrote in the forward of the report. "I urge all member states to make 2023 the

moment when we jump-start progress on the SDGs, to create a more peaceful and prosperous future for all," he added.



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Members of a traditional dance troupe, Elimisha Group, are pictured performing a Zaramo dance at the Mwalimu Nyerere Trade Fair grounds in Dar es Salaam recently. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

National Athletics Championships set for next month

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

ATHLETICS Tanzania (AT) has said the National Athletics Championships will be held next month, calling upon regions to conduct trials in preparation for the showdown.

One of AT information officers, Tullo Chambo, said the championships have been scheduled for August 8-9 at a venue set to be announced later.

He said AT has written all regional athletics associations to conduct trials to select athletes set to compete in the National Athletics Championships.

The information officer disclosed that regions

that will fail to conduct the trials will not be allowed to compete in the showdown.

"This year's National Athletics Championships will be held next month but I cannot mention the venue (for the showdown) as we are still looking for it," he pointed out.

"This is so because the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium (located in Dar es Salaam) is under renovation but one of the conditions for competing in the championships is that all athletes must be selected through the regional trials, failure of which we will not allow them to compete," Chambo said.

The official also said each regional quota of athletes to compete in the National Athletics Championships will depend on the number of regions that will conduct the trials.

The Arusha Regional Athletics Association (ARAA) is one of the first regions to conduct the trials, having conducted them at Sheikh Amri Abeid Stadium on Saturday.

Anthony Mwingereza, ARAA Chairman, said the trials were very successful and his regional technical panel has identified the best athletes set to represent it in the National Athletics Championships.

However, Mwingereza stopped short of mentioning the athletes that have been identified to represent the region in the National Athletics Championships.

More than 200 athletes battled it out in the trials and were in all categories as the trials moreover aimed to see to it the regional athletics association garners a database for the best athletes in each category.

Dar musician lauds betting firm's initiative

By Correspondent James Kandoya

TANZANIA'S Bongo Flava musician, Gift Stanford, a brand ambassador for the online betting firm WinPrincess Tanzania, toured the firm's pavilion for the Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF) at the Mwalimu Nyerere Trade Fair grounds in Dar es Salaam last week.

The singer, popularly known as 'Gigy Money', had visited the pavilion with contestants for the 2023 Miss Tanzania pageant.

Speaking to journalists, 'Gigy Money' explained how WinPrincess Tanzania has helped her smoothly take charge of her work and lead a good life.

The singer revealed: "My fellow Tanzanians, there is money at WinPrincess Tanzania, one only needs to fully exploit the opportunity."

She disclosed: "Last month, I was supposed to shoot a video for my new track and I did not have sufficient cash for the project, so, I went online and bet with WinPrincess Tanzania."

"I lost the first time, I bet again and raked in 5m/- on the spot and I went to

present the cash to the video director as an advance, my song's video will soon enter the market."

The singer further expressed sincere regards to WinPrincess Tanzania's management for deciding to help youths, particularly young women who have resorted to starting their journey to achieving success in life by participating in the Miss Tanzania pageant.

The musician revealed the pageant has produced many girls that are doing well in various fields in the country.

'Gigy Money' further explained that joining WinPrincess Tanzania's family does not require a person to regularly visit casinos.

According to 'Gigy Money', an individual can even bet with his/her mobile phone, revealing that one can open an account and start raking in money through Online Gaming, Betting & Casinos.

Miss Tanzania Committee Chairperson Azama Mashango expressed regard to WinPrincess Tanzania, one of the contest's sponsors, for sponsoring the sports category, adding such a category is important in the pageant.

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Tanzania Olympic Committee (TOC) Secretary-General Filbert Bayi (Front row C), the committee's other leaders, and some athletes engage in exercises in the International Olympic Day's celebration at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam recently. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

Ministries eye sports talents identification programme

By Correspondent Renatha Msungu, Dodoma

THE Ministry of Defense and National Service is expected to have a meeting with the Ministry of Culture, Arts, and Sports to set strategies for the identification of sports talents that will be sent to the National Service (JKT) for promotion and development.

Minister for Defense and National Service, Innocent Bashungwa, revealed at the climax of the 60th anniversary of JKT which took place at the Jamhuri Stadium in Dodoma last weekend.

Bashungwa said the two ministries are doing so to implement President Samia Suluhu Hassan's order to improve infrastructure and ensure they identify sports talents and develop them.

"We have planned to meet the Ministry of Culture, Arts, and Sports to set strategies for identification of sports talents and send them to JKT to develop them," Bashungwa disclosed.

