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By Getrude Mbago, Dodoma

THE government has reaffirmed that it is working on robust measures to address the acute shortage of teachers in public schools.

Deogratius Ndejemi, the Regional Administration and Local Governments deputy state minister in the President's Office, made this affirmation in the National Assembly yesterday in the question and answer session.

Emmanuel Mwakasaka, (Tabora Urban) had demanded to know the government's strategy to address the shortage of primary school teachers in rural areas, with the deputy minister saying the measures are aimed at transforming the education sector.

"The government has been hiring teachers annually to cover the gaps in



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areas with acute shortages and it will continue doing so as per availability of funds," he stated.

Data by global institutions indicate that Tanzania is among ten countries in the world with acute shortage of teachers and with a high projection of the total number of teachers who have to be recruited by 2030.

An earlier report by the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) and the Education for All Global Monitoring Report on World Teachers' Day said Tanzania needs to recruit at least 406,600 new teachers by 2030.

UN reports appear to be more optimistic on the situation, as accessible data affirmed that the country had a shortage of 26,000 teachers, a figure attributed to the Ministry of Education and Vocational Training, before 2020.

Yet the data from school reporting and other surveys was indicating last year that

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President Samia Suluhu Hassan has an audience at Chamwino State House in Dodoma Region yesterday with Dr John Nkengasong (2nd-L), the coordinator of the US President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) doubling as Special Representative of the US government for health diplomacy, and Peter Sands (L), Executive Director of the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. Photo: State House

NGOs upbeat on global AIDS response partners

By Guardian Reporter

THE visit by global HIV response partners to Tanzania this week has raised expectations of local affiliates to those organisations to showcase their work and possibly improve their roles in service delivery tasks.

Deogratius Rutatwa, the National Council of People Living with HIV/Aids (NACOPHA) chief executive officer told journalists yesterday of the NGOs' readiness for the visit by officials of key global health response partners.

Dr John Nkengasong, the director of the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention in the United States who is also overall administrator of the President's



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Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), similarly the US global anti-AIDS coordinator and special representative for global health diplomacy, is the top official in the visit.

Others include Peter Sands, the World Bank affiliated Global Fund executive director, and Angeli Achrekar, the United Nations Agency on HIV/Aids (UNAIDS) deputy executive director, slated to visit NACOPHA's offices in Dar es Salaam tomorrow.

The team is already in the country, meeting with representatives of networks and community groups of people living with HIV, including young people from

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Yanga lifts Federation trophy for local double

By Guardian Correspondent

YOUNG Africans SC yesterday defended the Azam Sports Federation Cup (ASFC) title, cruising to a 1-0 win over Azam FC in an entertaining final at the Mkwakwani Stadium in Tanga.

Zambian international Kennedy Musonda scored the goal that separated the two sides in the 12th minute and endured to the final whistle.

The Jangwani Street (Dar es Salaam) club



was still bristling with being handed over the league trophy and earlier confetti on reaching the CAF Confederation final.

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'Child labour as yet persists nationwide'

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

DOMESTIC work as well as engagement in farms, street trading and in artisanal mining are the leading areas in child labour nationwide, a key agency has observed.

Mohamed Khamis Hamad (pictured), the Tanzania Commission for Human Rights and Good Governance (CHRAGG) vice chairman made this affirmation here yesterday when presenting the commission's report to mark the World Day Against Child Labour, observed on June 12 each year.

On a day that is meant to foster discussion and act as a catalyst for taking position against child labour, he said these spots have become avenues for child abuse, many of who miss out in education, get low payment and face health hazards that retard their growth.

"The commission recognises and supports various efforts taken by the government in eradicating child labour,"

he said, pointing at the ratification of various international and regional protocols on the subject.

The law prohibits child labour both in Union legislation and the Zanzibar Child Act, deeming it an offence to place a child into a situation of doing any work that can affect his health, education, mental or physical development and growth, he said.

Despite these efforts there are various deficiencies including children still being hired for regular hard work in such



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places, fostering child abuse retard their educational, physical and mental growth, he said.

Child labour often arises from abject poverty and pervasive neglect, even with any understanding on the effects of child labour, experts say.

He used the world day event to ask communities to put in more efforts in the respect of human rights and desist from subjecting children to systematic labour instead of an appropriate upbringing.

He said the constitutional and legal framework was clear in this regard, in relation to the various laws, policies and guidelines, appealing for greater engagement of international agencies to take steps to attain the rights of communities and eradicate child labour.

The community needs to cooperate in disclosing individuals engaging children in regular work, he stated, appealing to parents and guardians to make sure they protect their children by ensuring access to basic needs.



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the current shortage stands at more than 160,000 teachers in all ranges of curriculum needs.

There is no data projection on recruitment as it depends on annual budget estimates, but UNESCO experts also referred to lack of funding and low production of teachers from higher learning institutions as among reasons for the major challenges facing the teaching profession.

The deputy minister said that from fiscal 2018/19 to 2021/22, the government employed a total of 26,598 teachers, with 16,640 working in primary schools and 9,958 in secondary schools.

He elaborated that 1,111 teachers were assigned to work in Tabora Region, while in the outgoing fiscal year the government has hired 13,130 teachers, where 7,801 were assigned to various primary schools and 5,329 in secondary schools.

The government has equipped teachers with essential equipment including home tools such as mattresses as part of efforts to encourage them to work in various settings and deliver well in class, he said.

He responded to the MP's

supplementary question as to the government's incentives plan for teachers in rural areas, with the MP asserting that incentives are vital for teachers to stay in rural areas, that this is part of what is needed to overcome the teacher shortage crisis.

The deputy minister was less affirmative on incentives, acknowledging the need for such incentives and pledging follow ups as per the availability of funds.

The deputy minister said that the government has been deploying teachers as per needs of relevant areas, especially in rural areas.

He appealed to district executive directors to ensure that teachers under their supervision areas remain there as per existing regulations and public service procedures.

The government conducted a review of all areas with a shortage of teachers and new recruits are being hired to fill the gaps, "so when the teachers ask to move, the gaps increase," he stated.

The government conducted an assessment in all areas with acute shortage of teachers and this has been helping in allocating newly employed teachers by following a list of priority areas, he added.



Zanzibar House of Representatives Deputy Speaker Mgeni Hassan Juma (R), who doubles as Vice Chairperson of the Tanzania Women Cross-Party Platform (Ulingo), presents Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi a trophy standing as token of congratulations to him for his record on protecting and maintaining peace, stability and national unity as strong foundations for promoting education, health, sports and the Blue Economy. The event was held at Zanzibar State House yesterday. Photo: Zanzibar State House

Egypt to start importing meat from Tanzania

By Guardian Correspondent

MEAT from Tanzania will be sold in Egypt following talks with a delegation from the North African country with the minister for Livestock and Fisheries, Abdallah Ulega.

THE Egyptian delegation assured the minister that before the Eid el Hajj holiday they should start importing 100 tonnes of meat.

Ulega made the revelation at a brief breakfast meeting in Dodoma yesterday shortly after meeting the Egyptian delegation that was led by the vice chairman of the country's National Service Projects Organisation (NSPO), Maj. Gen. Hossam Nigeda.

During the discussion, Maj. Gen Nigeda told the minister that their aim is to continue strengthening the existing cooperation between the two countries by opening a meat market in Egypt. He added that they are mobilised to establish a modern abattoir in Tanzania that will enable them to export 600 tonnes of meat

each month, including live animals of 10,000 cattle, sheep and goats every month.

He explained that in the coming days they are in plans to import 100 tonnes of meat before the Eid el Hajj holiday in order to start advertising Tanzania meat in Egypt.

Egypt is among African countries with a big population, not less than 120 million hence it will be a good trade opportunity for Tanzania in meat trade.

For his part, Livestock and Fisheries Minister Ulega assured Maj Gen Nigeda that Tanzania is ready and will provide adequate cooperation to make the meat trade a success.

Other members in the Egyptian delegation included the chief executive officer of the National Fisheries and Marine Life Corporation, Islam Attia Abdel Hamid, chairman of Egypt's Livestock Services Maj. Ge Ihab Saber Youssef and the chief executive officer of Trading Company, Dr Hatem Ahmed.

NARCO adopts new operational system

By Getrude Mbago, Dodoma

THE National Ranching Company (NARCO) is currently restructuring its operations so that it operates as a full business oriented entity after the majority of investors operating ranch blocks failed to perform as per the set regulations and standards.

Deputy Minister for Livestock and Fisheries David Silinde made the statement in the House yesterday that the ministry through NARCO was taking robust measures to ensure that all ranching blocks produce productive outcomes.

The minister said that in an assessment conducted by the company last year a number of local investors who had entered into contracts to lease various ranching blocks owned by the NARCO, have failed to develop the potential ranches.

"The assessment also revealed that NARCO is facing capital challenges, so it has prepared a new proposal to enable it to obtain capital from various financial institutions," he said.

He made the explanations when responding to a question posed by Naghenjwa Kaboyoka, Special Seats MP (Chadema) who wanted to know the government's plans to conduct assessment of investing companies under NARCO so as to see their productivity in the economy.

The deputy minister said in October, 2022 the government through NARCO conducted an assessment on 116 blocks that have been leased to various investors to determine the investment situation based on the business plans contained in their contracts.

However, the evaluation found that 76 investors are conducting their activities and producing positive outcomes as per contract and 40 investors haven't performed well.

He further said that in efforts aimed to strengthen NARCO and its operations, the government invested a total of 4.6bn/- in the 2022/23 financial year to procure standard breeding cows, construct long water wells and procure modern farming and harvesting equipment as well as storing animal feeds.

The National Ranching Company Limited (NARCO) is a parastatal organisation under the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries responsible for large scale commercial ranching in the country.

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high learning institutions, he said.

"These organisations are key partners when it comes to delivery of services related to HIV across the world and their coming means a lot to us," he stated.

While UNAIDS is principal stakeholder for accelerated,

comprehensive and coordinated global action on the HIV/AIDS pandemic, the Global Fund and PEPFAR are the main support partners to the government in ensuring the pandemic control goals are achieved, he pointed out.

"This will be an opportunity for PEPFAR and the partners to jointly

and meaningfully engage and learn from communities how they have been impacted by the support received and what needs to be done further to sustain the gains made in the HIV response."

Working in partnership with the government, PEPFAR and partners have greatly contributed

in improving the quality of lives of PLHIV through improved care and treatment services, he said.

A strong community of PLHIV and a more enabling environment that address barriers to access HIV services in the country contribute to the feel good environment, he added.



Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa addresses delegates to a workshop on the building of awareness on the effects of excessive noises in houses of worship. It was held in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: PMO

SBL plans to upturn sourcing of raw materials from smallholder farmers

By Guardian Correspondent

SERENGETI Breweries Limited, one of the largest brewers in Tanzania, has said that it is targeting to increase its source of raw materials from smallholder farmers up to 85 per cent of its total raw materials in the upcoming fiscal year - 2024/25.

The firm, whose next financial year begins next month, currently sources 70 per cent of its raw materials from local farmers who are under a contract farming scheme with it.

SBL started engaging farmers in a contract farming modal ten years ago, back in 2013. The farmers in question provide raw materials such as maize, barley and sorghum to the brewer.

The brewer entices the local farmers to engage in the scheme as a way of empowering them by providing them with agricultural skills and agricultural inputs such as seeds and fertiliser as well connecting them with credit

insurer facilities.

In addition to planning on increasing its capacity of sourcing raw material from smallholder farmers, SBL will look at the possibility of increasing the number of regions from which the brewer sources raw materials.

Currently, SBL engages with smallholder farmers in seven regions, namely, Arusha, Kilimanjaro, Mara, Manyara, Mwanza, Singida and Shinyanga.

Commenting on the initiative, which falls under the firm's 'Grain to Glass' pillar, SBL Communication and Sustainability manager, Rispa Hatibu said: "Our main source of raw material for production comes from agricultural outputs, hence, we have been working closely in partnership with our local smallholder farmers to source raw material from them."

"Through this arrangement, we engage our agricultural experts to impart our smallholder farmers with agricultural skills and the necessary agricultural inputs to

enable them produce sufficient cereals that are up to standard," she added.

She explained that ultimately farmers are capable of producing enough yields for which they have ready markets, "and, essentially we look at this arrangement as a win-win type of partnership".

SBL's support is based on facilitating trainings to smallholder farmers that work with the brewer, purchasing agricultural input and facilitating initiatives that would enable the small-holder farmers to practise farming in a more sustainable manner, "including but not limited to regenerative agricultural practices".

Hatibu elaborated: "Owing to such success, which is a cut-across for SBL and smallholder farmers, SBL will continue to invest towards the development of smallholder farmers by enabling them to practise sustainable agriculture and improving the agricultural sector as a whole.

"Our intent of growing the

number of farmers to partner with and even reaching more regions, goes hand in hand with our efforts to contribute towards the sector which is the backbone of our country's economy."

Over 400 smallholder farmers across the seven regions in which SBL engages with farmers have been benefiting from the contract farming scheme with the brewer.

The firm determined to increase the number of smallholder farmers in the course of its upcoming financial year with the increase in the percentage.

Commenting further on the brewer's investment in agriculture as a whole in addition to the contract farming scheme, the manager said SBL has been strategically implementing a scholarship programme for students from poor households who are pursuing agriculture courses in colleges for the purpose of imparting them with proper agricultural skills.

The programme, which is popularly known as Kilimo Vivanda, has proved highly beneficial to students from farming families. Through it, the brewer bankrolls all school-related expenses of the beneficiaries.



A human resources and operations superintendent with Barrick Bulyanhulu Gold Mine pictured at the weekend in Mwanza addressing students of institutions of higher learning based in the city. It was at a Barrick-sponsored AIESEC Tanzania career fair. AIESEC is a global platform meant to help young people develop their leadership potential through diverse practical experiences kinds, including internships and volunteering opportunities. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Govt spends 52bn/- to procure 528 vehicles for primary health services

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

THE government has spent 52.06bn/- in procurement of 528 vehicles that are soon to be dispatched to provide primary medical services countrywide.

The minister of State in the President's Office in-charge of Regional Administration and Local Government, Angela Kairuki said that 316 of the vehicles were ambulances while 212 other cars will be commissioned for supervisory duties.

"We have taken into consideration the geographical landscape of our country as well as problems facing the remote precincts where roads are some of the challenges in outreach health programmes," stated minister Kairuki.

She explained that each region and district council will get a vehicle to undertake primary health services and already the first consignment of such cars has been shipped to the Dar-es-Salaam port.

The vehicles have been purchased by funds from the International Monetary Fund (IMF)'s Covid-19 Response Emergency Support to Tanzania.

Previously the government had spent 1.65bn/- to purchase a total of 517 motorcycles whose distribution to local councils started in September 2022.

Meanwhile, the deputy permanent secretary in the President's Office - Regional Administration and Local Government Dr Wilson Mahera Charles, said Tanzania is also investing over 950bn/- in the construction of new hospitals, dispensaries and health centres across the nation.

Dr Mahera added that the country intends to spend 200bn/- of the same in the procurement of medical equipment and supplies.

Both the minister and the permanent secretary were addressing delegations of health workers and officials from 184 district councils meeting in Arusha.

The delegates include the regional and district medical officers, PRO-RALG officials as well as the coordinators of HIV-AIDS programmes undergoing a working training workshop taking place at the Mount Meru Hotel's conference hall in Arusha.

Organised by the Ministry of Health through the Health Promotion and System Strengthening (HPSS), the sessions are meant to review the executions of medical-oriented projects being undertaken nationwide through the Global Fund Programmes.

There was also the introduction of the Prime Vendor System which is a complementary procurement pathway for continuous medicine supply initiated through the health promotion and system strengthening.

The Health Promotion and System Strengthening (HPSS), is a people-centred project that follows a comprehensive systems approach in developing innovative solutions and supporting their integration into national institutions, systems and policies.

Working in partnership with the HPSS project strives to improve access to, utilisation and quality of health services in Tanzania.

It was also revealed that Tanzania dedicated nearly 70bn/- in the fiscal year 2022/2023 for medical equipment and supplies and that until January 2023 a total of 33.15bn/- had already been disbursed to regional local governments to that effect.

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

Zanzibar will continue implementing economic diplomacy policy - minister

THE Zanzibar government has said that, in collaboration with stakeholders from the private sector, it continues to implement the economic diplomacy policy in order to attract investors, capital, know-how, markets and technology in various production sectors including industries and agriculture.

The implementation of the policy of economic diplomacy is among important issues laid down in the foreign policy stressed by the government.

Speaking here yesterday in the ongoing session of the House of Representatives, the Minister of

State in the Second Vice President's Office (Policy, Coordination and House of Representatives) Hamza Hassan Juma said at the moment the government, in collaboration with these various stakeholders is in preparation for the national coordination plan for the implementation of the economic diplomacy.

Juma was responding to a question asked by the Mwanakwerekwe Representative, Ameir Abdallah Ameir who wanted

to know how the new economic diplomacy was contributing to the country's agricultural and industrial revolution. "Among achievements attained in the implementation of economic diplomacy is the increase of investments in the farming and industrial sectors. These achievements have been attained from our cooperation regionally and internationally," he said.

He added that the implementation of the policy has contributed to the increase of Tanzania's exports,

especially agricultural exports.

According to him, economic diplomacy has empowered the youth to become a driving force in the farming and livestock revolution.

The minister added that during 2022/23 the government, through the ministry of Foreign Affairs and EA Cooperation and other Zanzibar ministries and public institutions, sent 250 youth to Israel to internship training in agriculture and livestock keeping.




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1	BUL-23-06-04	Gravity Circuit Upgrade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Company /Firm profile Detailed proven previous experience for the similar works. Organization chart-Manpower resources- List of manpower with resumes to be submitted. Gant chart- High level schedule of works indicating all major milestones. High level method statement on how to carry out all mentioned works. Company Health, Safety & Environmental Policy. Quality control and assurance policy of the company. Detailed quality control plan, inspection checklists for the work. Contractor to have qualified Mechanical, Civil and Metallurgical engineer with experience on gravity circuit and plant optimization in general

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1	BUL-23-06-03	Rock Properties Tests for all Lithological Domains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laboratory/Company/Firm profile High level schedule of similar works indicating all major milestones. Experience in conducting similar projects in large scale Underground mines across the world. International accreditation with more than 10 years of experience. Testing equipment specifications to conduct Uniaxial Compressive Strength (UCS), Uniaxial Compressive Strength with Elastic Modulus & Poisson's ratio (UCM), Triaxial Compressive Strength, Brazilian Tensile and Direct Shear Tests Updates calibration history of all testing machines Proof of Sample preparation machines and techniques to ensure flatness, straightness and perpendicularity of sample prior to testing. Resumes of all technical stuffs with more than 5 Years experience in Material Testing Laboratory.

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Apply for your IDs early, says NIDA

By Guardian Correspondent

THE National Identification Authority (NIDA) has called upon Tanzanians with the required criteria including those who have attained 18 years of age to apply for national ID cards as early as possible instead of waiting until the need arises.

The Authority issued the directives a few days after thousands of people, mostly youth thronged their offices seeking for the cards in order to join the National Service (NS).

NIDA spokesman, Geoffrey Tengeneza said the recent congestion of the youth caused a lot of inconveniences hindering them to get the cards while others were conned by people who had promised them to get the cards quickly.

Tengeneza said: "There is another way that the people can use to get the cards without inconveniences via online registration, but the basic thing is to put their details therein

that will simplify the process in getting the ID cards without much difficulties.

"And that is why we have been insisting to the people to apply for their IDs early instead of waiting until when you need them.

"For example June 5 this year it was reported that all Form VI leavers who are to attend NS should have their details ready to get NIDA cards but at the same time fraudsters used the opportunity to con the students promising that they will get for them then cards without difficulties."

He said due to the congestion of the youth at NIDA offices seeking for NIDA cards, NIDA staff were forced to work overtime to serve them and Ilala district alone received applications from 200 to 250 youth per day who were seeking the cards.

"And that is why we have been insisting to the people to apply for their IDs early instead of waiting until when you need them"

Government lauded for construction of permanent African Court premises

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

PRESIDENT of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights, Lady Justice Imani Daud Aboud, has commended the Tanzanian government for fulfilling its promise to construct the permanent premises of the Pan-African Judicial body in Arusha.

On 2nd June, the government of Tanzania officially handed over the construction site to the appointed constructors.

Demonstrating its commitment, the Tanzanian government allocated a budget of 4bn/- (approximately \$1.7 million) in June 2022, and this month made an additional budgetary contribution of 5.4bn/- (\$2 million) towards the construction.

The estimated total cost of the project is 61bn/- (about \$25,792,811).

During the site handing over ceremony at LakiLaki area, located 25 kilometers on the outskirts of Arusha town, Justice Imani Daud Aboud emphasized Tanzania's dedication to fulfilling its promise of constructing the African Court's permanent premises. She expressed optimism that the Court would be ready for occupation within the next 24 months.

Presently, the African Court operates from temporary offices located at the Tanzania National Parks (TANAPA) buildings, pending the completion of the permanent premises.

The construction of the African Court's permanent premises in Arusha signifies a significant milestone towards enhancing the Court's institutional capacity and promoting the rule of law within the African continent.



Rev. Musa Nathaniel (L) of Dar es Salaam's Boko congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania pictured at the weekend presenting medical equipment and supplies to Muhimbili National Hospital nursing director Redemptha Matindi for used by children undergoing cancer treatment at the hospital. The items were a donation by ELCT Boko women. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

ACT-Wazalendo promises free clove trade on assuming power

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ACT-Wazalendo said it will offer free cloves trade market it rises to power during the 2025 elections.

The remarks were made by the party's vice chairman, Othman Masoud Othman when addressing a public rally at Wete in Pemba North Region.

He said the current system in which a farmer toils to produce cloves which the government buys and sells to foreign markets is not right as it retards the crop's

development.

He said history shows that Zanzibar was leading in cloves production in the world, producing more than 20,000 tonnes a year but over the years, production has plummeted to about 4,000 to 8,000 tonnes per year.

Othman who is Zanzibar First Vice President in the Government of National Unity (GNU) said another way to develop the crop is to make it free, in order to eradicate smuggling. "Even though the government has been giving

subsidy the current price of cloves by 80 per cent to farmers is still low, there is still the need for letting them sell the crop outside the country instead of letting the government do it after they produce it.

According to him, cloves production costs is high, saying one tin provides 7,800 profit, and after deducting the cost of pickers, the profit remains 4,000/- per bucket.

