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100,000 lose homes as lake banks collapse

By Guardian Reporter and Agencies

CLIMATE shocks, mainly the rapid rise of Lake Tanganyika, caused unprecedented internal migration in Burundi in recent years, a global NGO says.

Save the Children, a UK-based charity says that floods, storms and landslides led to a new displacement crisis in the region where at least 103,305 people were dislodged due to effects of climate change.

In a statement released over the weekend, it said that Burundi is among the 20 countries most vulnerable to climate change. It has the most people living along the shores of Lake Tanganyika among the four countries bordering it, it stated.

Bernard Sindayihebura, an environment management professor at the University of Burundi, said that the

lake - Africa's second-largest - rose to 776.4 metres above sea level in April compared to the normal average of 772.7 metres, due to storms, flooding and landslides.

Numerous homes and farms were inundated as a result, with hundreds of



The world seems to have forgotten Burundi, and yet it's bearing the brunt of global climate change, with children the most affected

families being displaced. In a survey early this month, those interviewed said they have no hope of returning home because their land had been lost to the swollen lake.

Communities in three other lakeside states of Tanzania, Zambia and the Democratic Republic of Congo were also affected as during the past two years, persistent heavy rain and floods, landslides and strong winds raised Lake Tanganyika to overwhelm a portion of inhabitants near its banks.

"People described waking up at night to find their homes and farms swallowed by the lake. Entire fields of crops were wiped out," the agency affirmed.

Over 90 per cent of the country's population lives in rural areas and depend on agriculture and livestock, with small landholdings, double- or triple-cropped plots are mostly rainfed, farmed by hand, and produce little or no marketed surplus.

The country faces the burden of impacts of global emissions and is poorly adapted to climate change (ranked 171 out of 181 countries in the 2015 Notre Dame Global Adaptation Index).

Burundi has one of the highest

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Police vow to eradicate crime in Lake Victoria

By Guardian Reporter, Mwanza

THE Police Force has said that it is determined to eradicate criminal activities in Lake Victoria to enable fishermen to engage in their activities peacefully.

The pledge was made here yesterday by Commissioner of Police Liberatus Sabas, the head of operations and training at police headquarters, at a task force meeting with regional police commanders, regional CID officers, officers commanding districts (OCDs), fisheries officers and representatives of fishermen, and others.

The stakeholders came from Mwanza, Geita, Kagera, Simiyu and Mara regions while Tarime/Rorya district was represented as a special police zone. The key issue was how to eradicate criminal activities in the lake, which disrupt fishing and public security.

Commissioner Sabas said criminal incidents have gone down in Lake Victoria, but they need to be completely eradicated to enable the people conduct their businesses without fear all the time.

The task force meeting was convened to lay the basis for reinforced operations across all regions bordering the lake as well as particular strategies for trouble spots. The police will make sure they work together with other stakeholders to collect all relevant information on crime so as to deal with the culprits.

Host RPC Ramadhan Ng'anzi said

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Freeman Aikaeli Mbowe, embattled national Chairman of the opposition Chadema, pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday displaying the widely read book 'The Power of Positive Thinking' while being led to court in connection with the economic sabotage and terror-related charges he is facing. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

Govt decries corruption in teachers' promotions

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

THE government has identified corrupt practices relating to the promotion of teachers and directed the Teachers Service Commission (TSC) to clear the matter urgently.

Gerald Mweli, the permanent secretary in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments) (PO-RALG) directed that an assessment be conducted as to the number of teachers qualified for promotion and how the matter was handled.

He was addressing senior officials of



I beseech you to put aside bribes in teachers' promotions

the PO-RALG Department of Education present at an opening ceremony for a teacher training seminar here yesterday.

He castigated the demand for 50,000/- in bribes extorted from teachers so that their names are listed for promotion. "What I want to see is justice being meted out," he stated.

He described bribery as an enemy of justice that should not be entertained, urging them to send names of qualified teachers for promotion consideration.

"I beseech you to put aside bribes in teachers' promotions," he implored,

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PM tells off Tanesco over costs of offices

By Guardian Reporter

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa yesterday refused to inaugurate the Tanzania Electric Supply Company's (TANESCO) Kyerwa District office complex in Kagera Region; saying construction costs thereof were too huge compared to the buildings.

"If I unveil the cornerstone for the complex I would be legalising that other buildings be constructed at similar costs. I cannot do that; the cost is huge compare to the buildings. Supervise your building needs using the force account system," he said.

The premier was continuing with his inspection tour of the region, pointing out that the small hut of a guard is supposed to have cost 7m/- to build. "How many bricks

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security in the lake concerns all stakeholders, underlining that crime wasn't discriminatory and anyone can be subjected to violence crime, so all sections of society need to be involved.

Bakari Kadabi, chairman of

the Tanzania Fishermen's Union (TAFU), told reporters that crime is entrenched in islands scattered in the lake.

Many criminals escape to the islands to hide and continue to operate, in which case a conjoined operation is needed to eradicate their presence in the zone, he added.

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insisting that there was no reason for one to be humiliated at work for an officer carrying out dutiful obligations, emphasizing that the government will not tolerate such corrupt practices.

All those who violate work ethics will be dealt with severely, he asserted, while admitting that there were so many teachers who are entitled for promotion. They should be promoted to enable them to work hard to enhance efficiency in the country's education sector, he

emphasised.

For his part, TSC executive secretary Paulina Mkwama said seminar participants come from the Central Zone regions of Dodoma, Iringa, Singida and Manyara, noting that the training was geared to enabling the commission to execute its responsibilities professionally when handling teachers' issues.

Earlier, TSC chairperson Willy Mbogo called on seminar participants to be attentive to what was being said so as to improve their performance.

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fertility rates in the world and its children have been uniquely affected by the crisis, the agency underlined. Displacement camps are overrun with children, with Gatumba camp, harbouring 3,000 flood-displaced people, having over 80 per cent of residents as children.

Children have to wade through floodwaters to reach school and are exposed to illnesses such as cholera and malaria, on the basis of remarks by Maggie Korde, Save the Children's country director for Rwanda and Burundi:

The world seems to have forgotten

Burundi, and yet it's bearing the brunt of global climate change, with children the most affected, she stated.

The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs says that lack of funds has direct consequences on the planned assistance, also negatively impacted by living conditions of the most vulnerable populations.

Save the Children called on the international community to urgently fund Burundi's humanitarian crisis, with focus on ensuring child-centred investments and helping poorer countries manage unavoidable impacts.



Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa, who is on a tour of Kagera Region, pictured yesterday ordering that tiles used in the construction of Karagwe District Hospital's maternity ward floor be removed and replaced. This followed confirmation that they were of substandard quality. Photo: PMO

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were involved, if it is not sheer embezzlement of funds? I will not inaugurate the office and the plaque written with my name should be removed. The government is serious in the supervision of its projects," he declared.

The complex cost 483.42m/- while the guard's hut cost 7.03m/-, the fence is quoted to have cost 94.2m/-, the administrative building 253.8m/- and equipment store cost 51.55m/-.

He said the government builds huge building complexes for health

centres that include reception, laboratory, operation theatre, maternity wards, doctor's quarters and mortuary for not more than 500m/-, and TANESCO shows a single building and wall, plus minor auxiliary structures, for nearly the same cost.

He directed TANESCO officials to make sure that in their other projects the cost should go in tandem with the type and number of buildings.

Nathanasias Nangali, a senior official from headquarters who read the construction report said the

project begun on September 11, 2018 and completed February 8, 2020 at a cost of 483.4m/-, citing

RK Investments as contractor, under Tanesco supervision.

"TANESCO continues to use its experts to supervise and implement various projects including the construction of its offices in regions, districts and power substations," he specified.

As for power supply in the district, he said out of 99 villages there 70 are connected and the remaining 29 will be connected through the ongoing REA Phase II Round 2 programme.

Earlier, the premier inspected a tin smelting project operated by African Top Minerals in the district and used the occasion to assure the investor that the government will continue to support them.

Company director Hassan Ibar said the project cost 4bn/- and is intended to strengthen the minerals sector in general by adding value to the minerals for the world market, thanking the government for its efforts in recognizing the firm's contribution in tin mining. The company is now recognized internationally, he added.



Chumbi C village chairman Muhidin Mtopa (C) briefs Livestock and Fisheries deputy minister Abdallah Ulega (R, foreground) at the weekend when the latter toured an area in Rufiji District which the government has set aside as pastureland, while some portions have since been turned into residential areas and rice farms. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

'Internet users reached 29.2 million as of June, this year'

By Amos Alipio, TUDARCO

The number of internet users in Tanzania has tremendously gone up from 3.6 million in 2005 to 29.2 million as of June, this year, a senior government official has said.

Deputy Permanent Secretary for the Ministry of Communications, Information and Technology (ICT), Dr. Jim Yonazi made the revelation recently in Dar es Salaam when speaking at the 1st International Conference on Digital Transformation, themed; "Towards Digital Transformation in Education and Research".

Organized by the Tanzania Education and Research Network (TERNET), the conference brought on board academicians, researchers and innovators from Tanzania and International Stakeholders to share the knowledge in ICT industry, and Digital Transformation.

Dr Yonazi reiterated government's commitment to support the IT sector adding that Tanzania

National ICT backbone will connect and reach every district in Tanzania by the year 2025.

"In order to bring about digital and economic transformation, Tanzania needs to have experts to manage, develop, plan, and utilise ICT for development," he said.

ICT consultant from Research Network for Uganda, Dr Tusu Tusubira who virtually participated in the conference said in developing countries context, digital transformation needs to specifically focus on higher education by harnessing the internet of things, artificial intelligence and open research in order for Africa to get in the forefront in the fifth industrial revolution.

Tusubira added that many African countries still face countless connectivity challenges and called upon African governments including Tanzania to take the same direction taken by Kenya and South Africa to ensure every student at higher learning institution owns a laptop.

KIGALI

Rwandan court finds 'Hotel Rwanda' film hero guilty of terrorism charges

A Rwandan court on Monday sentenced Paul Rusesabagina, a one-time hotel manager portrayed as a hero in a Hollywood film about the 1994 genocide, to 25 years in prison after he was convicted of terror-related charges.

Rusesabagina, 67, who was feted around the world after being portrayed by actor Don Cheadle in the film "Hotel Rwanda," is a vocal critic of President Paul Kagame. He has denied all charges and said he was kidnapped from Dubai this year to be put on trial. His supporters called the trial a sham, and proof of Kagame's ruthless treatment of political opponents.

Prosecutors have sought a life

sentence for Rusesabagina on nine charges, including terrorism, arson, taking hostages and forming an armed rebel group which he directed from abroad.

Rusesabagina has acknowledged his membership of the Rwanda Movement for Democratic Change (MRCD); a group opposed to Kagame's rule, but denied responsibility for violence carried out by its armed wing, the National Liberation Front (FLN).

Other defendants tried with him include Callixte Nsabimana, popularly known as Sankara, who

was a spokesman for the FLN and told the court Rusesabagina was not a member of the armed wing. The judges said the two groups were indistinguishable, referring to them as the MRCD-FLN.

"Rusesabagina is guilty of being a member of a terror group and participating in terror activities," Judge Beatrice Mukamurenzi said. "His act of terrorism led to death."

She said it was his first conviction, so he did not receive a life sentence, but that he could not get a lesser sentence because he boycotted the trial.

Nsabimana received 20 years.

CAPE TOWN

A swarm of bees has killed 63 endangered African penguins on a beach outside Cape Town.

The birds were found dead on Friday on the beach at Boulders, a popular tourist destination south of Cape Town.

They were part of a colony of African penguins (*Spheniscus demersus*) living in a nature reserve, which are considered endangered, according to the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List.

The area is a national park and the Cape honey bees are part of the ecosystem.

"After tests, we found bee stings around the penguins' eyes," David

Bees kill dozens of penguins facing threat in South Africa

Roberts, a clinical veterinarian and part of the Southern African Foundation for the Conservation of Coastal Birds, said on Sunday.

"This is a very rare occurrence. We do not expect it to happen often, it's a fluke. There were also dead bees on the scene."

The South African National Parks said the birds were taken to the foundation for post-mortem - which showed all the penguins had multiple bee stings - and samples sent for disease and toxicology testing.

"There were no external physical injuries found on any of the birds," a

parks statement said.

Some of the animals were found with 20 or more bee stings, spokeswoman for the South African Nature Conservation Authority SANParks Lauren Howard-Clayton, told the news agency on Monday.

Subsequent tests for toxins or pathogens were inconclusive.

Authorities are now searching for the hive to find out what may have triggered the bee attack, Howard-Clayton said.

The penguins, also known as Cape, black-footed or jackass penguins breed in South Africa and neighbouring Namibia.



Sorayya Shareef (C), head of Vodacom Tanzania Plc's organisation effectiveness department, awards a certificate in Dar es Salaam at the weekend to one of the students who attended the firm's dLab programme. The aim was to sensitise girl students in the country to embrace Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) subjects. Left is Mahadia Tunga, dLab's (Tanzania Data Lab) director of data science, research and capacity development. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Bunge panel urges parents to protect children against HIV

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

PARLIAMENTARY HIV/Aids, TB Narcotics, and Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) Committee has called on parents and guardians in the country to rear their children responsibly for them to avoid being infected with HIV/Aids.

It has also called on them to shun drug abuse as the habit destroys the country's labour force as well as incurring it great expenses for their treatment.

The call was made at the weekend

by the Committee's Chairperson, Fatma Hassan Tawfiq during a joint dinner that brought together panel members, parents and staff of Paradise Mission Pre- and Primary School in Mbalizi Town.

She said as for now girls in 15 to 24-year age bracket were in great danger of being infected with HIV, hence there was every reason for the group to be educated on the disease's prevention.

"Mbeya Region is among regions with very high HIV/Aids prevalence, hence we have seen that we should

join you parents in this event to discuss the nagging issue," she said.

She called upon Tanzanians to go to health centres for medical examinations and that those found with HIV infections should register with ARVs treatment programmes.

However, she praised Mission Pre and Primary School officials for enabling them meet with the parents, saying the practice helps in better upbringing of children.

For his part, the school's director, Ndele Mwaselela thanked the

committee for providing education to the parents, claiming that as for now, children's upbringing was important due to technological changes.

He said to ensure children at the school receive better upbringing, they have hired special staff to escort the children to their homes safely during holidays.

He said collaboration with parents and guardians in children's upbringing was important, hence they decided to have the joint dinner event.

Tanzanians called upon to crusade for peace ahead of International Day of Peace

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

AS the nation joins the rest of the world in marking the International Day of Peace, the public has been advised to advocate for peace as it is a key to all socio-economic activities as well as wellbeing.

The call was made here yesterday by United Nations Information Centre (UNIC) Information Officer, Stella Vuzo underscoring the need for maintaining and creating peace saying without it, the country will not be a better place to live.

She was speaking towards today's climax of the International Day of Peace which will be celebrated in Dodoma and the Minister of State in the Vice President's Office, Union affairs and Environment, Selemani Jafo will be the chief guest.

Vuzo said UN Resident Coordinator, Zlatan Milisic will attend the climax at the Institute of Rural Development Planning where there will be a debate on a number of issues pertaining to peace.

The debate will be in line with this year's theme, "Recovering Better for an Equitable and Sustainable World" which among others will discuss and deliberate on the best options as the public begin to heal from the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It is important to think creatively and collectively about how to help everyone recover better, build resilience, and transform our world into one that is more equal, more just, equitable, inclusive, sustainable, and healthier," said Vuzo.

On his part, secretary of organising committee, Joseph Malekela among the activities in commemoration of the International Day of Peace that there will be awareness programmes for Viwandani, Kikuyu and Chinangali secondary schools on the importance of spearheading peace in the country.

Also, since climate change has an

adverse impact on the environment, they will also educate the youngsters on the need to protect and keep the environment safe.

Religious leaders who were part of the stakeholders attending the press conference pledged to keep on insisting on the need to maintain peace among their believers as it is a key to each and every aspect of their lives.

Also gender based violence among women, persons with disabilities, youth and children are among the areas which need special attention as they are avenues which deny peace to many.

A number of speakers have been lined up for today's commemorations from different walks of life and they will tell their stories, sharing their tangible learning and ideas drawn from their experiences in the fields of peace building, education, health, climate change, dance and music.



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By order of the Board, the Management of National Investments Plc is pleased to announce its results for the six-month period ended 30th June 2021.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

	Half year		%	As at
	30-Jun-21	30-Jun-20		
	TZS '000	TZS '000		TZS '000
Income	4,576,373	3,293,011	39%	3,558,600
Expenses	(536,392)	(850,558)	-37%	(1,875,232)
Taxation	(215,896)	(164,650)	31%	(175,312)
Profit after Tax	3,824,085	2,277,803	68%	1,508,056

Financial Review

The National Investments PLC is pleased to announce its Half Year 2021 results. The Company's Income rose by 39% due to increased dividend income from equity investments and interest income from Government Bonds.

Operating expenses decreased by 37% attributed largely by the reduction of court cases, and stricter control of administrative expenses in comparison to the previous year.

As a result of increased Revenues and cost reduction, the Company's profit after tax increased by 68%, compared to the previous half year.

In line with the Company's diversification strategy, as at half year ended 30th June 2021, a total sum of TZS 7.6 billion was invested in Government Bonds. Investment in Government Securities is expected to reach a sum of TZS 15 billion at the end of year 2021. This diversification initiative is expected to enhance company's income, make it possible to declare higher annual dividend payments to the shareholders, as well as improve the company's assets value.

NATIONAL INVESTMENTS PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2021

STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	Half year		As at
	30-Jun-21	30-Jun-20	
	TZS '000	TZS '000	TZS '000
Investments Income			
Dividend Income	4,317,925	3,292,996	3,506,247
Interest Income	258,448	-	52,330
Total Investment Income	4,576,373	3,292,996	3,558,578
Other Income	-	14	23
Total Other Income	-	14	23
Total Income	4,576,373	3,293,011	3,558,600
Employees Benefit expenses	(195,994)	(287,116)	(770,369)
Administration Expenses	(256,673)	(502,671)	(967,675)
Other operating Costs	(83,725)	(60,771)	(137,187)
Total Operating Income	4,039,981	2,442,453	1,683,369
Finance Expenses	-	-	-
Profit before Income tax	4,039,981	2,442,453	1,683,369
Taxation	(215,896)	(164,650)	(175,312)
Profit after taxation	3,824,085	2,277,803	1,508,056
Other Comprehensive Income/Loss			
Items not classified to the profit or loss			
Net change in fair value (loss)/gain on available for sale financial assets during the year	632,058	(754,992)	(155,014)
Loss on disposal of equity investments	(2,571,594)	(677,672)	(677,672)
Total comprehensive income/Loss	1,884,548	845,139	675,370
Basic earnings per share (TZS)	56	33	22
Diluted earnings per share (TZS)	56	33	22

NATIONAL INVESTMENTS PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2021

STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL POSITION

	Half year		As at
	30-Jun-21	30-Jun-20	
	TZS '000	TZS '000	TZS '000
Assets			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	1,704,770	1,675,666	1,658,463
Equity Investments	72,226,723	81,074,750	80,997,057
Government Securities	7,594,895	-	1,093,450
	81,526,388	82,750,416	83,748,970
Current assets			
Trade and other receivables	236,986	111,089	68,773
Cash and cash equivalents	4,434,637	3,061,685	769,105
	4,671,622	3,172,773	837,878
Total Assets	86,198,010	85,923,190	84,586,847
Equity and Liabilities			
Capital and Reserve			
Issued Share capital	8,645,647	8,645,647	8,645,647
Share premium	647,342	647,342	647,342
Retained earnings	12,092,897	1,449,332	2,016,624
Available for sale investments reserve	63,268,110	73,440,534	71,548,082
	84,653,996	84,182,855	82,857,695
Equity attributable to owners of the company	84,653,996	84,182,855	82,857,695
Non-controlling interests	-	-	-
Total equity	84,653,996	84,182,855	82,857,695
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	19,409	23,057	122,320
Accrued	888,607	921,463	877,132
Dividend Payable	635,998	795,815	729,701
	1,544,014	1,740,335	1,729,153
Total Liabilities	1,544,014	1,740,335	1,729,153
Total Equity and Liabilities	86,198,010	85,923,190	84,586,847

NATIONAL INVESTMENTS PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2021

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	Half year		As at
	30-Jun-21	30-Jun-20	
	TZS '000	TZS '000	TZS '000
Operating activities			
Cash from operations	3,536,574	1,383,400	670,739
Tax paid	(215,896)	(164,650)	(175,312)
Net cash from operating activities	3,320,678	1,218,750	495,427
Investing activities			
Cash paid for purchase of property, plant and equipment	(60,997)	(6,348)	(13,446)
Proceeds from disposal of equity investments	6,742,538	1,846,644	1,869,440
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	-	-	-
Net cash from/(used in) investing activities	6,681,541	1,840,297	1,855,994
Financing activities			
Repayments of borrowings	(6,320,447)	-	-
Cash paid for purchase of government bonds	-	-	(1,041,120)
Interest Income Received	77,450	(70,000)	(613,834)
Dividend paid	(93,692)	(70,000)	(613,834)
	(6,336,688)	(70,000)	(1,654,954)
Net cash used in financing activities	(6,336,688)	(70,000)	(1,654,954)
Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	3,665,531	2,989,047	696,467
Movement in cash and cash equivalents			
At start of year	769,106	72,638	72,638
Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	3,665,531	2,989,047	696,467
At end of year	4,434,637	3,061,685	769,106

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
NATIONAL INVESTMENTS PLC

Ag. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Members of the National Service from the Mgambo camp at Kabuku salute Handeni district commissioner Siriel Nchembe at a passing-out ceremony held at the weekend. Photo: Correspondent Hamida Kamchala

AMREF pledges support in war on TB in Tanzania

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

AMREF Health Africa Tanzania has pledged continued cooperation with the government in the fight against tuberculosis (TB) and provision of reproductive health services.

The organisation through its USAID Afya Shirikishi project, funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Tanzania, is implementing a project which aims to increase access to and improve TB services and reproductive health services at the community level.

The assurance was made here by head of programmes, Amref Health Africa Tanzania, Dr Aisa Muya while speaking at the launch of 'Tanzania Stop TB Partnership', a programme aim at ending the diseases in the country.

She applauded the government for the efforts aimed at improving provision of health services in the country as well as dealing with both communicable and non-communicable diseases.

Speaking about the launch of the programme, Dr Muya said "Tuberculosis is one of the world's top infectious killer today, it is airborne and can affect any one of us thus today's launch is a milestone".

The event was also attended by parliamentary TB caucus. Speaker of the National Assembly, Job Ndagui who was the chief guest at the launch observed that the efforts of various stakeholders who work with the government are important because Tanzania is among 30 countries with high TB burden worldwide.

According to speaker Ndagui, it is reported that globally, approximately there are 70 TB related deaths daily, translating to three deaths every hour.

"This coordination and partnership will contribute to reduce number of people with TB disease left undiagnosed and

untreated each year," said Ndagui.

He said collaboration between the Stop TB chapter and Parliamentary TB caucus will not only increase political will, but also enhance accountability on domestic resources for TB in Tanzania.

