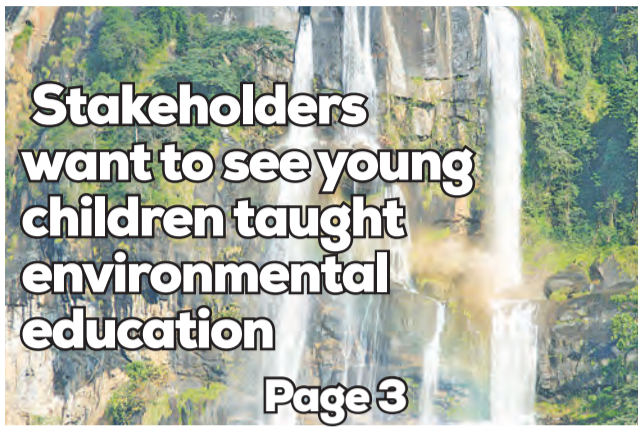




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By Salome Kitomari, Seoul

TANZANIA and South Korea have signed a framework agreement enabling concessional loans from the Economic Development Cooperation Fund (EDCF) valued at \$2.5bn across five years.

President Samia Suluhu Hassan and South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol, witnessed the signing of the Korea-Tanzania EDCF pact for 2024-2028 here over the weekend.

President Samia is on an official visit to Korea at the invitation of President Yoon, with the two heads of state holding official talks at the Yongsan Presidential Office.

They witnessed the signing of other agreements aiming to bolster cooperation in critical minerals and the blue economy, alongside signing a joint statement on the launch of negotiations for an economic partnership agreement (EPA).

The envisaged EPA will elevate Tanzania-Korea economic ties to a strategic relationship, boosting partner-

ship in trade, investment, transport and industry.

President Samia welcomed the decision of the Korean government to double the EDCF facility's resources to Tanzania, urging enhanced cooperation with Korea in the blue economy and the development of natural gas.

Cooperation was also sought for the creative industry particularly film and arts, while seeking leeway on Tanzania to supply labour to Korean industry via the employment permit system (EPS) used in South Korea.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on strategic minerals was similarly signed, enhancing Tanzania-Korea cooperation on geological surveys, mining investments and 'beneficiation' of critical minerals such as nickel, lithium and graphite, the presidential communications directorate said in a statement.

The two countries set up diplomatic ties in 1992, while the president's visit is the second, coming 26 years after the late President Benjamin Mkapa visited the country in

1998.

An EPA agreement envisaged will enable the two countries to elevate ties to a strategic level in the conduct of industry and transportation investments, the statement indicated.

The agreement aims to widen economic cooperation, with Tanzania becoming the third in Africa opting for talks leading to an economic cooperation agreement with Korea, after Morocco and Kenya.

Preliminary EPA documents signed yesterday include cooperation in the blue economy as relates to fishing areas, seafood processing industries, construction of fishing ports, technology and research on marine issues, it elaborated.

Tanzanians will benefit from obtaining direct and other paying avenues helping to accelerate the growth of the sector, it said.

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TAWA seizes 91 guns, arresting 2,304 poachers

By Guardian Reporter

IN the past ten months the government has seized a total of 91 firearms and 276 bullets, arrested 2,304 suspects for various offences in forests managed by the Tanzania Wildlife Management Authority (TAWA).

Angellah Kairuki, the Natural Resources and Tourism minister, made this observation in the National Assembly on Friday when tabling budget estimates for the 2024/25 financial year.

Efforts injected by the government to fight poaching had prevented a range of criminal incidents targeting wildlife and livestock, as the agency heightened security in various game reserves with patrols and other measures.

Up to late April a total of 11,593 patrols were conducted, being 80 percent of the target of conducting 14,487 patrols, she said, noting

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BoT circular cuts interbank customers' transfer charges

By Guardian Reporter

CUSTOMERS in banks and financial institutions are being relieved from exorbitant tariffs for interbank transfers through retail platforms and channels, with new indicative charges issued by the Bank of Tanzania (BoT).

Dr Sauda Msemu, the deputy governor for financial stability and deepening, issued indicative charges in the circular referenced as LB.178/179/01/69 dated April 22, 2024 and came into effect on May 1.

Posted on the BoT website on Friday, it was issued pursuant to Section 56 (3) of the National Payment Systems Act 2015, addressing all banks and financial institutions, the BoT official stated in the circular.

The move follows complaints of high charges being imposed on customers for transferring funds from one bank to another through retail platforms and channels, it said.

This tended to increase

the burden on consumers of these services, the circular noted, highlighting that fees and commissions are major sources of non-funded incomes among commercial banks and other financial institutions.

He said that BoT has set limits to charges for interbank transfer through retail platforms for specified transfer amounts, with zero charges to the end user or recipient for incoming trans

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Manyara sets aside 1m ha in carbon trading EAC hub bid

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Manyara

MANYARA Region authorities are working to create a major hub for carbon trading in the East African Community zone, setting aside upwards of one million hectares of forest land, with more clusters likely to be added.

Michael Gwandu, the regional forest officer, said here at the weekend that 600,000 hectares of wilderness will remain undisturbed for conservation and carbon trading, located in the vast Simanjiro District.

"In association with village authorities, we have also reserved 200,000 hectares in Kiteto District, while Mbulu, Babati and Hanang districts hold 200,000 hectares," he said.