As for now, first grade cloves is sold at 14,000 but the government has been forced to subsidise the price due to plummeting cloves

prices globally.

In regard to food crops farmers, Othman said they were not benefiting by the tourist market because the government has failed to supplement them in order to raise production.

"Zanzibar's tourism sector depends on food from Tanzania mainland because our farmers are not well empowered, but, but had they been so empowered they would by now be benefit from the tourism sector," he said.

He said over 80 per cent of employees in the tourism sector hail from outside Zanzibar because the government has not prepared its youth professionally since its inception by the Phase V phase of President Salmin Amour.



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- BRELA detailed search certificate i.e statement indicating Tanzanian ownership percentage, Tanzanian management and below management employment percentage to determine classification as an Indigenous Tanzanian Company as per the Local Content Regulation, 2018.

Kindly send your response by email to bulytender@barrick.com by latest 1800hrs on the 20th June 2023. Any responses received after this date shall not be considered.

Please quote the above Reference number and description on your Expression of Interest submission.

If you do not hear from us in 21days after the deadline date, please consider your EOI unsuccessful.

Pre-qualification of any company submitting an "Expression of Interest" shall be at the sole discretion of BGML.

For and on behalf of BULYANHULU GOLD MINE LIMITED

THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA
TANZANIA COMMUNICATIONS REGULATORY AUTHORITY
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PUBLIC NOTICE

APPLICATION FOR LICENCE UNDER THE CONVERGED LICENSING FRAMEWORK

NOTICE is hereby given to the public that the Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority has received application for Licence under the Converged Licensing Framework from the following applicant: -

S/N	NAME OF APPLICANT	TYPE OF LICENCE	SHAREHOLDERS / NATIONALITY	SHARES %
1.	Infinity Link (T) Limited	Regional Application Services	1.Thomas Deus Akaka-Tanzanian 2 Luke Norbert Simama-Tanzanian 3.Abdulradhaq Nadhir Rwehabura-Tanzanian	34 33 33

Pursuant to Section 8 Of Electronic and Postal Communications Act, Cap 306 of the Laws of Tanzania, written comments are hereby invited from any interested person in respect of the grant of licences to the applicants to reach the Authority, within 14 days of publication of this notice. Such comments will be taken into consideration when the Authority considers the application.

Comments should be addressed to:

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Himiza Development Organisation director Prisca Ngweshemi conducts parenting training for parents and guardians in Kitunda ward in Ilala District, Dar es Salaam, at the weekend. Photo: Correspondent Sabato Kasika

Kagera RC tasks cooperative unions to improve coffee production quality

By Correspondent Mutayoba Arbogast, Bukoba

KAGERA Regional Commissioner, Fatuma Mwasa has tasked cooperative unions' leaders to make various strategies on improving the quality of production of coffee in order to offer better prices for farmers.

RC Fatma made the call over the weekend when she was addressing the first Kagera Cooperative Development Forum, under Tanzania Cooperative Development Commission (TCDC), which brought together members of AMCOS, SACCOS and other kinds of cooperatives from all seven districts (eight district councils) of

Kagera Region.

"While touring Kyerwa district, I crossed the border to the other side of Uganda, just to find the town is beautiful and more industrious than our side, the residents there didn't hesitate to tell me most of their wealth came from our coffee," the RC said.

She said as Kagera Cooperative Union, 1990 Ltd - KCU, Karagwe and Kyerwa Districts Cooperative Union - KDCU, and Ngara Farmers' Cooperative Society - NFCS) is doing coffee business, they should put in mind that any businesses need competitiveness.

He stated that to curb the rate of our coffee smuggled out of the country does not need much force, but rather to buy coffee

from farmers by paying them a better price than what is paid in neighbouring countries, or paying more than they are getting.

"The government will continue with its move of intercepting illegal trade, confiscate the consignments and other procedures, but on your side, you should be more creative to see the income of your farmers from coffee rise to higher level, as well as paying them within 24 hours contrary to the current 48 hours", said Mwasa

Low price is said to be a major reason that has been forcing some coffee farmers to smuggle the crop to markets in the neighbouring countries.

Kagera Cooperative Development forum chairperson, Respicious John,

said there is improvement of coffee price, since the Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa directed of selling coffee through online auctions, as now a kilo of unskinned Robusta coffee fetches Sh2300 compared to Sh1400 in 2021/22 season, and was hopeful the payment will continue rising.

Kagera region cooperatives registrar, Robert George, said there are 369 cooperative societies (288 active, 81 non active) with 81,351, and that his office has been monitoring the uses of digital system in cooperative societies to make easy for leaders, farmers and members get right information over performance of their cooperatives, but the main challenge is that most of executive secretaries are old persons, some over fifty years old, to be able to catch up with digit proficiency.

He urged the cooperatives to employ young people who are competent.

Government plans to incorporate groups in councils' loans scheme

By Getrude Mbago, Dodoma

THE government is looking at the possibility of incorporating men in the 10 per cent loans issued by district councils in the country so as to also lift them up economically.

Deputy minister of State in the President's Office, Regional Administration and Local Government, Deogratius Ndejemi told lawmakers yesterday here that as part of its wider plan to transform Tanzanians economically, the government was looking to consider all groups of people in various financial opportunities issued by the government and its institutions.

He was responding to a question raised by Kinondoni MP, Abbas Tarimba wanting to know the government's plans to incorporate men groups in the district council's loans opportunities.

The legislator said that since the government is in the process of improving the provision of loans, especially the 10 per cent loans issued by districts, was it not thinking that this was the right time to amend the Local Government Finance Act so as to add men groups in the provision of the loans.

"Providing the loans to women alone isn't fair because men are the ones who head the family and have roles to take care of the family, so it is better to consider them in the loans so as to improve them economically, neglecting men in the loans also affect unity within families," the lawmaker lamented.

The deputy minister said that the government was reforming policies and laws to ensure that district loans continue to benefit the groups but also expand the services to more groups.

He said the government was currently reviewing the Local Government Finance Act, to improve it and align with the current needs and a team of experts

appointed by the Minister of the portfolio Angellah Kairuki has already started to review the policy and the Act where one of the things is how to incorporate the group in the loans.

The deputy minister said once the team completes the job, a bill will be submitted to the House for discussion, debate and amendment.

He said that once the team has completed the work of reviewing the policy, the bill will be presented to parliament through the Standing Committee of the Parliament for discussion and then amendments.

He asserted that currently the 10 per cent loans are issued in accordance with the Local Government Finances Act, Chapter 290 (Section 37A) of 2018 and the regulations for the supervision and disbursement of credit to women, youth and people with disabilities of 2019 which were amended in 2021.

He said that the loans are issued to enable the groups to get interest-free loans considering that they cannot access loans in other financial institutions due to lack of collateral and inability to afford interest so that they can participate in economic activities and increase their income.



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Why Zanzibar Minister says building stronger universities decadal partnership is crucial

Inspired by the Building Stronger Universities (BSU) partnership symposium 2023 theme "Strong partnerships for stronger institutions: A decade of educational and research capacity building through BSU-DANIDA Project," the Zanzibar Minister of Education and Vocational Training Ms. Leila Mohamed Mussa has expressed her satisfaction with the higher learning institutions relations.

In her speech at the symposium held at the Zanzibar Beach Resort in Zanzibar, she said that the theme adds value to society by contributing to finding solutions to alarming problems affecting our society.

The State University of Zanzibar (SUZA) was in BSU partnership along with other partners include Universities: Gulu (Uganda), Hargeisa (Kenya), KCMCo and SUA (Tanzania mainland) with mentors from the University of Copenhagen and Aarhus University

"I am happy to learn that through a BSU-decadal journey, Universities have strengthened relations in ten years. This celebration speaks louder on the need for our research and higher education institutions to craft their projects to directly address issues of relevance to our society," Ms Mussa said.

She pointed out that much has been achieved in transforming the Universities in terms of important policies that were enacted and approved, curriculum that has been established including one of best-selling curriculum "Bachelor of Science in Environmental Health."

The Minister mentioned more good results from the universities partnership project as promoting e-learning platform and other courses that have been introduced, and that capacity building at the relevant departments which was realized through



additional new PhD holders through this project is much commendable.

She said "I am delighted to learn that this partnership has achieved significant output in research public health - on mosquito-related diseases and waste management; and on marine ecosystems - such as marine pollution control and coral reefs. Both research areas offer relevant insights into the existing Zanzibar priority of the Blue Economy as articulated by our

Zanzibar Blue Economy Policy."

Indeed, the Minister further said that this is at the crux of the policies of the Ministry of Education and Vocational Training and at the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar as it promotes education and research development to contribute to the overall wellbeing of the society.

Thanking the People of Denmark through DANIDA for support, she explained that

partnership highlights a remarkable example of a strong partnership, not just because it has lasted for 10 years plus, but also, of the stronger network it has established, and of the important capacity building it has realized.

"Such institutional development is timely for our higher education institutions in Tanzania as it will enhance their capacity to meet the national standards as prescribed by the Tanzania Commission for University

Standard Guidelines through enhanced learning and teaching environment, and higher excellence in research," the Minister told the gathering.

She further emphasized on reaching out to the stakeholders in the government to share this valuable information that is useful for planning, and also to continue coming-up with research that will bring more interventions on the problems that have been investigated for the past decade.

The Minister urged Universities or members of the project to further tap into the opportunities that come from south-south collaboration within the local institutions as well, and advised SUZA to keenly continue collaboration with international partners and strengthen the government institutions related to thematic areas of research.

Prof Hamad Issa- coordinator of the project at the SUZA explained that the BSU III project was a partnership program between SUZA and a consortium of Danish Universities led by the University of Copenhagen and that the initiative for BSU in developing countries, was launched in 2011 with the aim of institutional capacity building.

In 2014, the second phase and 2017 the third phase of the BSU programme. Since its first inception the BSU programme has been focusing more on developing research capacities through postgraduate training (MSc and PhD level) and funding of research supporting elements such as library facilities, laboratories, ICT, policies and guidelines, administrative procedures and the financial management of research projects.

Prof Issa said that with more than ten years now of BSU research support and collaboration; the symposium event marked

the closing up of the third phase of BSU project but also to commemorate the achievement made in those 10 years of research partnership and collaboration.

He explained that the selected thematic areas for SUZA BSU III project: Environmental Public Health (EPH) and Marine ecosystem health and services (MACES), are in agreement with Denmark's new development cooperation strategy 'The World We Share (2021)'. Prof said.

"It focuses on the need to tackle the causes and consequences of global warming in the context of improved environmental management and greater protection of biodiversity, but these thematic areas are also aligned with Zanzibar Development Vision 2050, National agenda for the Blue Economy and Zanzibar Research Agenda," Prof said.

It is anticipated that when SUZA is able to strengthen its capacity to undertake applied research, through postgraduate training of researchers to the levels of MSc and PhD, when the research environment including supporting administrative systems and organization including laboratories and libraries are strengthened, this will breed higher quality and more relevant research, and a better qualified workforce that can generate reliable and context-specific evidence that will influence policy and practice.

It has been five years now since the inception of BSU III, the delay that were mainly caused by the COVID 19 pandemic. "We highly appreciate the cooperation and close collaboration from many stakeholders most of whom were there during BSU III inception. The program ends by showcasing the progress, findings, achievement and challenges encountered during all these years of project."



Minerals ministry happy with Tembo Nickel refinery in Kahama District

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

PERMANENT Secretary in the Ministry of Minerals, Kheri Mahimbali has expressed satisfaction with Tembo Nickel refinery in Kahama District, Shinyanga Region, saying it will transform the mining sector in Tanzania.

Mahimbali made the remarks over the weekend when speaking with Tembo Nickel's management in which the company introduced its partners in the refinery plant.

He also pledged to offer full cooperation to the implementation of the refinery plant as planned.

Janet Lekashingo, Commissioner at the Mining Commission said that she will communicate with stakeholders to know the local content plans.

Benedict Busunzu, chief executive officer, Tembo Nickel said: "Having both investors on the Project increases the company's confidence. The Australian firm—Broken Hill Proprietary Company Limited (BHP) being the largest mining company, LZM's refining technology and the available resources such as people will enable it to achieve the first nickel mine in Tanzania."

Anne Nicacio, Vice President Business Development said: "In the 90s BHP conducted Nickel exploration activities in the same area; participating in the advancement of this highly quality resource that Tembo has is significant for BHP."

She said: "The last time BHP invested in Africa was more than a decade ago. Its investment in Tembo reflects the good work by the Tanzanian government to attract investors in the mining sector and other sectors."

She said BHP is committed to deliver social value to the economies, partners, environment, and communities and is excited that this aligns with the Government of Tanzania's vision.

Natasha Liddell, Chief Sustainability Officer, Life Zone Metals said that Lifezone Exists because of the technology that will be used to unlock Kabanga potential (mine-to-metal) in the country which means shared value has the potential to be significant. Making sure the benefits are for the Tanzanians.

According to her, the main focus is to have BHP as partners and to have achieve social value on all areas such as environmental and social. LZM Listing in the New York Stock Exchange elevates Tanzania globally by and Lifezone believes it will be one of the only pure-play Nickel companies listed on the New York Stock Exchange. Through the Listing LZM will have access to markets and be able to showcase Tanzania in this angle as well.

Nick Park, Vice President of Government Relations including Tanzania said BHP is genuinely excited by the perspective of this world class project. The process of studies the project has been through now will be an important part of getting us ready for something in the future.



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YST calls on govt to create enabling environment for students to participate in '4th Industrial Revolution'

By Correspondent James Kandoya

YOUNG Scientists Tanzania (YST) co-founder Dr Gozbert Kamugisha has called on the government to create an enabling environment to allow students to participate in the fourth industrial revolution.

Dr Kamugisha made the statement in Dar es Salaam over the weekend when briefing journalists on preparation of this year's YST scientific exhibition slated for December 7, 2023.

He said the world has entered into the fourth industrial revolution therefore, Tanzania should not be just an observer but an active participant based on ever increasing use of technologies such as the internet, robots and smart sensors.

He said as Tanzania is heading into the era of the fourth industrial revolution, YST has made robust efforts to prepare young people in secondary schools to be active participants.

"The efforts for improving the scientific and technological skills for young people have been at the forefront of YST's endeavour for the past thirteen years," he said.

He said this hand on science is geared towards finding practical solutions to problems facing people in their communities.

Dr Kamugisha said the science and technological projects that students are working on cover a wider range of science and

technology specialisation. He said all technological projects will be displayed at the December exhibition.

The projects include use of artificial intelligence in irrigation systems to minimise water wastage and optimal distribution of nutrients in the soil, bio-stimulant for minimising stunted growth in plants.

Others are mechanisms for reducing effects of climate change, safe water supply and detection of leakage in underground water using sensors, driver drowsiness detection and alerting system, drones for securing farms from birds and simple earthquake detectors.

He said the enthusiasm of students' involvement in scientific research and innovation has been reflected by this year's big number of project applications submission.

Dr Kamugisha said out of 979 science projects received by YST 361 science projects are being mentored by foundation science advisors. Careen Lowland, Executive Chairperson of the Karimjee Jivanjee Foundation (KJF) said has been supporting YST for 13 years.

She said KJF had also supported fifteen institutions in the country in different projects.

We are proud to be among sponsors of the YST for almost thirteen years, offering scholarships to secondary and university students," she said



Patrick ole Sosopi, a member of the opposition Chadema central committee, pictured late last week addressing a rally attended by residents of Mboliboli and Migoli wards in Iringa District, Isimani State recently. Photo: Correspondent Friday Simbaya

MSCL finalises process of starting construction of two modern ships

By Getrude Mbago, Dodoma

THE state-owned Marine Services Company Limited (MSCL) is currently finalising the process to commence construction of two modern ships to strengthen transport services in Lake Tanganyika, the House was informed yesterday.

Deputy Minister for Works and Transport Godfery Kasekenya said that MSCL will sign an agreement with the contractor later this month ready for the

commencement of the essential project.

He was responding to a question posed by Special Seats MP, Taska Mbogo who wanted to know when the government will complete construction of three ships to provide transport services in Lake Tanganyika.

"The government through MSCL has allocated a budget in the 2022/23 financial year for the implementation of projects to construct two new ships, one ship will have capacity to carry

3500 tonnes of cargo and one will be carrying 600 passengers and 400 tonnes in Lake Tanganyika. MSCL is currently in the final stages of negotiations with the contractor to facilitate the start of the construction. Contracts for the construction of the ships are expected to be signed at the end of this month," the deputy minister explained.

He also said that the government was in the final stages to renovate other ships including MV Liemba and will soon sign an agreement

with a contractor to commence the job.

Kasekenya assured that the government is committed to ensure that it revives both passenger and cargo transportation on Lake Tanganyika to stimulate economic activities and improve revenue.

He said the ferries whose construction will be launched soon have become a great need for citizens living in the areas where these ferries will provide services after their construction is completed.

He added that the government expects that people in the relevant areas will use the opportunity to improve transportation, strengthen their economic and social activities.



Widows congratulate Water deputy minister Maryprisca Mahundi (in green T-shirt) in Mbeya at the weekend shortly after she had a preparatory meeting for a widows' national conference to be held in the city next week. Photo: Correspondent Nebart Msokwa

Morogoro Region firm on planting 500,000 modern oil palm seedlings

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

MOROGORO regional authorities have vowed to plant 500,000 modern oil palm seedlings that will to a great extent transform the economy, and between 2023 and 2030 it hopes to produce 3 million tonnes of the palm oil raw material becoming among the regions with high oil palm production in the country.

The remarks were given here yesterday by Morogoro Regional Commissioner, Adam Malima during his visit to Msimba oil palm seed farm managed by Agricultural Seeds Agency (ASA) with more than 170,000 seedlings.

Malima said the 500,000 seedlings will be planted in the region's five districts - Kilosa, Kilombero, Mlimba, Malinyi and Ulanga because their residents have shown intention to cultivate oil palm.

Since the crop takes four years to harvest it is anticipated that beginning 2023 to 2027 the region will be among big palm oil producers, soap and other associated products.

He added that the region's expectation is that by 2030, Morogoro region will have more than one million oil palm trees that will be producing 3 million tonnes of oil palm raw materials.

According to him, Morogoro Region at present has a population

of 3.4 million and when it reaches 4.5 million or 5 million he wants economic growth to increase considerably in various crops including sisal, sugar cane, oil palm and rice.

For her part, Head of ASA, Dr Sophia Kashenge said oil palm cultivation is being developed in blocks through irrigation whereby one seedling takes 12 to 18 months in the block before being planted in farms and costs between 2,800/- and 3,000/-.

Dr Kashenge appealed to farmers and traders to grab the opportunity in oil palm cultivation that produces about 260 different raw materials including those for production of palm oil and margarine.



Members of Twikondele Beekeepers Group based at Buyange village in Bugarama ward, Kahama District, pictured yesterday placing hives at places in a forest they consider strategic enough to attract bees with relative ease. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Shinyanga RC promises to provide cooperation towards achieving goals of Mama Samia Legal Aid Campaign

By Guardian Reporter, Shinyanga

SHINYANGA regional commissioner Christina Mndeme has pledged to provide cooperation to achieve the goals of the 'Mama Samia Legal Aid Campaign' that offers legal aid to all Tanzanians free of charge, especially those living in peripheral areas

The RC also instructed all wards to ensure that they set aside special areas where service providers will be able to speak to individual people privately.

Mndeme made the pledge over the weekend to officially launch the implementation of the campaign in Shinyanga region at an event held at Sabasaba grounds in Shinyanga municipality.

The RC also pledged to team up with the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs and other stakeholders involved in the Mama Samia Legal Aid Campaign.

RC Mndeme said: "This campaign reminds all Tanzanians of the responsibility and management of decisions

that bring justice and he used the opportunity to remind all employees not to get involved in corruption issues that lead to the deterioration of access to justice."

Pauline Gekul, deputy minister for Constitutional and Legal Affairs said the Ministry will continue to cooperate with all the regions of Mainland Tanzania and Zanzibar to ensure that the Campaign is implemented properly to reach Tanzanians in all Wards and Streets in the country.

Gekul thanked President Samia Suluhu Hassan for managing the rule of law; consideration of human rights and strengthening the access to rights for all citizens but with a special eye for the disadvantaged citizens.

Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Constitutional and Legal Affairs, Mary Makondo mentioned the success of this campaign since it was launched in Dodoma Region and continued in Manyara Region as including the resolution of many social and even family disputes concerning

land that lasted four, five, and another ten years led to these people who did not greet each other and even refused to settle their differences.

Legal Services Facility (LSF) Resources Mobilization and Communication Manager, Jane Matinde said that the launch of Mama Samia's legal aid campaign is going to be held in every region while it goes hand in hand with the provision of legal aid services to stimulate access to justice for citizens especially the disadvantaged including women, children and special groups.

"LSF has been collaborating with the government at every level to facilitate access to justice through the implementation of the access to justice program. We are happy to see that we have also been part of important stakeholders in the implementation of this campaign in the country. We promise to continue to empower legal assistants at every district level to support the provision of free legal aid services to all citizens in the country," said Matinde.

SAUT students challenged to explore opportunities at diverse global platforms

By Guardian Correspondent, Mwanza

UNIVERSITY students have been challenged to explore opportunities available in various global platforms to understand world development issues and pursue their dreams.

Fanuel Kasenene, Mwanza City Council environmental officer made the call over the weekend when speaking at the symposium that involved university students, lecturers and various stakeholders.

Held at the Mwanza-based Saint Augustine University (SAUT), the forum was sponsored by Barrick Gold Corporation and organized by the global-led youth network (AIESEC Tanzania). AIESEC is a global platform for young people to develop their leadership potential through practical experiences of many kinds, including internships, volunteering opportunities, and more.

Kasenene called on students to take advantage of training opportunities like this to build their capacity to ensure that the knowledge they receive is implemented in practice instead of relying only on their professional education.

He also lauded Barrick company for its efforts to identify and develop the talents of young people at various levels of education and providing them with jobs in parallel and empowering them to be self-employed.

Through the symposium, which is held annually, students can understand how various institutions in the country run their activities, the main goal of which is to build them the ability to know the talents they have, learn how to be confident and face competition in the labor market, how can they realize their potential participate in contributing to the development of the nation once they have finished their studies.

Various experts gave topics to build students' ability to study hard and become more creative so that they can keep up with technological and digital changes so that they can benefit from the various employment opportunities that arise and also have the ability to be self-employed.