Stop TB Tanzania board chairperson, Dr Peter Bujari noted that the struggles to eradicate TB is everyone's battle, more now where co-infection of TB and COVID-19 can be even deadly and so the impact is far worse than expected.

"It is therefore, imperative that all key partners come together to plan, assess comparative advantage of each partners to build national movement that will ensure that all those at TB risk are tested and those infected are put on treatment," said the board chair.

AMREF Health Africa Tanzania through the USAID Afya Shirikishi project aims to increase access to and improve TB services and reproductive health services at the community level.

Project areas include Dar es Salaam, Geita, Katavi, Kigoma, Mwanza, Pwani, Rukwa, and Songwe.

It is working in collaboration with ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children, Zanzibar Ministry of Health and President's Office Regional Authority and Local Government, and Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MOEST).



This coordination and partnership will contribute to reduce number of people with TB disease left undiagnosed and untreated each year

Z'bar youth urged to grab opportunities at UN

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ZANZIBARIS have been called upon to grab opportunities provided by the United Nations (UN) for their benefit.

The call was made here yesterday by an expert from UN affairs, Penina Nguma as she spoke to reporters after providing training to Zanzibar universities students on opportunities provided by the UN via volunteer programmes.

She said they have decided to provide the training to Zanzibar's universities students so that when they graduate they can grab job

opportunities provided by the world body for income generation.

She said UN, through its United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme is in the process of looking for qualified Zanzibar's youth who can join in the volunteer programme in and outside Zanzibar.

He said when many youth are told about volunteering they become slow to accept thinking volunteering means one works for free, but they are unaware that they can get experience and opportunities in doing so. "As for now in Zanzibar we have provided education to students at State University of Zanzibar (SUZA)

and Zanzibar University (ZDU), but also we expect to continue doing so to other universities," she said.

For his part, the students government president at SUZA, Suleyum Abdallah Ali said the education provided by the UN will assist in grabbing opportunities it provide because Zanzibar youth's participation in the programme was minimal due to ignorance.

"It is a good training because when one hears about volunteering he/she thinks there is no profit, but volunteering in the world body will create a good environment in obtaining employment," he said.

He advised university graduates not to just sit at home; instead they should provide service to the community, saying volunteering means creating a good environment for employment.

UN Resident Representative, Christian Mwamanga said the process looks for youth in various cadres including an expert in online international affairs.

He called on the youth who will get opportunities in the UN to make sure they open up online accounts in which they should provide their personal details, and should be open at all time for communication.

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JOB OPPORTUNITY – HEALTH INFORMATION SYSTEMS ANALYST

Location : Dar es Salaam
Application deadline : September 27, 2021
Start date : November 1, 2021

Background:
The University of California San Francisco (UCSF) is engaged in a five-year Cooperative Agreement with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention-Tanzania (CDC-Tanzania) to provide strategic information and health information systems (HIS) technical assistance to the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children (MOHCDGEC) as well as the United States' President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and their implementing partners (IPs). We are recruiting an individual through our affiliated international NGO 'Global Programs' to serve as a Health Information Systems Analyst.

This is a full-time 12-month position with the possibility of extension subject to continued funding. The position is expected to start on November 1, 2021.

Main duties and responsibilities:
Under the supervision of the Systems Integration and Informatics Director, the HIS Analyst will collaborate with key stakeholders to improve interoperability across health information systems. S/he will work with software developers to support maintenance, troubleshoot challenges, and improve HIV-related health information systems (HIS) and dashboards in Tanzania, including CTC2, CTC3, CTC Analytics, the PEPFAR Monthly Portal, IQSMS applications, the Lab Visual application, and others. S/he will support clinical Implementing Partners (IPs) to troubleshoot issues with health information systems for continuity of services and will collect user feedback and communicate them to the system development team.

Specific responsibilities include:

- Collaborate with NACP, PEPFAR, and other stakeholders to improve interoperability across health information systems, including lab information systems, CTC2 and CTC3.
- Support maintenance of the CTC3 dashboard in line with NACP and PEPFAR needs as well as adoption of user requirements to improve analytic and visualization capacity.
- Communicate complex database issues to system developers and follow up on resolutions and user feedback.
- Conduct continuous quality improvement monitoring and assessments of existing HIS data capture/management and analysis systems to maintain high quality, accessible electronic data.
- Gather input from users of HIS applications, support development of requirements and functional specifications, develop user scenarios for new features, enhancements, and modifications to data systems to meet the changing needs of the HIV epidemic and HIV program

implementation strategies.

- Train and mentor PEPFAR and IP staff in HIS applications, including CTC2 modules and CTC3, and support IP staff to maximize use of all HIS functionalities.
- Perform other related duties as directed.

Experience, skills, and minimum required qualifications:

- A Bachelor's Degree or equivalent qualifications in computer or information science/engineering, information systems/ technology, or related field required. Additional training in public health, health informatics, or health-related field is strongly preferred.
- Minimum of five years related experience, particularly in HIV/AIDS data management
- Understanding of SQL and SQL server tools
- Demonstrated experience with database technologies (MySQL, MS SQL, PostgreSQL Oracle)
- Demonstrated knowledge of and experience with CTC2, CTC3, CTC Analytics, the PEPFAR Monthly Portal, IQSMS, Lab Visual, and other HIS applications in Tanzania
- Demonstrated understanding of routine PEPFAR and NACP HIV-related indicators and experience with national HIV data collection and reporting tools
- Understanding of relational and dimensional data modeling
- Strong mathematical and statistical knowledge
- Fluent in written and spoken English and Swahili
- Excellent skills in critical thinking and analysis
- Excellent organizational and oral/written communication skills
- Ability to travel in country, pending the uplifting of COVID-19 related restrictions

Other desired skills/qualities:

- Proficiency with at least one major programming language (e.g., C#, PHP)
- Experience managing and analyzing HIV-related health data
- Strong interpersonal skills and excellent attention to detail
- Ability to work independently and manage various tasks under tight deadlines

To Apply:
All applicants must address each selection criterion detailed in the minimum requirements above with specific and comprehensive information supporting each item.

All applications must include the following:

- A current CV with names and telephone numbers for at least 2 referees
- Copies of academic and professional certificates

Applications and supporting documents should be sent via e-mail to info.tanzania@ucglobalprograms.org and must be received by **September 27, 2021**.

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Main duties and responsibilities:
Under the supervision of the Systems Integration and Informatics Director, the HIS Officer will provide end user support, work with IPs and facility staff to troubleshoot installations, and work with software developers to support maintenance of HIV-related health information systems and dashboards in Tanzania, including CTC2, CTC3, CTC Analytics, the PEPFAR Monthly Portal, IQSMS applications, the Lab Visual application, and others.

Specific responsibilities include:

- Support development and roll-out of HIS upgrades, patches, etc.
- Liaise with IPs to ensure all facility HIS are running up to date versions of appropriate software, running necessary applications, have applied all relevant patches, and have complete data exchange across relevant systems.
- Support IPs and facility-level staff to effectively and correctly utilize available HIS tools.
- Support review of, tracking, troubleshooting, and response to issues faced by HIS end users, including those related to CTC2 that are submitted through the help desk application.
- Support IPs to track facility data submissions, exchange issues, and data quality at facilities they support.
- Identify facilities with infrastructure and technical problems and work with IPs to resolve them to allow data submission to CTC3.

- Communicate complex database issues to system developers and follow up on resolutions and user feedback.
- Train and mentor district and facility-level information technology officers and data managers in HIS applications, including CTC2 modules and CTC3.
- Perform other related duties as directed.

Experience, skills, and minimum required qualifications:

- A Bachelor's Degree or equivalent qualifications in computer or information science/engineering, information systems/ technology, or related field required. Additional training in public health, health informatics, or health-related field is strongly preferred.
- Minimum of three years related experience, particularly in HIV/AIDS data systems
- Experience supporting end users with informatics systems
- Understanding of SQL and SQL server tools
- Demonstrated experience with database technologies (MySQL, MS SQL, PostgreSQL Oracle)
- Fluent in written and spoken English and Swahili
- Excellent skills in critical thinking and analysis
- Excellent organizational and oral/written communication skills
- Ability to travel in country, pending the uplifting of COVID-19 related restrictions

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- Knowledge of / experience with CTC2, CTC3, CTC Analytics, the PEPFAR Monthly Portal, IQSMS, Lab Visual, and other HIS applications in Tanzania
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TUGHE appeals for prompt response to workers' claims

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

TANZANIA Union of Government and Health Employees (TUGHE) has called on the government to provide frequent statements on how it deals with the issue of workers' claims, especially teachers to enable them raise work spirit for achievement in their profession as well as to reduce workers conflicts at workplaces.

TUGHE Secretary General, Hery Mkunda made the call here at the weekend during TUGHE and Tanzania Teachers Union (TTU) at a joint meeting.

He said the main problem lies with the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology by not issuing timely statements, thereby causing complaints among workers with claims against the ministry.

Mkunda said at times workers submit their complaints early, but if not worked upon on time, they start being worried and thereafter spend a lot of time pursuing their problems

instead of working.

Some members at the meeting said if the government would provide timely statements on workers' problems, it would assist in raising workers' spirit.

Benedict Raymond, one of the members said the meeting should make sure all conflicts are resolved and all workers perform their duties to serve the nation.

Responding to the complaints; Education, Science and Technology deputy permanent secretary Prof James Mdoe called on workers to be patient as the government continues to deal with their claims.

Prof Mdoe admitted there are various claims from workers, saying they were still dealing with them, many of which have reached various stages of implementation, and that statements will be provided as soon as they were finalized, and called on them to continue providing service in accordance to work guidelines.



JATU Plc general manager Mohamed Issa Simbano has a word at Uhuru Park grounds in Moshi District at the weekend with farmers who visited the ongoing farming exhibition the firm has organised under the theme: 'Harvesting Week: Start with One Hectare'. The thrust is on sensitising smallholder farmers on ways to boost farm productivity on small pieces of land. Photo: Correspondent James Lanka



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Date 17/09/2021

1. The Principal Secretary of the Ministry of Infrastructure, Communications and Transport (MoICT) now invites sealed tenders from eligible Investors to indicate their interest in who wish to be involved in the JOINT VENTURE for the Construction of Warehouse, Offices and Installation of Electronic Motor Vehicle Inspection System in Chuini Zanzibar.
2. Tendering will be conducted through the International Competitive Bid method as specified in the Public Procurement (Goods, Works, and Disposal of Public Assets by Tender) section 69, and is open as defined in the regulations.
3. It is intended that the RFQ and subsequent processes be conducted in a transparent and open manner. This will ensure that the Ministry's objectives for initiating the JOINT VENTURE are achieved and value for money objectives met. The qualification process will identify a shortlist of qualified Applicants, who will be asked to submit Detail in Request for Proposal (RFP)
4. Interested Eligible Applicant may obtain further information from and inspect the Tendering Documents at the office of the Ministry of Infrastructure, Communications and Transport head offices' Kisauni Area, Zanzibar, P.O. Box 266, Kisauni - Zanzibar from Mondays to Fridays (07:30 to 15:30 hours inclusive except on public holidays.
5. A complete set of Tendering Document(s) in English Language and additional sets may be purchased by interested Applicant up on submission of written application to the Ministry of Infrastructure, Communications and Transport and up on payment of non-refundable fee of TZS 750,000.00 (Tanzania Shillings Seven hundred and fifty thousands only). Payment should made through account no: 0403849000 in the name of KATIBU MKUU UJENZI MAWASILIANO NA UCHUKUZI.
6. Applicant must be delivered their Application to the Ministry of Infrastructure, Communications and Transport head offices' Kisauni Area, Zanzibar, P.O. Box 266, Kisauni - Zanzibar before 10:00 am 27th October, 2021.
7. Late Tenders portion of Tenders, electronic Tenders, and Tenders not received and Tenders not opened at the Tender opening ceremony shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of the circumstances.
8. Tenders will be opened promptly thereafter in public and in the presence of Tenderers' representatives who choose to attend in the opening at Ministry of Infrastructure, Communications and Transport Conference Room - Kisauni Area, along Fumba road.

Amour Hamil Bakari
Principal Secretary,
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Make good use of online learning systems, students in higher learning institutions told

By Correspondent Theresia Victor

STUDENTS in higher learning institutions have been urged to make use of online learning systems to boost their understanding of issues but also gain knowledge apart from classrooms.

The call was made by Rector for Water Institute Dr Adam Kiria during a ceremony to receive an e-learning and Alumni Portal system from Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ).

He said apart from improving students' skills, e-learning also helps students to create and communicate new ideas that are important in their studies and life as well.

"In this digital era, the education sector are undergoing massive transformation, students and universities across the world are not relying on the age-old and uni-dimensional, chalk and board methods of learning anymore," he said.

He added that the online learning system offers an innovative and

flexible means to support and enable quality learning and teaching which also complements the existing physical teaching and learning, Kiria added.

He further added that as students are able to access learning materials and lessons prepared for each subject online, upload assignments and participate in online sessions they have a wider ground to grow in all aspects that are beneficial; socially and economically.



More than 80 percent of students who graduated here have already been registered in the portal and are able to view different opportunities that are available and use them accordingly

GIZ has also handed over the alumni portal system which will help the institute to have a reliable alumni database with current information, their career status report and also support alumni careers by connecting them to careers, education and business opportunities available in the water sector.

"More than 80 percent of students who graduated here have already been registered in the portal and are able to view different opportunities that are available and use them accordingly," said Kiria.

For his part, GIZ Programme Manager Conrad Thombasen the organization has partnered with the government through the Water Ministry in an effort to improve water services in the country.

For his part, Steven Kahimbi, a second year student from Water institute said that students should make use of the portal by registering so they can stay connected and be able to exploit different opportunities that are available according to their profession.

770 Mufindi youth to benefit from YAM project

By Guardian Correspondent, Iringa

A TOTAL of 770 youth and children from very poor families in 16 villages of Luhunga, Mtabulo and Ihanu wards, in Mufindi District, Iringa Region stand to benefit from Youth Agency Mufindi (YAM) project for economic advancement.

The project has also assisted about 51 orphans whose parents died of HIV/Aids and are now housed at a special centre

at Igoda Village in Luhunga Ward where they are provided with various assistance including education.

Submitting his report at the weekend at a YAM meeting, YAM Project manager Danford Mkumba said the project will also assist in providing various trainings to enable the youth advance themselves economically.

He said the project is under Foxes Community and Wildlife Conservation

Trust (FCWCT) sponsored by Deaconess Foundation from Finland and administered by Mufindi District Council. He said the projects runs for four years beginning this year and has already mobilised 160 members from 16 villages from the three wards in Mufindi District.

He said aside from the members there will be a project team from both Tanzania and Finland, a facilitation team from the office of Mufindi executive director and village executives from the 16 villages.

He said the aim of the project is to involve the youth including those with disabilities in the official employment system and entrepreneurship for gainful economic activities in their areas.

He said another aim is to encourage the youth to shun bad habits and discourage them from migration to urban centres to do domestic work.

The chairman of the Tanzania Psychological Services Association Dr Heriel Mfangavo said due the huge size of the problem in Mufindi District, they have come up with the YAM Project to assist the communities in Mufindi district that have been affected by psychological challenges.

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Gladius Ndyetabura (L), head teacher of Dar es Salaam's St Anne Marie Academy, personally ensures that all his guests – students' parents – have a taste of a special cake for gracing the school's 17th graduation ceremony held at the weekend. Photo: Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

Number of households using improved toilets in Iringa up by 80 per cent, reports RMO

By Correspondent Friday Simbaya, Mufindi

THE implementation of a national sanitization campaign has led to an 80-percent increase in the number of households with improved toilets in Iringa Region.

Iringa Regional Medical Officer Khadija Haruni said this here over the weekend while inaugurating the upgrade of toilets from open-pit latrines to closed pit latrines at Mtili 'A' Primary School in Ikongosi Ward, Mufindi District.

She said that the campaign has helped improve sanitation in the region saying before the region had 17-percent of households with better toilets, but currently, the region has more than 80 percent of households with better toilets.

"I urge the school administration to develop a system to manage the cleanliness of these toilets in collaboration with the school's sanitation club that is" SWASH "of the school and eventually the toilets can last," said Khadija.

She said Mufindi district is one of the model districts in Iringa Region with no households that have no toilets at all, due to the implementation of a national sanitation campaign.

In 2011, as part of the Water Sector Development Programme (WSDP), the government launched the NSC, aiming to stimulate demand for and improve the supply of sanitation nationally with the overall goal of delivering health and education improvements.

The campaign has two phases. The first phase (2011-2015) focused on improving sanitation and hygiene conditions in households and schools in rural Tanzania.

The second phase (2016-2020) centered on improving these conditions in urban areas, in public spaces such as hospitals and health

care facilities, as well continuing to support rural and school WASH (SWASH) improvements.

He said the school, which was established in 1975, has a total of more than 350 students, so improving the toilets in the school will help improve sanitation and ultimately reduce epidemics.

Mufindi District Acting Education Officer Labrey Urassa thanked stakeholders through LIXIL for supporting the government's efforts to provide modern toilet facilities that will help improve sanitation for schools.

For his part, LIXIL Manager Justin Mbowe said that pit latrines provide an affordable solution to sanitation, especially to communities without access to sewerage systems.

He pointed out that children can easily fall in, there is high risk of contact to faeces with flies flying in and out of the pit latrine, and bad odour becomes a challenge with constant use.

Mbowe elaborated that in collaboration with UNICEF and ministry of Health, LIXIL converted open pit latrines into closed pit latrines using smart toilets (SATO) toilet pans at Mtili 'A' Primary School in Mufindi.



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By Alima Nkwong, HMC

Government advised to come up with pro-democracy laws

THE government has been advised to enact laws which create an enabling environment for participation of human rights defenders and citizens in elections and other democratic processes.

Speaking at the function to commemorate the international day of democracy, the Tanzania Human Rights Defenders Coalition (THRDC) National Coordinator Onesmo Olungurumwa noted that the presence of laws that invade freedom of expression, access of information and freedom of participation are challenging and deterring citizens from enjoying democracy in the country.

"We have witnessed some political parties being allowed to hold political rallies while others are banned from conducting the

same," he stated, mentioning that in the 2020 elections, political parties complained about the lack of participatory elections due to lack of adherence to democratic principles.

He therefore urged Tanzania as a member state of the United Nations and the African Union to make certain that democratic principles and good governance are upheld.

Olungurumwa stressed that there are still a lot of grievances from the people and human rights defenders at various levels of democratic processes and good governance adding that THRDC has been closely following up on the participation of human rights defenders to make

sure that they fully participate in democratic processes.

"There has been an outcry that the results of the 2020 general election did not reflect a multi-party system in a democratic country, citizens rely on representation that reflects political systems," he intoned thus insisting that Tanzanian citizens rely on representation that reflects that all democratic processes be participatory.

He also cautioned the government to closely observe principles of democracy including inclusive citizen participation, freedom of assembly and access to information.

"Human rights are the foundation of democracy and the development of any nation and for any nation to prosper, the fundamentals of human rights must be respected in order to achieve sustainable development," he emphasized.

It should be noted that the day was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 2007 as a reminder for all nations to understand the importance in upholding and supporting principles of democracy. This year's celebration is captioned "Strengthening democratic resilience in the face of crises".



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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY GOOD AND SERVICES REFERENCE: 10007049

TotalEnergies East Africa Midstream B.V. (Company) Tanzania, an Oil and Gas company, requires the services of experienced and credible CONTRACTORS to express interest in the provision of Information Technology goods and services to support COMPANY activities.

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

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF SERVICES:

The COMPANY will require for its operations the services of experienced and reputable contractors to provide Information Technology infrastructure and workplace solutions and services. These are expected to be:

- The supply of goods: workstations, mobile devices and accessories, cabling, network, server and other accessories.
 - The training of technical team and end users.
 - Consultancy services (such as and not limited to architecture, project management, audit).
 - Telecommunication services.
 - Operations and maintenance support services.
- As per COMPANY specifications on the following lots:
- Lot 1: network infrastructure based on Cisco solutions.
 - Lot 2: servers based on Microsoft Azure and NetApp solutions.
 - Lot 3: workplace based on Windows workstations, Android and iOS mobile devices, Microsoft Office 365 and Azure solutions and services.
 - Lot 4: cybersecurity services.
 - Lot 5: print services.
 - Lot 6: mobile communication services.
 - Lot 7: fixed broadband Internet access services.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- Companies or organizations expressing their interest are required to document their:
- Adequate Financial Capacity to undertake the eventual contract.
 - A proven track record of experience in providing similar goods and services.
 - Compliance with Local Content Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition.
 - Application for registration with the EVVURA Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended.
 - The contractor MUST be a certified service partner by the actors/vendors on the marketplace.

Interested Companies that meet the minimum requirements and have the capability to provide the goods and services above should send the proof in english by email attachments to eacop-tz.eoi.1000001@totalenergies.com (not exceeding 20mbs); with the reference number as the subject by 27th Sept. 2021, 5:00pm. Only companies that meet the minimum requirements will have the opportunity to be included in future Prequalification or Call for Tender processes.

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR THE PROVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT REVIEW REFERENCE: 10007040

TotalEnergies East Africa Midstream B.V. (Company) Tanzania, an Oil and Gas company, requires the services of an experienced and reputable contractor(s) to provide Environmental consultancy services for waste management of the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Project.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF WORK:

EACOP requires the services of experienced and reputable companies or organizations to provide environmental consultancy services for a specific scope on waste management that includes:

- Identification of measures to avoid and reduce waste on site prior to offsite management.
- In-country identification and review of local, regional and national waste management contractors, facilities and opportunities suitable for project construction needs.
- Health Safety and Environmental audits of waste management contractors and facilities.
- Detailed Waste Management Mapping based on estimated Project wastes and final waste management solutions.
- Revision of Waste Management Strategy.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Companies or organizations expressing their interest are required to submit documentation of their:

- Experience, performance, and capacity in delivering the environmental consultancy tasks outlined above on waste management, at a large scale in Tanzania, in compliance with national and international standards (including International Finance Corporation Standards (IFC), with at least 5 years' experience/performance of similar services within Tanzania or internationally.
- Key suitably qualified and experienced lead auditor personnel in undertaking HSE audits at waste management facilities for oil and gas projects that comply with IFC requirements.
- Financial capacity to deliver the services required including submission of financial accounts for 2020.
- Application for registration with the EVVURA Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended.
- Compliance with Local Content Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition.
- Evidence of organization QHSE policy, procedure, and process in compliance with applicable Local and Industry standards for similar works.
- Appropriate licensing from relevant in-country authorities for the provision of the services.
- Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority and Tax Clearance Certificate for the latest year.

Interested companies with the capacity to provide the services listed above should express their interest by sending the above documents to tz.eoi.1000001@totalenergies.com with the reference number as a subject on or before 17:00 hours East African Time (EAT), on Tuesday September 21st, 2021.

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

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Despite good news, coffee investors facing problems

TOP government officials making visits to districts across the country time and time again find it hard bridging popular expectations by the citizenry and the reality - or what is achievable.