He further explained that the institution has sports teams for various disciplines including soccer, athletics, boxing, netball, and other sports, so they have to convene the meeting and come up with strategies for the identification of sports talents.

Bashungwa moreover pointed out his ministry will see to it that newly promoted Premier League clubs, JKT Tanzania and Mashujaa FC, owned by the ministry, perform well in the domestic top flight.

The minister said the teams will continue training to prepare for the Premier League, which is billed to be highly competitive, given the showdown's other clubs are roping in good players.

He said the ministry is keen on seeing to it that its clubs are doing well in the various sports competitions they will participate in because they boast lots of talented players.

The minister congratulated JKT for the good preparations the institution made for the celebrations, including inviting artists that performed in the climax.

Bashungwa further congratulated the JKT music band that, in collaboration with other artists, entertained people that turned up for the celebrations.

Chief of the Defense Forces, Jacob Mkunda, said JKT youths deserve praise due to the various entertainments

they showcased at the event's climax.

Head of JKT, Rajabu Mabele, said that they will continue to identify sports talents in the institution and promote and develop them so that they can scale great heights internationally.

He congratulated JKT Tanzania and Mashujaa FC that have won promotion to the 2023/24 Premier League while stressing that the teams should seek to perform well in the top flight, which is extremely competitive considering the participating teams are making adequate preparations for it.



Santos FC's player Ali Mohamed (L) challenges Kitunda FC's Ibrahim Issa when the sides faced each other in a bonanza, dubbed 'Kijana Jitambue' that took place at Kitunda Primary School's grounds in Dar es Salaam recently. The clash ended with the two sides locked to a 1-1 draw. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

TLGU salutes Lake Energies golf tournament

By Guardian Correspondent

TANZANIA Ladies Golf Union (TLGU) president, Queen Siraki, says this season's Lake Energies golf tournament held at Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club (DGC)'s course has motivated participating golf players.

Speaking after the conclusion of the tournament, which involved amateurs, professional golfers, and children, Queen said Lake Energies' sponsorship for the showdown has enhanced competitiveness among the players.

The TLGU leader noted: "This tournament has brought about intense competition, and we hope that Lake Energies will continue to sponsor us in future events."

"We have witnessed our coaches here at the DGC imparting valuable lessons to many young players, in short, this tournament has been very successful," Queen stated.

The CEO of Lake Energies, Abdirahman Ahmed, stated

that the company will continue supporting the sport and is considering sponsoring the upcoming Corporate tournament scheduled for next month.

"We thank golfers that participated in this tournament, we will continue to support sports because we believe that sports foster unity and (sponsorship) is a way of supporting the government's efforts in promoting sports in the country," Ahmed stated.

Frank Mwinuka emerged as the overall winner for the professional golfers' category, having returned 71 gross score and was awarded a cash prize of 1m/-.

He was followed by Salum Dilunga that scored 73 gross to rake in 664,000/-, the third place went to Rodrick John that returned with a 74 gross score to walk away with 420,000/-.

Apart from the cash prizes, the winners were presented with gas cylinders from the sponsoring company.

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David de Gea, Sir Alex Ferguson's last player, ends 88 years of Manchester United history

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Fountain Gate Schools eye early preps for 2023 FEASSA Games

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

DODOMA'S Fountain Gate Schools' management has stated the schools will intensify preparations for this year's edition of the Federation of East Africa Secondary Schools Sports Associations (FEASSA) Games slated for next month in Huye, Rwanda.

Fountain Gate Schools will be represented by boys and girls football teams. The school's Principal, Joseph Mjinga, noted in an interview they will start early preparations for the games, seeking to bring the trophy home.

"Fountain Gate boys and girls football teams will soon start preparations for this year's FEASSA Games, we could not start early as our players, all of whom are students, were on holiday but now they are back, we aim to emerge champions of this year's edition and, to achieve that, we need to start early preparations," he said.

Fountain Gate Schools' girls team won the girls' category of the maiden Confederation of African Football (CAF) Schools Championships which took place at King Zwelithini Stadium in Durban, South Africa.

The 2023 FEASSA Games will involve schools from Burundi, DR Congo, Kenya, Uganda, Mainland Tanzania, South Sudan, Zanzibar, and the host nation Rwanda.

The participating outfits will battle it out in various sporting disciplines namely football, swimming, athletics, hockey, netball, rugby, volleyball, basketball, table tennis, badminton, and lawn tennis.

TOC urges athletes to prepare well for 2024 Olympic Games

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

THE Tanzania Olympic Committee (TOC) has called upon all sports associations in the country that will produce athletes for the 2024 Summer Olympics, slated to be held in Paris, to start preparations for the Games.