Barrick's senior human resources officers also participated in the exhibition and the conference where they had the opportunity to talk to students in relation to facing various challenges including employment, developing their talents and students also had the opportunity to understand how the international company Barrick conducts its activities by giving priority to help society in line with its plan to identify and develop talent for Tanzanian youth and its employees and the company's plan to successfully implement the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

In Tanzania, AIESEC is run by students and recent graduates of institutions of higher education. Its members are interested in world issues, leadership and management.

AIESEC is the global-led youth run network impacting the world through leadership development experiences. It also facilitates leadership development activities as well as professional international internships & volunteer experiences for over 65 years, developing a global learning environment across 124 countries & territories.



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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST AND A QUOTE Front End Engineering Design Services 4th Low Pressure Compression Facilities - Tanzania PanAfrican Energy Tanzania Limited.



12 June 2023

1. BACKGROUND

PanAfrican Energy Tanzania Ltd. (an Orca Company hereinafter referred to as PAET) is the operator of the Songo Songo Gas Project on Songo Songo Island (SSI), Kilwa District, Lindi Region, United Republic of Tanzania, and has a proven track record of successfully developing natural gas resources for domestic use in Tanzania.

PAET operates the Songo Songo license in Tanzania, which has a total area of approximately 170 km². The blocks are located in shallow water 15 km off the mainland coast, some 200 km South of Dar es Salaam. The Songo Songo project was Tanzania's first natural gas development and East Africa's first gas to power project. The SSI gas processing facility was originally designed with a 70MMscfd gas export capacity, which was subsequently re-rated to 110MMscfd in 2010 (2 x 55MMscfd dew-pointing trains).

The license contains the large Songo Songo gas field which lies in the southern area of the offshore Tanzanian Coastal Basin. The field is positioned on and slightly offshore Songo Songo Island.

PAET has significant ambitions to grow production from the Songo Songo field and is well positioned to capitalise on suitable value accretive opportunities in the country. With the widely held view of natural gas being a transitional fuel, the business is strongly placed to support Tanzania's expanding energy demands.

Songas owns the infrastructure that enables the natural gas from the Songo Songo field to be transported to Dar es Salaam, where it is consumed by power and industrial customers. This includes a 110MMscfd gas processing facility, a 25 km 120" offshore pipeline and a 207 km 180" onshore pipeline.

PAET operates the gas processing facility on behalf of Songas, as well as 8 wells in the SSI field (4 offshore and 4 onshore). PAET also owns and operates a 50 km downstream distribution network and a compressed natural gas facility in Dar es Salaam. The maximum facility export rate is constrained by the export pipeline operating envelope of 87.5bar(g) export pressure and a 52bar(g) arrival pressure at the Songas Ubungu Power plant.

The raw gas arrival pressure at the SSI gas processing facility is currently declining rapidly due to increased export production demand, which is below the minimum required by the original design. PAET successfully executed the Phase 1 plant upgrade (Refrigeration project) and Phase 2 plant upgrade (LP Compression project).

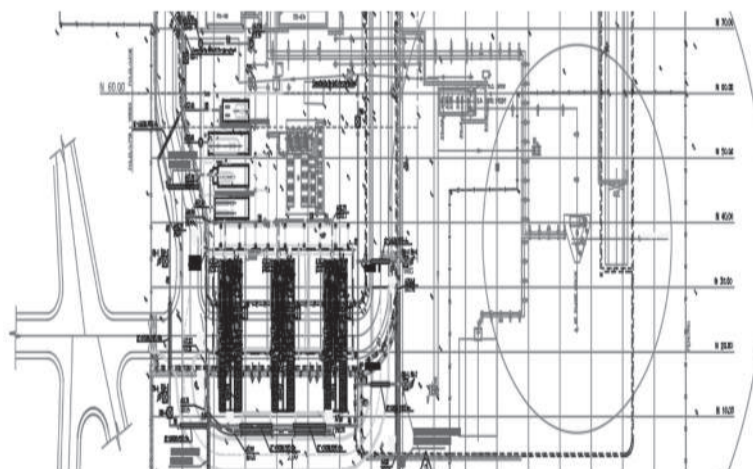
The objective of this project is to install a fourth (4th) compressor train to improve the Reliability, Availability, and Maintainability (RAM) of the gas processing facility, establishing the spare capacity of the existing compression system at 33%, at inlet pressures below 54bar(g).

The engineering design will be based on installing the 4th compressor train alongside the current 3 operating trains to provide an adequate sparing philosophy when required during periods of high demand. The work will recognise current field/reservoir considerations that call for separate manifolding of HP and LP wells.

The 4th compressor train is to be connected via the existing LP Manifold and in parallel to the 3 existing compressor trains. The new train will be equipped with the identical 2-stage reciprocating compressor and gas engine, with a 38bar(g) intake and 110Bar(g) discharge pressure, in a 3n+1 35MMscfd configuration for a maximum output rate of 105MMscfd. This assumes that future higher pressure wells will be configured directly to the existing high pressure (HP) Manifold which will make up the total gas supplied.

The compressors are driven by natural gas engines on skid mounted structures. The entire project mainly comprises a power part, compression part, pressure vessel, process pipe, air cooler system and instrument control part. The main engine is to be placed on a skid seat, and the air cooler is to be placed respectively on another skid seat.

The additional compressor will be located in an area adjacent to or opposite the existing LP compressor skids, as shown below:



Raw gas from the various lower pressure wells enters the gas processing facility via the installed LP manifold and LP separator. The new compressor train will tie-in downstream of this inlet manifold/separator configuration. After the gas has been separated, filtered, and compressed, gas from the LP compressors (LP-COMP-xxx-A/B/C/D) will be limited to a maximum supply capability of 105MMscfd and variable by means of controlled discharge from the newly configured 3n+1 facilities. The utilities, relief lines and auxiliary support for the main compressor system configuration will be considered early in the engineering design, the major capital equipment of which is shown below:

Compressor	Type: Reciprocating compressor. Suction pressure: 38 bar Discharge pressure: 110bar Capacity: 35MMSCFD Brand: As per current LP Package Type: Natural gas engine.	SET	1
Engine	Rated power: 1864kW Brand: As per current LP Package Air cooler: As per current LP Package Scrubber: 1/2 stage suction and discharge scrubber Valve: ESDV/BDV/BV/PSV, etc.	SET	1
Other components in the skid	Control system. Piping and Instrumentation. Steel structure.	SET	1
Compression shed	Compression shed	SET	1
ESD system	ESD control module and connection	SET	1
PCS system	PCS control module and connection	SET	1
MCC control system	MCC control box and accessories	SET	1
Steel structure	Steel structure outside the skid	SET	1
Pipeline	Pipe/Fittings/ Flange/Valve	SET	1
Cable	Cable/Cable tray	SET	1
Other Materials	Fire fighting equipment, CCTV, PA, etc.	SET	1
Spare parts	Commissioning spares and Two years spares	SET	1

Ref. No. 07062023 PAET FEED Services - 4th LP Compression Facilities - draft for internal review

2. OBJECTIVE OF THIS REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

PAET invites interested companies to provide responses to this pre-qualification EOI process. The Participants must be a fully registered legal entity.

This call for EOI signifies the start of an open, transparent, and objective pre-qualification process to bid for the services described. Selection of the preferred contractor will be based on the result of the pre-qualification process and contractors who have not completed the prequalification process will not be considered for award.

Parties are invited to notify PAET of their interest in taking part in the prequalification process in order to receive the package to complete for submission.

Potential Bidders should be well-established and reputable companies and shall indicate that they are willing, capable, experienced, and competent in supplying the said Services preferably to the Oil & Gas Industries. Failure to indicate clearly may result in disqualification.

3. PRIMARY TECHNICAL CAPABILITIES REQUIRED

The respondent should be able to demonstrate compliance with the following through the provision of concise applicable documentary proof:

- Facilities design covering gathering and processing facilities, infield flowlines and export pipelines in onshore settings.
- Geotechnical analysis for design and installation of onshore structures.
- Definition and evaluation of both brownfield and greenfield projects for upstream oil and gas field development.
- Process design including optimal process flow sheets, process flow diagrams (PFDs) based on closed heat and material balances (H&MBs).
- Instrument and control system design including Control Philosophy and control system specification (e.g., DCS / PLC) including relief valve sizing and specification.
- Rotating equipment design, sizing and equipment specification.
- Electrical and utilities philosophies, sizing and design to meet facility needs.
- Complete, sized equipment lists detailing capacity, duty, dimensions, materials of construction, operating pressure, and temperature (including major utility and infrastructure equipment), Data sheets for long-lead equipment.
- General arrangement drawings, equipment layouts and plot plans.
- Development of Operations and Maintenance philosophies.
- Conduct of HAZID and HAZOP studies and application of corrective action to reach final design approval.

4. FEED SERVICE COST ESTIMATE & SCHEDULE:

- A cost estimate should be supplied in accordance with AACE International Recommended Practice No.18R-97.
- The cost of the FEED services should assume a level of engineering and design detail to be provided that will enable the progression to ITT for the Engineering, Procurement Construction & Commissioning (EPC) phase.
 - The FEED work detail expected will enable a Class 3 accuracy estimate of -20% / +20%.
 - A previously executed LLP FEED study (related to the independent supply of compressor facilities to the SGP) can be utilised where applicable.
 - A FEED study schedule should be provided with the cost estimate.

5. REQUIREMENTS OF SUBMISSIONS

Interested parties will be required to provide evidence of prior experience in each of the areas defined above. Experience of projects in Africa is desired and contractors should highlight their expertise of delivering Front End Engineering Studies.

As part of the prequalification process potential bidders will be required to submit information to demonstrate their technical competency and relevant experience. As a minimum, this must include the following:

- Proof of experience in providing said Services preferably in the Oil & Gas industry.
- Proven relevant technical capability.
- Valid Company registration certificate, business/commercial license(s), Tax Identification, Tax Clearance Certificate, VAT sales tax number and recent BRELA Online Registration system (ORS) Annual return/Detailed Company Information/official Company Search or its equivalent for the International Companies.
- Proof of registration in the EWURA LSSP Database as the Local Supplier and Service Provider or for international companies indicating willingness to team up with Local expertise in any form as per the Tanzania Petroleum Act, 2015 and the Local Content Regulations, 2017
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- Proof of financial capability (provide latest approved audited financial statements for the past 3 years) and a Comfort Letter from your Bank.
- Any other current Certification, ratings and credentials for the Contractor.
- Current approved ESG policy.
- Completion of screening pack Checklist provided by Company via emails provided below.

6. SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

- All correspondence regarding this enquiry shall be in writing and communicated by e-mail via the emails provided below, otherwise the potential bidder may be disqualified from tendering at the sole discretion of PanAfrican Energy Tanzania Limited.
- All submissions must be considered 'commercial in confidence'. Documents should be password protected, with passwords submitted via separate email.
- Deadline for notification of interest is on Friday 23 June 2023 at 2pm EAT. Any EOI submitted after the deadline will be disqualified.
- Deadline for submission of prequalification package is on Friday 07 July 2023 at 2pm EAT. Any submission made after this deadline will be disqualified.

Physical EOI / prequalification package to be delivered to the following address:

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Attn: Bizimana Ntuyabaliwe, Deputy Managing Director.

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Keeping abreast of the changing nature of our world

TANZANIA'S natural beauty and sheer density of plant and wildlife species make it a top destination for eco-tourists. Almost a third of the country is protected, providing habitat for scores of species across 14 national parks. A fifth of Africa's large mammals can be found within its borders, including lions, hippos, elephants, zebra, and wildebeest, whose mass migration through the Serengeti is a major draw for safaris.

As with other African nations, the majority of Tanzanians are forced to live off the land, which, in turn, compromises it. With trees often the only source for fuel, deforestation has led to soil erosion. That and overgrazing by livestock has led to desertification in some parts of the country. Subsistence farmers then venture closer to wildlife to find fertile land.

Clashes are inevitable. Elephants, zebras, and other species destroy crops. Distraught farmers resort to killing wildlife to protect their own livelihood. Individual conflicts like this pale in comparison to the massive wildebeest migration: Only 15% of this natural phenomenon occurs on protected land. As the herds move, predators follow and nomadic herders' helpless livestock is caught in the middle.

Protection alone isn't enough. Providing Tanzanians with sustainable ways to raise crops and livestock, as well as providing other economic opportunities, will not only take the stress off the land, it will avoid deadly run-ins with wildlife.

Wildlife traditionally refers to undomesticated animal species, but

has come to include all plants, fungi, and other organisms that grow or live wild in an area without being introduced by humans.

Wildlife can be found in all ecosystems. Deserts, forests, rain forests, plains, grasslands and other areas including the most developed urban areas, all have distinct forms of wildlife. While the term in popular culture usually refers to animals that are untouched by human factors, most scientists agree that much wildlife is affected by human activities.

Humans have historically tended to separate civilisation from wildlife in a number of ways including the legal, social, and moral sense. Some animals, however, have adapted to suburban environments. This includes such animals as domesticated cats, dogs, mice, and gerbils.

Some religions declare certain animals to be sacred, and in modern times concern for the natural environment has provoked activists to protest against the exploitation of wildlife for human benefit or entertainment.

The global wildlife population decreased by 52 per cent between 1970 and 2014, according to a report by the World Wildlife Fund.

Indeed the world is full of amazing creatures from every possible medium. From the birds of the air to the majestic whales of the sea, wildlife abounds in the most unusual and unexpected places. Wildlife benefits us in many ways, and has since time out of mind. World Wildlife Day is a day to remind us of our responsibilities to our world and the life forms we share it with.

Our country needs to encourage voluntary blood donations more

IN developing countries such as Tanzania the availability of safe blood supplies is a scarce commodity and largely influenced by low participation rates amongst the citizens.

World Blood Donor Day is celebrated every year by people around the world on June 14.

A sufficient blood supply is a key part of an effective health care system and essential for disease prevention.

However the majority of Tanzanians do not know the importance of voluntary blood donation nor have the culture of donation.

Voluntary blood donation is still a foreign concept to the majority of Tanzanians, hence the need for the sensitization of the community to raise the awareness on voluntary blood donation and other necessary information regarding blood safety.

There is need for the government to provide countrywide campaign awareness so that people could learn and see the benefits of donating blood voluntarily. Unlike it is at the moment where many wait for close relative to be in need blood to contribute.

The blood we give could save the life of a woman suffering birth complications, revive and sustain a child with severe anaemia, facilitate urgent surgery, or provide critical support during a public health crisis.

There is a need for Tanzanians to voluntarily donate blood as the demand is still high due to a number of reasons, including accidents. Recently the Africa Society for Blood Transfusion (AFSB) approved six zonal blood centres with international accreditation, thus improving blood transfusion safety.

The approval of the six zonal blood centres adds to a total number of 50 blood transfusion

centres and puts the country in the third position in Africa for having blood transfusion centres that meet international standards. We want our people to access quality and safe blood anywhere across the country.

The government and partners have been working to maintain the blood transfusion standards to ensure those in need get safe and quality blood. With the accreditation, Tanzania is positioned to sell some blood products to other African countries. These products include fresh blood plasma and platelets. When a patient has a problem of blood clotting, he/she would need platelets while others would need fresh frozen plasma to help form blood clots to slow or stop bleeding and help the wounds heal.

Presently the current country's blood demand is 550,000 bottles annually but they can only collect 330,000 bottles a year which is equivalent to 60 per cent. Blood donation is vital because it helps to rescue people's lives including pregnant women therefore people should be encouraged to donate blood to meet the annual demand.

Efforts are on-going to educate people on the importance of donating blood. Most of the people, especially in rural areas, are still reluctant to donate blood.

Tanzania has been implementing a number of projects to improve blood transfusion services in the country which includes training of experts.

Blood transfusion services were established in the country in 2005 under the National Blood Transfusion Services (NBTS) with support from the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) through the US President's Emergency Plan for Aids Relief (PEPFAR).

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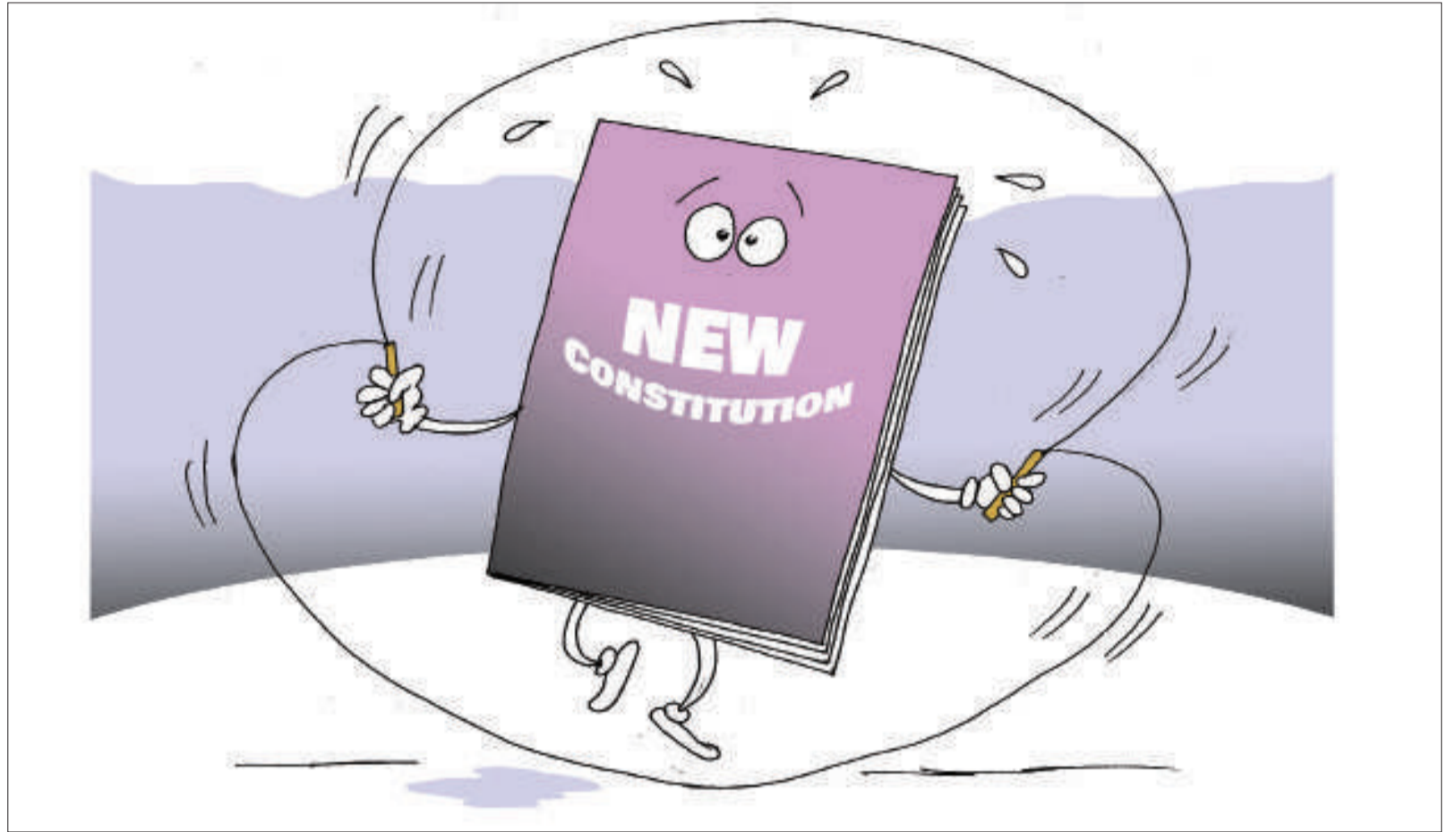
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By Winnie Byanyima and Sir Michael

Marmot

THE COVID-19 crisis has shone a light on the danger of pandemics; social crises have shone a light on the danger of inequalities. And the reality is that outbreaks become the pandemics they do because of inequality. The good news is that both can be overcome - if they are confronted as one.

Scientific and medical breakthroughs in the treatment and prevention of HIV should have brought us to the point of ending AIDS. Tragically, however, although the number of new HIV infections is falling fast in many countries, it is still rising in dozens of countries and the goal of ending AIDS by 2030 is in danger.

The reason: economic and social inequalities within countries and between them increase people's risk of acquiring disease and block access to life-saving services.

Letting inequality grow is driving pandemics and prolonging emergencies that drain economies and health systems. This makes all of us vulnerable to the next pandemic, while placing entire countries and communities of people in harm's way.

In too much of the world we see policy approaches which leave inequalities to widen, and even, in some cases, deliberately exacerbate inequalities.

On a global level when wealthy countries quickly invest billions in their own medical and social response, while leaving other countries so burdened by debt they have no fiscal space to do so, that undermines the world's capacity to fight AIDS and pandemics.

During COVID-19 while wealthy countries poured in billions to protect their economies, reduce economic and social hardship and fight the pandemic, almost half of all developing countries cut health spending and about 70% cut spending on education.

Viruses do not respect borders, so when the vaccines, drugs, and tests intended to stop those viruses go to powerful countries in excess, while other countries have little or nothing and are held back from producing medicines themselves, that perpetuates pandemics everywhere.

Similarly, social and economic conditions that perpetuate pandemics in low- and middle-income countries present a global threat. Much as with COVID-19 the same has happened with the MPox virus.

In recent years twice as many people have died of MPox in the Democratic Republic of Congo as the entire rest of the world combined but, as of today, zero vaccines for MPox had been

Close inequalities to end AIDS and prepare for any future pandemics



delivered to the DRC.

Social and legal determinants that make people vulnerable to pandemics must be tackled. Globally almost 5,000 young women and girls become infected with HIV every week. Dismantling barriers to sexual and reproductive health and rights services, investing in girls' education, and combating gender-based violence to remove gender inequity is key to ending the AIDS pandemic and protecting women's health.

Laws that criminalize and marginalize LGBT communities, sex workers and people who use drugs weaken public health approaches and prolong pandemics such as HIV. In sub-Saharan African countries where same sex relations are criminalized, HIV prevalence is five times higher among gay men and men who have sex with men than in countries where same sex relations are not criminalized.

Even within countries that are making substantial progress against HIV, advances may not be shared equally. Here in Brazil for example, HIV infections are falling dramatically among the white population as access to treatment is widened and new prevention tools such as PrEP are rolled out.