The case of crop purchasing either by government agencies or by private buyers provides a ready scenario.

One intense theme over the past few years in relation to agro-sector development is the building of processing factories so that smallholder farmers find a ready and reliable market.

The snag is that world market prices for all crops, just like metals, finished commodities, clothing or electronics, keep fluctuating tend to decline yearly.

When prices for instance of coffee or maize rise, the reason is that there is frost (for coffee, say, in Brazil, the world's perennial top producer) or there is drought in neighbouring countries - and so we in Tanzania sell maize plentifully.

When things are normal for all crops in most countries, prices fall to the bottom for local producers, meanwhile as the government asks the farmers to dutifully stick to their appointed task in the agro-sector on the basis of national expectations. Images of this situation were visible when Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa was assuring investors that the government is committed to protecting them and facilitating smooth investments in the country.

The assurance had different aspects of resonance, depending on the nature of the issue. For instance, there can be problems of permits issued by government officials, where it is perhaps charges by district councils which are at issue.

During his Ngara visit, the

PM declared after inspecting a coffee processing factory that the government would not tolerate officials bent on oppressing investors.

Still, if one were to ask those officials, perhaps they would say that it is factory operators who either oppress peasants by offering low prices or don't take up corporate social responsibility intensely enough. One reason investors are likely to continue facing problems is that there are sharply contrasting agencies at work in agro-sector transactions or facilitation, often with divergent interests and ability to turn events in their favour.

The government may indeed be making the most it can to reassure investors against bureaucracy, but the result is that its popularity could still risk taking a dip.

Bureaucratic happiness is tied with effectiveness in ensuring that investors toe the line of regulatory agencies, district councils, etc., and this may not work to satisfaction.

These pressures could pull down agro-sector performance: coffee production is low in many districts because when prices are low for two years running, some farmers find no option but to turn to better-priced horticultural and other products.

Smallholders need higher prices to survive, while global markets compete by lowering prices. Investors must meanwhile deal with marketing cooperatives, and capacity utilisation stalls.

The Ngara factory the PM has been to can process an annual 28,000 tonnes of coffee, but the district has a mere 1,000 tonnes and the price is too low for the farmers' comfort, so production won't rise.

It's some form of vicious cycle deliberate and relentless efforts must be made to break.

International Day of Peace: A dream no one can say is closer to realisation

WORLD Peace Day, also known as the International Day of Peace, is an event sanctioned by the United Nations General Assembly and observed each September 21.

The Day is dedicated world peace, including the cessation of war and violence, which has always looked achievable but this remains all but a mirage.

Too bad, experience shows that nations all over the world will gladly walk into war and destruction rather than "risk losing face or dignity" by buying the political compromise option.

There is something in popular management called a 'win-win' situation, which few of those who spend time in strategic studies or political analysis will admit really exists at the level of competitive politics or where economic interests are at issue.

All 'win-win' situations usually involve secondary matters where nothing is really contested, which often stalls progress or at times even leads to outbreaks of violence.

UN write-ups show a whole series of ceremonies linked to the commemoration of World Peace Day, with some countries devoted to observing it more than others on account of history.

For instance, Japan suffered untold destruction in 1945 made possible by an atomic bomb and has for decades anchored its institutions in a peaceful outlook in global order.

But this situation is under threat from newly emerging competition in the Far Eastern seas and nuclear weapons proliferation in the Korean Peninsula.

The US is still providing a nuclear umbrella in the zone, otherwise

Japan would likely be rapidly scaling up its nuclear preparedness.

There is something that the UN calls the 'culture of peace initiative', but it hard to say at what point nations will durably choose a culture of peace and to what extent.

No country avowedly wants war - and even the most deliberate aggressors during World War II had grievances as to the right to living room, or uniting different peoples.

Hard-won peace in South Sudan is now breaking down owing to factional fighting in the ranks of the weaker party in the unity government, while Somalia is bogged down in president vs prime minister contests - amid a guerrilla war.

Following insurgency-induced problems in parts of Mozambique, there is a new agenda by the Southern African Development Community (SADC) for security there.

Meanwhile, Tanzania's own participation in peace building efforts in Democratic Republic of Congo and the Sudan have proven of monumental use and relevance.

There is a rather similar scenario with respect to the IGAD intervention in war-ravaged Somalia, while the recent US departure from Afghanistan is a reminder of the futility of some invasions or wars.

Tanzania has every reason to cherish the much happier times it has enjoyed over the decades relative to many other countries, including just across its borders.

The cases we have touched on show that breaking up a nation is much easier than building it, as a tiny spark can trigger an inferno - no matter the status of that nation and hence the need to treasure the unity, peace and security we boast.

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News organisations use automated news to cover Covid-19

By Samuel Danzon-Chambaud

In a sense, Covid-19 could be the perfect story to automate. As the virus spread across the world at the beginning of 2020, governments and health authorities made a considerable amount of open-source data available to the public, such as the number of deaths, patients in intensive care units, and seven-day incidence rates.

This type of well-arranged data, which can fit into narratives that can be created in advance, lays the groundwork for a recent journalistic development known as "automated journalism", a computational process that creates automated pieces of news without any human intervention - except for the initial programming.

Automated journalism generally implies the use of algorithms that fetch information on external or internal datasets, and then fill in the blanks left on templates that have been pre-written.

This process, which can be compared to the word game Mad Libs, constitutes a basic application of Natural Language Generation (NLG), a computer technique that has been around for several decades in domains such as weather forecasts, sports and financial results.

NLG made a leap into journalism and was more widely discussed in the first half of the 2010s as The Los Angeles Times used automated text to report on homicides and earthquake alerts.

The Associated Press meanwhile partnered with the firm Automated Insights to automate stories on corporate earnings.

Numerous media organisations including major ones like Le Monde, The Washington Post and the BBC have subsequently adopted, or experimented, with automated journalism.

In-house, outsourced or third-party

Proponents of automated journalism typically develop their technology in-house, outsource it to an external content provider such as Syllabs in France and Narrativa in Spain and in the United States, or use third-party solutions so that journalists can design their own automated news, as it is made possible through Automated Insights' Wordsmith and Arria NLG Studio.

Automated news can then be published simultaneously at massive scale or used as first drafts to assist

journalists with their own writing.

In my report for the Tow Centre, I documented the experiences of nine media organisations that have used automated news for reporting on Covid-19.

I found that most organisations used such news to provide a statistical overview of the spread of the coronavirus, through user-facing interfaces and new media products.

For instance, Swiss media company Tamedia and The Times (UK) featured national and international dashboards that summarised the latest Covid-19 data with automated text, along with a great many automated or semi-automated graphics.

I also found that some organisations deployed new forms of newsroom workflows, where journalists contributed to the creation of automated news or worked directly with them.

At the British news agency RADAR, a new form of workflow where journalists are involved all the way into the process of setting up automated news - from finding storylines in newly published datasets to authoring templates using a third-party tool - demonstrated to be robust enough to handle the data deluge that followed the spread of the coronavirus.

At the Finnish newspaper Helsingin Sanomat, an algorithm set up by the data team fetched new Covid-19 numbers on a governmental API so as to generate short pieces of text that were sent to Slack to inform reporters. They could then decide to publish these as-is or tweak them before publication.

Challenges of relying on external datasets

In my report, I also illustrated some of the challenges that newsrooms faced when using automated news to cover Covid-19. Overall, these demonstrated the difficulties associated with having to rely on external datasets.

This was most notably the case with newsrooms trying to get data from several levels of government.

In Canada, a journalist-developer at the Canadian Press said that it was hard to get Covid-19 data from multiple governments.

"They all put it up in a different fashion; they put it up at different times," he said.

In the UK, The Times grappled with the same lack of cohesive efforts. "England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland all publish it in different ways," said a data and interactive journalist at the

newspaper, adding that this made comparisons between regions even more difficult.

In Norway, the news agency NTB faced an even bigger challenge. "Every Norwegian municipality has a different way of providing the data on their own pages. So it's like 356 municipalities, and they have 356 different ways of sharing the data," said a chief development officer at NTB.

Another challenge of relying on external datasets to automate Covid-19 stories had to do with erroneous data and sudden changes of format.

First, data published by health and governmental bodies could prove to be inaccurate. "Sometimes the data have been wrong and they're not corrected," said an editor at NTB. This could be even more problematic when it concerned the number of patients who have died from the virus.

Second, sudden changes of format were also considered to be a major obstacle in automating the coverage of the virus. For instance, the data team at Helsingin Sanomat experienced difficulties with some data being released in an HTML table format.

A data journalist explained that the table's structure kept changing all the time, for instance when the number of patients hospitalised was being moved from one column to another, making it very hard to use for automated news.

Finally, releasing data too soon or too late also came into consideration when working with external datasets to generate automated news on the spread of the disease.

Some media organisations occasionally reported a lag in releasing data on the pandemic, resulting in numbers accumulating over a few days before being published all at once with more up-to-date data.

"In today's numbers, they might publish some deaths for a week ago," said an editor at RADAR, cautioning that reporters then needed to be extra careful when reporting differences between each of these dates.

On the other side of the coin, news organisations could also get the latest Covid-19 numbers before any official announcement, while connecting to an API service set up by governments or health authorities.

"Sometimes we have actually managed to kind of beat, so to speak, the local health sources on their own news," said a managing editor at Omni, a Swedish news service that used an automated dashboard

connected to these kinds of sources.

Adopting a computational mindset

To overcome the challenges of having to rely on external datasets to cover Covid-19 with automated news, media practitioners with a strong computing background at some of the organisations that I've studied developed ad hoc solutions to work around those.

To deal with data being released in various time zones, the Canadian Press set up an advanced shared spreadsheet system that involved the participation of journalists in all Canadian provinces and territories.

The Times and Helsingin Sanomat meanwhile developed an alert system to work around tight deadlines and sudden changes of format.

All in all, these ad hoc solutions demonstrate the importance for media practitioners being able to solve problems by applying computing skills, a form of knowledge commonly known as computational thinking or computational journalism in a newsroom setting.

This type of mindset has given journalists a considerable edge in deploying automated news quickly and efficiently in the midst of a global pandemic, but may also fuel ideas for the next iteration of these products.

Although the template-based approaches are sometimes criticised for being too formulaic and less enjoyable to read than human-written news, they can at least be tweaked to achieve editorial goals.

The more media practitioners engage with this tinkering of automated news systems, the more they develop their programmatic skills and thus reinforce their ability to exert control and have a say over the computational turn that journalism is taking.

This project, which is meant to support high-integrity, independent journalism that serves democracy, has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under a Marie Skłodowska-Curie grant agreement.

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Potential for SA cities to suffer urban heat island effect an increasingly deadly threat

By Alize le Roux

WITH rapidly rising temperatures due to climate change, South Africa's growing urban areas are a ticking time bomb. The building materials used in cities absorb and trap heat, contributing to the potentially deadly Urban Heat Island effect. And while heatwaves are less dramatic than hurricanes, floods and wildfires, they pose a significant threat to health and life.

Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) studies on South African cities estimate that the urban heat island effect can increase temperatures by 3°C to 10°C compared to a city's hinterland. Those most at risk are the poor, elderly and young, people living in informal dwellings without proper insulation and ventilation, those reliant on public transport, and communities without access to green spaces and water.

Heatwaves are a global phenomenon, and in the past four decades the International Disaster Database has recorded 196 heat-related disasters. However, African statistics on heat emergencies are scarce – only eight of the 196 events came from the continent, and one was from South Africa.

Officially, just 11 fatalities have been attributed to severe heat in South Africa. Yet researchers studying excess deaths through temperature correlations found a very high mortality burden associated with warmer weather. Nearly 30,000 deaths in the country were directly attributable to increased temperatures from 1997 to 2013, pointing to severe underreporting.

While long-term and climate change adaptation plans acknowledge heat as a significant threat to South Africa, this isn't reflected in city preparedness or emergency response plans. Risk assessments are based on historical records, and if these are missing, they become almost invisible to disaster managers.

The CSIR's 2019 Green Book created a heat-stress matrix that highlights the cities most at risk. This is based on a projected rise in very hot days (days above 35°C) combined with increases in heatwave days (unusually high temperatures for three or more consecutive days).

Heat-stress settlement risk in 2050

The CSIR research shows that 454 cities and towns primarily located towards the northwest, northern and central highlands face severe heat stress by 2050. The most significant risk will be in Upington and Kimberley (Northern Cape), Mahikeng (North West), Bloemfontein and Botshabelo (Free State), Lephalale and Musina (Limpopo) and Mbombela (Mpumalanga). In addition to more heatwaves and very hot days, these cities are all growing and expanding.

The building inventory created by GeoTerraImage shows that nearly half a million people live in 188,212 informal dwellings within these eight high-risk cities. All of them face a growing but imminent threat of increased morbidity and mortality.

Many of these at-risk cities and municipalities are utterly unprepared. All spheres of government should undertake disaster risk reduction, and the Disaster Management Act makes risk assessments compulsory. But these evaluations seldom translate into good practice. And although heat-related hazards are mentioned in many local disaster management plans, a lack of historical data means few consider heatwaves a prevalent disaster. As a result, contingency plans are lacking.

The worst is yet to come, and the next couple of decades will bring more heat stress as temperatures rise and heatwaves increase in magnitude and frequency. Projections show that heat-related deaths among the elderly in South Africa can climb from a baseline of two deaths per 100,000 to as many as 20 to 50 deaths per 100,000 by 2050.

Europe's deadly 2003 heatwave cost 72,000 lives, with France alone losing nearly 20,000 people in under three weeks. Temperatures rose to record-breaking levels of 43°C. This tested Europe's climate change readiness and found it wanting. Now South Africa finds itself in a similar situation – unprepared and risking a significant loss of life.

After the disaster, France put in place a series of responses to avoid future devastation. A national heatwave plan was drawn up, and a comprehensive emergency plan was adopted that would kick into action with early warnings issued by their health watch system.

Emergency responses included

school closures, labour restrictions between certain hours and parks opening for extended periods. Databases of vulnerable people were drawn up, cooling rooms opened, and awareness campaigns were run. Shade and showers were provided at homeless shelters, water was placed in public spaces and on transport routes, and temporary spray parks were created.

Longer-term climate adaptation steps were taken to make France more resilient in future. Cities started rolling out green roofs, increasing vegetation coverage, restoring ecosystems, protecting water provision services and changing construction regulations for better insulation and ventilation.

These plans were tested in 2016 and again in 2019 when France experienced two back-to-back heatwaves that set all-time records. Mortality rates were significantly lower, even despite thermometers showing highs of 46°C.

South Africa can learn from countries like France even if our circumstances are different. Many of the steps taken there are not suited to a water-scarce, electricity-constrained and unequal country such as South Africa.

As urbanisation continues, building adaptive capacity into the design of settlements will be vital for saving lives. Worthwhile initiatives such as C40's climate action plans are seeing cities such as Cape Town, Ekurhuleni, Ethikwini, Tshwane and Johannesburg pledge to build urban resilience. But South Africa needs to urgently pass the draft Climate Change Bill and implement the National Climate Change Adaptation Strategy.

Decisive mitigation actions worldwide will protect against future losses from heatwaves. However good disaster management plans and responses are needed to safeguard cities within the next few years. Municipalities must conduct a heat risk assessment and put in place heatwave contingency plans for high-risk settlements.

Good communication channels are needed between early warning systems and local governments to enable timely responses. To avoid losing many more lives, at-risk cities have to be prepared and proactive, using the structures put in place by the Disaster Management Act.

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Midday heat in Khayelitsha, Cape Town. Nearly 30,000 deaths in South Africa were directly attributable to increased temperatures from 1997 to 2013, pointing to severe underreporting. (Photo: EPA/NIC BOTHMA)



INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR PROVISION OF METALLURGICAL TEST WORK ON SAMPLES TO GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA

I. INTRODUCTION

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

The Company is in the process of Procuring the Provision of Metallurgical test work on samples from Geita is, therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expression of Interest for the supply of this equipment as detailed below.

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

Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01307	PROVISION OF METALLURGICAL TEST WORK ON SAMPLES FROM GEITA

II. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	20%
COMMERCIAL	
Company Profile	1.54%
Company Code of Conduct	1.54%
Company Code of Ethics	1.54%
Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	1.54%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)	1.54%
Copy of 2021 BRELA search Registration Documents	1.54%
Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association	1.54%
Copy of Latest BRELA Application of Annual Returns	1.54%
Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN	1.54%
Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license.	1.54%
Company Shareholding Structure (ownership of shares in percentage (%), Share certificates and Passport/Voter or National ID card for Management & Shareholders	1.54%
List of Directors	1.54%
Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission	1.54%
FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE	
Audited & certified financial statements (2019-2020)	2.5%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's banker regarding supplier's credit position	2.5%
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	1.25%
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OTHER POLICIES	
Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labor	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme	1%
PAST EXPERIENCE	
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1.7%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.7%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.7%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01307)	
The laboratory must have international accreditation.	10%
Ability conduct comminution test work: Modified ball mill work index, Bond ball mill work index, Abrasion Index, SMC, etc.	8%
Test work ability for: Gold on solids, solution and carbon, silver, Arsenic, Organic carbon, sulphide, SG, WAD and ICP analyses.	7%
Sample preparation (crushing and milling to specified size) prior to commence with the test work.	7%
Gravity test work.	7%
Cyanide leaching – bottle roll and kinetic tests.	7%
Oxygen uptake rates.	7%
Test work report must include the description/method of the different tests and interpretation of the test work results.	7%
Total	100%

Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the **SERVICE DESCRIPTION AND REFERENCE NUMBER (GGME01307)** of the service they intend to express interest on **THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL** together with supporting information to **GGML**, which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline a statement of firm capability to provide the relevant Services, including similar contracts undertaken over the past three years. All LOIs and support documentation must be received by the GGML Office via e-mail at geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com not later than **8.30AM 04TH October 2021** (the "LOI" Submission Deadline). EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.

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Plea for stronger partnership amid growing global uncertainties

BEIJING

IN the face of multiple pressing challenges and growing uncertainties across the globe, the 20-year-old Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), the world's largest and most populous regional institution, has both the responsibility and the capacity to play a more constructive role in enhancing regional security and pursuing common development.

As leaders of the SCO members – China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, India and Pakistan – convene via video link on Friday, all eyes are on them to see how they will take the good opportunity to better coordinate and pool their endeavors to tide over the trying times and draw a blueprint for a shared future. Under the guidance of the Shanghai Spirit, a bedrock principle of the bloc, the SCO countries have rendered each other respect and support, forging a new type of international relations featuring mutual respect and win-win cooperation.

After two decades of growth, the organization, now with eight full members, four observer countries and six dialogue partners, has become not only a strong pillar of regional peace and security, but also a major platform to promote cooperation and exchanges on the vast Eurasian landmass. Its members have been joining forces to fight against the “three evil forces” of terrorism, separatism and extremism, bolster trade and economic growth, and advance people-to-people ties.

In 2020, the combined economic size of the SCO countries reached 18.4 trillion U.S. dollars, an 11-fold increase since its founding, while intra-SCO trade jumped eight times to 6.2 trillion dollars over the same period. People-to-people exchanges have also maintained strong momentum.

Back in 2019, before the COVID-19 pandemic, the number of visits between China and other SCO members exceeded 7 million, 3.5 times as many as in 2001.

When the contagious disease broke out in many parts of the world, the SCO members have demonstrated a spirit of solidarity. They have helped each other to control the spread of the coronavirus and safeguard public health, and taken a clear stance against political manipulation of the pandemic.

The 20-year landmark is a new starting point. The organization, which covers three-fifths of the Eurasian continent, nearly half of the world's population, and

over 20 percent of the global gross domestic product, is looking to work more closely and earnestly to enhance its “three pillars,” or the three major cooperation areas of security, economy and people-to-people exchanges.

The SCO members need to maintain close coordination and forge a stronger partnership to safeguard the region's peace and stability, which is also the primary purpose of the organization.

As for the Afghanistan issue, the SCO needs to build consensus and work together with other groups such as the Collective Security Treaty Organization to prevent a resurgence of terrorism, promote reconciliation, help reconstruct the war-torn country, and make sure that the country will not fall into chaos once again.

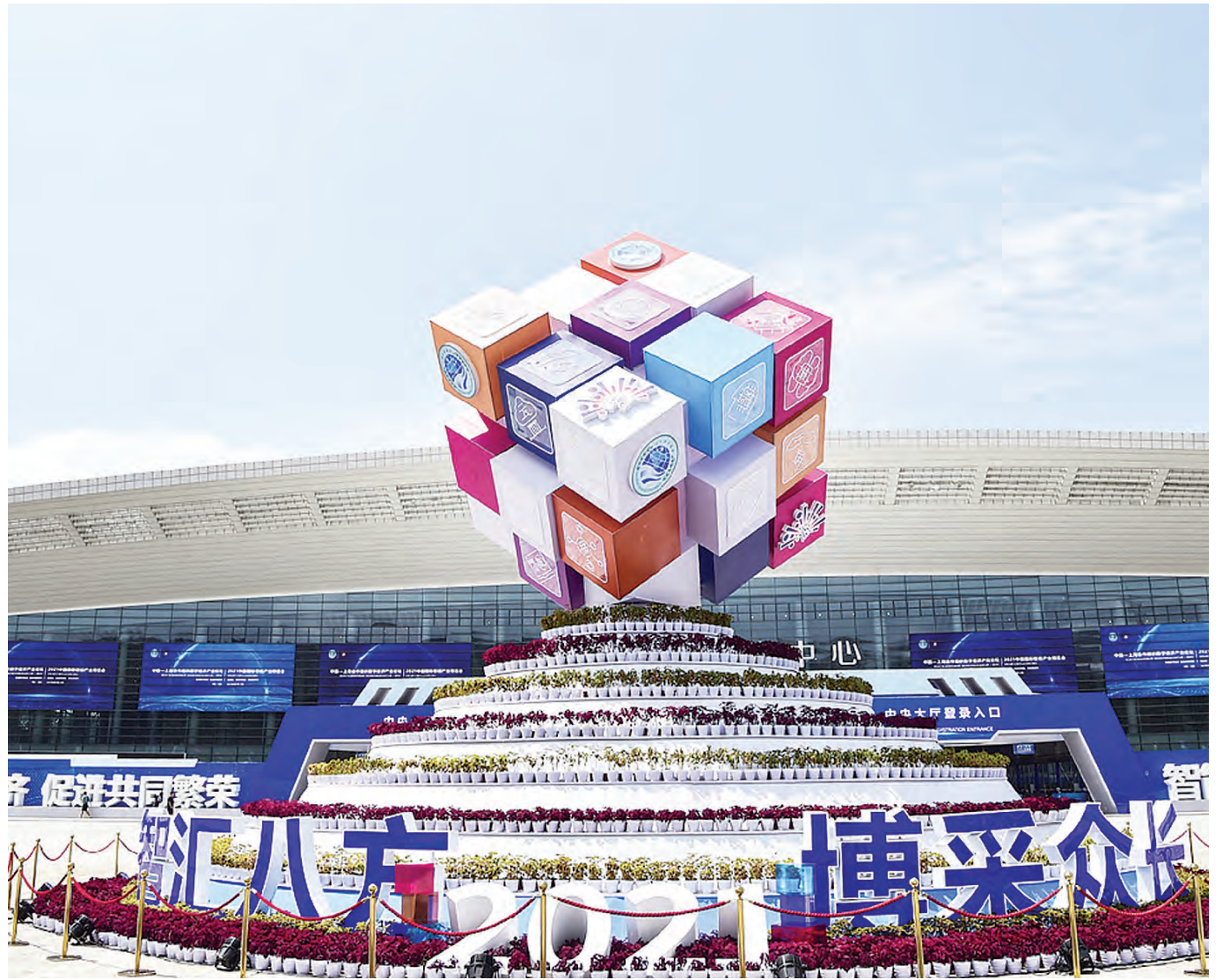
Another pressing task for the organization is to step up cooperation in public health governance. Its members have to accelerate vaccine distribution and make vaccines more accessible, and strengthen coordination to facilitate the cross-border movements of both people and goods in an orderly and safe manner.