Filbert Bayi, TOC Secretary-General, made the call when the country celebrated the International Olympic Day at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam last weekend.

Bayi said only through early preparations the country's athletes can bring home medals.

"We still have a chance to win medals in the coming Paris 2024 Olympics, we still have more time to prepare for the Games and the good thing is that there are many qualifying events that our athletes can make use of and qualify for the Games," he said.

This year's Olympic Day celebration's theme was 'Let's Move' and Bayi said the first Olympic Day was held on June 23, 1948, with nine National Olympic Committees (NOCs) hosting events on the anniversary of the International Olympic Committee's (IOC) creation in 1894.

This year's theme aims to inspire people around the world to make time for daily physical activities.

The worldwide celebration of the Olympic spirit sees millions embrace the core Olympic values of excellence, friendship, and respect through the Olympic Day.

At least 70 NOCs are integrating the promotion of future Olympic Games into their local celebrations including, of course, the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

Senegal will be promoting the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games, held in 2022 due to the global pandemic.

Meanwhile, Australia is already looking ahead to the Brisbane 2032 Olympic Games with a host of 'Have A Go' activities featuring Olympic sports hosted by Olympians.

This year, around five million individuals worldwide mark Olympic Day.

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Dar set to field six boxers in 2023 African Elite Boxing Championships



Magereza Boxing Club's Issa Athuman (R) trades blows with JKT Club's Boniface Mlingwa in one of the 2021 National Boxing Championship's fights, which took place at Tanganyika Packer's venue in Dar es Salaam. Mlingwa won by points. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

BOXING Federation of Tanzania (BFT) has disclosed that six boxers will represent the country in the coming International Boxing Association (AIBA) African Elite Boxing Championships slated for the end of this month in Yaoundé, Cameroon.

Makore Mashaga, BFT secretary-general, disclosed in an interview the championships have been slated for July 26-August 6 and Tanzania will be represented by four male boxers and two female boxers.

However, he could not mention the pugilists, saying the BFT is

working on some logistics which include approval from National Sports Council (NSC) before the names are out.

The official noted: "Our initial plan was to send 12 boxers to Yaoundé for the games but, due to financial challenges we are facing, we have agreed to be represented by six boxers." "The boxers will be accompanied by two coaches, for now, it is too early to announce their names but, if everything goes as planned, they will depart on July 25," he said. Makore said the boxers are currently attending training at the National Indoor Stadium in Dar es Salaam.

In this year's edition of the African Boxing Championships, AIBA has doubled the prize money for the boxers, with gold medalists set to rake in \$20,000 each, each silver medalist will be presented with

\$10,000, and \$5,000 has been set aside for the bronze medalists.

Meanwhile, Mashaga disclosed that AIBA will, at the end of this month, start offering grants to BFT and other national boxing federations.

This is the first time that AIBA is presenting grants to national boxing federations.

According to the BFT official, each national federation can access a maximum of \$50,000 annually but such an amount is only released after the federation's proposal has convinced AIBA leadership.

"This is good news, we can now have our development plans achieved, before the availability of these grants it was very difficult to realize our developmental plans but now we are assured that we can realize many of them," he said.

Banda files complaints to FIFA against Chippa United

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

TANZANIAN defender Abdi Banda has opened a case against his club, Chippa United of South Africa, after the outfit terminated the contract with the player without mutual agreement.

Banda, who was formerly on the books of the other South African club Baroka FC, joined Chippa United last year.

The central defender had first arrived in South Africa after signing with Bakgaga, and he later moved on to Highlands Park.

The footballer got into a dispute with the club after garnering a call-up to his country's senior national team 'Taifa Stars' in May this year.

Chippa United did not seek to launch a round table talk to ask him to reduce his salary from June 1 while heading into the new season which he refused.

Banda said his refusal to reduce the salary is what led his employers to terminate the contract and the defender decided to head to FIFA for legal justice.

"I have not been able to agree with the terms because we have not sat down to discuss moving forward, I have every right to know why and not involve myself in the round table talks, I have decided to file a case with FIFA to get my rights," he said.

Banda further added that he still has a one-year contract left with the club and, as the case proceedings are underway, he will return to South Africa to find a team to keep himself fit before decisions are aired out.

In the FIFA letter issued regarding the saga, Chippa United has been asked to submit their defense regarding the case on July 18 while the judgment is expected to be officially issued on September 18 this year.

If Banda wins the case managed by his lawyer, Lyrique de Plessis, an English citizen, then Chippa United will have to pay him compensation of 4.5 million rands, which is equivalent to 600m/-.

Last season Chippa United survived relegation on the final day having finished 14th in the DStv Premiership log with 30 points after participating in 30 games.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