That shows what can be achieved; but HIV infections among the black population in Brazil are still on the rise. A similar story runs in the United States where gay white people are more likely to have access to good health care than gay black people.

We emphasize that it is not only access to health care that

perpetuates these inequalities, but the social determinants that increase the risk of infection.

To overcome inequalities in accessing essential services, communities must be empowered to demand their rights. The AIDS movement is one of the best examples of how groups of people experiencing intersecting inequalities can unite to overcome them, leading to millions of lives being saved.

Successive Commissions on Social Determinants of Health have brought together evidence on how the conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work and age are powerful influences on health equity.

To bring together these two strands of knowledge over the coming months we will be convening global experts from academia, government, civil society, international development and the creative arts to build a Global Council to advance evidence-based solutions to the inequalities which drive AIDS and other pandemics.

The council will unite experts from disparate fields of economics, epidemiology, law, and politics and will include ministers, mayors, and former heads of state, researchers and clinicians, health security experts, community leaders and human rights activists.

The work of the Global Council will harness essential evidence for policymakers. It will elevate political attention to the need for action. Most crucially, it will help equip the advocacy of the frontline communities fighting for their lives,

with what they need to shift policies and power.

Appropriately, the Global Council is launching in Brazil. Whilst Brazil has exemplified the challenges of intersecting inequalities, Brazil's social movements have been pioneers in confronting them, and Brazil's new government under President Lula has committed to tackle inequalities in Brazil and worldwide.

To fight tomorrow's pandemics, we need inequality-busting approaches to today's pandemics. The world's leaders now face a clear choice: stand by whilst the dangers mount or come together to tackle inequalities for a world that is not only fairer, but safer too.

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Transforming food systems through conscious, mindful practices

NAIROBI

Deep in the Egyptian desert, the SEKEM community celebrates its first wheat crop - grown to alleviate shortages and price increases caused by the war in Ukraine, and the latest crop in a 46-year history of regenerative development, which has effectively made the desert bloom. On another continent, a consumer who buys acai collected and produced by the Yawanawá in Brazil helps protect 200,000 acres of land.

Food connects people, cultures, and planet Earth. But rather than nourishing global health and well-being, food systems remain at the heart of the global community's social and environmental crises today.

Massive investment and efforts to transform food systems and existing policy and technical solutions are not delivering the desired impact. In the face of the global food systems crises manifested in food insecurity, unsustainable agricultural practices, and climate change, re-examining the origins of ongoing crises and barriers to transformation is critical.

Reframing How People Think About Food

Against this backdrop, the Conscious Food Systems Alliance (CoFSA) promotes consciousness as a key evidence-based practice to support systemic change. The alliance is built on the premise that reframing how people think about food is the key to unlocking food systems transformation, nourishing all people, and regenerating planet Earth.

"We know our food systems are in a critical state and sit at the core of the regeneration process this world greatly needs, and we believe this can only happen with a change of mindsets and heart-sets, with different values and worldviews," says Thomas LeGrand, CoFSA Lead Technical Advisor.

Convened by UNDP, CoFSA is a movement of food, agriculture, and consciousness practitioners united around a common goal: to support people from across food and agriculture systems to cultivate the inner capacities that activate systemic change and regeneration.

The alliance aims to leverage "the power of

consciousness and inner transformation, including proven approaches such as mindfulness, compassion, systems leadership, indigenous and feminine wisdoms, to support systemic change towards sustainability and human flourishing in the food and agriculture sector."

CoFSA Challenge Fund to Support Regenerative Food System Projects

The CoFSA Challenge Fund, which is about to be launched, intends to support the development of strategic, innovative ideas and solutions to scale up and accelerate progress toward the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development through the transformation of food systems, which is critical to achieving the UN's SDGs.

The Challenge Fund focuses on cultivating inner capacities for regenerative food systems. This constitutes a new field of practice that requires testing and innovation to identify, develop and nurture potentially transformative solutions.

In this first round of calls for proposals, UNDP will support approximately four pilot projects of up to USD 20,000.

Conscious Food System Links Supply Chain

A conscious food system is a holistic approach to the well-being of people and ecosystems, and where there is a connection and awareness between stakeholders across the whole supply chain, says Helmy Abouleish, SEKEM's CEO. He heads the holistic, sustainable development community established in 1977 by his father, Dr Ibrahim Abouleish, in the Egyptian desert.

According to UNDP, to transform the systems that harm people and the planet and how food is produced and consumed, "We need to look beyond the problems' symptoms and even systems' patterns and structures, at what fundamentally drives the systems."

Consciousness and mental models, or regenerative mindsets and cultures, are increasingly recognized as the key to unlocking systems change in food and agriculture. To this end, CoFSA applies consciousness approaches to technical solutions to support the cultivation and consid-

eration of inner capacities based on the premise that sustainable change comes from within.

Christine Wamsler, Professor of Sustainability Science at LUND University, emphasizes that there is "increasing scientific consensus that creating sustainable, regenerative systems do not only require a change in our external worlds. Instead, it has to go hand-in-hand with a fundamental shift in our relationships - in the way we think about ourselves, each other, and life as a whole."

Similarly, senior lecturer at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Otto Scharmer, stresses, "You cannot change a system unless you change the mindsets or the consciousness of the people who are enacting that system."

At the heart of it, mindful eating and activating transformation from the inside is a recognition that changing behavior is, at times, more about identity, emotions, and connections than data and analyses in the same way elections are campaigned and won against a backdrop of long-held beliefs and opinions.

Question Impact of Consumer Choices

"I think today, whatever you eat, however you dress, you need to ask yourself where they come from, what kind of impact they are giving back to the Mother Earth, cultural, economic, and spiritual environment," says Tashka Yawanawá, Chief of the Yawanawá that has survived for centuries in the Brazilian rainforests.

Awareness of the people and processes in food and agriculture systems aligns with indigenous wisdom and is at the heart of the approach taken by the Yawanawá people. For instance, Tashka Yawanawá says: "When somebody drinks the acai collected and produced by the Yawanawá, they're helping protect 200,000 acres of land."

"They are also supporting the preservation of our language, our culture, our cultural and spiritual manifestation. Making that link gives value to where you source these products from ... when you buy acai made by Yawanawá, you have an awareness that you're supporting conscious food."

UNDP stresses that

Conscious Food Systems Alliance (CoFSA) promotes consciousness as a key evidence-based practice to support systemic change - reframing how people think about food to unlock food systems transformation, nourishing all people, and regenerating planet Earth. Pictured here a farmer in Katfouira village on the Tristao Islands in Guinea benefits from opportunities to generate income and improve community life. Credit: UN Women/Joe Saade



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A marker trader at a vegetable stall in the village of El-Maadi near Cairo with heaps of fresh vegetables. CoFSA aims to renew lost ties between producers, the foods they grow, cooks, and consumers. Credit: Gavin Bell

Citizen science is key in helping to tackle threats relating to invasive alien species

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Nature is declining rapidly, and the rate of species extinction is accelerating. The Global Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Science Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) (2019) revealed that one million species are at risk of extinction. Invasive alien species, alongside climate change, changing use of sea and land, direct exploitation of organisms and pollution, are all major causes of the unprecedented and ongoing declines in biodiversity and ultimately the nature crisis that we are facing now.

Biological invasions defined

Species have been introduced through human activities around the world for centuries. These species, introduced intentionally and unintentionally into regions within which they would not naturally occur, are termed alien species. Following their introduction, some of these alien species establish and spread causing adverse, and in some cases irreversible impacts. This subset of alien species is termed invasive alien species. Across Europe alone there are more than 14 000 alien species, including many different plants and animals, and a proportion of these are invasive. There are many ways in which invasive alien species cause problems for other species – for example through predation, competition, transmission of disease or hybridisation. Invasive alien species are implicated in many extinctions worldwide, especially on islands which are particularly vulnerable to biological invasions.

Prevention underpins the global target to mitigate the impacts of invasive alien species

Adopted in 2022 the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework recognises the threat of invasive alien species to biodiversity and ecosystems through Target 6:

Eliminate, minimize, reduce and/or mitigate the impacts of invasive alien species on biodiversity and ecosystem services by identifying and managing pathways of the introduction of alien species, preventing the introduction and establishment of priority invasive alien species, reducing the rates of introduction and establishment of other known or potential invasive alien species by at least 50 percent, by 2030, eradicating or controlling invasive alien species, especially in priority sites, such as islands.

Target 6 acknowledges that preventing the arrival of alien species by managing pathways of introduction is the most effective approach to mitigating the impacts of biological invasions. However, managing established invasive alien species is also important and many possible approaches can be adopted to sustainably address the threat of biological invasions.

Citizen science: an important tool for tracking invasive alien species



The Asian hornet, also known as the yellow-legged hornet or Asian predatory wasp, is a species of hornet indigenous to Southeast Asia. It is of concern as an invasive species in some other countries.

Monitoring and surveillance are critical to informing both prevention and management, and play an important role in mitigating impacts at all stages of the biological invasion process. Citizen science is one of the many tools that can contribute to monitoring and surveillance of invasive alien species. This involves volunteers in data collection and in some cases analysis and interpretation. The profile of citizen science is rising and its value in supporting research and public engagement with science is widely recognised. Additionally, innovative approaches, including the use of smartphone apps for reporting invasive alien species, and the use of emerging tools such as artificial intelligence to support participants with species identification are also contributing to the popularity of citizen science. Many people are using the iNaturalist app to document their observa-

tions of plants and animals around the world. The Asian Hornet Watch app contributes to early warning of *Vespa velutina* and has underpinned the successful eradication of this hornet in the UK.

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Empowering people to take biosecurity action

Citizen science not only provides valuable data, it can increase awareness of the threats of biological invasions, foster a sense of community ownership and stewardship, and empower individuals to take action to protect their local environment. Many citizen science approaches include information on biosecurity

which encourages people to take action to reduce their part in spreading invasive alien species.

Celebrating collaborations through the IPBES thematic assessment of invasive alien species and their control

Global collaboration and partnerships are critical to addressing the threats of environmental change including biological invasions. The IPBES thematic assessment of invasive alien species and their control, prepared over the past four years by 86 leading experts from all regions of the world and across many disciplines, will constitute the first comprehensive and evidence-based assessment of invasive alien species. It will be considered by the member States of IPBES at their tenth Plenary session in August 2023 and represents a significant step forward in addressing the urgent and complex issue of biological invasions.

The report will present and critically evaluate the available evidence on the trends, drivers and impacts of biological invasions on people and nature. Furthermore, it will outline key management and policy options to achieve the targets set by the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development on biological invasions. This IPBES thematic assessment report on invasive alien species and their control will become an indispensable tool for governments, civil society, Indigenous Peoples and local communities, the private sector and all those seeking to address the issue of biological invasions. Effectively preventing and controlling invasive alien species will have far-reaching consequences in protecting the incredible diversity of life on Earth and ultimately contributing to the quest to reverse biodiversity loss.

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Tanzanian tourism envoy in US commends TFS

By Correspondent James Lanka, Moshi

TANZANIA'S Goodwill Ambassador for tourism in the United States who was appointed by the Tanzania Tourist Board (TTB) Macon Dunnagan will on June 26th this year start his 50th Mount Kilimanjaro climb with a group of tourists from the US.

The US national from Charlotte, North Carolina, who has climbed Mount Kilimanjaro 49 times, climbed Mount Meru in 2021, as well as a special two-day Mount Hanang climb from February 26th to 27th, 2023.

The Tanzanian tourism envoy in the US applauded the role played by the Tanzania Forest Services (TFS) in the protection and conservation of natural resources of tourism in the country.

He said: 'Mt. Hanang is diamond in the rough' adding that, there are clear indications of major and continuing infrastructure improvements without taking away natural beauty or the challenge of climbing the mountain.

Dunnagan explained that the 'secret' of his success for his special mountain expeditions in Tanzania is a great support from his wife Kimberley Dunnagan and the team from a Tanzanian renowned tourism firm-ZARA Tours.

In the year 2021, the tourism envoy had for the first time successfully Mount Meru climb to its highest peak-Meru Summit-4562 metres above the sea levels, before his 46th Mount Kilimanjaro climb for the cause.

He climbed Mount Meru located within Arusha National Park, visiting some other tourism destinations within the park including Little Serengeti and Momella lakes, a move that aims at promoting Tanzania's tourism destinations.

Speaking to this paper in an



exclusive interview in Moshi after his arrival from the US, Dunnagan said that he is going to start 49th six-day Mount Kilimanjaro climb on Monday next week with a group of other tourists through the Rongai route. "I am a professional mountaineer, as I have already climbed Mount Kilimanjaro 48 times, and I will have my 49th Mount

Kilimanjaro expedition with a group of other tourists from my country including my nephew Willy Dunnagan," he explained. Dunnagan added that he has enough experience on Mount Kilimanjaro and Meru climbing though he has experienced from Mount Meru climbing in the 2021 that the mountain (Mount Meru) is more challenging than Kili as

during his Meru summiting he used a special chain to climb as technical climb.

"My Meru expedition was more special and more challenging to me compared with Mount Kilimanjaro climbing, but I'm also thinking of climbing the highest mountain in Tanzania, Mount Hanang' located in Manjara region, one of the

northern zone regions of Tanzania" he enlightened.

The envoy explained that he has advertised major tourism destinations of Tanzania Washington DC Chicago Travel Shows, a move that aims at promoting our country's tourism destinations.

Between March 25th and 26th this year he also advertised Tanzania's major tourism destinations

in the Atlanta Georgia Travel Show with the core aims promoting this country's tourism destinations.

"I would also like to appreciate all who made my Mount Kilimanjaro Climbs successfully including the Tanzania National Parks (TANAPA) officials, as well as my professional Mountain Guide, Edwin Kilawe from ZARA Tours who always guided us during

our expedition," Macon explained during the interviews.

The US national commended the making of the Royal Tour Documentary by President Samia Suluhu Hassan, saying good results have been seen in promoting Tanzania's tourism destinations worldwide.

He added that the president made a wise decision to go for the film as it will help attract more investment that would result in creation of more jobs.

Before his official marriage in the US, the Goodwill Ambassador engaged his wife Kim Brown at the Serengeti National Park (SENAPA) some years back before celebrating their engagement by climbing Mount Kilimanjaro through the Rongai route in a special expedition organized by ZARA Tours.

Macon who climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro, with ZARA Tours for 48 times, comes to Tanzania every year two or three times with a group of tourists to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro and visit some tourism destinations in Tanzania with his group including Serengeti National Park (SENAPA) for fun or for the cause.

Tanzania's Goodwill Envoy in the US further explained that he has climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro 49 times, and wrote many books about the attractiveness of the country's tourism destinations including his famous book named 'Sons of Kilimanjaro', and later on he was named by the TTB a 'Goodwill Ambassador' for tourism in his country.

Ministry, Regrow spend 4.1bn/- to help communities around park areas

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

THE Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism, through Resilient Natural Resource Management for Tourism and Growth (REGROW) had spent 4.1bn/- for its plan to assist communities living around national parks.

The national parks near the communities include Ruaha, Mikumi, Udzungwa, Julius Nyerere (formerly Selous Game Reserve) and Kilombero Natural Forest under Tanzania Forest Services Agency (TFS).

REGROW deputy supervisor, Blanka Tengia made the remarks when he was welcoming the Morogoro District Commissioner, Rebecca Nsemwa to close the seminar empowering members of the communities and 45 village executives that border national parks from 10 districts in the country on how to supervise and operate Community Conservation Banking (COCOBA).

More than 91 village officials from Mbarali, Kilolo, Iringa, Chamwino, Mvomero, Kilosa, Kilombero, Morogoro, Kisarawe, and Rufiji districts attended the seminar.

Tengia said the REGROW project is being implemented in priority areas in the National Parks and the villagers thereof will benefit economically from tourism and other environmental friendly activities.

He said the project is being implemented with four priorities in mind - the first of which is to beef up natural resources management through the construction of infrastructures.

He said the infrastructures to be strengthened include roads, airports, park entrances, recreation areas and patrol posts.

He named the second priority as the strengthening of alternative economic activities for the communities.

He said the villages have established 162 COCOBA groups with 3,149 members of which 160 groups have been provided with capital valued at 1.45bn/- for the development of COCOBA.

He further said 154 groups have selected projects that will enable them to receive funds for operation of the projects whereby 2bn/- will be spent.

He named another priority issue as strengthening the management of Great Ruaha River water sources that will include the improvement of irrigation infrastructures.

He explained that the project will enable the construction of banks along the river in order to reduce loss of water that can affect wildlife.

According to him, by December 2022 the REGROW Project has been implemented by 46 per cent and that eight agreements have been signed recently for the construction of infrastructures in the said priority national parks and work will begin any time from now.

For his part, Nsemwa, the Morogoro District Commissioner said the tourism sector has been accorded priority due to its various attractions.

He said the Royal Tour film has been a great driving force behind the sector due to the increasing number of tourists visiting the country.



Ethiopia government criticises WFP amidst USAID food aid suspension

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ETHIOPIA has criticised the suspension of food aid to the country by the United States and the UN World Food Programme (WFP).

Government spokesman Legesse Tulu, over the weekend called the decision 'political' saying the suspension 'punishes millions of people'. More than 15 per cent of the country's population depends on food aid.

Last week, USAID, the US government's international aid agency, announced the suspension of its food aid, denouncing a 'wide-

spread and coordinated detour operation'.

The following day, the WFP announced that it was 'temporarily suspending food aid', also citing 'detour of food', while asserting that "nutritional assistance to children, pregnant and lactating women, school meal programs and activities to strengthen farmers and herders" in the face of external shocks would continue uninterrupted.

This suspension of food aid "punishes millions of people", reacted government spokesman Legesse Tulu at a press conference, calling the decision "political".

"Making only the government responsible (for embezzlement) is unacceptable", he continued.

The Ethiopian authorities, in a joint statement with USAID, had assured us last week that a joint investigation was underway "to ensure that those responsible for the embezzlement are held to account".

The American agency had already decided in May, at the same time as the WFP, to suspend food aid to the Ethiopian region of Tigray, which had just emerged in November from two years of conflict, due to the detour of part of this aid, "sold on the local market".

Some 20 million people, or 16 percent of Ethiopia's 120 million inhabitants, are dependent on food aid, according to estimates by the UN humanitarian agency (Ocha) at the end of May, due to conflict and a historic drought in the Horn of Africa, which has displaced 4.6 million people across the country.

Ethiopia is also home to almost a million refugees, mainly from South Sudan, Somalia and Eritrea. Since mid-April, almost 30,000 people fleeing the conflict in Sudan have taken refuge in eastern Ethiopia.

Cyclone Freddy has put women & girls in Malawi at greater risk of sexual abuse and exploitation

BLANTYRE, Malawi

“Cyclone Freddy was a terrible experience, and now many women who lost their homes and their livelihoods are at increased risk of sexual exploitation and abuse,” warns Caleb Ng’ombo, Director of People Serving Girls at Risk (PSGR), a frontline NGO in Malawi that supports vulnerable women whose lives have been devastated by the record-breaking tropical storm.

“The rains were heavy and continuous for three to four days,” recounts Caleb. “There was water everywhere, strong winds, mudslides, and trees falling onto houses, paths, and roads. Water was flooding into my house, and everything I owned was floating.”

“There was nowhere to go because everyone was experiencing the same thing, and there was nothing you could do apart from wait for the water to recede.”

When Cyclone Freddy hit Malawi in March 2023, six months of rain fell in just six days, flooding over 170 square miles (430 km²). Over 1400 people died in the country, and UNICEF estimates that 3.8 million are facing acute food insecurity.

Around 659,000 people have been displaced, with women in poverty disproportionately affected. Caleb explains, “Many women who’ve been badly impacted were already vulnerable. They were living in makeshift buildings in locations such as river banks and hillsides because they could not afford better housing. The extreme weather dislodged big rocks that rolled down the slopes, killing people and destroying houses. It was very traumatizing.”

Sexual harassment, exploitation, and domestic abuse

Camps have been set up for those who have lost their homes, and PSGR is creating safe spaces for women to discuss challenges and find solutions. Of particular concern are the multiple reports of sexual exploitation and gender-based violence.

Women are complaining that they are being sexually harassed in the camps, and including being asked to perform sexual acts in exchange for aid. Most women are reticent about reporting incidents to the police because they know it takes a lot of time for cases to be prosecuted, and victims frequently face skepticism and stigmatization. Some married women also fear their husbands will blame them, which could trigger domestic violence.

Such fears are well founded. A comprehensive global review has found extensive data revealing that during or after extreme weather events, there is a rise in gender-based violence, including domestic and intimate partner violence.

“With justice so hard to access, women think, why bother reporting?” Caleb relays. “Judges and magistrates are mainly men, and they don’t give priority to the needs of women, so such cases are never prioritized. This is especially when the perpetrator is in a position of power, has access to money and an image to protect, and is up against a vulnerable woman.”

Another apprehension is that with so many



Damage to a road and property in Malawi caused by Cyclone Freddy. Credit: PSGR



women and girls being pushed further into poverty, there will be a rise in commercial sexual exploitation and sex trafficking. Malawi is already a trafficking source, transit, and destination country, and the socio-economic repercussions of the climate crisis, coupled with discriminatory gender roles and social norms, create a fertile ground for the abuse of vulnerable women and girls.

Compounding problems is the lack of access to justice for victims. Few trafficking cases make it to court and those that do face multiple delays, with wrongdoers rarely punished.

To address this, PSGR and international women’s rights organization Equality Now have submitted a joint complaint to the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACERWC), highlighting how girls, who are especially vulnerable to trafficking for sexual exploitation, are being left unprotected by the Malawian government’s failure to implement existing anti-trafficking legislation effectively.

Women are holding the sharpest end of the knife

Cyclones are typical in Southern Africa between November and April, but climate change is making them more frequent and intense. With Freddy, the ferocity and longevity were unprecedented - hitting land multiple times over five weeks. Scientists have

declared it the longest-lasting tropical cyclone ever recorded anywhere.

Over the past decade, Malawi has experienced multiple extreme weather events, including droughts, floods, rising temperatures, and unpredictable rainfall patterns, leaving people dependent on agriculture and pastoralism struggling to adapt.

At this time of year, farmers should be harvesting their crops to sell and store, but Cyclone Freddy has washed away farmland and livestock, and ruined crops and buildings, with 547 schools damaged or destroyed.

Women make up 65% of smallholder farmers in Malawi, and traditional gender roles allocate women the responsibility for household food production and farming, while men often control access to land, credit, and agricultural inputs.