The difficult moment calls for more support and efforts in keeping the global industrial chains running smoothly and building a more open, equitable and inclusive world economy.

To revitalize the hard-hit economy in the throes of a still-raging pandemic, the SCO members should firmly stick to multilateralism and openness, facilitate trade and investment, and boost connectivity and integration in the region.

The Belt and Road Initiative has offered a unique chance for the SCO countries to synergize their respective development plans, tap further into their huge potential and rev up practical cooperation.

Last but not the least, it is necessary to increase people-to-people exchanges



A photo taken on Aug 24, 2021 shows the main venue of the 2021 Smart China Expo in Southwest China's Chongqing municipality.

and enhance mutual understanding within the organization, as flourishing people-to-people exchanges have consolidated public support for the SCO's growth, and will continue to play a key role in its all-round cooperation.

Twenty years ago, in the Chinese city of

Shanghai, the six founding members announced the creation of the SCO, ushering in a new era that countries in the region are jointly pursuing security, development and prosperity.

Today, as the world is going through an era of profound changes, it befits its

left and role that the SCO rises to the occasion, forges an even closer community with a shared future, and makes more contributions to the region and the world at large.

Fundamental changes needed at UN summit to tackle global food insecurity

BRIGHTON, UK.

CCOVID-19 has exposed numerous fractures in global food systems that leave millions at risk of food insecurity. Like the numerous political failures in dealing with COVID, the repercussions of food system failings are experienced by rich and poor countries alike, with the poorest and most marginalised paying the greatest price.

To be clear, while the numbers of those who are undernourished remain shamefully high, this is a food crisis that is not just about hunger or famine. There is also a silent and growing crisis of an estimated 38.9 million children worldwide affected by overweight and in too many cases, these children grow into adults facing unhealthy eating and chronic diseases associated with obesity (diabetes, heart disease and some cancers etc.).

Alongside these dual burdens of malnutrition, there is a third crisis - climate change - which the food and agriculture is a major contributor to as well as being vulnerable to its impacts, and therefore further threatening food security.

The United Nations (UN) Food Systems Summit on 23 September 2021 was conceived (in the jargon of the UN) to develop equitable, healthy and sustainable responses to ensure that “no one is left behind” as we “build back better” from COVID-19.

Forty one thousand people have taken part in Summit dialogues but the process has been marred by continual criticism, particularly for its inadequate attention to human rights, the sovereignty of indigenous peoples over their own food systems, and worker rights across the food system.

More than anything, criticism of the Summit has

focused on its inclusion of ‘Big Food’, including names such as PepsiCo who were invited to ‘fireside chats’ as part of the Pre-Summit in Rome.

Of course, food companies are an essential part of the food system. Indeed, had the Summit engaged first in a root cause analysis of the problems that have contributed to the syndemic (synergistic epidemic) - of undernutrition, obesity and climate change - all issues the Summit purports to address - corporate concentration, negligence and unbridled power would have been identified as the primary cause of policy inertia.

There is no doubt that corporations will need to radically transform as part of the changes advocated by the Summit. But they won't do that on their own and they certainly won't do that as part of cosy fireside chats.

Yes, this will take dialogue, but the record on this to date is poor. In many global and national spaces, rather than be “part of the conversation”, there is widely documented academic evidence of big food companies trying to shape the outcomes in their interest: towards voluntary measures and empty promises, away from the regulation (such as front of packet labels) and taxation (such as soda taxes) which have been shown to be most effective in minimising the damage from unhealthy,

highly and ultraprocessed foods.

Discussion of such issues, alongside such products’ environmental impacts, have been minimised as part of the Summit process. Was that to avoid Big Food's discomfort at discussing the most unhealthy and unsustainable foods?

UN organisations and their staff are well aware of such issues but have been pressured to “come to the table” with companies they know are more interested in driving shareholder value than contributing to sustainability and public health.

Such companies have a history of unethical marketing of unhealthy foods to children, or persuading poor mothers not to breastfeed. Fortunately, there are conflict of interest rules and protocols that exist to protect the day to day work of UN organisations so that they can fulfil their public mandate without such unethical interference.

As part of our own contribution to the Summit planning and to help it overcome such criticisms, two of us led an ad-hoc committee focused on the Summit's own ‘principles of engagement’. We also wrote to the UN Secretary General and the Summit leadership to suggest that the Summit simply follow the UN's own conflict of interest rules and be transparent about who was involved in shaping Summit processes and why.

Our letter was initially signed by 100 in-

dividuals and international organisations across five continents, ranging from dietary disease activists in Ghana to organisations such as Save the Children and researchers at the International Food Policy Research Institute.

The UN's own Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food was an early supporter and 40 additional signatories were added recently when we re-opened the letter due to popular demand, including the American Heart Association and a co-author of this opinion article, the ex-Director of the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (now Director General of Brazil's Zero Hunger Institute).

But from the leadership of the summit itself, nothing in reply.

You may ask who cares about these UN summits, really? We do and everyone else should too. Such summits set the scene for national action, they define future funding patterns for UN and bilateral aid organisations, they spawn decades of debate on the issues raised, and, if not well conceived, they provide nice sounding cover for the status-quo.

Behind the multiple fights that have raged in the privileged world of these global debates, there are real issues that will play out in multiple ways in every country faced with the global food and climate emergencies and the inequities that caused them, made all the more raw

by the COVID pandemic.

What we have seen ahead of this week's Summit is a lot of “nutri-washing” and thousands of proposals reflecting the voices of well-nourished people and little (if any) proposals for putting an end to hunger and other forms of malnourishment as a political priority by governments around the world.

The final speech by UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres could be a turning point to change this, but not if he chooses to paper over the sensitivities when addressing contentious issues, as UN leaders are wont to do.

If you haven't yet, get involved, even after the Summit on 23rd September. This battle will rage on including in your own country as it faces up to these multiple food and climate crises and as policy makers face numerous influences over policy directions in response.

All future UN processes should be governed by a simple set of rules set by the precedent of past UN organisations and international summits where conflicts of interest have been taken seriously. This will set the standard for national debates across the world, which is where the real work begins.

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Rescuers pull villagers from flood waters in Xingyang city in China's Henan Province.

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6,500 youth to meet in Arusha for the 5th East African Youth Leadership

By Guardian Reporter

A TOTAL of 6,500 youth from 20 countries in Africa are expected to meet in the 5th East African Youth Leadership Summit aimed at, among other things, crafting responses to Africa's rapidly growing population.

The forum is jointly organised by the East African Community (EAC) in collaboration with the MS Training Centre for Development Cooperation and is expected to take place

from the 8th to 12th November, 2021.

Since 2017, the two organisations and other partners through their youth engagement initiatives - the EAC Youth Ambassadors Platform and YouLead Africa - Africa Youth Leadership Program respectively have jointly convened the annual YouLead Summit.

The climax event is now East Africa's largest and most diverse forum of young lead-

ers bringing together mentors, government policy makers, development partners, private sector and academia. It also involves the media and civil society.

The summit will be held under "The Future of Africa: Creating Jobs, Feeding, and Housing the World's Youngest Continent" as a hybrid event with several speakers and a limited audience at the EAC Headquarters in Arusha, in compliance with COVID-19 guidelines, and beamed vir-

tually to thousands of participants.

The summit is convening for the 5th edition and will highlight the importance of collaborative efforts to boost investment and trade for Africa's burgeoning youth population.

The summit's co-conveners are former president Jakaya Kikwete, who is also YouLead's Patron, and Dr Peter Mathuki, the EAC Secretary-General and the East African Business Council, the region's apex private-sector apex or-

ganization.

It is expected that the summit will also feature other Heads of State, eminent leaders, government representatives and private sector representatives from across the region.

"I invite all East Africans and friends of East Africa to the YouLead Summit 2021. This year's theme resonates well with the six leading UN Sustainable Development Goals," said Dr. Mathuki in a video message.

New agreement strengthens lubricants' growth and presence in Tanzania

By Guardian Correspondent

CHEVRON Brands International and AFAL Manufacturing Limited (AML) of the Tristar Group have signed a long-term license agreement encompassing production, distribution, and marketing of lubricants in Tanzania, Kenya, Rwanda, Burundi and Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) mainly to strengthen its already growing presence in East Africa.

Caltex branded lubricants have been available in East African countries since 2013 through a distributor agreement with Africa Fuels & Lubricants Ltd (AFAL), also of the Tristar Group.

The mutual trust and satisfaction from this successful collaboration was a major factor in the realization of the long-term license agreement.

Under the new scope, Chevron will provide its world leading technology, and AML will blend, market, and distribute Caltex branded lubricants through its extensive network to Caltex.

The relationship seeks to leverage the synergy of strong brand strength and AML's extensive market reach to successfully carve out a share in the competitive East Africa lubricants market.

"Chevron has a history in East Africa spanning seven decades and we have collaborated with AFAL since 2013. Over the last eight years, our relationship with AFAL has grown from strength to strength and we are excited to begin a new chapter with AML, which will take the Caltex brand across Eastern Africa," General Manager for Middle East and Africa Fuels and Lubricants Douglas Rankine said in a statement released to the media over the weekend in Dar es Salaam.

"The new agreement also includes lubricants blending options for future expansion," he added.

"Both parties worked through the pandemic to deliver the agreement, reflecting an enhanced relationship based on trust, integrity and performance," he explained.

The success of this license agreement and the growing demand for lubricants in the region were major factors in building further the relationship between the Tristar Group and Chevron, and will realize entry into Tanzania as a new market for AML.

ARITA in drive to massively contribute to Tanzania's industrialization agenda

By Guardian Reporter

THE Ardh Institute Tabora (ARITA) has made a number of transformations aimed at producing competent technicians and assistants, who can render competitive services, hence contribute to the country's industrialization agenda.

The Tabora-based originated from an in-house training of map draughtsmanship which was conducted by the Ministry of Lands since 1955. From July 1964, the course was formalised and was conducted for six months duration. Lack of sufficient room to conduct the course and the growing need for more technicians in the Lands sector as a result of more land offices being opened at the district level compelled the Ministry to expand the training. This resulted in the transfer of the training to Tabora in 1979.

It evolved from a single class of on job training to an institution of excellence where the nation depends on its output of competent technicians and assistants. These are at the forefront in rendering

services and products in land-related matters.

Since its inception, ARITA has made a number of strides including increasing the number of students with the aim of addressing the shortage of land experts in the country in tandem with improving its teaching and learning environment.

Eleven years ago, the institute set an ambitious ten-year plan (2010-2020), which increased the number of students from 146 in the academic year 2009/2010 to 1,414 in the academic year 2020/2021.

In an interview, ARITA acting Principal Donald Rweramila says that since 1979, the institute has been increasing student enrollment based on existing infrastructure.

"To us this is a big achievement and we're on track," Rweramila says, adding that in 2009, the then Ministry of Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development came up with a comprehensive ten-year plan aimed at expanding the institute by increasing infra-



ARITA acting principal, Donald Rweramila speaks at one of functions held at the institute recently.

structure, adding facilities that brought an increase in the number of students from 146 in 2009/10 to 1,414 in 2020/2021.

"The government's target is to ensure enroll 1,500 students per academic year and we're working hard to meet this target," he stresses.

According to him, since the college was established from 1979 to 2017 it has managed to produce a total of 3,303 graduates in basic technician certificate, techni-

cian certificate, and ordinary diploma on land-related fields.

According to the principal, the institute has successfully developed to improve all curricula in accordance with the National Council for Technical Education (NACTE) system so that the awards presented by Ardh Institute Tabora have national and international quality standards.

"The institute has successfully obtained registration (REG/EOS/O10) and accreditation from NACTE to provide Land Sector training at the certificate and diploma level, he says, stressing: "Eligible diploma graduates are eligible to enroll in undergraduate studies at any university in and outside the country that offers land-related courses."

The institute has also increased enrollment year after year, for instance from 182 students in the 2011/2012 academic year to 1,011 students for the 2018/2019 academic year.

It has also improved the water supply system for the use of boarding students by building a 200,000 litres underground storage tank.

The institute has also improved the electrical system by installing three-phase electricity and installing transformers within the campus to meet the growing power demand. "We've purchased a large generator capable of serving the entire campus during a power outage."

Offering basic technician certificate in LMV & R, technician certificate in LMV & R, diploma in LMV & R, and basic technician certificate in cartography, ARITA has also started building an ultra-modern li-

brary with the capacity of accommodating 360 students and 50 computers at once.

Rweramila says that the college has been able to connect to the National ICT broadband backbone, so online services for staff and students have been improved;

Due to the large increase in the number of students, ARITA has started renovating one of its buildings, which in the 2010-2020 master plan in order to provide health care at the dispensary level.

"The college has succeeded in establishing a Student Admission System which has been developed and established by Ardh Institute - Dar es Salaam. This participatory system helps to facilitate student enrollment, maintain accurate student records, announce examination results and control the payment of tuition fees for students."

He says: "We're also renovating various infrastructure including staff offices, classrooms, student dormitories, and furniture purchases. We've introduced new courses such as Geographical Information System (GIS) and Environmental Management. These courses are especially important in the huge industrial investments, the country is investing in. That's why we're saying our transformation is meant to contribute to the country's industrialization agenda."

ARITA provides long-term training in the fields of mapping; land management, valuation and registration; arts, design and publishing, and other land-related fields. It also conducts practical research in the fields of the land sector; provides professional advice aimed at solving various challenges in land issues in the country.

Tanroads urges govt to switch to new culverts technology

By Correspondent Zuwena Shame

THE Tanzania National Roads Agency (Tanroads) has called on the government to venture into the Weholite technology, which has proved to be effective, affordable, and makes roads durable.

Tanroads Coast regional manager Eng. Upendo Mshana made the call over the weekend when she inspected the Visegese pilot project in Kisarawe District.

"We have received this technology and see how effective it is to our pilot project, therefore we would like to advise the government to increase budget so that we can adopt this technology in most of our roads, as it is easy and uses a short period of times," she said, adding that the technology can be installed in all weather conditions.

Eng. Mshana also highlighted that though the Weholite technol-

ogy is expensive compared to the concrete culverts its affordability comes from time and durability.

"We spent 85m/- when installing three Weholite technologies at Visegese Bridge, but it was at the peak of the raining season with floods and we managed and also spent one week to finish it and return communications," she emphasized.

For his part, Director of the Tanzania Rural and Urban Roads Agency (TARURA) Kibaha, Abdul Digaga said the agency has started using the technology in some of its projects insisting that this time the government set aside more funds for its roads.

Digaga also said that the technology is effective for emergency purposes in rural areas because of its quick installation and flexibility to withstand high loads.

"We are planning to set funds in

our projects so that we can be able to use this technology in our culverts and other projects especially in highly emergency needs," he stressed, adding: "We're now looking at how we can include the ministry and experts in order to adopt Weholite in our projects."

"TARURA believes that in fighting against various disasters like floods it is a must to have solutions like this technology because concrete culverts are expensive compared to Weholite technology," he stated.

He gave an example that Weholite culverts are 30 percent less compared to concrete culverts whereby the completion of a structure is constructed for 100m/-, then it can be completed with only 70m/- by using Weholite technology.

Plasco Ltd chief operating officer, Alimiya Osman said Weholite technology is an alternative for concrete culverts in roads and rail-

ways culverts construction because it is lightweight, tolerant to ground movement and easy to handle.

"The world is changing and hence we should change by adopting the latest technologies because it saves time and money," he encouraged, adding that while using concrete culverts, there is a need to complete some processes for it to be installed but Weholite doesn't need time to dry compared to concrete which uses cement.

Osman underscored that a contractor can spend from 3 to 4 weeks in putting concrete culverts, something which needs money and time but with Weholite a contractor can save time and money by taking only a day or even a week to finish the project.

He mentioned that during disasters where communications are destroyed and special and economic activities stop, Weholite can be the

best solution in restoring those activities.

"As a company, we are incredibly proud to think that we can contribute to a better Tanzania, by helping to build our nation on world-class infrastructure such as Weholite," he intoned.

Plasco Limited Weholite technology expert, Simon Thomas described the technology as flexible, superior hydraulic design and properties, also with good chemical and abrasion resistance with ranges of ring stiffness.

"The technology has been successfully used and adopted into national standards across countries such as the United Kingdom, USA, Sweden and Finland," he asserted, insisting that the Weholite systems are well known for introducing efficiency and best value to projects, especially when compared to traditional methods

of construction such as concrete pipes and boxes.

Opening the one-day seminar held in Kibaha town, Gaspar Ojoro representing the Director of Roads at the Ministry of Works said the Weholite technology is environmental friendly because it uses plastics which are wasted hence recycled and used to manufacture plastic culverts.

The seminar organized by Plasco Limited with the aim of discussing the adoption and inclusion of Weholite HDPE structured wall pipe technology into the design manuals for road infrastructure was attended by the managers and engineers of TARURA and TANROADS from the 26 regions.

Ojoro also said that due to climate change, Weholite technology is good for emergency response therefore should be applied in various regions in the country.

Food experts optimistic on global food systems transformation

DOMINICA

DUBBED 'the People's Summit, the United Nations Food Systems Summit (UNFSS) hopes to put the world back on a path to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030, through food systems overhauling. From the tempered to the extremely optimistic, experts in various food system sectors share their expectations of transformation.

The world has been lagging on ambitious climate, biodiversity and sustainable development goals, but the UNFSS is hoping that commitments to transform global food systems will get the world back on track to meeting the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030.

The inaugural UNFSS will take place virtually during the UN General Assembly High-Level Week, under the leadership of UN Secretary-General António Guterres.

If Women Farmers were Politicians, the World Would be Fed, says Danielle Nierenberg

Barilla Foundation Report Highlights Need for Food Companies to Align with Sustainable Development Goals

Q&A: Why the World 'Can't Afford to Wait' for Transparent, Equitable Food Systems

It promises to bring together the public and private sectors, non-governmental organisations, farmers groups, indigenous leaders, youth representatives and researchers to outline a clear path to ensure that the world's food production and distribution are safe, healthy, sustainable and equitable.

Learning from the lessons of the COVID-19 pandemic, the summit also hopes to make food production and distribution more resilient to vulnerabilities, stress and shocks.

Experts in sustainability and various food system sectors have been speaking about their expectations and hopes for a summit that is built on solutions to some of the world's most pressing issues such as land degradation, inequality, rising hunger, and obesity.

Panelists at a Barilla Center for Food and Nutrition (BCFN) 'Fixing the Business of Food' webinar held on September 16, 2021, were asked how optimistic they were, on a scale of 1 to 10, of real food systems transformation in the next 12 months, triggered by the private sector.

"I am going to give a full 10," said Viktoria de Bourbon de Parme, Head of Food Processing at the World Benchmarking Alliance. "I am super optimistic," she added. "I think we are there. Momentum is there, and it is going to happen."

Executive Director of Food and Nature at the World Business Council for Sustainable Development Diane Holdorf is similarly optimistic.

"I would say an 8 out of 10, but I do have to preface this by saying that systems change is complex. With individual leading companies demonstrating what is possible and bringing others along, we are going to see for sure actual system changes," she said.

Not all experts are optimistic that the UNFSS will bring about the urgent changes required for food systems transformation.

IPS spoke with Million Belay, the Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa (AFSA) head, about his expectations for the summit.

Belay, who is also an advisory board member for BCFN and a food systems researcher, said that he and alliance members disagree with the summit's agenda and structure. The alliance represents farmers, pastoralists, hunter/gatherers, faith-based organisations, indigenous peoples and women's groups.

"The pre-summit has happened in Rome. During that pre-summit, we had our own summit, organised by civil society mechanisms, and it was clear that farmers, fisherfolk, indigenous people, local



groups, and women's organisations were all saying no, the UNFSS summit does not represent us. There is no reason to be part of that," Belay said.

Belay believes that the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) should have been responsible for organising the Summit.

"This is a space where the civil society in general and the civil society mechanism and governments come together to negotiate about food-related issues, so the agenda should have been set there," he said, adding that, "the UNFSS has set up a scientific body as part of the structure, but we already have a scientific body in the CFS, that is called the High-Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition. It is a scientific body, and you can say that we need to beef up this body, but they have established a totally different scientific body."

While expectations from the summit differ,

the experts are unanimous in their view that the world is in urgent need of radical change in how food is grown, sold and distributed to tackle food insecurity, land degradation and rising poverty. "(The Summit) is one step on a very, very long journey. Perhaps more than ever, as the UN General Assembly opens, we feel the weight and burdens of non-sustainability in the world," said Jeffrey Sachs, Director of the Center for Sustainable Development at Columbia University.

Sachs says the transformation to sustainable development will demand deep energy and fiscal policy change.

With land-use accounting for about 30 percent of all greenhouse gas emissions and ensuing issues like deforestation and loss of habitat, he is calling for fundamental change in land-use policies across the globe, adding that current, unsustainable use is a 'massive contribu-

tor to crises the board.'

Another aspect of the complex global food system that requires urgent attention is the need for healthy diets. "About half the world does not have a healthy diet. Of the 8 billion people on the planet, roughly 1 billion live in extreme hunger. Another 2 billion live with one or more micronutrient deficiencies, anaemia, vitamin deficiencies or omega-three fatty acid deficiencies, which are absolutely debilitating for health. Another billion people are obese," Sachs said.

This week's UNFSS hopes to get commitments from governments, the private sector, farmers and indigenous groups to work together and change global food production and consumption.

By tackling the food crisis, organisers hope to address the climate, biodiversity, and hunger crises.

'US a disruptor of global peace in every sense'

BEIJING

IN the bloody drone strike on what the U.S. military claimed "suspected suicide bombers" in Afghanistan late August, 10 members of one family, including a two-year-old girl, were killed. All of them were innocent civilians.

However, when U.S. media raised doubts with evidences suggesting the targeted vehicle contained no explosives and the family had no connection to terrorist groups, a spokesperson for the U.S. Ministry of Defense understated the attack, saying "not aware of any plans to put investigators on the

ground." The remarks are a typical reflection of Washington's disregard for life. For centuries, the United States has been obsessed with aggressive wars. Its endless military actions have seriously violated human rights and caused tremendous humanitarian disasters across the world, and made the country the biggest saboteur of global peace and stability.