Malawi’s Marriage, Divorce and Family Relations Act grants some protection against emotional or physical violence or abuse within marriage, sexual relations, and the family. The law also recognizes women’s non-monetary contribution regarding marital property rights. However, inequalities within the family continue to limit women’s decision-making power, control over resources, and access to credit, all of which hampers their ability to adapt to climate change.

Women are also more likely to shoulder the burden of unpaid care work and household responsibilities, which intensify during climate-related

emergencies.

“Women play a central role in managing the aftermath of climate emergencies,” Caleb explains, “They are the caregivers and the providers of food, and while the impacts of extreme weather are felt by everyone in the community, it is women and girls who are holding the sharpest end of the knife. For example, you can see with floods that it is mostly women who die because they cannot swim, whereas men have had time to learn.”

Women’s interests and input must be central to climate responses

Extreme weather is being fuelled by rising global temperatures resulting from burning fossil fuels and the emission of greenhouse gases, primarily by wealthy industrialized nations. Meanwhile, women in Global South countries like Malawi - which has one of the lowest incomes in the world - are suffering disproportionately from the climate crisis while being least able to adapt.

“The climate crisis is getting worse, and the international community must not neglect the specific vulnerabilities and needs of women and girls,” Caleb says. “Most of the strategies are dominated by men. Women are voicing their issues, but their voices are not being heard, and the result is the problems we are seeing today.”

“This emergency is manmade, and there isn’t an overnight solution. But if the world shuts its eyes and does nothing, we will fail to deliver on our

commitments to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.”

The World Bank warns that without climate financing to assist Malawi in building a climate-resilient economy, climate change could push an additional two million people into poverty during the coming decade and reduce the country’s GDP 6% to 20% by 2040. The repercussions for women and girls would be catastrophic.

“People here understand that the extreme weather we are suffering is the result of climate change. It is countries like ours that are having to pay the price for big economies that are polluting the environment,” laments Caleb.

“Women and girls must be at the discussion table when strategies are being developed to mitigate against disasters so that when emergencies happen, we understand how they can be supported. Women should have the opportunity to present their side of the story, bring solutions, and be incorporated into responses. This has to be central to climate change policy at all levels.”

Tara Carey is the Global Head of Media at Equality Now, an international human rights organisation that focuses on using the law to protect and promote the rights of women and girls around the world.

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By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

How improved seeds changed the lives of farmers in Njombe

INVESTMENTS in the production of modern sunflower and beans seeds through funding from Denmark and Sweden have brought positive changes to the majority of farmers and entrepreneurs in Njombe region.

Two countries have facilitated a subsidy amounting to 5bn/ for the improvement of sunflower and beans production by reaching more than 100,000 farmers in 11 regions.

Speaking with a team of journalists who visited in Ngingombe village, Wangingombe District in Njombe Region, a farmer Browness Chengula said she has been able to increase yields and get more income, after she started using improved seeds.

"I am interested in the cultivation of modern beans production (QDSI), because of high yields; although we earlier did not know if there were such seeds. I was then introduced about the seeds by the Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI) Uyole and Agricultural Markets Development Trust (AMDT) and can now see positive results," she said.

"The extension officer



Idd Omar, manager of seed production Mbeya-based Highlands Seed Growers Ltd, shows journalists modern sunflower seeds produced in partnership with the Agricultural Markets Development Trust and the Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute. Photo Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

in the first phase gave me training on how to cultivate and take care of the farm, and for the first year when I started using modern seeds, I got 35 only bags of beans per acre. I planted 30 kilogram of beans seeds in one acre," she said.

Chengula said that when she continued using modern seeds for the second time, following all

procedures given my extension officers, she managed to get 70 bags of beans per acre.

She said when the weather was not conducive; she got only 15 bags of bean, higher than three to four bags harvested during the time she was using traditional seeds.

"When I got 70 bags, I went to

give a report to the municipal council and they introduced me to the market access, and the following season in 2022/2023, I again experienced weather challenges. The Agricultural Markets Development Trust (AMDT) was making follow up to me and they took me to Njombe, where I was trained on modern farming and

how to better use modern seeds," she said.

She said that in 2023, she managed to get 24 bags of beans, although climatic condition was again an obstacle.

Chengula said that after the harvesting, she was able to sell the beans seeds to the farmers, so that they could use them to plant

in the following season.

"I have been allowed to sell these seeds to farmers, and I have left with some quantity for my own farm in the next season. I have also placed another order so that I can grow five acres of beans only," Chengula stressed.

She thanked AMDT for enabling small farmers to get the best seeds, which have improved yields and profitability; as the majority of farmers have reported that they have harvested 70 bags per acre.

She explained that she used the income she earned from selling seeds to build a modern house, send her children to school and bought a motorbike for transport business.

On his part, an entrepreneur from Mayale Village, Zuhuru Mpinga said the knowledge she acquired on the use of quality seeds has helped her to get profit in her business.

"I started my business more than 10 years ago and I was an entrepreneur

buying sunflowers at farm gate price and resell to Mbeya; but then, I changed and set up a sunflower squeezing machine and I didn't know anything. But I was later trained on how to do things in order. I followed their training by putting things in good order and this has totally changed how I do my things", she explained.

Mpinga said that AMDT taught her about contract farming by engaging farmers, where now the success has been greater.

"My life has changed, I was unable to organize, but now I am called 'Honorary Mother', and this has helped me to get more customers," she noted. She said the profit he got was used to buy another machine for producing sunflower oil.

"Before I received the training when I was using local seeds, on average, I was producing 24 liters of sunflower oil per 100 kilograms of seeds but through modern seeds I can now produce 40 liters of oil from 100 kilograms of sunflower seeds. So, you can see how I am experiencing the big difference," she said.

She noted that through contract farming, she gives the farmers the best seeds, where one kilogram is sold at 45,000 and farmers pay her after they have harvested.

NAIROBI

Kenyan entrepreneur profiting from potatoes

In Kenya, Wedgehut Foods processes a daily volume of up to six tonnes of fresh potatoes into products like french fries. The company was established in 2021 by Wanjiru Mambo Mutethia.

In early 2020, Wanjiru Mambo Mutethia and a group of friends were running an upmarket restaurant in Nairobi, when the directive came from the Kenyan health ministry that all eateries had to close to curb the spread of Covid-19.

For the serial entrepreneur, it was a hard blow. "It became so uncertain," she remembers.

The team allocated the fresh produce and ingredients that the restaurant had in stock among themselves to avoid waste. Wanjiru ended up selling several leftover bags of potatoes in her neighbourhood. Driven by fear of what the pandemic could bring, the potatoes were quickly bought at a favourable price during a bout of panic buying. Seizing this opportunity, Wanjiru procured additional bags and sold them to eager buyers in her community.

"That's when I thought: what else can you do with potatoes to add value to them," she says.

Upon reaching out to a friend who ran a potato processing business, she discovered he was closing due to cash flow difficulties. Nevertheless, he was open to selling her his machinery and renting out the building where the equipment was already

installed.

Wanjiru took the leap; she negotiated a fair rental agreement and a payment plan for the machinery. With these elements in place, she delved into research on the potential market for processed potatoes within the country. She hired a consultant to draft a business plan with financial projections. By April 2021, Wedgehut Foods commenced production.

Early challenges

Wanjiru, with her background in marketing and accounting, initially found it challenging to get to grips with the complexities of food science and production. "I remember one thing that caught me off guard. We were planning our packaging when we found out that the bags had to be approved by the Kenyan Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry. I was learning on the go."

Another hurdle was how to perform quality control at the supply level. During the first month of production, many potatoes purchased from farmers were wasted in the factory, as their quality was not suitable for processing.

Wanjiru also faced the task of establishing trust in the fast-moving consumer goods sector, a field where "people first test you on something small before wanting a bigger association."

"Initially I had to work



Wanjiru Mambo Mutethia, founder of Wedgehut Foods

extra hard to get clients to believe in me," she says.

An ongoing challenge, present from day one, has been maintaining sufficient working capital. Wedgehut would receive orders but lack the necessary funds to purchase raw materials. While farmers demanded cash payments, retailers sought to buy on credit.

Wanjiru had only secured a small loan from her husband and received some funds from a group of female friends who had pooled their money, a practice known as chamas in Kenya. It was a balancing act in the beginning. "In retrospect, I would do it differently, I would be very clear on credit terms and securing cash clients, but we were desperate to get our first orders, so you do anything."

Building a client base

Wanjiru concedes that luck also played a part. It didn't take long for Wedgehut's products to make their way into their first major retail store. A recommendation from a friend with connections at the retail chain led to three of its branches stocking the potatoes.

"It was a good entry point. The branches' previous supplier closed down during the pandemic, so I had to capitalise on the gap that was left," she says.

Wanjiru took to networking, joining groups and forums with a focus on food and value addition, and fostered relationships within the hospitality industry. Her efforts paid off - the company extended its reach into more branches of the first retailer, while other supermarket brands, small-

er restaurants, hotels, and caterers began purchasing from Wedgehut. Products and processing Wedgehut produces seven products: french fries, potato wedges, whole cleaned potatoes, lyonnaise potatoes, potato on the skin, shredded potato (used for mash and soup) and potato cubes.

It sources different varieties of potatoes from approximately 400 contracted farmers. Upon arrival at the factory, the potatoes are sorted by size to match the cuts required for the final product.

The potatoes initially enter an automated electric peeling machine before passing through the de-eying section to remove any remaining black spots. Following this, they are sorted once again, directing all the large potatoes towards

french fries production. The potatoes undergo thorough cleaning to eliminate excess starch, a crucial step to prevent bad odour after packaging. Finally, they are dried and vacuum-packed. "We do not freeze the products, if you want to do that there is a different process that needs to be followed which includes blanching the potatoes, so we pack and deliver immediately," says Wanjiru.

Wedgehut employees work three shifts around the clock.

From farm to fries: navigating agricultural challenges

Utilising a primary agri-

cultural product means the business is subject to the same environmental issues that farmers encounter, like droughts.

Sixty per cent of all the potatoes sourced by Wedgehut must be large in size, as there is a preference in Kenya for longer cuts of french fries. The company procures the Markies, Shangii, Manitou, and Unica varieties for production. Wedgehut sets a floor price with its contracted farmers, ensuring a minimum price even if market rates plunge.

The company is seeking to incorporate more irrigated farms to enhance the security of its supply chain. Furthermore, it is collaborating with various stakeholders - including the government, Equity Bank, Syngenta and other seed suppliers - to improve the output of potato farmers.

"We are hoping, with these interventions, that the challenges in supply will soon be a thing of the past."

Transforming waste into potato flour

French fries reign supreme in Wedgehut's product lineup, according to Wanjiru. "People in urban centres love french fries at any time. It's definitely our best-seller."

Looking ahead, Wedgehut plans to expand into the production of potato flour. This

will enable the company to reduce waste, which currently stands at 15%, and make efficient use of all sourced potatoes, even the smaller ones.

"These 'waste' potatoes can be crushed and processed into a powder. If we fortify it a bit more, it is perfect as a ready meal. Just add water and you have mashed potato," notes Wanjiru. A potential market for this product could be the non-profit sector engaged in hunger relief efforts across the continent.

Balancing credit and cash

Currently, Wedgehut is concentrating on expanding its customer base within the hospitality industry, which consumes a large amount of potato products.

"We have, however, found that many of the large hotels require credit arrangements, which is not favourable to us. To balance it out, we have asked our sales team to actively find cash clients, small restaurants for example, that can offset the impact," says Wanjiru.

While these smaller clients don't consume as much as large hotels, purchasing only around 10kg to 20kg per day, their cash payments boost working capital, enabling Wedgehut to easily cover smaller expenses like fuel.

"We want to have 40 percent of our entire customer base as cash and only 60 percent credit. This will make Wedgehut sustainable and free us from the risk of having to resort to expensive loans during a cash crisis."



CRDB Bank group CEO and managing director Abdulmajid Nsekela speaks in Dar es Salaam yesterday when opening of two-week boot camp for 196 applicants (startups) pre-selected for iMbeju programme. Photo by Guardian Correspondent

iMbeju's pre-qualified innovators attending a two-week boot camp

By Guardian Reporter

Nearly 200 hundred digital innovators pre-qualified for the iMbeju empowerment programme, jointly organized by CRDB Foundation, Commission for Science and Technology (Costech) and national ICT Commission are undergoing two week boot camp.

They are among of 709 who applied for the programme, which was launched by the Prime Minister Majaliwa Kasim Majaliwa on 12th March this year, targeting to provide seed capital, capacity building and funding for small youths and women-led businesses.

Speaking during the opening of the boot camp, CRDB Bank managing director Abdulmajid Nsekela congratulated them for qualifying for the programme, insisting that their unique innovation, stable desire and entrepreneurial efforts have enabled them to be selected among hundreds of applicants. "We are start-

ing a two-week boot camp and this is greater moment of your entrepreneurship journey because you will get opportunities to improve your products, strategies and necessary skills to enable you to succeed in this early stage of managing your businesses. I urge you to learn properly in order to use skills acquired from this training to improve businesses. You should also remember that knowledge is power for building proper skills and you will be able to face challenges for grabbing opportunities ahead. That is where the successes of this will be realized," he said.

He said CRDB Bank is intending to support the growth of small businesses through providing enabling capital, specifically those led by youths and women and other social groups that are not enjoying economic opportunities.

The bank's MD said access to funding is an important tool in changing innovative ideas into sustainable business that is why iMbeju was launched to stimulate the successes of in-

novators and startups to ensure that, access to funding is not an obstacle.

"Our bank is ready to invest on your dreams and provide important resources to help businesses and business ideas to grow to achieve more successes. We believe that, lack of skill is one of the major reasons for many small businesses to fail to enable them to identify business risks and opportunities for growth. Entrepreneurship journey has so many obstacles but you should not despair. You should know that your journey has so many obstacles and this boot camp give you the tools to face these challenges," he said.

CRDB Bank Foundation managing director Tully Ester Mwambapa said capital is not only challenge facing youths with innovative ideas to turn them into businesses that will solve social problems as data show many small businesses go burst not because of capital, but lack of skills in operating and managing businesses.

"Today, we are walking the

talk in the sense of providing training targeting to improve your capacities youths applied for seed capital through iMbeju in order to teach into a stage of empowering them. Not all have reached this stage of enabling capital, so you should use this knowledge to grow your businesses. We have sent aside 5bn/- for this purpose for empowering youths, so this boot camp is part of the filter to reach out applicants who will be selected to receive seed capital," she said.

Costech director general Dr Amos Nungu said he believe capital is money; without knowing that even an idea is also capital and if developed can solve social problems.

National ICT commission director general Dr Nkundwe Mwasaga said the commission has two tasks; one being to co-ordinate ICT operations in the country and implement the national ICT policy. "What will be done in this boot camp is to empower them to manage and grow their businesses," he said.

Oil traders are daring to defy market kingpin Saudi Arabia

LONDON

Oil traders are starting to ignore the most important person in the market. It could prove a risky gambit.

A week ago, Saudi Arabian Energy Minister Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman pledged to unilaterally cut the country's July oil production to the lowest in over a decade, excluding Covid-19 era curtailments. He described the move as a "lollipop."

While there've been bigger output cuts in recent months, its symbolism was important, and Prince Abdulaziz left open the possibility of extending the curb. It also came on the back of a litany of comments that suggest the prince wants to hurt those who speculate on lower prices.

Yet, traders are becoming less responsive. The immediate price gain from the curbs he announced on last Sunday lasted a day. By Friday at 5 p.m. in London, Brent futures were around \$76 a barrel – almost exactly where they were a week earlier. A previous output cut in April took less than a month to wear off on prices.

Speaking on Sunday, the prince said the OPEC+ agreement was about being proactive and precautionary. "I think the physical market is telling us something and the futures market is telling us something else," he said at the Arab, China Business Conference in Riyadh. "To understand OPEC+ today, it's all about being proactive, preemptive and precautionary."

Despite expectations that oil demand will outstrip supply in the coming

months, several things are fueling the bears' confidence. Two negatives really stand out: the first is that Russian shipments have boomed in the face of expectations that western sanctions would curtail them. The second is concern about the fate of China's economy, for years the bedrock of demand growth.

"There are many uncertainties, as usual, when it comes to the oil markets, and if I have to pick the most important one it's China," Fatih Birol, executive director at the International Energy Agency, said in a Bloomberg TV interview. "If the Chinese economy weakens, or grows much lower than many international economic institutions believe, of course this can lead to bearish sentiment."

Goldman Sachs Group Inc. made its third downward price revision for the global benchmark in six months, trimming its Brent forecast for December to \$86 a barrel, versus its previous estimate of \$95 a barrel, on rising supplies and waning demand.

China's Purchasing Manufacturing Index fell to 48.8 last month, a level that undershot expectations and was also the weakest reading since December, when the country was mired in Covid Zero restrictions.

Even if its economy does accelerate anew, China will have a lot of crude to use up. The country's stockpiles rose to a two-year high in May and several traders said they see recent Saudi oil price hikes to Asia, alongside continued OPEC+ production cuts, as part of an effort to drain that inventory.

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Educational Empowerment Organisation (EdPowerment Tanzania), executive director Godlisten Malle (second right) donates food items to Joseph Massawe (Left), the head teacher for Namayani Primary School in Siha District recently. Photo by James Lanka

Siha District facing high rate of stunting amid good food supply

By Correspondent James Lanka, Siha

Despite multiple awareness campaigns in the country, children in Siha district Kilimanjaro are still suffering from alarmingly high rates of malnutrition due to poor diets, that do not nurture cognitive and physical development, local experts has said.

Siha, one of the East African nation's "bread basket" regions known for its delicious avocados, is afflicted by acute malnutrition, with nearly half of the children there under the age of five suffering from stunted de-

velopment, officials said.

Speaking with this paper during an official handover of food items donated by the Educational Empowerment Organization (EdPowerment-Tanzania) for the schooling pupils at Namayani Primary school located at Ndinyika village, Karansi ward and the most suffered families, Dr Jonas Kira, a District Nutritional Officer in Siha, said poor nutrition in the region has increased children's vulnerability to health problems, including poor brain development, low immunity, and increased susceptibility to infection.

"Most parents don't give their children good food. They mostly feed them porridge and maize meal, even though there are plenty of fruits and vegetables around," he explained.

Robbed of vital nutrients, the hapless children grow up stunted and sickly, Dr Kira said, adding that some develop mental conditions, unable to grasp teachers' lessons in class.

"Malnutrition, which mostly affects women of reproductive age and under-age children, is triggered by insufficient nutrients in foods. The metabolic disorder is responsible for the

deaths of 5 million children globally every year," Dr Kira further explained adding that,

"While Tanzania's economy is steadily growing, the majority of its people are still trapped in the quagmire of poverty, and malnutrition is still rife. Over 34 percent of children under the age of five are stunted, and nearly 45 percent of women of reproductive age are anemic, according to government statistics."

The head teacher of Namayani primary school Joseph Massawe thanked EdPowerment Tanzania for their support, explain-

ing that his school has a total of 300 pupils from Maasai pastoralists, and most of them are suffering with malnutrition due to the shortage of foods as for the past three years there were a drought that resulted into food shortages.

"The food items including maize, sugar and cooking oil that have being donated today by EdPowerment organization at our school is vital even for the academic performance of our children as they can even not understand what they taught if they are hungry," teacher Massawe explained.

Mbeya farmers improve yields through better seeds

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole, Mbeya

MORE than 300 farmers in Mbeya region have said that their yields have gradually improved, following the introduction of improved seeds.

This has also increased their incomes, through selling sunflower, thanks to a capacity building and modern seeds distribution programme jointly implemented by Agricultural Markets Development Trust (AMDT) and Highland Seeds Growers LTD.

Highlands Seeds Growers Limited acting production man-

ager, Elizabeth Mallya said the programme is also implemented by Ilonga Agriculture Research Institute based in Morogoro, which is involved with research and production of basic seeds.

"Due to this partnership, we started producing sunflower seeds and giving instructions to farmers," she explained.

She noted that, through the partnership, a total of 21 tons of seeds have been produced through the AMDT project by engaging three farmers, of which they sell it the center of Agriculture Seed Agency (ASA).

Mallya explained that during this year, they signed a contract

to produce 100 tons of sunflower seeds, of which 50 tons will be managed through AMDT project.

"We have entered into an agreement with three farmers; one in Mbarali and two in Songwe who are now on harvesting stages. They have cultivated 140 acres and expect to get 50 tons or more," she explained.

In addition, she 200 farmers learned the best sunflower cultivation and the best agricultural principles.

"We will use leaflets, calendars, advertisements in the media to reach farmers," she said. She said that the response of

the farmers is good and most are interested on contract farming, because they are assured of markets.

She explained that the biggest challenge for farmers is low quality seeds.

The company's seed production manager Iddi Omari said sunflower seed production has been improved.

He advised farmers to use the best seeds from a research institutes that meet international standards.

AMDT has invested more than 4bn/- to facilitate projects to develop the sunflower and others crops.



Schools boost efforts to encourage entrepreneurial mindset in finance

By Ian Wylie, London

When Martin Gois enrolled in his masters in finance, he might have expected a career in banking or bonds – not bugs. But last year, Valpas, the company he co-founded, raised €1.6m in seed capital to expand its business of providing a tech-based, pesticide-free solution to tackling bedbugs.

“Managing cash, so you don’t run out of money, is a crucial function at a start-up and the masters in finance has helped us develop and scale to more than 30 destinations, and grow 100 per cent year on year while running profitable operations,” says Gois, who met most of his leadership team while studying at Aalto University School of Business in Helsinki.

“But,” he adds, “it would have been really helpful to have had more practical help with fundraising and bootstrapping – and

maybe bringing in, as professors of practice, a few entrepreneurs who have exited, or even failed!”

Caught the bug: Martin Gois says his masters in finance helped him develop his start-up Valpas, which uses tech to tackle bedbugs

Many masters in finance (MiF) graduates enjoy successful careers working for large financial corporates, but some seek a more entrepreneurial path. Some are inspired by the success of start-ups like Stripe and Revolut and, while there has been a slowdown in fintech investment in recent months, global fintech funding exceeded \$75bn in 2022, according to CB Insights.

Recent financial downturns and the Covid pandemic have also prompted many finance graduates to rethink their career plans, says Professor Sami Attaoui, head of the finance department at Neoma Business School in France.



“After these crises, some graduates shifted their interest away from pursuing careers in banks to risk management and investment funds,” he adds. “But others have also been attracted by careers in digitally disruptive, small to medium-sized firms.”

The Martin Trust Center for MIT Entrepreneurship, which offers expertise and support to entrepreneur-

ial students across Massachusetts Institute of Technology, reports a 50 per cent rise since 2020 in finance-related student start-ups applying to its capstone accelerator, MIT delta v. The centre’s executive director, Paul Cheek, says fintech companies launched as a result of its support include Sigma Ratings, Posh Technologies, Almond FinTech, Zumma and

CashEx.

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Most business school incubators will welcome start-ups founded by MiF students. At Grenoble Ecole de Management, for example, its incubator has helped one graduate launch a business producing reusable period pants, and another to set up a venture helping village mayors access public financing. “Fifteen years ago, our graduates launched businesses to make money – today, they often launch them to build a more sustainable world,” says Stéphanie Boyer, programme director for the MSc in Finance at Grenoble Ecole de Management.

Schools have also been adding entrepreneurship modules to their MiF programmes. In the UK, Dur-

ham University Business School’s New Venture Creation module helps students build some of the competencies needed to launch a business, exploring entrepreneurial finance, managing growth strategies, execution intelligence and exit strategies. Programme director Saadat Saeed says students are encouraged to develop ventures based on ethical, sustainable and responsible business practices.

But, for Alexandre Prot, co-founder of French challenger bank Qonto and an MiF graduate from HEC Paris, entrepreneurship should be a fully integrated part of courses. “There are many ways these courses could encourage an entrepreneurial mindset,” he suggests, “from entrepreneurship contests and campus meetups to conferences for interaction with successful entrepreneurs who could share their stories and experiences.”

Par for the course: HEC Paris MiF graduate Alexandre Prot says entrepreneurship should be a fully integrated part of courses

LAGOS

Nigeria’s international debt surged after the weekend ouster of the central bank governor, which will allow the nation’s new president to better pursue his promise of resetting monetary policy that’s been blamed for crippling Africa’s biggest economy.

Godwin Emefiele (pictured) was suspended by President Bola Tinubu after the markets closed last week, and detained by Nigeria’s state security service a day later for what were termed “investigative reasons.” Folas hodun Shonubi, a deputy governor in charge of operations at the bank, will take over in an acting capacity.

Nigeria’s international bonds jumped the most among emerging-market peers at the open on Monday, with its longest-dated dollar bonds rising to the highest since January. The notes maturing in 2051 rose nearly 3 cents on the dollar to 73.42, the biggest gain since April, as of 8:05 a.m. in London.

Analysts said the outcome of Emefiele’s removal should be that Nigerian bonds strengthen and benchmark interest rates may rise as the nation’s assets look more attractive to investors. The scrapping of a multiple exchange rate regime will likely lead to the devaluation of the naira.

“The market will receive the removal of Godwin as a positive development, as his unorthodox policies had become an impediment for Nigeria,” Ronak Gadhia, director of Sub-Saharan banks research at EFG Hermes, said by email. “His removal should be viewed as positive and could lead to increased risk appetite for Nigerian bonds and equities.”

“A more normalized and conventional” policy “should result in higher

Nigerian bonds surge after central bank chief’s ouster

interest rates in the short term as the CBN attempts to rein in on inflation,” Gadhia added.

Emefiele’s policies – including propping up the naira, restricting foreign exchange for dozens of imports, and focusing on development finance – had long been criticized by investors, economists and institutions like the World Bank. His central bank also lent the government 22.7 trillion naira (\$49 billion), helping push the country’s public debt to a record 77 trillion naira.

“This could spell the end of unorthodox and often conflicting and confusing monetary policies that held back economic growth and destroyed local and foreign investor confidence,” Ayodeji Dawodu, head of Africa sovereign and corporate credit research at BancTrust & Co. in London, said by phone.

Suspension and Detention
Emefiele was widely seen as acting in lockstep with the administration of Tinubu’s predecessor, Muhammadu Buhari. The previous government was perceived to be more statist and socialist in its approach, said Yemi

Kale, chief economist for Nigeria at KPMG LLP and the nation’s former statistician general. “The markets will respond positively to an administration it believes to be more market oriented,” Kale said.

Tinubu criticized the country’s central bank in his May 29 inaugural address, vowing to unify the multiple exchange rate regime in order to “direct funds away from arbitrage into meaningful investment in the plants, equipment and jobs that power the real economy.”

Under Emefiele, Nigeria’s central bank offered the US dollar through several windows at tightly controlled rates with little liquidity to businesses and individuals. This forced many to the black market where the dollar traded more freely but at about a 60% premium to the official rate.

“The departure of Mr Emefiele is likely to be viewed positively by markets as a signal of a new policy direction in Nigeria,” Ayo Salami, chief investment officer at Emerging Markets Investment Management Ltd in London, said via email. “To be credible, the



implementation of policy changes would most likely need a new team.”

Naira Devaluation

The current naira exchange rate of 471.92 naira to the dollar, a record low, likely needs to be adjusted to about 700-750 naira, closer to the current black market rate, JP Morgan said in an investment note on May 31. “Our baseline expectation is that an adjustment to these levels is

likely, barring significant upside to oil prices or production,” the bank said.

The naira has closed lower for three consecutive days, its longest streak of losses since May 12. Analysts expect that the naira could trade anywhere between 650 to 750 naira to the dollar as Nigeria allows the currency to trade more freely. Domestic trade will resume on Tues-

day as Monday is a public holiday in Nigeria.

A naira at that level, combined with Tinubu’s decision to remove a costly gasoline subsidy, “means the government does not have [to] borrow as much, just to pay interest on debt,” Charlie Robertson, head of strategy at FIM Partners, said in a series of posts on Twitter.

Five things to watch in global markets this week

NEW YORK

It’s set to be a major week in markets – on Wednesday the Federal Reserve may pause a rate hike campaign that started 15 months ago, but it’s likely to be a close call and Tuesday’s US inflation reading will be key.

The European Central Bank and the Bank of Japan will also hold policy meetings while data out of China could bolster stimulus expectations.

Fed decision day

The Fed is tipped to keep interest rates on hold at the conclusion of its two-day policy meeting on Wednesday, with investors focusing their attention on the ‘dot plot’, which outlines policymakers’ expectations for future tightening.

Several Fed officials have indicated that a pause shouldn’t be taken as a sign interest rates have already peaked, but markets are pricing in another 25 basis point hike in July before a similar-sized cut by December.

Recent economic data has painted a

mixed picture of the US economy – inflation is moderating but remains well above the central bank’s 2 percent target, while the economy added a far larger than forecast 339,000 jobs in May even as wage growth cooled.

The Fed is also watching the impact on the economy from the banking turmoil and has suggested that tighter lending standards could help rein inflation, lessening the need for aggressive monetary tightening.

May inflation data

The Fed will have the latest US inflation report to hand when they kick off their meeting on Tuesday. Headline consumer prices are expected to rise by 0.3 percent on a monthly basis after a 0.4 percent increase in April. Core inflation, which strips out volatile food and fuel costs, is expected to rise by 0.4 percent month over month.

Market participants will be closely watching the inflation report for signs that the Fed’s rate hikes are continuing to cool inflation without badly hurting



growth.

The economic calendar also includes May data on producer price inflation on Wednesday, followed by retail sales figures for May along with the weekly

report on initial jobless claims on Thursday.

Stock market

US stocks have defied fears of a recession, a banking crisis and soaring Treas-

ury yields to rise 20 percent from their October lows – one definition of a bull market.

A 20 percent gain from bear market lows has in the past heralded further upside for stocks.

A megacap stocks rally, better-than-expected earnings season, and expectations that the Fed is nearing the end of its rate-hiking cycle have supported U.S. equities so far this year, despite concerns over the prospect of a recession and persistent inflation.

“We’re seeing indications that the economy is going to be more resilient to headwinds,” said Tim Murray, a capital market strategist in T. Rowe Price’s multi-asset division told Reuters. “There’s reason to believe that the pessimism we saw at the start of the year is giving way to a stronger-than-expected mar-

ket.”

Meeting a day after the Fed decision, the European Central Bank is likely to diverge from its US peer with markets primed for another quarter point rate hike, with a similar size increase expected to follow in July.

The ECB slowed the pace of its rate hikes to 25 basis points at its May meeting after a series of 75 and 50 basis point moves.

ECB President Christine Lagarde said last Monday it was too early to call a peak in core inflation and reaffirmed rates would need to be increased again.

Eurozone inflation is currently running at 6.1 percent, still over three times the ECB’s 2 percent target but is down from a peak of 10.6 percent in October last year.

WORLD

'Gender biases not improved over past decade'

LONDON

GENDER inequality has remained stagnant for a decade, according to research by the United Nations released on Monday, as cultural biases and pressures continue to hinder women's empowerment and leave the world unlikely to meet the UN's goal of gender parity by 2030.

Despite a surge in women's rights groups and social movements like Time's Up and MeToo in the United States, biased social norms and a broader human-development crisis heightened by COVID-19, when many women lost their

income, have stalled progress on inequality.

In its latest report, the United Nations Development Programme tracked the issue through its Gender Social Norms Index, which uses data from the international research programme World Values Survey (WVS).

The survey draws from data sets spanning 2010-2014 and 2017-2022 from countries and territories covering 85 percent of the global population.

The latest analysis showed that almost nine out of 10 men and women hold fundamental biases against women and that



A woman walks up decorated stairs in Frankfurt, Germany, on March 7, 2023, on the occasion of the International Women's Day. AP

the share of people with at least one bias has barely changed over the decade. In 38 of the surveyed countries the share of people with at least one bias decreased to just 84.6 percent from 86.9 percent. The degree of improvement over time has been "disappointing," said Heriberto Tapia, research and strategic partnership adviser at UNDP and co-author of the report.

The survey also noted that nearly half of the world's people think that men make better political leaders, while 43 percent think men are better business executives.

"We need to change the gender biases, the social norms, but the ultimate goal is to change the power relations between women and men, between people," Aroa Santiago, gender specialist in inclusive economies at UNDP, told Reuters. Though education has always been hailed as key for improving economic outcomes for women, the survey revealed the

broken link between the education gap and income, with the average income gap at 39 percent even in the 57 countries where adult women are more educated than men.

More direct harm to women's wellbeing could be seen in views on violence, with more than one out of every four people believing it was justified for a man to beat his wife, the UNDP said.

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PM Modi's US visit to create history, to be first Indian Prime Minister to address US Congress twice

WASHINGTON

ON the invitation of US President Joe Biden and First Lady Jill Biden, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit the United States from June 21 to June 24. In a historic gesture, Prime Minister Modi (pictured) will address a joint session of the United States Congress on June 22.

The invitation to deliver such a historic speech was extended by both the House of Representatives and the Senate, demonstrating bipartisan support and respect for Prime Minister Modi in the United States. He would be the first Indian Prime Minister to address a joint session of the United States Congress twice. The invitation letter from the President and First Lady praised PM Modi's last historic address seven years ago, which helped cement the connection between the two countries.

The White House emphasised in its message that it was an occasion to reaffirm the two countries' deep and close alliance. PM Modi expressed his thanks for the privilege and stated that he was looking forward to addressing the joint session.

In his message, PM Modi reiterated the pride in having a Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership with the US founded on the prin-

ciples of democratic values, close people-to-people ties and a staunch commitment to global peace and prosperity.

Kurt Campbell, the US administration's top official for the Indo-Pacific region, states that this visit may help consecrate the relationship with India as the most important for the USA in the world. Hailing India for playing a critical role globally, he mentions that a number of business and investment groups are looking at India for new investment opportunities to diversify the global supply chains.

With the US universities looking to train more engineers and technology specialists, Campbell stated that the US wants more such opportunities to open up for Indians.

Indian diaspora in the US is also eagerly awaiting PM Modi's arrival. An 'India Unity March' will be organised in 20 different cities in the US on June 18 to welcome PM Modi. Highlighting India's growth and development in the past nine years, a grand cultural event will be organised in front of the White House on June 21.

The preparation for this visit is already underway with strategic visits of the USA's Secretary of Defence and National Security Advisor to India prior to PM Modi's US visit.



Lloyd J. Austin, Secretary of Defence, visited India on June 4-5 to fortify defence partnerships and advance partnerships in critical domains.

In his meeting with Indian Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, views were exchanged on a range of regional security issues. The US also reiterated its commitment to collaborating closely on the issues pertaining to the Indo-Pacific.

A new roadmap to US-India Defence Industrial Cooperation has been concluded which will expedite technology cooperation and co-production in fields like land mobility systems, air combat, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, undersea domain and munitions.

With this, a set of proposals is also to be formulated to help India gain access to cutting-edge technologies that will boost India's defence modernization plan. In this regard, a new initiative called India-US Defense Acceleration Ecosystem (INDUS-X) to advance cutting-edge technology cooperation was also appreciated by the two leaders.

In their discussions, the rising importance of defence innovation and cooperation in emerging domains like space, artificial intelligence and cybersecurity also came up. The launch of the Advanced Domains Defence Dialogue was appreciated by the two counterparts and a further commitment to expand

bilateral defence cooperation was emphasised. During the discussion, the collaboration between the US and Indian companies, investors, start-up accelerators, and academic research institutions was emphasised which have also committed to strengthening operational collaboration across all military services, with an eye to supporting India's leading role as a security provider in the Indo-Pacific.

In his meeting with Indian NSA Ajit Doval, perspectives on shared security in the Indian Ocean Region and the scope for greater maritime collaboration also came up. India's leadership in the QUAD Indo-Pacific Maritime Domain Awareness Initiative (IPMDA), aimed at providing cutting-edge domain awareness capability to countries across the Indo-Pacific region was welcomed by Secretary Lloyd J. Austin.

The Secretary of Defence's visit will be followed by the visit of US National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan on June 13 to chart out the security agenda for the two global leaders during PM Modi's visit to the US. NSA Sullivan will be finalizing the GE-414 engine details, sharing counter-cyber threat technologies, and fine-tuning the position of the two countries on the Russia-Ukraine war.

ANI

Bicycle centre helps impoverished community in Namibia pedal toward better life

WINDHOEK

OVER the past 16 years, a bicycle center in an impoverished community in the Namibia's capital of Windhoek has been helping people seek a better way of life.

In the past decades, tens of thousands of people in the Southwest African country were attracted to the capital and other major cities by opportunities for jobs. But many of them had to build up a fortune in informal settlements.

For Tate John, who lives in the Havana informal settlement with 30,000 inhabitants, one of the biggest impoverished communities in Windhoek, cycling is the cheapest and most efficient mode of transport.

"I know where to take my bike, so I can go to work, earn an income and care for my family. Before that, we struggled," John

said, referring to the Havana Empowerment Bicycle Center, which is an initiative of charity organization Family of Hope Services.

Foibe Silvanus, project manager of the center, said that many dwellers riding a bike to work struggled to find an affordable supplier and repair workshop. "The center solved the problem. We wanted to offer an alternative mode of transport affordable to the community."

This center has grown into a hub that solves their problems, driven by our motivation to ensure mobility," she said. The center partners with Bicycle Empowerment Network Namibia, from which they source bicycles and sell them to the community at a reasonable price.

Since its inception in 2007, the center has

addressed gaps in access, repair and maintenance services in the Havana settlement, where bicycles have since become a popular mode of transport.

Most of the center's clients are security guards, children and employees who would otherwise have to walk long distances.

Furthermore, the center has provided jobs for women, strengthening the Namibian government's efforts for gender parity. Before coming to the center to repair bicycles, Hileni Simeon had to eke out a living by mowing grass for sale.

The 49-year-old woman said she was lucky to have the opportunity to attend a vocational training four years ago. "I am the mechanic here, repairing all the bicycles. It is a first for me," Simeon said. "The bicycle workshop was intimidating at first, but I

mastered all technical skills, and have since repaired over 100 bicycles," she said with a sense of pride.

Simeon served passionately because she knew too well the difference the bicycle could make.

"Growing up in the village in Omusati region, we mainly relied on bicycles to fetch water, access the clinic and run errands." Meanwhile, Simeon hopes to inspire others, proving that women can be just as good as men.

Moreover, income generated from selling and repairing bicycles has had a ripple effect. The funds have sustained the work of the Family of Hope Services which is supporting over 300 orphans and vulnerable children within the Havana settlement.

Xinhua

Dutch court ruling on Scythian Gold collection will not be left unanswered, says diplomat

MOSCOW

THE ruling by the Supreme Court of the Netherlands to hand over the Scythian gold collection from Crimean museums to Ukraine will entail a due response from Russia, Russian Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova has said.



The Supreme Court of the Netherlands said on Friday that it had upheld the verdict of the Amsterdam Appellate Court demanding that the Scythian gold collection be transferred to Ukraine.

"This did not come as a surprise to us. Any other decision could hardly be expected, given the Netherlands' unconditional support for any of Ukraine's requests, even the most unscrupulous ones."

Notably, the verdict was pronounced three months before the officially expected date. One can only make guesses about reasons behind this haste," Zakharova said on Friday.

"The verdict of the Supreme Court of the Netherlands sets another dangerous precedent that undermines trust within the museum community and, certainly, will not be left without an adequate response on our part," the diplomat added.

"The Scythian gold is a part of Crimea's cultural heritage and no decisions made by biased judges can cancel this indisputable fact. Historical justice will prevail," the spokeswoman said.

The Scythian Gold is a collection of more than 2,000 items that were put on display at an exhibition at the Allard Pierson Museum of the University of Amsterdam in February 2014 when Crimea was still part of Ukraine. Uncertainty over the collection's future emerged when Crimea reunited with Russia in March 2014.

Crimea's museums and Ukraine both laid claim to the collection. The University of Amsterdam, which oversees the Allard Pierson Museum's activities, put the handover procedure on hold until either the dispute was legally resolved or the parties came to terms.

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Former Italian PM Silvio Berlusconi has died

MILAN

FORMER Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi, a billionaire businessman who created Italy's largest media company before transforming the political landscape, died yesterday aged 86.

Two members of the Italian government mourned his passing, with Deputy Prime Minister Matteo Salvini calling him in a statement "a great man and a great Italian."

Defence Minister Guido Crosetto wrote on Twitter that Berlusconi's death amounted to the end of an era.

"I loved him very much. Farewell Silvio," Crosetto said. Berlusconi (pictured), who was prime minister during 1994-5, 2001-6 and 2008-11, had been suffering from leukaemia and had recently developed a lung infection.

Berlusconi's Forza Italia party is part of Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni's right-wing coalition.

His business empire also faces an uncertain future. He never publicly indicated who would take full charge of his MFE company following his death, even though his eldest daughter Marina is expected to play a prominent role.

Shares in MFE were up by more than 9 percent at around 0900 GMT.

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RCEP injects strong momentum into regional economic integration

THE Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) entered into force for the Philippines on June 2, confirming that the trade pact is now in effect for all 15 members.

The landmark RCEP agreement covers roughly 30 percent of the world's population, GDP and trade in goods, and the full implementation of the RCEP is a new stage for the trade bloc with the world's largest population and trade volume as well as the greatest development potential, said an official with China's Ministry of Commerce.

The full entry into force of RCEP reflects the determination and actions of its 15 members to support an open, free, fair, inclusive and rules-based multilateral trading system, continuously promoting a comprehensive, mutually beneficial and high-level economic partnership.

The 15 members' commitment to open goods, services and investment markets, superimposed with high-level rules in various fields, are expected to significantly promote the free flow of production factors in the region, including raw materials,

products, technologies, talents, capital, information and data.

It will gradually form a more prosperous large regional market that promotes wider integration, higher-level and deeper open cooperation among member states, it added.

On June 2, Chenfeng Group, a company that manufactures and exports apparel products based in east China's Jiangsu province, received an RCEP certificate of origin for exports to the Philippines under RCEP from the customs. With this certificate, men's shirts manufactured by the com-

pany will enjoy zero-tariff treatment in the Philippines.

"After the RCEP agreement came into force in the Philippines, we have another choice following the China-ASEAN Free Trade Agreement. It is good news for us to expand exports and maintain overseas clients," said Yin Lijun, customs affairs manager of the company.

Since the RCEP was implemented, trade in goods between member countries has come more frequent, and regional trade has grown into a key factor stabilizing and driving their for-

eign trade growth, said an official with the Ministry of Commerce.

According to the official, thanks to the positive signals released by the implementation, the RCEP region continues to be a hot spot for global investment, with a growing trend in the utilization of foreign capital in most of the RCEP members. The RCEP region is attracting more greenfield investment as a whole.

The implementation of the trade pact plays a crucial role in stabilizing China's foreign trade and investment.

In the first four months this

year, the total import and export volume between China and other RCEP members hit 4.12 trillion yuan (\$577.91 billion) with a year-on-year increase of 7.3 percent, accounting for 30.9 percent of China's total foreign trade.

During the same period, China's actual use of investment from other RCEP members amounted to nearly \$8.9 billion, a year-on-year growth of more than 13.7 percent.

Regions across China have strengthened policy coordination and optimized the business environment to enhance cooper-

ation under the framework of the RCEP since the trade pact came into effect.

Many places have implemented trade facilitation measures provided by the RCEP agreement to a high standard, enabling 6-hour customs clearance for perishable and express products. They also built smart online RCEP public service platforms and promoted whole-process digital services related to RCEP certificates of origin to ensure that enterprises enjoy the benefits of the RCEP efficiently.

People's Daily

Chinese, African experts call for collaboration against desertification

URUMQI

"Alone we go fast, but together we go further," said Marcelin Sanou, who works for the African initiative Great Green Wall, emphasizing the significance of international cooperation in combating desertification.

Sanou, chief of the planning, monitoring-evaluation and information management at the Pan-African Agency for the Great Green Wall, made the remarks at the 3rd Taklimakan Desert Forum held from Saturday to Monday in Korla, northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region.

At the forum, over 180 researchers from 14 countries and regions gathered to communicate how to effectively prevent land degradation and desertification, especially in the Sahara Desert and the Taklimakan Desert -- both are among the largest deserts in the world.

The Great Green Wall initiative, launched by the African Union in 2007, with an overarching aim of planting a wall of trees across Africa at the southern edge of the Sahara Desert, is an African-led initiative to restore Africa's degraded landscapes.

Sanou said that the Sahel region, a belt located on the southern border of the Sahara Desert, has long suffered from desertification, and one of the main goals of the Great Green Wall is to prevent desertification through multilateral cooperation.