As U.S. historian Paul Atwood put it, "War is the American way of life." Since its independence on July 4, 1776, in more than 240 years, the United States was not at war for merely 16 years. Its path towards global dominance was built on wars,

slavery and slaughters. After the end of World War II, the United States has launched a series of wars in foreign lands and brought about conflicts and chaos in many places of the world, leaving horrific civilian casualties and property damage. Take the Iraq War as an example. Amid global oppositions, Washington invaded the oil-rich country in 2003 with allegations that the country possessed weapons of mass destruction, although there was no concrete evidence.

According to Brown University's Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, between 184,382 and 207,156 Iraqi civilians were directly killed in war-related

violence in the country. The invaders also deployed such weapons as depleted uranium bombs and white-phosphorus bombs during the war, which has posed a grave threat to local environment and the public health. According to Iraqi authorities, prior to the First Gulf War in 1991, the rate of cancer cases in Iraq was 40 out of 100,000 people, while by 2005, the figure had soared to at least 1,600 out of 100,000.

A study by the Smithsonian Magazine in 2019 showed that the U.S.-launched wars and military operations under the pretext of "anti-terrorism" after the 9/11 attacks have "spread

to more than 40 percent of the world's countries." Over 929,000 people were killed in the violence of the post-9/11 wars in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iraq, Syria, Yemen and elsewhere, with 38 million people displaced in the past two decades, showed September data by Brown University.

"Endless campaigns abroad unleash a host of political forces -- militarism, secrecy, enhanced executive authority, xenophobia, faux patriotism, demagoguery, etc," wrote Stephen M. Walt, a professor of international relations at Harvard University, in an earlier piece on For-

ign Policy magazine.

The United States is not only a notorious war criminal, but also the "dirty hands" that messed other countries up. In his book "America's Deadliest Export: Democracy," U.S. writer William Blum pointed out that the United States has tried to overthrow more than 50 foreign governments since the end of World War II, interfered in elections in at least 30 nations, and attempted to assassinate over 50 foreign leaders. Cuba's Granma daily has reported that in the last 20 years, U.S. institutions including the Agency for International Development and the National

Endowment for Democracy have allocated about 250 million U.S. dollars to finance destabilizing and subversive activities in the island country.

A countless number of facts have proved that the United States is the real disruptor of international rules and the world order, the source of growing uncertainties across the world, as well as the major stumbling block in the pursuit of peace and development. If the United States continues to be addicted to hegemony and the law of the jungle, it will be drifting toward antithesis of peace-loving people and countries, and be left behind by the times

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Coast RC calls on corporations to back donation of artificial limbs as thousands in need

By Smart Money Reporter

A record 130,000 residents of Coast Region have defective limbs emanating from accidents but also natural disabilities hence companies should back government efforts to provide them with artificial limbs.

Coast Regional Commissioner, Abubakari Kunenge said last week during a ceremony where Kamal Group donated 100 artificial limbs to assist maimed people, that many of the victims need donations because they cannot afford to buy them.

He said people in the region lack the means to buy such gadgets because they don't work as a culture of laziness is prevalent. "The problem is that most of our people in this region are quite unproductive. They don't love working," he said while urging them to change their attitude and seize employment opportunity created by investors such as Kamal's Group's cashew nut processing plant.

Kunenge who presented the artificial limbs to representatives of the beneficiaries, commended Kamal Group's management and owners for the donations which have reached over 1,000 people in the past seven years.

He urged residents of the industries dominated region to get jobs because there are hundreds of factories needing labour saying a lot more mega projects will soon be implemented in the region. "Let's get jobs and earn income to live better," the RC urged the residents.

Under Kamal Group's cashew nuts processing project which has so far attracted over 100 Tanzanians, they will be given space at its industrial park in Bagamoyo district where they will operate small scale cashew nut processing plants.

Earlier, Baganoyo District Commissioner, Zainabu Issa said her district is home to a total of 145 industries with Kamal Industrial Park offering another opportunity for the area to flourish economically.

Through its subsidiary, Kamal Agro Limited, the city-based conglomerate has come up with an ambitious project that will see hundreds of Tanzanians becoming ac-



Kamal Group's managing director, Sameer Gupta speaks at an event where the company donated 100 artificial limbs to maimed people in Bagamoyo last weekend. Others are: the group's human resources manager, Emma Mwenda (C) and board member who is also retired permanent secretary in the Ministry of Industry and Trade, Dr Adelhelm Meru. Photo: Guardian Correspondent.

tive participants in their country's industrialisation agenda. According to the group's Managing Director, Sameer Gupta the company has been donating the artificial limbs through its Peoples' Empowerment Foundation (PEF). Gupta said through the PEF, Kamal Group seeks to empower people with disabilities so they can go about their various income-generat-

ing activities with much ease.

"Economic opportunities for people with disabilities are limited due to many reasons. Through these prosthetic limbs project, we are playing a key role of empowering people with disabilities so they can easily be mobile hence engage in income-generating activities," he said.

Kamal Group has investments in a number of industries in the country with prominence in steel manufacturing. Apart from the artificial limbs project, Kamal has also been feeding over 3,500 children at Chanika and Nzasa Primary Schools in Dar es Salaam for the past seven years.

Nigeria's Dangote in talks with traders for oil refinery finding

LAGOS

AFRICA'S richest man Aliko Dangote is in talks with some of the world's biggest oil traders to help finance his mega refinery project outside of Nigeria's commercial centre Lagos, sources with knowledge of the matter said, although his company denied the discussions.

The 650,000 barrel-per-day refinery, once complete, will be the continent's largest plant and redraw major trade flows of crude and fuel in the Atlantic basin. Despite being Africa's biggest oil producer and exporter, the country depends almost entirely on fuel imports after allowing its significant refining capacity, 445,000 barrels-per-day, to become dilapidated over several decades. Many past and current Nigerian officials, including President Muhammadu

Buhari, have announced plans to refurbish them, but political will has been lacking.

The Natural Resources Governance Institute, a non-profit policy think tank, has previously pointed to the moribund refineries as a key focus of oil corruption and waste in the country. Hit by economic consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic and soaring construction costs, Dangote needs a cash injection.

Nigeria's state oil firm NNPC has agreed to buy a 20% stake in the refinery for about \$2.8bn, but Dangote is looking for outside cash. NNPC's head Mele Kyari said a process was ongoing to raise \$1bn with Afreximbank to fund part of its stake purchase.

The billionaire has held talks as recently as a month ago with executives from the world's top two oil traders - Trafigura and

Vitol, three sources with direct knowledge of the matter said. Dangote's management denied the talks.

"The company is not in any talks with the aforementioned oil traders to seek a loan to finance our project," the management of Dangote Industries Ltd said in a statement. Trafigura and Vitol declined to comment.

Two separate sources with direct knowledge of the matter said the option of raising another \$500m from a trade house or consortium was being explored. The details of a potential loan from a trading firm have not been finalised but the trader could receive a long-term contract to supply crude and receive cargoes of refined products as repayment.

The refinery has been delayed by several years and the cost has ballooned to \$19bn from Dangote's earlier estimates of



Aliko Dangote, founder and chief executive of the Dangote Group.

\$12-14bn. Construction was also delayed due to Covid-19 outbreaks among workers at the site and delays getting materials, two more sources said.

Many industry sources do not expect any products before the second half of next year. Swiss traders like Vitol, along with Nigerian firms, have cashed-in for years in gasoline-short Nigeria by supplying mega tenders and being part of lucrative crude-for-fuel swap deals for over a decade.

Getting a hold of Dangote's fuel will give the trader a stranglehold on a key set of new oil flows. Nigeria's new oil bill, approved last month after nearly 20 years of political wrangling, has added fuel-import licence requirements that experts fear will give Dangote an effective monopoly.

Under the new laws, the regulator will prioritise local refiners for import licences and volumes would be based on production capacity or market share. While Nigeria will remain open in theory to international trading houses, a partnership with Dangote would be the only way to guarantee a foothold in Africa's biggest economy.

Climate finance by rich countries surges 2pc in 2019 but set to miss \$100bn target

PARIS

FINANCE provided and mobilised by developed countries to help poor countries tackle climate change rose 2 per cent annually in 2019 to \$79.6 billion but is expected to fall short of the target of \$100bn by 2020, according to a report from the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). The data has yet to be calculated for 2020.

"Climate finance continued to grow in 2019 but developed countries remain \$20bn short of meeting the 2020 goal of mobilising \$100bn," OECD secretary general Mathias Cormann said on Friday. "The limited progress in overall climate finance volumes between 2018 and 2019 is disappointing, particularly ahead of Cop26. While appropriately verified data for 2020 will not be available until early next year, it is clear that climate finance will remain well short of its target," Mr Cormann said.

The report comes as UN chief Antonio

Guterres urged developed countries to do more to help poor countries fight the adverse effects of the climate change and make the upcoming Cop26 conference a success. The UN Cop26 conference in Glasgow, Scotland, in November aims to bring much more ambitious climate action and mobilise funds from participants around the globe to tackle climate change.

"More needs to be done. We know that donor countries recognise this, with Canada and Germany now taking forward a delivery plan for mobilising the additional finance required to reach the \$100bn a year goal," Mr Cormann added.

Asia has been the main beneficiary of climate finance over 2016 to 2019 period, receiving 43 per cent of the total on average, followed by Africa on 26 per cent and the Americas at 17 per cent, according to OECD data.

Climate finance for Least Developed Countries rose strongly in 2019, up 27 per cent compared to the previous year, but



OECD secretary general Mathias Cormann.

funding for Small Island Developing States (SIDS) fell back to 2017 levels, after an increase in 2018.

"SIDS face specific challenges in accessing climate finance. The international community needs to consider financing for climate that is appropriate for the challenges that SIDS face, less fragmented, easier to access, predictable and long-term," the OECD report said.

Public climate finance from developed countries accounted for the lion's share of the 2019 figure, amounting to \$62.9bn, while government-backed export credits reached \$2.6bn. The rest, about \$14bn, came from private investment mobilised by public mechanisms.

The public grant financing jumped 30 per cent year-on-year to reach \$16.7bn in 2019, after having remained stable during the three previous years, according to the data. The volume of public loans, on the other hand fell by 5 per cent in 2019.

The report also shows more than half of total climate finance targeted economic infrastructure, mostly energy and transport, with much of the remainder going to agriculture and social infrastructure - notably water and sanitation.

"It is more urgent than ever that developed countries step up their efforts to deliver finance for climate action in developing countries, particularly to support poor and vulnerable countries to build resilience against the growing impacts of climate change," Mr Cormann said. The EU this week committed more climate funds for developing countries and urged the US to step up, according to Reuters.

US President Joe Biden in April committed to double US public climate finance by 2024, compared to average levels during former president Barack Obama's administration. Experts and campaigners are urging the world's biggest economy to do more.

Taha Group chief basking in East African prestigious award success



Taha Fresh Handling Limited's official Henry Nnko (L) shows a certificate of recognition while his colleague, Godfrey Maina displays a trophy given after being named East Africa Maritime Awards best clearing and forwarding company in Tanzania last week. Photo: Guardian Correspondent.

By Smart Money Reporter

AN award bestowed to Taha Group's subsidiary company, Taha Fresh Handling Limited by East Africa Maritime Awards is a reflection of the investment made and dominance in the region.

Taha Group CEO, Jacqueline Mkindi said last week when commenting on the achievement made by Taha Fresh which scooped the prestigious East Africa Maritime Awards (EAMA) for facilitating the multi-million-dollar horticultural exports.

Dr Mkindi said Taha Fresh's crowning as the best clearing and forwarding agent in Tanzania, at the second annual EAMA conference held in Mombasa, Kenya is a clear reflection of the appreciation that the regional institution has on the Taha Group's subsidiary.

"This award is an indication that we are a trusted partner in the logistics industry in the EA region but also highlights our recognition for innovation in response to the market and customers needs," he affirmed.

Organized in partnerships with the Shippers Council of Eastern Africa (SCEA), East African Business Council (EABC), Kenya Maritime Authority (KMA), Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) and Kenya Trade Network Agency

(KenTrade), EAMA recognizes and celebrates companies across the trading bloc which are operating at the highest level of business performance.

"We are proud to be writing new chapters about what our future looks like and thank God for this incredible achievement. My earnest appreciations go to our customers, hardworking staff and supporters," the Taha Group CEO added.

Backing his boss, Taha Fresh's General Manager, Amani Temu said the cargo handling and logistic firm has been playing a critical role in absorbing costly and time-consuming cross-border non-tariff barriers to export horticulture produces overseas.

"Taha Fresh Limited offers a wide range of handling of horticultural products both for exports and imports through clearing and forwarding securely using refrigerated trucks for perishables to sea ports of both Dar es Salaam and Mombasa," Temu said.

The firm emerged winner in a cutthroat competition brought by the companies from across the region in the maritime

sector, comprising shipping, ports, services, engineering and leisure marine industries with operations in Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi, South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Temu said Taha Fresh is slowly but steadily becoming a leading horticulture and logistics specialist firm which designs solutions for the country's nearly US\$800 million worth industry. Taha Group invested in strengthening the industry's logistics services by creating the local company as part of its commitment to reduce transport costs for horticultural growers and exporters in Tanzania.

Founded in 2008, the Taha Group's subsidiary already a member of the World Cargo Alliance network. The WCA is the world's most powerful grouping of independent freight forwarders with more than 6,473 members in 789 cities and ports worldwide.

Taha Fresh is therefore part of 6,473 freight forwarders who are present in over 190 countries worldwide. The firm is also a member of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) and International Federation of Freight Forwarders Association (FIATA).

LONDON

THE shipping industry urged the UK to back its "moon-shot" \$5 billion research and development fund on Thursday, which aims to get ocean going zero-emission ships in the water by 2030 and help the sector achieve net zero by 2050.

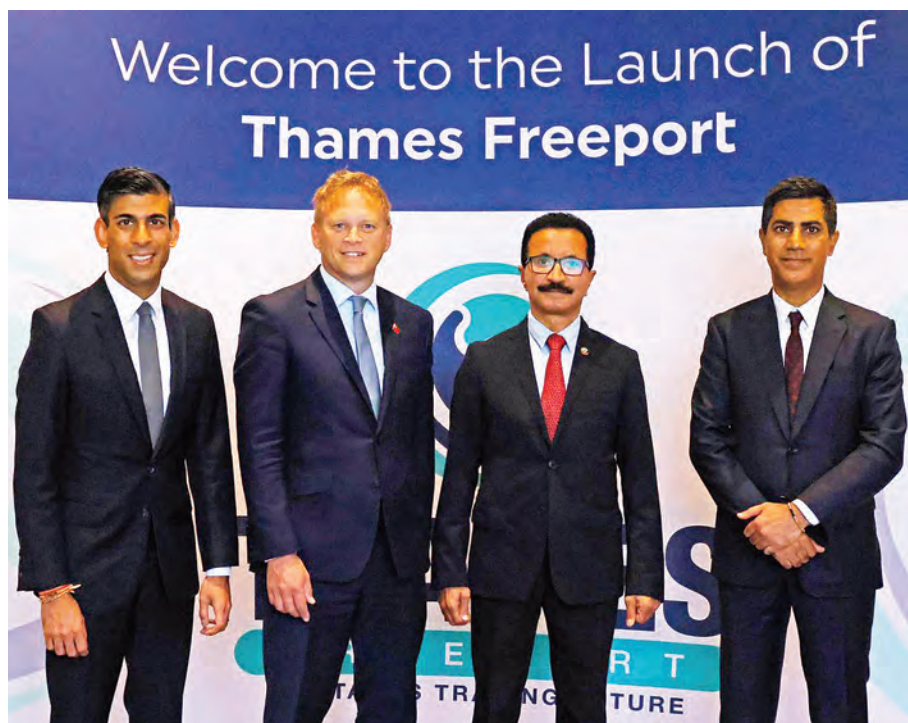
While the British government called for net zero global shipping emissions by 2050 earlier this week, the UK has yet to back a proposal to fund the research and development of alternative zero-carbon fuels and propulsion systems to ensure that target is achievable, according to the International Chamber of Shipping.

Simon Bennett, deputy secretary general at the ICS, said the UK government needs to be asked "why they are not publicly supporting" the industry proposal, before the country hosts the Cop26 environment summit in November.

"At the moment, the UK has not had its name on that paper, despite being asked repeatedly to put its name on it. Why is that?", Mr Bennett said, at a seminar ICS hosted to tie in with London International Shipping Week.

"Net zero is plausible, but it's only plausible if governments in co-operation with the industry, do what is required in order to make it happen. And that includes approving this research fund so that we can accelerate the technology."

To date, the \$5bn R&D fund has been backed by 10 countries, including Japan, Malta, Nigeria, Singapore, Switzerland and Denmark. While international regulations require the global shipping industry to cut its emissions by 50 per cent compared with 2008 levels, the UK Chamber of Shipping said at the start of the week it wants the International Maritime Organisation to double this target and commit to net zero emissions by the middle of the century.



From -L: Britain's chancellor of the exchequer Rishi Sunak, transport secretary Grant Shapps, Sultan Ahmed Bin Sulayem, group chairman and chief executive of DP World, and Rashid Abdulla, chief executive of DP World's Europe & Russia region, at the Thames Freeport launch event.

Shipping industry urges UK to back \$5bn R&D fund and meet net zero challenge

"Taking action now allows us to lead the charge on this global shift, creating highly skilled jobs for British workers and shaping the landscape for what clean shipping and trade will look like for future generations," UK Transport Secretary Grant Shapps said earlier this week.

The government said it was pushing for absolute zero emissions, which means no offsetting and no carbon emissions, a significant increase in ambition for the sector, which is currently accountable for 3 per cent of global emissions.

The UK's backing of a 2050 net zero target for international shipping, which transports about \$14 trillion worth of goods every year, must be agreed through the IMO, the UN's regulatory body on shipping.

This week, Mr Shapps also highlighted his ambition to have zero-emission ves-

sels entering into commercial service by 2025. Mr Bennett said the industry has accepted the challenge to meet the IMO's target of halving emissions by 2050.

However, "The problem at the moment is that the technology readiness levels are simply not mature enough," he said. "There's always announcements about exciting new developments with zero carbon ships, but realistically, it's very hard to see how we're going to have thousands of zero carbon ships appear by 2030, which given the 25-year lifespan of ships is going to be necessary if we are going to have a realistic chance of meeting that 2050 target," he said. Guy Platten, secretary general of the ICS, said decarbonisation is top of the agenda for every single shipping company, with the industry understanding the need to "compromise" and to do so quickly.

Big relief as UK removes Kenya from travel ban list

NAIROBI

TRAVELLERS from Kenya will now be allowed into the United Kingdom from next week after Britain revised its Covid-19 travel list in a fresh boost for tourism, which is currently in its peak season. The UK moved Kenya from its Red List to Amber along with seven other countries - Egypt, Turkey, Pakistan, Maldives, Sri Lanka, Oman, and Bangladesh.

Travellers arriving in the UK from countries on the Red List are denied entry while returning Britons must submit to 10 days of mandatory quarantine in hotels. UK nationals are barred from travelling to those countries.

Kenya was placed in the Red List in April following the spread of the highly contagious Covid-19 Delta variant in the country, dealing a blow to the tourism sector.

The revision, announced by British Transport Secretary Grant Shapps on Friday, offers a boost to the Kenyan hospitality industry, whose tourism season traditionally peaks from July to September, coinciding with the country's dry season and the world-renowned migration of wildebeest and zebra through Maasai Mara Game Reserve. Kenya is a popular tourism

destination for Britons, with the UK ranking fourth for the fourth largest arrivals through the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in 2019.

After the announcement, British High Commissioner to Kenya, Ms Jane Marriott, said: "Kenya is off the red list. I know how this has been difficult but our Kenya-UK partnership remains strong. Thank you, the Government of Kenya, for working closely with us over the past few months. The fight against Covid-19 is still not over, from vaccines to genomic sequencing - we will continue to work together to beat the pandemic." The UK has segmented countries into green, amber and red lists, each carrying different degrees of restrictions for arrivals back to Britain.

People coming from Amber List countries quarantine for 10 days at home or place of stay and have to provide evidence of three negative Covid tests - one before returning to the UK, one on day two and another on day eight.

People coming from Green List countries do not have to quarantine and have to provide evidence of two negative Covid tests - one before returning to the UK and one on day two. The move to the Amber list will take effect from 4am on Wednesday, September 22.



British high commissioner to Kenya, Jane Marriott.

Ethiopia Telecom is moved closer to being privatised

ADDIS ABABA

THE Ethiopian government has finally released a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the partial privatisation of state-owned operator Ethio Telecom. The government wants to sell a 40% stake in the company in a move that is widely considered an effort to make the telco more competitive.

The aim of the RFP is to invite proposals from interested parties who, according to authorities, "can add value to the company by bringing in the best practices in terms of operations, infrastructure management and next generation technological capabilities."

The government wants to tap into the potential of the country's telecommunications industry and believes Ethiopia's fast-growing economy, its youthful population and its low tele-density are key reasons to attract private investment. According to the RFP, Ethio Telecom's robust telecommunication infrastructure coupled with a strong financial performance will offer significant competitive to any investor.

Ethiopia's Ministry of Finance stated: "This RFP is open to all interested parties and not limited to those companies who indicated their interest by submitting an Expression of Interest." The government also plans to sell a 5% stake in the company to local investors via an initial public offering (IPO). The government will retain a 55% controlling share in the company.

In June this year, Deputy Director of Public Enterprises Holding and Administration Agency Zinabu Yirga said, "The government wants to make sure that the state-owned enterprises become competitive and productive and therefore, 40% of Ethio Telecom will be sold to a foreign operator."

Kenya's Safaricom, part of a consortium of operators including Vodafone, Vodacom, the UK's CDC Group and Japan's Sumitomo Corp is set to launch operations in Ethiopia next year after being awarded an operating licence and compete with Ethio Telecom that has been providing telecommunication services in the country as a monopoly. Currently, Ethio Telecom has over 53 million mobile phone subscribers.

President Samia's participation in 'Royal Tour' documentary set to rejuvenate tourism industry

By Geoffrey Tusiime, TUDARCO

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan embarked on an ambitious international tourism promotion drive after recording a documentary dubbed 'Royal Tour' that will showcase Tanzania's unique tourist attractions to the world.

The Royal Tour will offer a unique opportunity for the country to revamp its tourism industry and tap into more foreign markets. Tanzania offers a wider tourism 'buffet' since it has more varieties of attractions compared to its East Africa Community counterparts.

President Samia becomes the second sitting EAC head of state to take part in the prestigious tour and travel television series after Rwandan President Paul Kagame did the same in 2018, a show that was also hosted by Peter Greenberg, a celebrated CBS news travel editor. Rwanda capitalized on the Royal Tour to market its tourist potentials and later started 'Visit Rwanda' partnerships with foreign clubs such as Arsenal and Paris Saint Germaine. The tour no doubt paid back tremendously in recent years.

Recording of the footage for Tanzania's much-awaited Royal Tour documentary that is expected to premiere in the United States starting August 28, 2021 in Zanzibar where the president had gone on an official visit. Apart from shooting some scenes in Zanzibar, President Samia also toured other unique tourist attractions such as Bagamoyo and Serengeti National Park.