Diop Souleymane, chief of the geographic information system and data-

base at the secretariat of the Pan-African Agency for the Great Green Wall, believes that China has made tremendous efforts to combat desertification, and Africa can draw inspiration from it to better address sustainable development and climate change issues. Jia Xiaoxia, programme officer at the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), stated that the UNCCD is working hard to support affected parties in strengthening science-based decision-making.

"We need joint efforts for facilitating scientific understanding, sharing knowledge and technology, and raising capacity to action," Jia said.

The Taklimakan Desert, China's largest desert, has been at the forefront of sand control and desertification research by Chinese scientists for over 60 years.

Practices such as planting desert shelter forests and building sand-control barriers have been successfully implemented there.

Zhang Yuanming, director of the Xinjiang Institute of Ecology and Geography (XIEG) with the Chinese Academy of Sciences, expected to "develop desertification control technologies suitable for Africa" and promote China-Africa green development cooperation based on collaborative research.

Sanou mentioned that due to China's unparalleled experience in sand control and combating desertification, the Pan-African Great Green Wall signed a memorandum of under-



A farmer cultivates a field in Belvedere, Senegal, August 12, 2020. Senegal is part of the Great Green Wall, which is Africa's flagship initiative to combat the increasing desertification. Xinhua

standing with the XIEG in 2017, aiming to enhance cooperation in sand control.

Through such collaboration, China and Africa can share experiences and support each other in green development, he noted. Yang Wenbin, secretary-general of the China National Sand Control and Desert Industry Society, said that in the future, China and Africa could strengthen cooperation in sand con-

trol for highways and railways, groundwater replenishment, and high-value ecological industries.

"Other than African countries in the Sahel region, we are also happy to engage in green cooperation in the Arab and Central Asian regions," Yang said. Endrias Geta, Ethiopia's state minister of irrigation and lowlands, told Xinhua that China's support for the Great

Green Wall is making a significant amount of land habitable again.

"Millions of hectares of land have been rehabilitated due to this Chinese government support," he said.

Xinhua

Khamenei: Nothing wrong with nuke deal if basis intact

TEHRAN

IRAN'S Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei said on Sunday there is nothing wrong with reaching a nuclear deal providing that the country's atomic infrastructure remains "intact," according to the official news agency IRNA.

The top leader made the remarks in a meeting with a group of nuclear experts and officials in the Iranian capital Tehran, commenting on the latest developments and progress of Iran's "peaceful" nuclear program.

He, however, stressed that the challenge Iran has faced over the past 20 years over nuclear issues has shown that the West is not trustworthy in its promises.

He said past negotiations with the International Atom-

ic Energy Agency (IAEA) and some countries have shown that they failed to fulfill many of the promises they had given to Iran.

He reiterated that Iran "does not seek to move toward (developing) nuclear weapons, otherwise the enemies would not have been able to prevent it, as they have so far failed to stop our nuclear advances."

The top leader emphasized that nuclear industry, an industry that bears great scientific importance and helps improve the people's lives, is among the "fundamental and important" elements of Iran's power and prestige, which is the reason why "the enemies" have focused on the country's nuclear energy sector.

He stressed that the cooperation between Iran and the



In this picture released by the official website of the office of the Iranian supreme leader, Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei speaks during a ceremony commemorating the death anniversary of the late revolutionary founder Ayatollah Khomeini at his mausoleum just outside Tehran, Iran, Sunday 4, 2023. AP

IAEA should be maintained, but the strategic law passed by the Iranian parliament in 2020 to counter U.S. sanctions must not be violated.

The parliament's law mandated the government to restrict IAEA's inspections of Iran's nuclear facilities and accelerate the development of the country's nuclear program beyond the limits set under a 2015 nuclear deal.

Khamenei said Iran has achieved the present level of progress in the nuclear industry despite the threats and assassinations of its atomic scientists by the enemies, stressing that Iran should be able to generate 20,000 megawatts of nuclear electricity in the future.

Iran signed the nuclear deal, known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), with world powers in

July 2015, agreeing to put some curbs on its nuclear program in return for the removal of the sanctions on the country. The United States, however, pulled out of the deal in May 2018 and reimposed its unilateral sanctions on Tehran, prompting the latter to reduce some of its nuclear commitments under the deal.

The talks on the JCPOA's revival began in April 2021 in Vienna, Austria. No breakthrough has been achieved after the latest round of talks in August 2022.

IAEA Director General Rafael Grossi paid a two-day visit to Tehran in early March when the two sides agreed to further interactions based on Iran's cooperation and greater openness to the agency's inspections.

Xinhua

SINGAPORE

SINGAPORE is well-known for being an easy place to do business. Among the factors that play to the city-state's advantage is an attractive tax system, an extensive network of tax treaties, ready availability of quality human capital, geopolitical stability, accessibility to financing, connectivity to the rest of the world, and good infrastructure.

Singapore also has a significant Indian diaspora, and it is therefore no surprise many Indian businesses have established bases in Singapore. According to the Indian High Commission in Singapore, about 9,000 Indian companies are registered in Singapore. Notable Indian firms such as Tata Group, Mahindra & Mahindra, Reliance Industries, Adani Group, Infosys and Wipro all have bases in Singapore. India and Singapore have enjoyed a robust trade relation for many years.

For the fiscal year 2021-22, bilateral trade stood at USD 30.11 billion. Singapore is India's 6th largest trade partner with a share of 2.9 percent of India's overall trade. Whereas India is Singapore's 12th largest trade partner with a share of 2.3 percent in Singapore's overall trade.

India FDI (foreign direct investment) inflows for 2021 to Singapore stood at USD

Why are Singapore manufacturers moving to India?

18.41 billion while FDI equity inflows to India from Singapore reached USD 15.87 billion during FY2021-22. Cumulatively, Singapore is the 2nd largest investor in India with USD 140.99 billion invested in India from April 2000 to September 2022.

The top sectors attracting FDI Equity inflows from Singapore are the services sector, computer software & hardware, trading, telecommunications, and drugs & pharmaceuticals. Another sector that is set to attract more investments from Singapore is manufacturing.

India has been attracting more manufacturers to its shores since 2014 when Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the "Make in India" campaign to put India prominently on the global manufacturing map and, in turn, facilitate the inflow of new technology and capital, while creating millions of jobs.

To this end, the government has made it easier for foreign companies to operate in the country. Between 2016 to 2019, India vaulted from 130th place to 63rd place out of 190 countries in the World Bank's Ease of Do-

ing Business Index.

India aims to further raise the manufacturing sector's share of gross domestic product to 25 per cent by 2025, from 16 per cent now.

Of late, India has been attracting such companies as Apple, Samsung, Kia, Boeing, Siemens, and Toshiba to shift a significant amount of their manufacturing activity to India. Some of these re-locations have been prompted by COVID-era supply chain disruptions and geopolitical tensions.

Singapore companies which used to mostly manufacture their products in neighbouring Southeast Asian countries and China appear to be doing the same.

Among Singapore firms that have shifted their operations to India are contract manufacturers who support and supply larger large multinational corporations (MNCs), some of whom have re-located to India.

Enterprise Singapore (EnterpriseSG) has been playing a part in helping Singapore firms establish themselves in India to benefit from the opportunities available to them in India due to policies favourable to manufacturers as well as its general economic outlook.

Enterprise Singapore is a statutory board under the Ministry of Trade and Industry of the Government of Singapore. Its aim is to support the development of Singapore's small and medium enterprises, upgrade capabilities, and help them innovate, transform, and internationalise.

In 2022, the number of Singaporean firms that worked with EnterpriseSG to enter India increased by more than 40 per cent compared to pre-pandemic 2019. Manufacturing was among the top three sectors represented in these companies, alongside information and communications and professional services.

Among the beneficiaries of the influx of MNCs to India is Singapore's The Hub Engineering which has a subsidiary Reliable Hub's Engineering India.

Reliable Hub's Engineering makes and distributes equipment for retail and food services - such as shelves and billing counters and supplies many big brands, including foreign entrants such as Mr DIY, Skechers and Miniso.

Turnover increased almost five-fold from 148 million rupees (USD1.8 million) in 2018 to 723 million rupees (USD8.8 million) in 2022.

Its managing director Ranjit Yadav told Singapore's Business Times that in the past many foreign companies needed a local partner to enter India and there was a cap on foreign ownership. However, today, 100 per cent FDI is allowed for firms in most types of manufacturing.

Though Reliable Hub's Engineering is an end-manufacturer, Ranjit said suppliers can also gain from the expansion of manufacturing MNCs in India.

As part of efforts to keep manufacturing in India, the government imposes high customs duties on imported components. This means manufacturers based in India have an incentive to find local suppliers and thus lower their costs, he said.

EnterpriseSG has been working with Indian agencies, for example, the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) to help Singapore firms capture opportunities to expand in India. Last October, it partnered CII to bring 19 Indian corporates to Singapore for the Industrial Transformation Asia-Pacific event, where business matching sessions were held.

ANI

NHK: Japan has started testing nuke water discharge equipment

TOKYO

THE operator of Japan's crippled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant began trialing the equipment to discharge nuclear-contaminated water into the Pacific amid fierce opposition from home and abroad, local media reported yesterday.

According to the national broadcaster NHK, Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO) started the trial operation Monday morning which mixes fresh water and seawater that does not contain radioactive substances to confirm whether the sea discharge equipment can operate reliably.

The test run of the discharge facility is expected to last for around two weeks, it added.

Last week, TEPCO finished sending seawater into an underwater tunnel built in front of the nuclear plant for its planned discharge, adding it plans to complete all facility-related preparations by the end of this month.

Despite ongoing opposition from domestic experts, civic groups and fishery organizations, Japan has been rushing to dump the contaminated water into the ocean, which has also incited protests from neighboring nations and communities within the Pacific Islands.

On Saturday, Japanese Industry Minister Yasutoshi Nishimura met with local fisheries representatives to seek their understanding for the planned release in Mito, Ibaraki Prefecture, where representatives expressed grave concerns over the move, saying "We're absolutely opposed to the release."

The said the plan to release the wastewater over decades is "fueling anxiety about

the future and doubt about continuous fishing operations."

"The ocean is humanity's common good, not Japan's private sewer," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin said on Wednesday, adding that it is "extremely selfish and irresponsible" for Japan to dump the nuclear-contaminated water into the ocean.

Hit by a magnitude-9.0 earthquake and an ensuing tsunami on March 11, 2011, the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant suffered core meltdowns that released radiation, resulting in a level-7 nuclear accident, the highest on the International Nuclear and Radiological Event Scale.

The plant has been generating a massive amount of water tainted with radioactive substances from cooling down the nuclear fuel in the reactor buildings. The wastewater is now stored in about 1,000 storage tanks.

As Japan considers discharging into the sea as the cheapest option with the minimum risk of polluting Japan itself, "it is extremely selfish and irresponsible to let the whole world bear the cost and save money for Japan itself," Wang said.



The ocean is humanity's common good, not Japan's private sewer," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin said on Wednesday, adding that it is



Tanzanian artist Khalid Mtumbuka, popularly known as 'Meja Kunta', entertains university students at the Boomplay TECNO Campus Tour concert held at the Tanzania Institute of Accountancy (TIA) in Mbeya last weekend. The tour, powered by TECNO Camon 20 Series, and Desperados aimed to celebrate the harmonious fusion of music and technology and left a memorable mark across the region. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

Artists thrill students in Southern Region Campus Tour

By Guardian Correspondent

BOOMPLAY, the leading music streaming and download platform in Africa, and TECNO, a premium smartphone brand committed to unlocking the best of contemporary technologies for progressive individuals across global emerging markets, successfully concluded Southern Region Campus Tour activations with a thrilling music concert held at the Tanzania Institute of Accountancy (TIA) campus grounds in Mbeya.

The Southern region tour, powered by Desperados, one of the leading flavoured beers in the world, and TECNO Camon 20 Series, sought to celebrate the harmonious fusion of music and technology and left a memorable mark across the region.

The Boomplay TECNO Campus Tour spanned four weeks, encompassing four universities across Mbeya including Tanzania Institute of Accountancy (TIA), Mzumbe, Mbeya University of Science & Technology (MUST), and College of Business Education (CBE).

The campaign was a testament to the power of collaboration, bringing together two industry leaders to engage and entertain the vibrant student community.

Throughout the tour, students were treated to an array of exciting activities and performances that left them mesmerized.

From music showcases by popular local artists to interactive technology exhibitions showcasing TECNO's latest cutting-edge innovations, the event offered an immersive experience that perfectly blended music and technology.

Boomplay Tanzania's General Manager, Natasha Stambuli expressed her delight at the resounding success of the Grand Finale Campus Tour.

Natasha noted: "This year we are very much thrilled to have partnered with TECNO and Desperados for this exceptional event. Music has the power to transcend boundaries and bring people together, and our collaboration has exemplified that."

She stated: "We have witnessed in-

credible enthusiasm from students, and it is heartening to see how technology can amplify the joy of music."

Commenting on the campaign, TECNO Tanzania's Head of Marketing, Salma Shafii, pointed out: "At TECNO, we believe in leveraging technology to enhance the overall experience of our users."

Salma noted: "Our collaboration with Boomplay for the Southern Region Campus Tour allowed us to showcase our commitment to innovation and connect with the dynamic student community. We are extremely pleased with the overwhelming response we received throughout the tour."

The Grand Finale, held at the TIA venue, was the pinnacle of the entire tour.

It featured electrifying performances from some of the country's top music artists such as Bonaventure Kabongo 'Stamina', Khalid Mtumbuka 'Meja Kunta', Abdul Hamid 'Kontawa', and 'Platform' who had the crowd on their feet throughout the night.

Attendees moreover had the opportunity to experience TECNO's latest mobile devices firsthand and explore the seamless integration of Boomplay's music streaming services.

The success of the Boomplay TECNO Campus Tour reinforces both companies' commitment to engaging with the young generation and nurturing their passion for music and technology.

By providing an interactive platform that combines the best of both worlds, Boomplay and TECNO have demonstrated their dedication to creating unforgettable experiences that resonate with the youth.

Boomplay is an Africa-focused music streaming and download service which houses millions of songs, videos, and entertainment news.

The platform's users can stream their favourite songs for free and subscribe to access premium features such as ad-free streaming and saving music for offline play.

Local football cheerfully on the up and up

By Correspondent Lloyd Elipokea

AS the dust continues to settle after Yanga's painful CAF Confederation Cup heartbreak a week ago, it is perhaps the opportune time for us to reflect on what was an outstanding season for local football.

Admittedly, losing the final so narrowly on the away-goal rule a week ago was indisputably an unbearably bitter pill for Yanga to swallow.

Having said that, though, there is sufficient cause for local football fans to be sanguine about our future as a football-playing country, that is positively gaga over the sport.

Indeed, the fact that our country's two most storied clubs Yanga and Simba SC progressed to the knockout stage of CAF inter-club competitions assuredly bodes well for domestic football.

Despite being thrown out of the CAF Champions League in the quarterfinal stage, Simba SC still magnificently managed to give an extremely good account of themselves in continental football's most prized championship.

And, as for Yanga, the Jangwani Street outfit's storybook run through the CAF Confederation Cup right up to the tournament's culmination putting an extra spring in the step of all Tanzanians.

In a sign that indicates that perhaps Tanzanian football may have just entered a success-laden chapter in its history, Yanga pluckily took on all comers with magical flair and dazzling skill that saw them overcome the continent's biggest clubs.



Tanzania's president, Haki Mzee Nchimbi (C), embraces the club's skipper Bakari Mwanjeto during a presentation ceremony held after the culmination of the 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup final return leg match against Algeria's USM Alger played at Stade du 5 Juillet in Algiers on June 3. Yanga cruised to a 1-0 win. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

It seems patently clear then that Yanga and Simba SC have pleasingly ceased to be two of the minnows of continental football. One hopes too that our senior national team, Taifa Stars, can glean inspiration from the stellar campaigns of both Yanga and Simba SC in CAF inter-club competitions of the just-concluded 2022-23 football season.

Indeed, with key AFCON finals qualifiers slated to take place just around the corner, it would be a massive boost for local football fans if Taifa Stars would be able to keep the bandwagon of success rolling.

Speaking of success, one English club that has doubtlessly experienced loads of it in the 2022-23 European football season is irrefutably Manchester City.

Last weekend, the English Pre-

mier League and FA Cup winners gloriously capped an already memorable football season by winning the holy grail of European football, the UEFA Champions League.

As the club, dubbed 'Citizens', continue to bask in the glory of their rare treble-winning success, Africans can take pride in the fact that one of our very own, the Algerian forward Riyad Mahrez, was pivotal to Manchester City's fabulous triumphs.

Nevertheless, Riyad Mahrez was cheerfully not the only African football icon to have tasted success with one of European football's bigwigs in the just-ended football season.

Indeed, despite being linked with a move to another club, Barcelona's Ivorian midfielder Frank Kessie was still able to

play a crucial part in his side's La Liga title victory.

Another African football star par excellence who massively helped his side claim top honours last season is Napoli's devastatingly effective Nigerian marksman Victor Osimhen.

Indisputably, from the outset of Napoli's Serie A campaign right up to the very end, Osimhen was the star of the show as he kept banging in the goals that helped his club to secure its first Serie A title win since 1990.

Thus, after what was an unforgettably rewarding season for the pantheon of African stars plying their trade abroad, one can only hope that next season will prove to be even more successful for top African football gems at the world's most well-heeled clubs.

Yanga not yet keen on recruitment even as 'vultures' camp at its squad

By Correspondent John Kimbuta

WITH the end-of-season departures and recruitments replacing flashes on Premier League and continental tournaments everywhere, local analysts are beginning to notice that there is a difference of either urgency or zeal in recruitment, on the part of the two city rivals.

Ambitious Msimbazi Street-based Simba SC officials seem to be readying to use the resources and indeed expertise they can muster, not just to make recruits but ensure that no errors come up to bring blunt recruits to the squad.

It isn't easy to make that guarantee but the club is making an effort, recruiting a top scout for it.

So far it appears that the Jangwani Street-based Yanga is likely to lose more heavily in team cohesion and technical bench continuity than their rivals on the other end of the street.

Signs, or rumours, are building up that Yanga's head coach Nasreddine Nabi is on his way out for greener pastures, as well as talismanic scorer Fiston Mayele, and not so surprisingly other names could surface in due course.

One noticeable candidate for recruitment would be first-choice goalkeeper Djigui Diarra, incontestably the best goalie of the Premier League and won accolades for his CAF Confederation Cup output.

Diarra did so well that he won fulsome appreciation from across the city rivals' divide, such that well-known Simba SC supporter, Naseeb Abdul aka 'Diamond Platinumz', could not hold himself back from the former Stade Malien goalkeeper.

He inched up at the Premier League trophy ceremony to offer a personal prize for the goal-



Yanga's midfielder Stephane Aziz Ki (R) dribbles past Prisons' defender Ibrahim Abraham when the clubs took on each other in this season's NBC Premier League tie at Sokoine Stadium in Mbeya last Friday. Yanga garnered a 2-0 victory. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

keeper, and many struggling top sides in other countries would have seen him already.

Still, he is not apparently in the hot cake category so he may as well stay on.

As the soccer season was still engaged at the end of the week, perhaps that was the reason for the lack of any officious admission that 'Prof Nabi' is on his way out.

A remark he is reported to have made upon return from the away final tie for the CAF Confederation Cup appeared to settle the issue, saying he loves Tanzania but prefers to go after trophies.

It means he wishes for a stronger coaching challenge, and having taken literal continental novices Yanga to the final of the second-tier continental tourney would have raised eyebrows in various capitals.

And to be sure it is the litmus test of a good coach, not one who takes an excellent team and wins prizes with it, but takes a talented team that has little experience at high-level competition and achieves big things with it. That is how Sir Alex Ferguson

they want.

Both expected departures are of the sort to trouble any side, thus there is an eerie calm at the club for reasons of resisting to accommodate that piece of reality in the mind until it is shouted for all to hear.

There is a wish that the loyalty continues, the way Simba SC fans shouted on the Miquissone-Chama dual exit in mid-August 2021, and complaining endured for much of the next season.

The fervent attachment to Mayele will leave a scar on the Yanga fan club and a broad smile at the other end of the street, as this was one person that the Simba SC rank and file will be glad not to see as a rival to their ambitions locally, the Saidi Ntibazonkiza theatrics notwithstanding.

Mayele has been a consistent and reliable goal-getter, lately being eclipsed less by Saido than newcomer Jean Baleke.

This relatively new player is also likely to be a recruitment target, but there is a 'dam breach' in Sudan where good players are seeking new destinations now.

That might diminish the scale of plucking of players from the city rivals, and squads except for the most successful players and where relevant the coach, and it is what is happening now.

Simba SC advisers or majordomo have been awash with speculative indications of pursuing players at 'giant killers' Al Hilal SC, while Yanga has been silent, either for the Omdurman side or their archrivals, El Merreikh both of which would be oozing with players.

Yanga has plenty of time but they show clear indications they want everyone to stay in place, as they wished for a certain Feisal Salum, until the matter became a sore at high-level of ficialdom.

Man City treble winners stake claim as England's greatest club side

LONDON

MANCHESTER City's class of 2022/23 have staked their claim to be ranked as English football's greatest ever team after the treble winners' historic Champions League triumph against Inter Milan.

City's tense 1-0 victory in Istanbul on Saturday made them only the second English club after Manchester United to win the Premier League, FA Cup and Champions League in a single season.

But Pep Guardiola's stars are not the only team with a strong case to take that prestigious honour.

United's own treble winners, Arsenal's 'Invincibles' and Liverpool's legends of the 1980s all have deserving cases in a fascinating debate.

Stating City's credentials comes with a barrage of jaw-dropping statistics.

They won 44 of their 60 games in all competitions this term, completing a hat-trick of Premier League titles and claiming a fifth in six seasons.

Arsenal's eight-point lead in the title race in early April was reeled in with contemptuous ease as City sealed the title with three games to spare, eventually finishing five clear of the Gunners on 89 points.

Guardiola's men plundered 150 goals in all competitions, the most of any team in Europe's top five leagues this season.

Erling Haaland grabbed the headlines for his 52-goal haul in his debut season, that included setting a single-season Premier League record of 36 goals.

But City's brilliance comes from a collective effort.

Rodri was the unlikely goalscorer here against Inter in Istanbul and City needed goalkeeper Ederson to produce a series of important saves to conquer Europe for the first time.