By coincidence, the Royal Tour comes at a time when President Samia has been named among 100 most influential women in Africa. Hopefully, this will give the tour more mileage



after its premier.

Encouraging news of the coronavirus vaccines admission in the country also boosts hopes of the recovery of the tourism sector in the country and globally but the sector is expected to remain in survival mode until the end of 2021.

Tourism continues to be one of the sectors hardest hit by the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic as it has recorded a sharp decline in foreign arrivals in 2020 thanks to lockdowns being imposed by governments to contain the virus. This in turn has also slowed down the growth development product.

According to the latest World Bank report titled, 'Transforming Tourism: Toward a Sustainable, Resilient, and Inclusive Sector,' tourism activities fell sharply in 2020 causing job losses as businesses closed down especially in the hospitality industry.

Consequently various service providers in Tanzania's tourism and hospitality value chain, including hoteliers, taxi drivers who shuttle tourists from the airport to hotels and porters among others are already feeling the pinch.

The WB report highlighted tourism as central to the country's economy, livelihoods and poverty reduction, particularly for women, who make up 72 percent of all workers in the tourism sector. "The economic system around tourism has grown in value over the years and in 2019

was the largest foreign exchange earner, the second largest contributor to GDP and the third largest contributor to employment," the report noted.

"Tourism offers countries like Tanzania which has abundant natural and cultural endowments, access to lucrative foreign markets," according to Shaun Mann, the World Bank Senior Private Sector Development Specialist and co-author of the Tanzania Economic Update.

The semi autonomous island of Zanzibar has also witnessed its economy is also struggling with reports indicating that it has severely impacted on GDP growth, slowing down to an estimated 1.3 percent.

Tanzania still faces an uphill task in promoting its full tourism potential but with the Royal Tour as a benchmark, the tourism sector players should come up with long-term strategies to ensure sustainable recovery of the tourism industry so as to attract new foreign and domestic investments.

Revamping Tanzania's tourism sector should go hand in hand in addressing the long-term challenges of the sector if it is to record positive results in the future. Special focus should be put on reducing red tape and improving the investment climate, market diversification and tourism players should come up with new business models under the Public Private Partnerships model.

Now that President Samia has taken an impressive action to bolster the sector, Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism should embark on building a resilient and sustainable tourism sector by implementing an aggressive 'Visit Tanzania' global marketing campaign to increase international tourists numbers. This campaign should ensure that the tourists get unmatched services at competitive prices.

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Salt firms sue Kilifi over 'illegal' cess

NAIROBI

FOUR large scale salt producers in the country have challenged a demand for cess for salt by the county government of Kilifi without a supporting legal framework.

They claim that the county government through its Finance Bill 2018, proposed to increase cess on salt from Sh60 to Sh200 per tonne and further issued a verbal demand for payment for the salt extracted and transported from salt mines. The companies, which have also sued the County Assembly of Kilifi and the Attorney-General are Krystaline Salt, Ken Salt, Malindi Salt Works and Kurawa Industries, all based in Kilifi.

In their petition filed at the High Court in Malindi, they want an order stopping the county government from levying of cess for salt. According to the companies, the increment of cess fee affects the cost of extraction, processing, packaging, transportation and exportation of the salt, which in turn has adverse financial impact on the national government.

"There exists no such constitutional or statutory foundation for the levying of cess on salt extraction. Despite the illegal and unconstitutional collection, the county government has never channelled any money collected in form of cess back to the salt industry," argue the companies. The firms, in their suit papers, claim that the respondents do not provide any service to them that would warrant to charge cess on salt.

They also argue that they not only contribute towards generating revenue for the national government through salt exportation, but continue to engage in corporate social responsibility projects within the county.

The companies further argue that the salt industry is being forced to deal with extortion coupled with operations that are labour intensive with high cost of maintaining plants and equipment due to heavy corrosion arising from the proximity to sea water. They argue that the salt industry employs over 7,000 people with an estimated 70,000 community members and traders among other stakeholders depending on it for livelihood.

"The tax burden imposed on the petitioners is a ploy to coerce them to pay the county government and the county assembly money that is not due and owing," argues the petitioners. The salt firms also accuse the county government of demanding land rates based on various rates prescribed in the county's valuation roll and payable to the (county's) revenue fund.

Krystaline Salt, Ken Salt, Malindi Salt Works and Kurawa Industries further say that over the years, the rates have risen over 1,000 per cent. "For the respondents to pass a law increasing the rates with an excess of four per cent of unimproved site value, an approval is required from the Cabinet Secretary, which has never been sought," argue the companies.

The companies said that the formulation process of the draft valuation roll was done without their involvement or consultation yet the county government continues to demand land rates from them and other rate payers.



Workers at a salt mine in Kenya's coastal region.

VIEW FROM THE TOP

Global initiative to give 3.4bn access to smartphones

GENEVA

AN initiative has been launched by Vodafone Group and the UN's International Telecommunication Union (ITU), to address the global digital divide. It aims to give an additional 3.4 billion people the ability to access and use the internet through a smartphone by 2030.

In a statement, Vodafone

says with mobile broadband (4G) networks now covering 82% of the population of low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), the mobile usage gap is six times larger than the mobile coverage gap.

In line with the Broadband Commission Global Targets 2025 on affordability and connectivity, the new working group will identify policy,

commercial and circular-economy interventions to increase smartphone access.

Co-chaired by Vodafone Group CEO Nick Read and ITU secretary-general Houlin Zhao, the group's launch partners also include the Alliance for Affordable Internet, the GSM Association, government of Ghana, Safaricom, Smart Africa, Vodacom Group and the World

Wide Web Foundation.

Vodafone notes mobile accounts for 86% of connections to the internet in LMICs, emphasising the importance of mobile in addressing this issue. However, billions of people continue to use "dumb" feature phones, without an internet connection, and the 2G market continues to grow, it says. Vital connectivity

Swiss-financed ActionAid-implemented project changing women's lives in

By Beatrice Philemon

A Swiss Agency for Development Cooperation backed project being implemented by ActionAid Tanzania is changing lives of smallholder women farmers in Mbozi district of Songwe region.

The SDC's National Project Manager, Samwely Mkwatwa said recently that the US\$800,000 (over 1.6bn/-) project has trained and equipped the women with knowledge and skills in agro-ecology farming hence weaning them from artificial inputs modern farming.

Mkwatwa said the smallholder women farmers are now using modern agro-ecology farming methods, access extension officers while accessing agro-inputs which boost quality and quantity of their farm produce.

"We have also been working with the government in this project which can be spread to other parts of the country because there are many women farmers in rural areas who cannot afford to purchase inputs such hybrid seeds, fertilizers and the like," he said.

The SDC Manager further explained that since 2019, the Swiss agency donated the money to ActionAid Tanzania to implement Phase II of the project that will be completed in 2023. In Phase I, the agency donated US\$500,000 in 2016 for the implementation of Public Resources Management in Health and Agriculture in Southern Africa.

The Project is being implemented by ActionAid Tanzania in collaboration with a not for profit organization called MIICO which is based in Mbeya. "We are working with smallholder women farmers at ward and district level," he said.

Among other things, the project seeks to improve public service delivery in agriculture sector (food security), and health (HIV/AIDS, sexual and reproductive health and rights) by strengthening the oversight and social accountability roles of five target groups in Southern Africa Development Community region.

Specifically, the five year project also targets relevant parliamentary committees,

government departments and agencies, issue-based civil society organisation and smallholder farmer organisations but also the media for dissemination of information.

One of the beneficiaries of the project from Mbozi district is Maria Munduwi, a mother of two who lives at Itaka Village.

In an interview, Munduwi said she has received training in how to use modern agro-inputs, make traditional pesticides and manures from some indigenous species of plants to improve soil fertility and prevent pests that attack crops.

She and her peers were also trained in leadership, gender equality, environmental and health principles, budget analysis, public expenditure tracking, organic farming, agro-forestry and the importance of women participation in hamlet and villages meetings.

Through the knowledge gained from MIICO and ActionAid Tanzania trainers, Munduwi has been able to engaged in agro-ecological farming for sunflower and groundnuts using indigenous seeds, traditional pesticides, local organic manure that are safe to both people and the environment.

"To start with in 2020/21 farming season, I managed to cultivated a quarter acre of sunflower intercropping with groundnuts in my farm using indigenous seeds, traditional pesticides and managed to harvest two sacks which made 30 jerry cans of edible oil for both domestic and commercial use," she said.

Through the training, Munduwi revealed that she has reduced farming cost to zero during the 2020/21 season hence made a savings of 192,000/- used to buy industrial made inputs such as fertilizers and hybrid seeds.

She said before receiving training from the project, she used to buy DAP for 60,000/- UREA 54,000/-, pay casual workers 58,000/- and planting 20,000/- per acre which is very expensive to many smallholder farmers.

Agro-ecological farming which uses natural inputs helps reduce farming cost; protect people's health and the environment



The Swiss backed agro-ecological farming project's focal person at Mbozi District Council, Peter Ndalakwa, shows a smallholder farmer how to prevent pests that destroy crops in farms.

while helping farmers reduce costs. "As smallholder farmers, we are requesting the government to invest in this type of farming by allocating enough budget to support its adoption by the majority of smallholder farmers," Munduwi urged.

Backing Munduwi's observation, Project Officer, Gloria Mndile said agro-ecological farming has become so popular among smallholder women farmers and that so far 52 women's groups comprising of 1,560 members in five villages of Mbozi district are

engaging in the environmentally friendly farming.

She said the women have also been able to access funding to invest in their projects and so far six groups have been able to get 16m/- credit from Mbozi District Council funds allocated to women for investment in income generating projects.

"The beneficiaries have also established village community banks which enable members to save and access credit to

invest in small businesses easily. We are so far satisfied with what has been achieved in Mbozi district," Mndile said. She noted that district officials have also increased the agriculture budget from 2.5 percent to 12.5 percent to support extension services and boost agro-ecology cultivation.

The project's Focal Person at Mbozi District Council, Peter Ndalakwa said this year, they have allocated over 265.9m/- to the agriculture budget with main focus on agro-ecology farming which is largely being practices by women's groups.

"We are also investing in improvement of extension services to boost agro-ecological farming by training more extension officers, soil testing, produce traditional seedlings and other related activities for 2021/22 season," Ndalakwa said while adding that another 64m/- has been allocated to support for irrigation farming.

Commenting on the project, MIICO Executive Director, Catheline Mulaga said the organization has been working in the Agriculture sector with focus in three advocacy areas that includes; allocation of extension officers, quality extension services provided meeting and addressing women's issues and experiment on alternative means of agriculture production for sustainability.

"Apart from training the farmers, MIICO also support the women through market linkages so that they are able to sell their produce directly to processors," Mulaga said while noting that they also equip them with agribusiness skills.

WORLD

NYC returns to hosting UN week as New Yorkers fear virus spike

UNITED NATIONS

A scaled-back United Nations General Assembly is returning to Manhattan this week after going completely virtual last year, but fears about a possible spike in COVID-19 cases are making people in the host city less enthusiastic about the annual diplomatic gathering.

New Yorkers, aware of the extra traffic and maze of street closures prompted by hosting more than 100 world leaders and their entourages, might normally embrace the economic boost provided by the event, more than 18 months after the pandemic prompted the city's shutdown.

But this year's UNGA won't be an economic lifeline, and the delta variant is still raging.

"My biggest concern is what happens outside the UN complex," City Council member Mark Levine said in an interview. "This gathering is famous for all the side meetings in hotels, bars, cafes, and restaurants. Many of these happen without regular screenings, where New Yorkers will be exposed."

This isn't exactly the mega-event New Yorkers have grown accustomed

to. While 10,000 delegates typically descended on Manhattan in a normal, pre-COVID-19 year, Vijay Dandapani, president of the Hotel Association of New York City, says about 1,000 are expected this time. Countries have agreed to limit their delegations to seven people inside the UN building and side events will be mostly virtual.

Mayor Bill de Blasio pressed the UN to "help us protect the progress we've made" fighting the pandemic. Penny Abeywardena, the city's International Affairs Commissioner, wrote a letter to the UN General Assembly president noting that under New York rules, proof of vaccination should be required for entering UN headquarters. The president of the General Assembly, Abdulla Shahid, responded that he would work to ensure that happens.

But some leaders, such as Brazil's Jair Bolsonaro, aren't vaccinated, and the UN has not signaled it intends to stop them from coming in. Instead, UN Chief Antonio Guterres told Bloomberg in an interview that an honor system will be used, meaning diplomats who swipe into the building are attesting to having been vaccinated.



This Sept 29, 2020, UN handout photo shows Kokou Kpayedo, Permanent Representative of Togo to the United Nations, as he addresses the general debate of the 75th session of the United Nations General Assembly, in New York. AFP

"The number of unvaccinated people that will be there will be very limited," he said. "All the UN staff supporting the General Assembly is vaccinated," he added, noting that so far the UN has never been a super-spreader for the virus due to strict measures in place on masks and social distancing.

Either way, the city is providing additional support for UN delegates, such as testing and vaccination on site.

"As the host city, New York City is excited to provide pop-up testing and vaccination at the UN General Assembly," Abeywardena said in written comments to Bloomberg. "As a national and global leader in embracing the vaccine, New York City encourages all attendees of the General Assembly to get vaccinated to protect not only the participants of this gathering, but the people of New York City as well."

The Biden administration is also trying to keep the in-person aspect of the

meeting modest. Last month, the US Mission to the United Nations encouraged countries to scale back attendance plans and send pre-recorded videos instead to avoid the risk of a "superspreader event."

Yet many world leaders are still en route. Among those expected to attend are UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, India's Narendra Modi and Bolsonaro, who has derided the use of masks. US President Joe Biden arrives Monday evening and is expected to depart Tuesday after giving his speech from the UN podium.

"For a lot of leaders, it's an opportunity to show that international cooperation matters," said Richard Gowan, UN director at the Crisis Group. "It's also, simply, quite fun to come to New York."

French observers believe West has something to learn from Russian elections

ST. PETERSBURG

THE latest elections in Russia were organized on the supreme level, and, from this point of view, Western countries have something to learn from Russia, a European Parliament member from France, Jean-Lin Lacapelle, said after monitoring the elections in Russia's second largest city of St. Petersburg.

"I note with satisfaction that the organization was at the supreme level," Lacapelle said, summing up the results of his three-day observation of voting at various polling stations in St. Petersburg. "There are even some things that the West should learn from you."

"I would like to particularly note measures taken to ensure the participation of persons with limited mobility: at-home vote was available, as well as various technologies allowing them to cast their ballot directly at the polling station. I think that this is something we can learn from."

The head of the delegation of foreign observers, European Parliament member Thierry Mariani, said that security measures at polling stations in Russia are becoming more and more serious.

"For example, there are cameras everywhere now. Very often, no such security measures are taken in other states. For example, we have no cameras in France," he said.

"We noted that, regrettably, the turnout was not high, but this tendency can be observed everywhere," Mariani said.

Mariani stressed that he and his colleagues arrived to Russia in their personal capacity, not as members of the European Parliament.

French senator Stephane Ravier, in turn, said he saw "a truly democratic electoral process" in St. Petersburg.

European Parliament member Herve Juvin said the group of foreign observers visited about two dozens of polling stations and met with representatives of various political parties.

"I would like to note that <...> I saw no violations with my own eyes at the polling stations that we visited, and received no reports about them," he said.



Election Committee elections major step in Hong Kong's democratic development - liaison office of central gov't

HONG KONG

THE successful holding of the 2021 Election Committee's subsector ordinary elections in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) marked a major step in Hong Kong's democratic development with its own characteristics, the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR said yesterday morning.

The Election Committee elections were held on Sunday, in which 1,448 new members were elected.

The elections fully implemented the principle of "patriots administering Hong Kong" and demonstrated the advantages of Hong Kong's new electoral system, the office said in a statement while extending congratulations to the successful holding of the elections, which were the first major elections in Hong Kong after it returned to stability from chaos.

The HKSAR government organized the elections in strict accordance with the law, and the entire election process, including voter registration, candidate nomination, campaigning, vote casting and ballot counting, was conducted in a fair, just and open manner, the office said. The candidates put forward their elec-



Staff members work at a counting station in Hong Kong, south China, on Sunday. Xinhua

tion platforms to reflect the demands of their industries, resolve economic and livelihood problems, promote social progress and Hong Kong's integration into the national development, and had in-depth exchanges and interactions with the general public, the office said, adding that they shouldered the responsibility of speaking for voters and making suggestions for Hong Kong.

Registered voters actively participated in the elections, exercised their voting rights in accordance with the law, and ex-

pressed the public will by casting the ballots, which demonstrated their recognition to and support for the new electoral system, the office said.

The newly elected members of the Election Committee come from all walks of life in Hong Kong and are broadly representative, reflecting the advantage of balanced participation of the new electoral system, the office said.

The new members include HKSAR deputies to the National People's Congress, HKSAR members of the National Com-

mittee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference and members of the Legislative Council of the HKSAR. Academicians, university presidents, business leaders, professionals, and ordinary laborers such as fishermen, farmers, drivers, tour guides and workers are also included.

Representatives of members of area committees, district fire safety committees, district fight crime committees, grassroots associations, small- and medium-sized enterprises, and associations of Hong Kong residents in the mainland are included in the Election Committee for the first time, which fully demonstrates that the new electoral system effectively represents the interests of all sectors of Hong Kong society, while safeguarding the interests of the country and Hong Kong's overall interests, the office said.

Xinhua

Boxer Manny Pacquiao to run for Philippine president in 2022

BOXING star Manny Pacquiao said on Sunday he will run for president of the Philippines next year, after railing against corruption in government.

Pacquiao accepted the nomination of his political allies during the national assembly of the faction he leads in the ruling PDP-Laban Party, days after a rival faction nominated Duterte's long-time aide, Senator Christopher "Bong" Go, as its presidential candidate.

That faction nominated Duterte for vice president, a move that critics called a cyni-

cal ploy by Duterte to retain power.

Go declined the nomination, but the rift between the Pacquiao and Duterte factions has escalated.

"I am a fighter, and I will always be a fighter inside and outside the ring," Pacquiao, 42, a senator, said in a live-streamed speech during the assembly. "I am accepting your nomination as candidate for president of the Republic of the Philippines." Pacquiao's faction has not expressed support for Duterte's vice-presidential bid. Duterte is prohibited by the



constitution from running for a second six-year term as president.

One of the greatest boxers of all time and the only man to hold world titles in eight different divisions, Pacquiao was

mum about his 26-year professional career. Despite his popularity, Pacquiao trails the front-runners in opinion polls that have been topped consistently by Duterte's daughter, Sara Duterte-Carpio.

In July, Pacquiao was voted out as PDP-Laban leader, weeks after challenging Duterte over his record on fighting corruption, but his ouster was rejected by his faction.

Pacquiao, once a close ally of Duterte, had said more than 10 billion pesos (US\$200 million) in pandemic aid intended for poor families was unaccounted

for, adding this was just one discovery in his planned corruption investigation.

His anti-corruption crusade comes as the Senate has opened an investigation into alleged overpricing of medical supplies and equipment purchased under the government's pandemic response program.

Duterte challenged Pacquiao to name corrupt government offices to prove that the boxer was not just politicking ahead of the election.

Pacquiao countered by warning of jail for corrupt government officials: "Your time is up!"

Right-wing rally near US Capitol shrinks amid high police

WASHINGTON

A sharply shrunk right-wing rally on Saturday was held peacefully before the long fencing of U.S. Capitol amid high police alert and tight media presence, crying out over the treatment of Jan. 6 Capitol rioters.

Just a crowd of not many people gathered at noon time in a small park with the Capitol in clear view, far less than the number that authorities had estimated. Prior to the event, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security reportedly ex-

pected about 700 protesters would show up.

During the "Justice for J6" rally lasting about 90 minutes, dozens of law enforcement officers, wearing riot gear, stood straight between protesters and the security fencing surrounding the Capitol. Many more police officers and vehicles were seen on closed roads near the Capitol in preparation for any violence.

Police Chief Robert Contee told NBC News that stepped-up police presence might have kept the number of rally attendees lower.

"It's very small, you know, they didn't advertise this on social media the way they did on Jan. 6. A lot of people are saying they don't come to this," Frank Higgins, a local tech analyst, told Xinhua outside the rally.

Barbara Kerns, a Virginia housewife in her fifties, told Xinhua that she came to the rally because she believed those Jan. 6 Capitol rioters "were not violent people" and didn't get their due process. She also said she believed the 2020 U.S. presidential election had been stolen, just as former President Donald Trump claimed.

"It's not an insurrection. It was a protest going out of hand. That's about it. I'm here in support of those people's rights," another protester wearing Batman costumes, told Xinhua. He only gave the name of Batman.

The 2020 presidential election was "absolutely stolen" by the Democratic Party, he claimed, adding that election fraud is the top issue he is concerned about most for this country.

"I am glad that very few protesters showed up, but I want to make sure I'm here to stand physically to show my opposition to the Jan. 6 insurrec-

tion," Pam, a counter-protester holding a banner that reads "Lies aren't equal to free speech", told Xinhua.

The middle-aged woman, who only gave her first name, called Jan. 6 Capitol rioters "traitors" and said she was very angry about what had happened that day.

"It's going to be a very long time to overcome" the current bitter political division in the country, Higgins said. There is probably a way forward for the United States to become better but "50% of the country will not follow that way," said Higgins.

NBC News reported that Capitol

Police arrested a man with a knife for a weapons violation less than one hour before the rally began.

More than 600 people have been arrested since the Jan. 6 Capitol attack, over 50 of whom have pleaded guilty to federal crimes, according to media reports.

A mob of Trump supporters breached the Capitol on Jan. 6 in an attempt to stop Congress from certifying the 2020 election results for President Joe Biden. The riot, later deemed an insurrection, left five dead, including a Capitol Police officer. Xinhua

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Safeguard World Peace

- China has actively participated in arms control, disarmament and nuclear non-proliferation, and opposed arms races so as to maintain global strategic balance and stability.
- China has actively participated in debusing major international and regional flashpoints, making fair and fact-based judgments, facilitating peaceful negotiations, and contributing to international and regional peace and stability.



- China is committed to solving land and water border disputes through negotiations and consultation. It has settled all land border disputes with 12 of its 14 neighbours and delimited the maritime boundary in the Beibu Gulf with Vietnam.
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- It has actively engaged in international exchanges and cooperation under the UN framework in such fields as energy security, food security, cybersecurity and biosafety, as well as polar, outer space and ocean affairs.



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Erdogan's visit to Russia being prepared, says Kremlin

MOSCOW



A VISIT by Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan to Russia for talks with Russian President Vladimir Putin is being prepared, Kremlin Spokesman Dmitry Peskov said yesterday.

"Indeed, a working visit by Turkish President Erdogan (pictured) to the Russian Federation is being prepared," the Russian presidential spokesman confirmed.

As the Kremlin spokesman specified, "the agenda [of the talks] will be very broad, beginning with bilateral relations and these are very versatile ties and the presidents always have something to talk about in this context."

"Of course, Syria and other regional conflicts will be discussed," Peskov said.

The news agency Reuters reported last week citing sources that Erdogan would arrive in the Black Sea resort of Sochi in September to discuss the situation in Syria, in particular, in the northwestern Idlib region.

Erdogan also stated in late August that in the course of his upcoming visit to Russia he was going to discuss with Russian President Vladimir Putin the details of purchasing the second regiment set of S-400 anti-aircraft missile systems.

Algeria holds funeral for late ex-president Bouteflika

ALGIERS

ALGERIA on Sunday held the funeral in the capital Algiers for former President Abdelaziz Bouteflika, who died on Friday night at age 84.

Bouteflika was buried Sunday afternoon at the Square of the Martyrs in the cemetery of El-Alia where several former presidents were buried. Algerian President Abdelmadjid Tebboune.

Prime Minister Aymene Benabderrahmane, parliament leaders, army leaders, government members, as well as Bouteflika's family members attended the funeral.

Tebboune on Saturday ordered flags to be flown at half-mast throughout the country for three days in honor of Bouteflika. Bouteflika became the Algerian foreign minister in 1963.

He participated in the presidential election in 1999 and scored an overwhelming victory.

Upcoming Canadian election to decide whether Trudeau's Liberal Party will have third mandate

OTTAWA

CANADA'S 44th national election yesterday will not only decide whether Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's Liberal Party receives a third mandate, but could determine whether fissures that emerged during the 36-day campaign become a social reality across the country.

Trudeau's Liberal Party and the Erin O'Toole-led Conservative Party have been locked in a dead heat and have been bouncing back and forth in the lead position, with each claiming between 30-percent and 32-percent support in public polling.

A win for either would result in a minority government -- and for the governing Liberal Party, not the majority Trudeau sought when he called the snap election on Aug. 15.

The Liberals have the advantage for a win on Monday based on the slight edge of support the party is registering in Ontario, Canada's most populous province, which has the most seats -- 121 -- out of the 338 that comprise the House of Commons.

But it could be a Pyrrhic victory in light of polling that forecasts the Liberals to drop from the 157 seats they won in the last federal election in 2019, and went on to form a minority government. To form a majority government, the Liberals would need to win 170 seats.

Nipping at the Liberals' heels for the progressive vote are the left-of-center New Democrats, led by Jagmeet Singh, the first non-white leader of a Canadian national party, who are polling around 20 percent and are expected to add seats to the 24 they won nearly two years ago.

At the opposite end of the political spectrum is the rise of the far-right populist People's Party of Canada (PPC) led by former Conservative cabinet minister Max



Prime Minister Justin Trudeau

ime Bernier and which had no House seats at the dissolution of parliament but whose popularity has eclipsed the Green Party of Canada, which had two members of parliament.

Anti-vaxxers, many of them PPC supporters, have doggedly pursued Trudeau on the campaign trail in oftentimes violent protests against his government's promotion of Canadians getting fully vaccinated as the fourth wave of the COVID-19 pandemic grabs hold of parts of the country.

They likely will not vanish once the election is over, and will continue their opposition to what they perceive to be Canadian governments -- at all levels

-- unduly interfering with their right to choose, creating a division with the majority of Canadians who have willingly received both doses of a vaccine.

His government's management of the pandemic was the issue for which Trudeau decided to send Canadians back to the polls two years earlier than they would otherwise have voted under a fixed-election date law.

In so doing, Canada's 23rd prime minister sought to highlight his leadership -- a point picked up by former U.S. President Barack Obama and the former U.S. First Lady Hillary Clinton, both Democrats, in their Twitter endorsements of Trudeau last week.

However, there was not unanimity on the progressive side of American politics. Independent U.S. Senator and former Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders tweeted his support for Singh and his party "that stood up for working people in the pandemic."

Meanwhile, Francois Legault, the premier of Canada's French-speaking province of Quebec, has said that he would prefer to see the Conservatives form a minority government since O'Toole has signaled that he would not interfere with Quebec's provincial jurisdiction over health and immigration issues.

It will be up to Canadians to decide what form of government they will have following Monday's vote. But it could take days before the final results are in since Elections Canada sent out more than 1 million special ballot voting kits -- many of them for voters opting to mail in their ballots -- and counting them will not begin with full force until today. **Xinhua**

DPRK slams US decision to shift submarine tech to Australia

PYONGYANG

THE Foreign Ministry of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) yesterday criticized the United States for transferring the technology of building nuclear-powered submarines to Australia, according to the official Korean Central News Agency.

The KCNA quoted the chief of the Foreign News Section of the Department of Press and Information of the Foreign Ministry as saying that the US decision was "extremely undesirable and dangerous acts which will upset the strategic balance in the Asia-Pacific region and trigger off a chain of nuclear arms race."

The unnamed official noted that the White House decision "amounts to a stand that any country can spread nuclear technology if it is in its interests, and this shows that the US is the chief culprit toppling the international nuclear non-proliferation system."

The official further pointed out that "the US double-dealing attitude getting all the more pronounced after the emergence of the new administration erodes the universally-accepted international norm and order and seriously threatens the world peace and stability."

interaction in case it has even a little adverse impact on the security of our country," the official added.

Under the new security partnership unveiled on Wednesday among Australia, Britain and the United States, known as AUKUS, Australia will build nuclear-powered submarines with US and British technology. **Agencies**

Small home appliance market flourishes in China

CHINA'S small home appliance market witnessed rapid growth in the first half of this year, registering a total of 25 billion yuan (about \$3.87 billion) of retail sales and 119 million in unit sales.

In particular, home-cleaning appliances continued to maintain robust growth momentum, scoring a market size of 13.6 billion yuan that rose 40.2 percent year on year.

A woman surnamed Yin in Haidian district of Beijing recently bought a floor scrubber, which can easily make a floor covered with cat hair and sauce as clean as a new pin.

"Cleaning, a once tedious and laborious chore, becomes so much easier and simpler. After it's done, the floor scrubber can clean itself automatically. All I have to do is simply press a button," Yin told People's Daily.

Such conveniences are made possible by smart technologies. Because of a built-in AI chip, Tineco Floor One series, floor cleaners developed by Tineco Intelligent Technology Co., Ltd., a company specializing in the development of high-end smart home appliances, can "sense" how dirty the floor is and automatically decide the intensity of the cleaning task, said Leng Ling, chief executive officer of the company.

According to Leng, the company saw its sales revenue grow by 817 percent year on year during the first six months of this year, and sold more than 140,000 units of Floor One smart floor cleaners during this year's "618" (June 18) online shopping festival.

With the in-depth integration of AI technologies into the industry, smart home appliances are enjoying increasing popularity with Chinese people. Such products as smart door lock, floor-cleaning robot, and smart rice cooker have significantly improved the quality of people's life.

More and more consumers, who enjoyed the convenience brought by their first smart product, have started to try more types of intelligent products, said Chen Bo, deputy general manager of the ecological chain department of Chinese tech giant Xiaomi, adding that building a smart ecosystem has become a new driving force for faster development of small home appliance industry.

Market segments of small home appliances are embracing explosive growth and seeing a trend toward diversified products, according to Dai Xiaoxia, deputy head of the consumer goods industry research institute of the think tank of China Center for Informa-



Small appliances are made at a factory in Ningbo, east China's Zhejiang province, Aug. 20. File photo

tion Industry Development (CCID) under the country's Ministry of Industry and Information Technology.

Against the backdrop of diversifying consumption needs and growing number of young consumers, intelligentization and personalization become a driver for the development of small home appliance industry, Dai pointed out, adding that families in less developed cities are showing increasing consumption demand for smart home appliances.

Livestreaming has also contributed to the rising sales of the industry. According to an executive of Ecovacs Robotics, a leading service robot maker in China, most of the offline experience stores of the company promote products through livestreaming.

During this year's June 18 online shopping festival, the company's store located in a shopping mall in Shanghai received more than 60 percent of its orders from viewers of its livestreaming sales promotion, said the executive.

Small home appliance brands' increased investment in the on-line market and their increasingly mature sales approach featuring coordinated development of online and offline business have played an important role in the continuous growth of the market, suggests a report released recently by the CCID.

"Small home appliances are cheaper and have greater diversity, shorter life cycle, and more attributes of consumer goods, compared to traditional large ones. Meanwhile, their attractive appearances, rich functions, and impor-

tant roles in people's social life suit young consumers' taste for personalized and exquisite products," said an executive of the e-commerce division of Chinese online video-sharing platform Douyin.

What attracts small home appliance enterprises to short video and livestreaming platforms is their appeal to young people, according to the executive.

Small home appliance enterprises are generally optimistic about their products' prospects in China. They believe that industrial structure optimization, increase in people's income, and continuous upgrade of consumption, among other factors, will bring new growth points to the industry in the long run.

"More consumers will enjoy the convenience brought by various kinds of small home appliances and show more consumption desires," said an executive in charge of the smart small appliance division of Chinese home appliance giant Midea Group.

The customer resources and products accumulated during the expansion stage of companies will translate into huge demand for new products, thus driving constant upgrading of products and improvement in services, the executive added.

"There is still a gap between the small home appliances ownership per household in China and that in developed countries," said Leng, who believes the trend of consumption upgrading in China will generate tremendous opportunities to the small home appliance market.

Merkel's would-be heir on defensive as rivals eye alliance

By Bloomberg



CHRISTIAN Democret Armin Laschet was put on the defensive in Germany's third election debate as his two main rivals for the chancellorcy presented themselves as natural governing partners after Angela Merkel (pictured) departs.

In a 90-minute debate that was one of the last opportunities for Laschet to spark his flagging campaign, frontrunner Olaf Scholz of the Social Democrats and Green candidate Annalena Baerbock at times joined forces. Scholz made it clear that his party favors forming a coalition with the Greens after the Sept 26 election.

"I think that most voters, after all these years, want the Union to go into opposition," Scholz said, referring to Merkel's Christian Democratic Union-led bloc. Baerbock agreed.

Scholz was ranked the winner in two previous televised debates and 42 percent of viewers in a Forsa poll after Sunday's face-off said he also won this one, compared with 27 percent for Laschet and 25 percent for Baerbock.

The SPD under Scholz has staged an unprecedented reversal in the last two months, moving from a distant third behind Merkel's bloc and the Greens to first place, as Laschet has failed to gain traction among voters. In a fragmented political environment, a Scholz victory wouldn't guarantee him the chancellorship, since Merkel's successor will likely have to forge an agreement between three parties.

Laschet was back-footed from the beginning of the debate, with more than half of it focusing on wealth disparity and climate, issues that the SPD and Green candidates were able to dominate.

With Scholz scheduled to testify to a Bundestag committee on Monday on a raid at his Finance Ministry, the format meant that Laschet was unable to open a clear line of attack on the issue.

Merkel's bloc has attacked Scholz for his response to the Sept 9 raid, conducted by prosecutors investigating a money-laundering watchdog within his ministry only two weeks before the vote. The topic was addressed briefly, with Baerbock demanding that Scholz come clean with lawmakers on the committee.

Viewers were treated to a policy-heavy debate with Laschet and Baerbock engaging in spirited attacks and Scholz sticking to a matter-of-fact delivery.

Laschet, after sustaining a grilling from Baerbock, gained traction on the issue of domestic security, a policy area he's been touting for the last week. He drew a distinction on refugees, saying those who break the law must leave the country.

"If somebody is a criminal, he should be deported," said Laschet, who has backed Merkel's decision not to close Germany's borders to asylum seekers.

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Security company reaffirms commitment in sports sponsorship



The SGA Security Managing Director, Eric Sambu (R) with other sponsors during the launch of the 2021 NMB Marathon in Dar es Salaam recently. The SGA Security is one of the sponsors of this event that aims at raising funds for the treatment of women with fistula at CCBRT Hospital. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

By Guardian Reporter

THE SGA Security, one of the leading security companies in Tanzania, has expressed its continued commitment to support sports in the country.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam, the SGA Security Managing Director, Eric Sambu, said the company will this coming Saturday sponsor the NMB Marathon 2021, which aims at raising funds to have women with fistula treated at CCBRT.

"SGA believes sports go a long way in forming a healthy society and basis for national development," he said.

He said that SGA was supporting the NMB Marathon 2021 as part of their CSR program adding that the company has set at least one percent of its turnover to societal causes.

Meanwhile, he said SGA Security also sponsored the 2021 Tanzanite Women Sports Festival held at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam, in an event that brought together over 5,000 sportswomen in the country.

The event was organized by the Ministry of Arts, Culture, and Sports to foster women's sports, as directed by President Samia Suluhu Hassan.

The SGA Security provided security throughout the event and emergency services, with ambulances, rapid response vehicles, and fire engines.

Sambu explained that SGA Security will also next month sponsor the NBC Capital City Marathon in Dodoma,

which will be the second year running.

He also noted that the security firm is also the sponsor of the Great African Cycling event.

The cycling event that traverses four EAC member states began in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania on August 1, 2021, then crossed to Kenya via Tanga, heading to Mombasa, Nairobi, Kampala, Kigali, Bujumbura, and Dodoma.

The event is set to cover 6,000 kilometers and takes 55 days, with the penultimate stage being the EAC headquarters in Arusha, on September 25, 2021.

The SGA seeks to align with the event's theme of having one EAC, bridging the trade barriers, and bring East Africans together to live harmoniously as one people with one destiny.

On football, he said SGA Security also supports grass-root academies with the provision of sports kits, safety, and health tips. It sponsors Magnet Youth Sports Organisation, the academy that is producing youngsters that are undergoing trials in European academies now.

Among them include Baraka Seif, who was in Ajax Amsterdam, while others are at Celta Vigo in Spain and Leicester FC in England.

"We are proud to be associated with Magnet and it pleases us to see results of our partnership", Sambu added.

He explained that these partnerships are part of the leading security firm's celebration of the 50th anniversary of their operations in East Africa.

SGA Security has a fleet of over 800 vehicles across the region, covers on average 12,000 kilometers daily to support trade in East Africa. "In every shilling being physically handled in East Africa, about 80 cents came via SGA Cash in Transit", he added.

SGA Security is the largest security services provider in East Africa, employing over 19,000 employees distributed across EAC member states. It covers a wide range of security services including Cash-in-Transit, guarding, alarm response, courier, and electronic security solutions.

Sports betting firm to sponsor six outfits in Africa

By Guardian Reporter

A sport betting brand, known as '10bet Africa', has finally been launched in Africa, with a commitment to support football growth on the entire landmass.

These big words have already got a backup with even bigger actions, as the global brand will be sponsoring six football teams/clubs from six different countries in Africa.

The 10bet Africa will sponsor the outfits in a partnership agreement that will run for three years, with the company serving as the official betting partner.

The partnership clubs that will enjoy these endorsements are Dodoma Jiji FC of Tanzania, Talanta FC of Kenya, Enyimba FC of Nigeria, Aduana Stars of Ghana, Red Arrows of Zambia, and Daring Club Motema Pembe Football Club of Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

The outfits will work with 10bet Africa to establish and solidify their presence in Africa.

The 10bet Africa's Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Arthur Perry, said: "We are thrilled to have formed these partnerships to support and contribute to the football industry in Africa."

Perry noted: "It's a major step towards achieving our main goal, which is making football fans happier all around the globe."

"But enriching today's football in Africa is only the beginning. The 10bet already began investing in African's football of the tomorrow by supporting grassroots football."

"It goes without saying that there is prodigious and arguably unmatched talent in the football industry in Africa."

Perry revealed: "Thousands of young talents

who don't reach their potential due to limited coaching or facilities. 10bet has started to equip these youngsters with professional coaching and even various sports kits to grassroots teams, where the future talent of major teams lies."

Parallel to team partnership, Perry pointed out, the company is specializing in bringing exciting experiences to football fans.

According to Perry, the passion and love for fans to their teams and players are key to 10bet Africa, so the planned initiatives and engagement with fans is something that Africa's sports landscape has never met before.

He disclosed: "This is just the start, partnering with football clubs is a strategic inception focused on knowledge sharing and experience exchange through capacity building."

"It is an ongoing initiative as there are more opportunities not only in the online betting industry but also in developing football in Africa, taking note of iconic talents from Africa representing other countries, the likes of Samuel Chukwueze of Nigeria and Mbwana Samatta of Tanzania. These partnerships are truly a game-changer."

This is just the start, partnering with football clubs is a strategic inception focused on knowledge sharing and experience exchange through capacity building

SPORTS

Women's sports festival a smashing idea

By Correspondent Lloyd Elipokea

IT has to be admitted boldly and ecstatically that the inaugural Women's Sports Festival, which wrapped up last weekend, was a bona fide peach of an idea.

Indeed, apart from celebrating women's sports in the country, the festival also served to highlight the oft underreported realm of domestic women's sports.

The hope, though, is that women's sports will not suddenly become the cynosure of everyone's attention only when the women's sports festival is being staged.

If we carelessly allow that to happen, it would amount to a deeply grave mistake.

Lest we forget, there are still many vexing concerns that bedevil women's sports on the home patch that have yet to be sufficiently tackled.

A few of these malaises include unequal pay, the gross lack of promotion, and the sadly titanic difficulties of securing sponsorship.

Unmistakably, the aforesaid hindrances are issues that require constant attention, and they should not just be put under the spotlight when the hour of the women's sports festival has dawned.

That being said, there can be no opposing the incontrovertible truism that the women's sports festival was a genuine masterpiece of an idea.

One can only hope that the festival paves the way for the obstacles impeding women's sports to receive greater attention than has already been the case.

Let us now turn our focus to the Taifa Stars who are on cloud nine after climbing three places up in the FIFA World Rankings.

Indeed, before their recent ascension, the Stars were stuck in 135th place but jollily, they are now a tad more comfortably placed in the 132nd position.

But, before we begin popping the champagne and oohing as well as aahing over the Stars' recent accomplishment, a cautionary note should be sounded.



Simba Queens SC's player (L), dribbles past Tanzania's U-20 women football squad's defender as the sides faced off in a match which was part of activities for commemorating the Women's Sports Festival, which took place in Dar es Salaam last weekend. PHOTO: TFF

Indeed, despite our obvious elation, it has to be borne in mind that climbing three places up in the World Rankings is not such a remarkable feat that justifies us all waxing lyrically about it.

Granted, it is a worthy achievement. However, perhaps what would taste sweeter is if we were able to outperform and outplay Benin in our forthcoming World Cup qualifier and that needs to be kept uppermost in our minds.

Moving on, I have often excoriated and put the Tanzania Tennis Association (TTA) under fire for its

woeful failure to cater to the needs of adult tennis players on the home front.

This criticism has also been echoed by other figures in local tennis, such as adult tennis players themselves.

Nevertheless, if the recent Masika tennis competition in Arusha is anything to go by, it would appear that our trenchant criticisms are falling on deaf ears.

Sadly, the Masika tournament featured many categories ranging from U-6 up to U-16 but what was conspicuously absent was any category for players exceeding 18 years of age.

Indeed, harnessing and grooming the talents of the next generation is an exercise that should never be sidelined, and bluntly put, this should be obvious to all concerned.

However, the million-dollar question left hovering in the air is this, if we continue to blindly put our faith in youth tennis alone, what happens then when these youngsters grow up?

That is the nagging question which the TTA has thus far catastrophically failed to answer.

Hockey association hosts coaching course in Tanga



Tanga Regional Commissioner, Adam Malima (seated 3rd R), poses for a photo with Tanzania Olympic Committee (TOC) officials, and their Tanzania Hockey Association (THA) counterparts when he graced the opening ceremony of a hockey coaching course in Tanga last week. The course is taking place in the region, gearing towards developing the game domestically. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA Hockey Association (THA) has stepped up efforts to develop hockey at the domestic level as the body is organizing a coaching course, which is taking place in Tanga.

Kaushik Doshi, THA secretary-general, said that they had been allowed to hold a level 1 hockey coaching course by International Olympic Committee (IOC), through Tanzania Olympic Committee (TOC).

About 28 participants are taking part in the ongoing coaching course, which started in the region on September 15 and will end on September 24.

The participants of both genders come from Tanga, Arusha, Dar es Salaam, Lindi, Mwanza, and Zanzibar.

They are Jackson Tairo, Joseph Steven, Alice Ongoro, Leah Shan, Zuwen Hassan, Andalwisy Kibona, Baraka Mpala, Nickson Dawson, and Stanley Ndelimbi.

Ally Nshoro, Davin Onenchan, Amos Nghambala, Kelvin Mwakidesi, Haji Selemani, Faki Mwalimu, Haji Amour, Elizabeth Daniel, and Rosemary Uwandameno also attend the course.

Hafidh Haji, Yusuf Yusuf, Sultan Issa, Elieza Mwankemwa, Edfonc Msemwa, Abubakar Hassan, Issa Mohamed, Adam Mohamed, Iddi Iddi, and Omar Mataka complete the list.

Doshi noted the course is conducted

by International Hockey Federation (FIH) Coach Educator, Egyptian Maggid Abu Talib.

According to the THA official, the course was officially opened by the chief guest, Tanga Regional Commissioner, Adam Malima.

The Regional Commissioner asked the course participants to double the number of coaches in their respective areas and start dreaming big from now onwards so that they can implement their dreams.

Malima further asked THA to organize a regional hockey tournament for both genders, to be held in Tanga next year, hinting that he will sponsor the event.

He further asked the association to step up efforts to spread hockey to all parts of the country.

He conceded hockey promotion is a challenging task in the absence of the sport's equipment.

During the course's opening ceremony, TOC secretary-general, Filbert Bayi, said that hockey was the only team sport that represented the country in Moscow Olympics in 1980.

He further said that TOC had assisted THA in 2017 through the Olympic Solidarity Development program.

The committee spent nearly 55m/- for various development hockey activities and projects.

About 1664 students of both genders took part in the hockey development program.

He further said that the course was supposed to be held last year but it was postponed to this year due to the COVID-19 outbreak which is ravaging the world.

The TOC official also thanked the chief guest, Malima, for gracing the occasion.

Henry Tandau, the TOC vice-chairman, was one of the committee's officials who were in attendance.

Abraham Sykes, THA's Chairman, thanked TOC, International Olympic Committee (IOC), and FIH for facilitating the course.

He appreciated the bodies for allocating the coaching course to THA at the right time.

According to him, the training will tremendously help to boost the standard of hockey coaches and their knowledge shall be upgraded accordingly.

He further stressed that if import duties are to be removed on sports equipment, then it will be easy for THA to spread the game to other parts of the country.

The course conductor, Maggid Abu Talib, also thanked TOC and IHF for allowing him to come to Tanzania and take charge of the course.

He asked all participants to start planning from now so that one day the country can fulfil its dream of going to the Olympic Games.

He further said that to achieve anything requires strategic planning and hard work to yield results.

Chelsea benefit from Tuchel's tweak to display title credentials

By James Olley, Senior Writer, ESPN FC

THOMAS Tuchel is not one of Chelsea's most expensive signings, but he showed in Sunday's 3-0 Premier League win at Tottenham that he is rapidly becoming one of the club's best.