Last weekend, Ilkay Gundogan's double delivered the FA Cup, while Kevin De Bruyne has been the standout individual of Guardiola's glorious seven years in charge.

So how do the other contenders stack up against City in the battle to be the best of the best?

- Man Utd 98/99 -

Powered by 'Class of 92' youth academy graduates David Beckham, Paul Scholes and Gary Neville, United could also call on Roy Keane, Dwight Yorke and Andy Cole and Jaap Stam.

Yet the Red Devils had to wait until the last day to win the 1998-99 Premier League, beating 2-1 Tottenham at Old Trafford to finish one point ahead of Arsenal on 79 points.

Alex Ferguson's men also beat Arsenal in a memorable FA Cup semi-final before going on to lift the trophy against Newcastle in the final.

But their crowning glory came in a remarkable fightback to beat Bayern Munich 2-1 in the Champions League final.

Goals from Teddy Sheringham and Ole Gunnar Solskjaer in the final seconds at the Camp Nou prompted the exhausted and overjoyed Ferguson to exclaim: "Football, bloody hell!".

- Arsenal's 'Invincibles' -

If United's treble was a rollicking rollercoaster ride of emotions, Arsenal's unbeaten 2003-04 icons were the model of consistency and quality.

Arsene Wenger's team won 26 and drew 12 of their 38 league games to take the Premier League title by 11 points as they became the second English team after Preston in 1888/89 to go through a top-flight campaign without defeat.

Thierry Henry, Dennis Bergkamp and Robert Pires provided the eye-catching elegance for the Gunners, while Patrick Vieira and Sol Campbell added the muscle.

"To remain unbeaten in a championship like the England now is really unbelievable," Wenger said.

But despite their incredible season that Arsenal side suffered a shock Champions League quarter-final defeat to Chelsea and bowed out in the FA Cup semi-finals against United.

- Liverpool 83/84 -

In the midst of their reign over English football in the 1970s and 1980s, arguably Liverpool's finest vintage came in 1983-84.

Joe Fagan's side swept to the title by 13 points, winning 22 times and losing six in a 42-game schedule.

Kenny Dalglish, Ian Rush, Graeme Souness and Alan Hansen were all at their peak as Liverpool beat Everton in the League Cup final.

The Reds then defeated Roma in the European Cup final -- in the Italians' own Stadio Olimpico no less -- to win the European Cup and claim a treble of their own.

Liverpool devotees would point out that was their fourth European crown in eight years and their third successive top-flight title.

City's challenge now is to establish a European dynasty to rival that of the Reds four decades ago.

"You have to win in Europe to be considered a great team and we did it," said Guardiola.

"I don't want to disappear after one Champions League. We have to work hard next season and be there."

Defender Abdelmonem the hero as Ahly conquer Africa again

CASABLANCA, Morocco

DEFENDER Mohamed

Abdelmonem equalised on the night as Al Ahly of Egypt drew 1-1 at Wydad Casablanca of Morocco on Sunday to win the CAF Champions League for a record-extending 11th time.

His goal cancelled the lead Yahia Attiyat Allah gave the defending champions and earned the Cairo club a 3-2 aggregate victory after building a 2-1 first-leg lead seven days ago.

Defeat for Wydad ended a run of two final victories over Ahly, and they paid the penalty for concentrating on defending their fragile second-leg lead instead of seeking further goals.

Unlike Europe, away goals count double in African club competitions when sides finish level on aggregate and Wydad would have retained the trophy had they won 1-0.



Al Ahly players celebrate winning the CAF Champions League in Casablanca on Sunday. Agencies

Ahly pocketed a record four million dollars for winning and Marcel Koller became the first Swiss coach to win the premier African club competition.

It was the third Champions League triumph in four seasons for Ahly after victories over fellow Egyptians Zamalek in 2020 and Kaizer Chiefs of South Africa the following year.

Wydad made two changes to the side that began the first leg in

Cairo last weekend with attackers Mohamed Ounajem and Saïfeddine Bouhra replacing Reda Jaadi and Zouhair el Moutaraji.

Veteran Ounajem was part of the Wydad team to beat Ahly in the 2017 final while Bouhra scored last Sunday after coming on as a late substitute.

Ahly made one change with fit-again first choice goalkeeper Mohamed el Shenawy returning in place of Ahmed Shobeir.

The second leg was the 13th time the African club giants had met in the Champions League with Ahly holding a 5-3 lead and four matches drawn.

Among the capacity crowd in the 65,000-seat Stade Mohammed V was Patrice Motsepe, a South African billionaire and president of the Confederation of African Football (CAF).

- Special occasion - For referee Bamlak Tessema Weyesa from

Ethiopia it was a special occasion -- his last match before retiring at the age of 42 after 14 years handling international fixtures.

As the first half got underway, an unfortunate feature of African football reared its ugly head again with green lasers pointed at visiting players to try and distract them.

Moroccan Ayoub el Amloud had the first clearcut chance just past the 10-minute mark, but after a dazzling dribble into the area, his tame, inaccurate shot posed no threat.

The Ahly strike force of Mahmoud Kahraba, South African Percy Tau and Hussein el Shahat had scored 15 Champions League goals before the second leg, but were unable to trouble Wydad early on.

Wydad broke the deadlock when an Attiyat Allah free-kick close to the touchline floated into the goalmouth, eluded El Shenawy, and landed in the far corner

of the net.

Ahly made no headway before half-time as they tried to equalise and their frustrations led to yellow cards for Kahraba and El Shahat, while Bouhra was cautioned for time wasting.

Nobody was more relieved when a 51-minute opening half finished with the referee, who was battling to keep control of some bad-tempered Moroccans and Egyptians.

Midway through the second half smoke from flares restricted visibility leading to play being temporarily halted.

A set piece gave Wydad the lead and another one -- a corner from Ali Maaloul -- set up Abdelmonem to equalise with a glancing header into the far corner that stunned the crowd.

Ahly had plenty of second-half possession, but did not seriously threaten Wydad goalkeeper Youssef el Motie before levelling.

AFP

How do you improve on perfection? The challenges facing Man City

By Sam Wallace

WHEN Pep Guardiola last won a treble, Barcelona rewarded their manager of 12 months with the signing that the club thought could take his great side to the next level: the great Swedish striker, and agent provocateur, Zlatan Ibrahimovic.

The deal, worth around €45 million (£38.5 million) in cash, plus the departure of Samuel Eto'o the other way to Internazionale, became one of the biggest mistakes of the Barcelona era of dominance. It started well enough but by Christmas of that 2009-2010 season, the strain in the relationship between manager and player was beginning to show. By the next summer Ibrahimovic was back in Italy on loan and his lifetime of recriminations towards Guardiola would begin. "Advanced b-----" was one of Ibrahimovic's more choice verdicts on Guardiola's style of management.

With Ibrahimovic off the scene again in 2010-2011, Guardiola's side would regain the Champions league. That summer of 2009, Barcelona also paid €25 million (£21.3 million) for the Ukrainian defender, Dmytro Chyhrnskiy, who played 14 games for the club before being sold back to a loss to Shakhtar Donetsk. The best first-team addition was a winger who had played for Guardiola in Barca B and in only a handful of first team games. That was Pedro Rodriguez, who would be a World Cup winner within 12 months.

It would be hard to see the modern City making the same mistakes this summer that Barcelona made in recruitment then. Even Sir Alex Ferguson began the 1999-2000 season that



Ferran Soriano, chairman Khaldoon Al Mubarak, manager Pep Guardiola and director of football Txiki Begiristain - Reuters

followed his treble, with a series of miss-steps in replacing Peter Schmeichel. First with Mark Bosnich, then Massimo Taibi before settling temporarily on Raimond van der Gouw.

He acquired Quinton Fortune and Mikael Silvestre. Two more titles followed the treble but no big names arrived until the summer of 2001. Indeed, Ferguson did not sign a single player for the 2000-2001 season.

Now clubs at the very top would argue that they have to invest more than £100 million in fees and contracts annually just to standstill, in the frantically acquisitive world of modern football.

City have big change coming in the next two years, and how they handle that will be crucial. They buy at the very top of the market where the scope for mistakes is reduced but never eliminated. From a group of potential departures, including Ilkay Gundogan, Aymeric Laporte, Riyad Mahrez, Bernardo Silva and Joao Cancelo, at least some will leave. Cancelo is the most certain, having fallen out of favour. The rest are all proven winners and se-

nior players.

In their place, Mateo Kovacic and his fellow Croatia international Josko Gvardiol, the central defender at RB Leipzig, are strong Champions League experienced players. Gabriel Veiga, the new 21-year-old Spanish talent at Celta Vigo is another. The planning for the end, when it comes, of Kevin De Bruyne and Kyle Walker, will also have begun. There is a reason that clubs retain those top-quality senior players as long as possible.

They may not have the legs of their younger selves, but they can be relied upon in the biggest games, season after season. Finding the players who can replace them, and then trusting them with the game-time in the biggest matches as they find their feet at a club like City, is one of the most difficult processes in football. It is why Guardiola's relationship with the Spanish axis of

Txiki Begiristain and chief executive Ferran Soriano is so important. When Guardiola thanked them after Saturday's win for not sacking him for previous Champions League disappointments, no-one ever believed they might.

Guardiola and the cult of the great manager is the most powerful draw City have. It was not strong enough for them to convince Jude Bellingham but one suspects that there is a plan to try to sign the midfielder at some point, even if his next contract is at Real Madrid.

A perfect system? Not quite. The 115 charges from the Premier League, the epic legal case that will play out between its lawyers and City in the months to come has a jeopardy attached. The club could yet face any number of sanctions including a transfer embargo. The effect such a punishment had on Chelsea in 2019 will be a warn-

ing that any interruption to the natural cycle of signing and selling can be very dangerous for the health of a club.

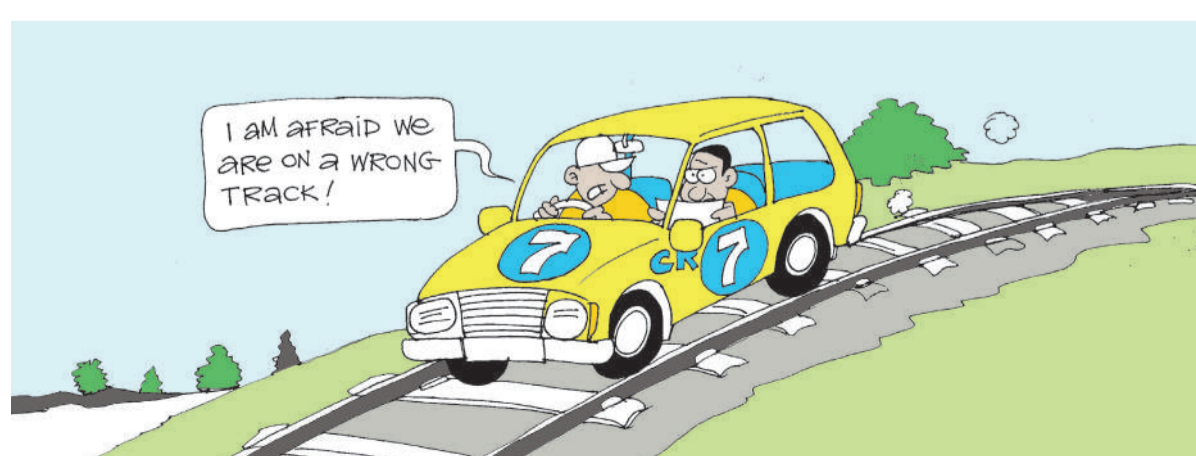
The Premier League investigation is not the only challenge that City face in the months that come. The new Uefa financial fair play regulations will affect all the biggest clubs in their own way and they will have to plan according to the new limits which are drawn from the size of a club's revenue. Next season will be the last Champions League edition played according to the old four-team group stage before the expansion to the Swiss model, with eight first round games.

With the wealth of their Abu Dhabi backers, and the benefit of 12 partner clubs in the City Football Group which give the mothership unrivalled insight into talent across the world, the European champions have many advantages. Their recruitment team has proven itself to be one of the best in the business, and capable of paying the biggest wages. Their famous manager has laid out his intention to stay and win more Champions League titles after this first one.

Yet they still have a battle on their hands with the English game. The Premier League charges were brought by the league's executive and came amid a political atmosphere among rivals that financial fair play was not being enforced. City are in for the fight of their lives.

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Yanga's central defender, Ibrahim Abdallah (L), keeps Azam FC's attacker, Idris Mbombo, in check when they took on each other in this season's Azam Sports Federation Cup (ASFC) final at Mkwakwani Stadium in Tanga yesterday. Yanga cruised to a 1-0 victory. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TANZANIA FOOTBALL FEDERATION

Gairo Boys step up title chase in 2023 TCA U-18 League 35 Overs Zone B

By Guardian Reporter

GAIRO Boys have stepped up their quest for silverware in the 2023 Tanzania Cricket Association (TCA) U-18 League 35 Overs Zone B having garnered a hard-fought one-wicket victory over Mwanza Phantom Boys in a match that took place in Gairo, Morogoro last weekend.

It was the fifth successive victory that Gairo Boys have registered in the showdown, making them strong favourites as far as the battle for the tournament's title is concerned.

Gairo Boys began their campaign in the showdown with a 10-wicket drubbing of Kongwa Boys in a duel that took place at the venue on March 25.

The Morogoro youngsters, from then on, enjoyed a tremendous run, picking impressive wins over opponents.

In the last weekend's match, Gairo Boys won the toss and elected to bowl, restricting Mwanza Phantom Boys to 99/10 in 16.3 overs.

The Mwanza youngsters endured a wobble during the early stages of their innings following an early dismissal of the opener, Jonathan Nyambo, with the performer ending with two runs.

Mwanza Phantom Boys' other opener, Baraka Fredy, sought to ensure the batting squad stays in control with his 12 runs whilst clearing the boundary twice.

Top-order batsman, Raymond Francis, slotted in at number three, boosted his team's total after posting 17 runs that included three fours.

There were yet more setbacks the batting team endured in the latter stage, given four members of the batting unit exited the crease in quick succession, failing to notch two-digit figures.

Top-order batsmen Laban Deus and Manyama Aloyce had a frustrating showing, as Deus was sent back to the pavilion for duck and was soon followed by Aloyce that managed one run.

Alex Elias and Faustin Baenda were the other victims of the early exit as Gairo Boys' bowling unit sought to pile misery on Mwanza Phantom Boys.

Middle-order cricketer Mustafa Shaban attempted to have the Mwanza youngster wrestling control with his unbeaten 22 runs consisting of four fours.

Even though the rest of Mwanza Phantom Boys' cricketers found it difficult to keep the Gairo Boys bowling unit at bay, the former wound up their innings with a respectable score.

Khalid Amiri was the most impressive cricketer in Gairo Boys' bowling unit, ending with a six-wicket haul whilst leaking 31 runs in 5.3 overs when the team fielded.

Wilson Costa and Jeremiah John also had the best day with the ball when Gairo Boys fielded, in which the bowlers notched two wickets apiece.

John leaked 33 runs in his five-over stint and fellow bowler, Costa, ended his three-over spell whilst giving away 17 runs.

Needing 100 runs to grab victory, Gairo Boys showcased resoluteness as they went on to score 100/9 in 22.3 overs.

Opener Alfred Daniel was the top-run getter, nailing 33 runs, and was ably assisted by Costa with his 15 runs and chipping in with 12 runs.

They showcased their determination despite the early dismissal of the other opener, Ayubu Branson, as the youngster managed to score mere seven runs.

Much as Mwanza Phantom Boys' Francis boasted a four-wicket haul in a seven-over spell and fellow bowlers, Emmanuel Julius and Nyambo, took two wickets apiece, there was little the trio could do to prevent Gairo Boys from mounting a solid chase.

The TCA-organized U-18 League 35 Overs has been divided into two zones, with Zone A having Dar es Salaam, Tanga, Arusha, and Morogoro centers' teams playing the 40-over league.

Zone B is made up of Dodoma Town, Mwanza, Geita, Gairo, Chamwino, and Kongwa centers' squads.

By Correspondent Adam Fungamwango

YANGA has defended the Azam Sports Federation Cup (ASFC) top honour with a hard-fought 1-0 victory over Azam FC in this season's showdown final at Mkwakwani Stadium in Tanga yesterday.

Zambian attacker, Kennedy Musonda, scored the all-important goal for Yanga in the 12th minute, connecting a cross floated in by right-back, Djuma Shaban, with a well-placed header to ensure the Jangwani Street club continues to dominate the tournament.

A quick attack by Yanga witnessed winger Tuisila Kisinda dribbling past Azam FC left-back Bruce Kangwa and un-

leashing a shot that was blocked by goalie, Iddrisu Abdulai, for a corner kick.

Djuma opted for a quick start, picking Kisinda with a low pass and the latter passed the ball back to the right-back that whipped in the delivery and Musonda met it to beat the Azam FC goalie.

Yanga had missed its Congolese forward, Fiston Mayele, and Burkina Faso midfielder, Stephane Aziz Ki, in the ASFC final because the footballers had garnered call up to their respective countries' senior national teams.

Azam FC's defense was

early on in trouble as Musonda could not head home a cross by Yanga's left-back Joyce Lomalisa.

Yanga continued to put pressure on Azam FC's defense and came close to going 1-0 up in the fifth minute as winger Bernard Morrison's effort went slightly over the goal.

Azam FC keeper Abdulai was forced to make a good save from Musonda's close-range effort.

Azam FC somehow showcased determination in the second period, narrowly failing to draw level five minutes into the period as Ayoub Lyanga's shot was

punched by Yanga's shot stopper, Djigui Diarra.

In the tie's closing stages, Azam FC went close as the team's players could not connect home a well-taken free kick by second-half substitute, Idd Suleiman.

Both clubs endured stiff tests in their bid to secure qualification for the ASFC final, locking horns with equally competent sides, Simba SC and Singida Big Stars, in the semi-finals.

Azam FC against all odds commanded a 2-1 victory over Simba SC, one of the tournament's strong challengers for silverware, in the semi-final at Nangwan-

da Sijaona Stadium in Mtwara on May 7.

Congolese striker, Fiston Mayele, was Yanga's hero when the outfit took on Singida Big Stars in the other semi-final duel at Liti Stadium in Singida on May 21, drilling in for Yanga to have the outfit making it to the final.

Yanga has, therefore, defended second silverware in the 2022/23 season, as the club had earlier lifted the NBC Premier League top honour.

Azam FC: Iddrisu Abdulai, Lusajo Mwaikenda, Bruce Kangwa, Abdallah Kheri, Daniel Amoah, Isah Ndala, Sospeter Bajana, Abdulhamis Suleiman, Idris Mbombo, Ayoub Lyanga, and James Akaminko.

Subs: Zubeir Foba, Edward Charles, Pascal Msindo, Nathaniel Chilambo, Iddi Selemani, Cleophae Mkandala, Kipre Junior, Tepsi Evance, Prince Dube.

Yanga: Djigui Diarra, Djuma Shaban, Ibrahim Abdallah, Dickson Job, Bakari Mwamnyeto, Joyce Lomalisa, Khalid Aucho, Salum Abubakar, Tuisila Kisinda, Kennedy Musonda, Bernard Morrison.

Subs: Metacha Mnata, Kibwana Shomary, David Bryson, Mamadou Doumbia, Zawadi Mauya, Mudathir Yahya, Yannick Bangala, Clement Mzize, and Denis Nkane.

RAS Logistics Caravans B garners first victory in 2023 Petrofuel DC Caravans T20 Cup

By Guardian Reporter

THE battle for the title in this season's Petrofuel Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Caravans T20 Cup tournament has gained momentum as RAS Logistics Caravans B notched its first victory last Saturday.

The side beat Ateeme Shree Kutchi Leva Patel Sports Center (SKLPSC) by six wickets in a clash that was played at Leaders Club ground.

The exhilarating match began with Ateeme SKLPSC winning the toss and opting to bat first, hoping to set a challenging target for their opponents.

Ateeme SKLPSC's innings got off to a shaky start as they lost wickets at regular intervals.

The team struggled to find momentum and maintain partnerships, resulting in their batsmen constantly being dismissed.

Despite the challenging circumstances, one player stood tall and provided some resistance.

Vikeshkumar Kerai, the third-down batsman for Ateeme SKLPSC, displayed excellent batting skills and determination. He played a crucial role in steering his team towards a respectable total.

Kerai's aggressive approach



Sreejith Kumar of RAS Logistics Caravans B's side (L) receives the Colourflex Man of the Match award from Anand Ram, General Manager of Ras Logistics Limited, once the former's club came up against Ateeme Shree Kutchi Leva Patel Sports Center (SKLPSC) in a 2023 Petrofuel Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Caravans T20 Cup tournament match held last Saturday. PHOTO: COURTESY OF CARAVANS CRICKET CLUB

saw him score 34 runs off just 19 balls, including some powerful shots that rattled the opposition.

His innings provided a glimmer of hope for Ateeme SKLPSC as they managed to post a total of 112 runs on the board before being all out in 19.4 overs.

RAS Logistics Caravans' bowlers were in exceptional form, and in the end, Gokul Das ended as the star performer.

Das wreaked havoc on Ateeme SKLPSC's batting lineup, claiming four crucial wickets and conceding a mere 14 runs in his allotted four

overs.

His disciplined bowling and ability to pick up wickets at regular intervals played a significant role in restricting Ateeme SKLPSC to a modest total.

In pursuit of the target, RAS Logistics Caravans stepped onto the field with

determination.

Their batsmen showcased their intent right from the start, mounting pressure on the opposition.

Sreejith Kumar, in particular, played pivotal innings that turned the tide in favour of Ras Logistics Caravans.

Kumar's knock of 56 runs off just 37 deliveries proved to be the game-changer. He exhibited an array of powerful strokes, smashing four sixes and two fours along the way.

His aggressive batting not only kept the scoreboard ticking but also demoralized the Ateeme SKLPSC bowlers.

Kumar's innings, combined with contributions from other batsmen, helped Ras Logistics Caravans chase down the target with ease, reaching it in just 16.1 overs.

The victory for Ras Logistics Caravans marked an outstanding team effort, with the bowlers successfully containing Ateeme SKLPSC's batting lineup and the batsmen displaying a clinical performance to secure a comprehensive win.

For his batting exploits, Kumar was voted as the Colourflex Man of the Match. Gokul Das' bowling spell earned him the Rickshaw Gamechanger of the Match prize.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