The leap in stamina required from Champions League winners to Premier League title contenders requires precisely the sort of managerial acumen Tuchel delivered to turn a tight game into a comfortable win.

Of course, it helps when a player with the calibre of N'Golo Kante is at your disposal off the bench as a half-time substitute with the game goalless, but Tuchel sensed an opportunity by taking off Mason Mount and adjusting his 3-4-2-1 system in an intervention from which Spurs never recovered.

Few Chelsea managers have embraced the game's ruthless culture like Tuchel. After a brutal sacking at Paris Saint-Germain last year – on Christmas Eve, no less – he is acutely aware of the nature at clubs built remorselessly for success. As such, the 48-year-old has the enthusiasm of someone not interested in waiting to win, shunning talk of longevity to revel in the here and now.

Against Tottenham, he came, he saw, he substituted. Tuchel spent much of the first half on his feet in the visitors' technical area, visibly frustrated at poor decision-making in the final third. Some of the scrambled thinking was due to Tottenham's relentless early press, which harassed Chelsea's back three and central midfield duo into mistakes that encouraged a raucous home crowd.

Mount was a particular focus of Tuchel's ire, notably midway through the opening period when checking back to retain possession rather than risking a drive forward to maintain a counter-attack. This followed an earlier instance when delaying his pass to Romelu Lukaku blunted another breakthrough.

It was, nevertheless, a surprise that Mount was replaced at the interval, even if it marked the second successive weekend on which Tuchel has made a half-time change following Saul Niguez's dreadful debut against Aston Villa. Perhaps, though, most important was the message he sent.

"It seemed we changed the system but we just played it with more belief, more energy, more quality, sharper," Tuchel said. "It was simply too sloppy and not sharp enough in the first half. We relied too much on our skillful play in the first half. We forgot to bring the right attitude and energy to this game."

"This had to change and, well, if you have N'Golo on the bench and you want to step up in these parts of the game, it's the best player to

bring on because he is unique and can change any momentum," the Chelsea manager continued.

"So the change appeared to be, in terms of characteristics, a bit more defensive but we wanted to improve our compactness, ball wins, and spirit as a team." The impact was almost immediate. The reshuffle in midfield saw Kante operate slightly deeper than Mount, giving Chelsea a better chance of escaping the Tottenham press. Within four minutes of the second period beginning, the away side was ahead.

Marcus Alonso had just had a brilliant volley tipped over by Spurs goalkeeper Hugo Lloris, but the left wing-back's subsequent corner found an unmarked Thiago Silva to plant a header into the net. It was the standout moment in another fine display by the Brazilian defender, who turns 37 next week.

Chelsea were frustrated in their pursuit of Sevilla's Jules Kounde over the summer, opting not to pay the centre-back's €80 million release clause despite Kurt Zouma joining West Ham, but that decision can be vindicated by their remaining defenders excelling as Silva did here, defying a mismatch in pace with Son Heung-Min Son through exquisite positioning and commanding a reasonably high defensive line.

Kante, meanwhile, is hardly renowned for his goal scoring – his strike, which took a wicked deflection off Eric Dier, was only his 12th goal in more than 200 appearances for Chelsea – but the space he was afforded to line up his shot was further evidence of how Tuchel's tweak, with Mateo Kovacic, shifted slightly to the left, scrambled the home side.

Two goals in eight minutes ended the game as a contest. Spurs manager Nuno Espirito Santo had been brave in his team selection and Spurs began with tremendous energy despite a Thursday trip to Rennes, but Kepa Arrizabalaga, deputising in goal for the absent Edouard Mendy, was not truly tested and Nuno then failed to react as the game changed around him.

Mitigation can be found in his limited options and the risks he took in sending out a patched-up Dier and two of the three players who spent the week training in Croatia after breaching regulations to play in South American World Cup qualifying, Cristian Romero and Giovanni Lo Celso.

This was only Nuno's eighth game in charge, something he hinted at after the game when citing "a lack of time for us to work together," but while such comparisons should be riddled with caveats, Tuchel won six, drew two and kept five clean sheets in the same period, while also implementing a clear shift in ideology.

Solskjaer mocks Man Utd sack claims after win

LONDON

OLE Gunnar Solskjaer refused to answer questions about Manchester United's title hopes following their victory over West Ham instead joking about the turnaround in mood at Old Trafford following defeat in the Champions League to Young Boys.

Solskjaer was on the end of heavy criticism for his role in the 2-1 defeat in Switzerland on Tuesday only for a 2-1 win at the London Stadium on Sunday – thanks in part to Jesse Lingard's last-gasp winner and an even later penalty save from David De Gea – to prompt questions about the Premier League title.

"You're not gonna get me on that one now," Solskjaer said. "It's five games into the season. I was probably down and out and lost my job yesterday. That's the way it is at Man United."

"We deserved three points [against West Ham]. It's a hard place to come, here. Hopefully these points can make a difference. Let's see [about the title] when we get towards April and May."

Despite watching Lingard score in the 89th minute and De Gea

save Mark Noble's penalty in stoppage time, Solskjaer wasn't completely happy.

United went a goal behind thanks to Said Benrahma's deflected effort before Cristiano Ronaldo scored his fourth goal in three games to equalise, and the Norwegian was critical of his team's defending.

"We have to defend better," Solskjaer said. "We have to make it harder to break us down. For their goal the structure was wrong for whatever reason and we'll have to work on it."

United play West Ham again on Wednesday when their Carabao Cup campaign kicks off at Old Trafford.

Match-winner Lingard, who spent the second half of last season on loan at the London Stadium, is set to start with Solskjaer expected to make a host of changes.

"Jesse was quite clear he wants to fight for his place and be part of a Man United team that is going places," Solskjaer added.

"I can't speak for Jesse now but he's really contributing. He'll play on Wednesday as I'll make a few changes." (Agencies)

Why PSG and Premier League clubs are set to dominate the Champions League

By Mark Ogden, Senior Writer, ESPN FC

Barcelona's decline is no surprise, it's their new reality (PICHA: Joan Laporta-Ronald Koeman)

By Sid Lowe, ESPN Spain writer
"It is what it is. We are who we are." Gerard Pique wasn't wrong, but that didn't make it right. In the final minutes of Barcelona's opening Champions League match, the fans were having a whale of a time. From the south stand came laughter. Every time the ball was passed, there was another cheer. But it had nothing to do with what was happening on the pitch: they'd found a ball of their own to play with. It was better that way.

Out on the pitch Barcelona were losing 3-0, defeated on the opening night of the Champions League for the first time. The club that had gone 38 consecutive European games unbeaten at the Camp Nou was about to lose three in a row – from one record to another. They'd not managed a shot on target all night. That had never happened before, either: They had let in three goals, you couldn't help thinking, because their opponents didn't really need them to let in any more.

Yet this was not a sudden collapse, still less a one-off. It was not that much of a surprise, either. Their opponents were Bayern Munich, a genuinely good side. The last time they had met, only 13 months before, but a lifetime ago, Bayern had put eight past them and since then, Barcelona had lost all three of forwards who started that game: first Luis Suarez, then Lionel Messi and then Antoine Griezmann. On Tuesday night, Ansu Fati was injured, and Ousmane Dembele, and Sergio Aguero and Martin Braithwaite.

Standing at the side of the pitch at the end, Pique said there were "I don't know, four or five" kids out there. There were three 18-year-olds and a 17-year-old on the pitch. This, he said, is just the way it is. "Frankly," he said, "we're not among the favourites."

When asked about his captain's words, the coach Ronald Koeman agreed. There is a "gap" between Barcelona and teams like Bayern, they said. And few could disagree. Just look at the team sheets. The front cover of one Catalan newspaper ran with "Sad reality." It is what it is.

There was an acceptance of that reality, which may have been part of the problem. There was resignation, not rebellion. Not just after the game, but before it too. Even during it. For 20 minutes or so Barcelona had played quite well, they had resisted. It might not have been much, but it was something. It was noisy at the Camp Nou and you could almost sense supporters looking around and thinking: Well, this isn't so bad. And then it was.

Writing in AS, Santi Gimenez recalled Mike Tyson's famous line about how everyone has a plan until you punch them in the mouth. In recent years, the ease with which Barcelona have collapsed when they've been hit is alarming – there's a deep mental trauma to the way they lost 4-0 at Anfield in 2019 – but just as important this time is that the plan appeared to be to just try and get through it somehow, maybe fearing a trauma far worse. To continue the metaphor, it's as if a smalltown flyweight, standing there before Iron Mike, decided to hide in the corner of the ring, cover his face and hope to avoid getting punched in the mouth, counting the seconds until the bell.

Which, of course, they couldn't do. And if Bayern didn't pound away at them until they knocked them through the ropes and onto the judges' table below, cartoon birds circling their heads, it was because, well, what for? Once the first punch had landed, with defender Eric Garcia backing off and Thomas Muller's shot deflecting in, it was done. But still Barcelona stayed there, hanging on. As if to say, "Well, we lost, but at least it wasn't 8-2. At least we can still walk out of here, live to fight another day." It's like they knew they couldn't win and the only question was about how they would lose or, somehow, hold on for a point. Like there were some defeats that wouldn't matter. And, actually, maybe that's true, but that's where the debate lies, and some of the frustration too.

"It is what it is" is a line that was forever held against former Barca manager Ernesto Valverde after that chastening defeat at Liverpool – mostly by people who clearly didn't understand it right. (And one day, it might be worth revisiting Valverde and the two successful seasons sandwiched between three



Joan Laporta -

Ronald Koeman

unsuccessful seasons, a lid kept on a coming crisis.)

Back then, the Spanish set phrase "es lo que hay" was not used as an expression of inferiority or acceptance of the inevitable. This time, while still a set phrase, it was. This is the just the way it is. Everyone knows that, but you're not supposed to accept it. Or are you? Barcelona can't be a small team. Or can they? Must they? Is it what they are?

Everyone knows about the club's debt (almost €1.4 billion). They are aware of the reasons for this summer's emergency measures, even if they might question which measures were needed and how they were applied. Most fans welcome the fact that something is actually being done and are realistic enough to know that it affects the team, their expectations altered accordingly. You can't not notice that Messi went, either – for all that things might have been handled differently, Messi's exit is the ultimate expression of the crisis, the ultimate punishment for the economic failures of the Bartomeu regime.

You also can't have failed to notice how old some of those players are now, and how old they look. You can't have failed to notice how young the others are. These kids in whom hope is deposited, Jordi Alba's flaws are nothing new; you know that if Sergio Busquets gets turned, there's a problem. You know that Samuel Umtiti, sadly, just doesn't have the knees now even if he does still have the contract. You heard Sergi Roberto get whistled as if he was the biggest problem you have. And you know he's not the solution either.

You know you signed and sold Emerson, that you couldn't sell the people you really wanted to sell. You know there is a reason why those players that did come arrived as free agents and on small contracts, and why none of them are Erling Haaland. You know about the injuries. You will have heard Koeman say that there were literally no more forwards available; you might even agree, even after Yusuf Demir came on. You might have agreed with him saying that last season was a transitional year. Although, transition towards what? And, what does that make this season? And how long does it take, and how far does it go?

If you're of an optimistic or realistic

mind, you may be in favour of patience, even while that's a virtue for which clubs this size don't usually have the time. When Koeman says the team "will look totally different in four weeks," or when Pique says "I'm convinced we will end up competing," you might be on the same page as them. You may have been one of those excited by the introduction of Gavi, Demir and Balde, or the emergence of Nico. You probably do like Ronald Araujo, and you may believe in Garcia. You might like Riqui Puig, even if the manager doesn't. You must be excited by Pedri.

But none of that makes it easy to watch, even if you agreed with the tactical approach for now. And, more importantly, none of that makes it an easy process to work through. Because if you have to be patient, you have to be patient. If there is belief, you have to believe. Everyone has to, which is not easy. Because if, on Tuesday night against Bayern, there was a certain acceptance of reality, there is a difference between accepting and embracing. And if Koeman and Pique said it is what it is, the president who has to oversee the process can't or won't. He also isn't at all sure that the man in charge should.

While they were trying to put the defeat in context or a dose of reality, the following day, club president Joan Laporta published a 30-second video in which he said that this was a "scenario that we always anticipated." Yet he also said that he was "indignant and disappointed." He asked for patience twice and support/trust three times and vowed: "We will fix this."

Most fans welcome Laporta's willingness to communicate, explain the situation and be open about the crisis; they certainly welcome the feeling that he is trying to actually take action, but it is a curious video: short yet repetitive, pleading, lacking the charisma that normally defines Laporta. It also changes everything. By its very existence, things are different now. If this is reality, if your team is unbeaten in the league and if you really genuinely want patience, how does a video like this really help?

Javier Tebas recently accused Barcelona of being mentally held hostage by Florentino Perez, the Madrid president; there's actually a bit of a hostage vibe about this video. There is little by the way of explanation, including: fix what

exactly? Laporta asks for trust for those running the club, but not the manager. He asks for patience, but "indignant" isn't a word that invites it. His clear, public disconnect with Koeman mitigates against it.

"Indignant" is not really a word that fits with a situation you foresaw, either. Unless, of course, it is Koeman doing this you foresaw, your mistrust of him confirmed. Fix...that? It's already public knowledge that Laporta wants Koeman to play a certain way, which is not this way. That for all that the structural problems are a reality, for all that the squad is unquestionably weaker than it was, for all that Bayern are a huge side and better than us, reality – our reality – needn't be this.

The very fact that such doubts are there makes coming through this harder – certainly coming through it together: As one sporting director puts it, there are two types of managers: weak and strong. And once the players know he is weak, he is finished. There is a hint of a threat to his manager in the video, a very public reproach. More to the point, there's been more than a hint of a threat in previous briefings, stories immediately following meetings with media. Koeman has called him out on those, the whole thing increasingly open.

There have been reports that Laporta will give Koeman three more games – such ultimatums always seem absurd – which means he might as well give him none. Which, put bluntly, many would welcome. But your manager is your manager until he's not.

Laporta does not believe in Koeman, and Koeman does not trust Laporta. In the summer, Laporta publicly admitted that he would keep Koeman only if he couldn't come up with something better. He couldn't. Koeman is still in the job because of the cost – €12m that Barcelona don't have – of kicking him out of it. Better if Koeman goes, but he won't: This is the job he always wanted even like this, one that deep down he knows he probably wouldn't have got in different circumstances.

And so here they are, stuck in a marriage of convenience that, like so much else at Barcelona, has become deeply inconvenient. But then, like so much else at Barcelona, it is what it is.

Gwiji by David Chikoko



SPORT

Barcelona's decline is no surprise, it's their new reality



St. Anne Marie Academy's students, who have graduated from the school, perform some of Bongo Flava songs during the 17th graduation ceremony that was held at the school premises at Mbezi Kimara kwa Msuguri in Dar es Salaam last weekend. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

Mtibwa Sugar to introduce new head coach tomorrow

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA'S Premier League outfit, Mtibwa Sugar FC has said it will unveil its head coach tomorrow.

Mtibwa Sugar FC information officer, Thobias Kifaru, said seven local coaches and 70 foreign coaches applied for the post, but he kept a tight lid on identities.

Kifaru (pictured) said the coach was supposed to be in the country on Saturday, but could not make it as he was supposed to undergo the COVID-19 test before arriving in the country.

The Mtibwa Sugar official stated: "The process was very intensive and tiresome, we had seven local and 70 foreign coaches who applied for the post."

"We are happy that we have found a coach, we believe he will be of great importance to the club's dreams and visions," he said.

However, there are indications that former Azam FC and Simba SC head coach, Cameroonian Joseph Omog, is favourite for the post.

Mtibwa Sugar is looking for a highly qualified individual with a Pro-Licence and a degree in sports management.

The requirements put local coaches out of the race as none has such qualifications.

Former Yanga head coach, Cedrick Kaze, recently disclosed that he had also handed in his application for the Morogoro-based outfit's head coach post.

Kifaru said the club expects the new head coach to have vast knowledge on how to develop coaches and also introduce modern ways of coaching into their system.

Additionally, the coach should have a clear strategic plan for the development of football. Kifaru said they would cast the net wider.

"We felt that we did not do enough research around the world to attract a wide pool of applicants. We will also approach UEFA and various football associations in Europe so that we can get the right person," Kifaru said.

The Mtibwa Sugar's head coach post has fallen vacant after Burundian tactician, Thierry Hitimana, who was about to sign for the Morogoro-based side, signed for Simba SC.



Yanga were denied three penalties against Rivers United FC, says Bumbuli



Tanzania's Yanga player, Mukoko Tonombe (R), dribbles past Nigeria's Rivers United FC player when the sides locked horns in this season's CAF Champions League preliminary round's return leg, which took place in Port Harcourt on Sunday. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

TANZANIA'S Young Africans SC information officer, Hassan Bumbuli, has questioned some of the officiating after his side was beaten by Nigeria's Rivers United FC in a 2021/22 CAF Champions League preliminary round's return leg match played in Port Harcourt on Sunday.

The Tanzanian representatives, alias Yanga, bowed out of the competition after losing 1-0 in the second leg of the first preliminary round on Sunday evening.

Substitute, Uche Onwuasonaya, netted the winning goal for Rivers United FC men nine minutes from time.

Yanga lost 1-0 in the reverse at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam to tumble out on a 2-0 aggregate score.

Bumbuli believes Yanga should have been given up to three pen-

alties in the first half.

He was left furious with decisions made by the match officials.

Bumbuli revealed: "We could have killed the game very early but the officiating was biased against us especially in the first half where we had like three clear penalties that were denied."

"That is water under the bridge. We have gained valuable experience."

Speaking after the team arrived in Dar es Salaam, Bumbuli also slammed their hosts, claiming that they had a fixed agenda.

Bumbuli disclosed: "We have learned vital lessons in such games especially concerning COVID-19, our counterparts came with a malice agenda. They could not prove the COVID-19 results."

Four Yanga players were said to have tested positive to COVID-19 barely one hour before kick-off.

The move was contested by the club officials as dirty tricks aimed to distract them from focusing on the game.

In the first leg, Rivers United FC accused Yanga of employing dirty tricks when six members of the former were said to have tested positive to COVID-19 barely two hours before kick-off at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium.

After falling short of their expectations, Yanga will now seek redemption in the domestic league scene on Saturday when they take on age-old rivals Simba SC in the Community Shield.

The tie serves as the curtain-raiser to the 2021/22 Mainland Tanzania Premier League season.

Yanga will open their league campaign with a tricky fixture on the road against Kagera Sugar.

Simba SC confirms squad numbers for 2021/22 season campaign

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

SIMBA SC has confirmed the outfit's squad numbers for the 2021/22 season. Coach Didier Gomes da Rosa's squad has all mostly kept the squad numbers from the 2020/21 campaign.

The Msimbazi Street-based club has confirmed four changes to their squad numbers for the 2021/22 season ahead of the Community Shield match against age-old rivals, Young Africans SC, popularly known as Yanga.

New arrival, Pape Ousmane Sakho, has taken jersey number 17 which was left behind by Clatous Chama, who left the club at the end of last season.

Chama was sold to Morocco's RB Berkane after three successful seasons with Simba SC.

New winger, Peter Banda, takes over Luis Miquissone's number 11 shirt with the Mozambican's move to Egypt's Al Ahly.

That's a lot of pressure on the young man who was on loan at Sheriff in Europe before signing for Simba on a long-term deal.

Congolese center-back, Henock Inonga Baka, will wear a jersey number 29 shirt after his arrival. The number 9 shirt remains vacant.

Mali midfielder, Sadio Kanoute, will take over the number 13 shirt previously worn by midfielder Said Ndemla who has been sent to Mtibwa Sugar on loan.

Defender, Israel Mwenda, will wear jersey number 5, and recently signed goalkeeper, Jeremiah Kisubi, will don 32.

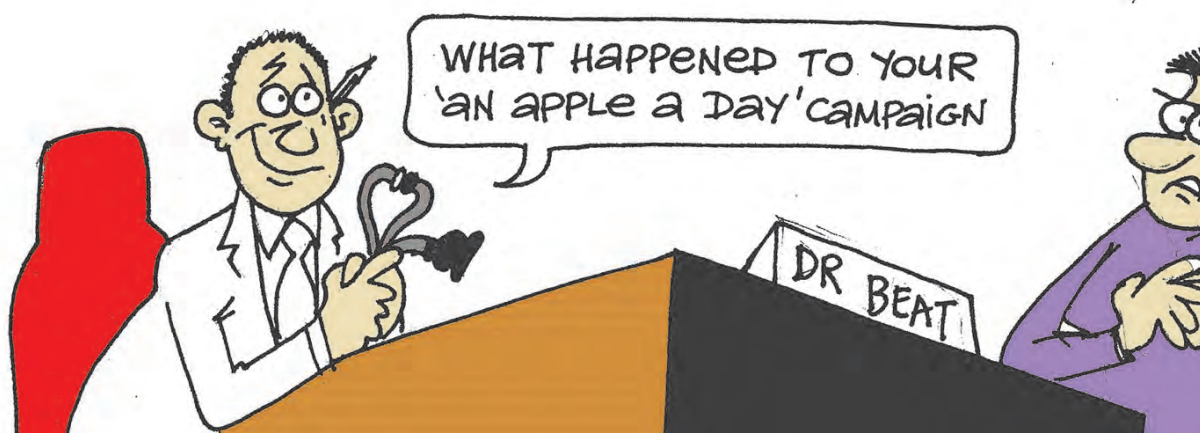
Following his move from Kagera Sugar, forward, Yusuph Mhulu, has been allocated jersey number 27, and fellow striker, Dennis Kibu, who has been signed from Mbeya City FC, given jersey number 38.

The remaining members of the squad will retain the numbers previously held during the 2021/22 season.

A full list of squad numbers can be seen below:

1. Ally Salim, 2. Gadiel Michael, 3. Bernard Morrison, 4. Taddeo Lwanga, 5. Israel Mwenda, 6. Pascal Wawa, 7. Kope Mugal, 8. Larry Bwalya, 10. Ibrahim Ajibu, 11. Peter Banda, 12. Shomari Kapombe, 13. Sadio Kanoute, 14. Meddie Kagere, 15. Mohamed Hussein, 16. Joash Onyango, 17. Ousmane Sakho, 18. Erasto Nyoni, 19. Yassin Mzamiru, 20. Jonas Mkuze, 21. Jimmyson Mwanuke, 22. John Bocco, 23. Duncan Nyoni, 24. Hassan Dilunga, 25. Abdulsamad Kassim, 26. Kennedy Juma, 27. Yusuph Mhulu, 28. Aishi Manula, 29. Henock Baka, 30. Benno Kakolanya, 31. Ahmed Teru, 32. Jeremiah Kisubia and 38. Dennis Kibu.

Flexibles by David Chikoko



Mali midfielder, Sadio Kanoute, will take over the number 13 shirt previously worn by midfielder Said Ndemla who has been sent to Mtibwa Sugar on loan.

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13:00 Wanawake Live (r)
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14:00 DK 10 za Maangamizi
14:30 BBall Kings Highlights (r)
15:00 Funguka
15:30 5SPORTS (r)
16:30 #HASHTAG
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18:00 eNewz
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