The demarcated forests are mapped within gazetted village lands, some with customary title deeds, with even larger reserved areas yet to be included in the bill, he said.

"We intend to make Manyara the hub of carbon trading in East Africa," said Gwandu, he stated, noting that the region has a low population density of 43

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For outgoing transfer, customers are supposed to pay between 0/- and 500/- for transfer volumes between 1/- and 50,000/-, 0/- with 1,500/- charges applying for transfers of values between 500,000/- and 5m/-, the circular specified, indicating 0/- to 2,000/- charges for transferring values set at 5m/- to 20m/-.

Banks and financial institutions need to comply with the indicative charges for interbank electronic fund transfer (ETF) and interbank instant transfers through retail platforms and channels, the circular demanded.

Back in November, BoT issued a circular to Tanzania Interbank Settlement System (TISS) participants on revised fees and charges, involving consultation with stakeholders.

It was part of the initiatives aimed at reducing costs of effecting electronic payments, promoting digital payments adoption and reducing direct cash settlements.

The schedule for new TISS fees and charges came into effect from January 1, where TISS participants' customer transactions processing charges were

set at 0/- to 2,000/- for payments with a value from 1/- to 10m/-, charging 0/- to 5,000/- for payments with a value above 10m/- and more than 50m/- and 0/- to 10,000/- for payments valued at more than 50m/-. The East Africa Payments System (EAPS) alternatively provides for customer transaction processing charges are 0/- to 10,000/- regardless of the value of the transaction and zero charge to the end user for incoming payments. BoT set out interbank transfer penalties of 200,000/- each non-delivery versus payment cancellation, rejected settlement on real time and rejected queued transactions at the final cut-off time due to insufficient funds.

Payments batch rejection penalty fees for interbank payments system participants with insufficient funds was set at 1m/-, while penalty for auto-conversion of intraday loan facility (ILF) to Lombard was set at 5m/-.

Failure to credit the beneficiary account within two hours of credit being paid into a bank or financial institution for onward transfer is subjected to 1m/- penalty, with failure to effect TISS participant's payment within the stipulated time is also subjected to 1m/- penalty.



Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa is briefed on the activities of women entrepreneurs supported by the National Economic Empowerment Council. It was shortly after he had launched the council's centre at Karumwa in Nyang'hwale District, Geita Region, yesterday. Right is NEEC executive secretary Bengi Issa. Photo: PMO

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people per square kilometre. The 2022 Census report indicates the presence of 1.9m hectares of land, he pointed out.

It is a situation that places Manyara in the forefront of reducing carbon dioxide in the country, with a plausible regional impact, he said,

noting that various organizations and agencies have indicated willingness in carbon trading contracts with a number of villages.

"We have been receiving offers from as far as Australia and Singapore," he said, elaborating that Carbon (T) has already started operating in the region.

Net Zero Africa, The Nature Conservancy (TNC); The Nature Resto-

ration Company (TNRC) and Soil for Future are firms that have been sending carbon trading proposals, he stated.

Manyara Region has designated 2.3m hectares for livestock grazing and farming even as it endorses 1m hectares for forest conservation with carbon trading in mind, he further noted

The region has charted three dis-

tinct agro-ecological zones, where nearly 1.5m hectares of land is suitable for crop production, with close to 80 per cent of the region's population anchored in livestock keeping.

The region has on the other hand earmarked 2,518 hectares for crop processing, minerals industry and other development projects, he added.

'Ramaphosa will stay as president'

PRETORIA

If you're a betting person, put your money on South Africa's President Cyril Ramaphosa remaining in office - despite the catastrophic loss of support his governing ANC suffered in the election.

In his address to the media, ANC secretary-general Fikile Mbalula emphatically stated that Ramaphosa will not step down.

"That is not going to happen," he said at the weekend.

Mbalula's views are significant - he is one of the most influential leaders, and power-brokers, in the party.

And he promised that the ANC will step up its efforts to renew itself, otherwise "we're gone".

That's an endorsement of Ramaphosa's efforts to tackle corruption in the party - and the government.

He also made it clear that in talks to form a coalition government, the ANC will not yield to demands for Ramaphosa to step down.

That probably rules out a coalition with former President Jacob Zuma's new party, which wants Mr Ramaphosa to be removed from office.

Meanwhile, there were some fears in the heartland of ex-President Jacob Zuma that violence could break out if the electoral commission announces the results as planned later today.

Zuma's newly formed MK party has done phenomenally well nationally, but especially in Kwa-Zulu-Natal province - where the results say it has taken 45 per cent of the votes for the provincial legislature.

Zuma has complained of electoral irregularities, believing that the MK got a higher share of the poll. He wants the announcement postponed.

In light of this, Jeen, 60, was worried about the possible reaction coming from Zuma's supporters if the electoral commission goes ahead.

"I hope there's still going to be peace and not chaos here in Durban," she said.

Jeen is reminded of the 2021 riots sparked following the handing down of a prison sentence for Zuma.

"We pray that it doesn't happen because we have been through it before".

Anele Hlamini, 26, works in hospitality. She'll be following the results with her family.

"I'll have a glass of Merlot will I'll be watching the results with my parents," she said.

Hlamini is part of a high number of voters in this region who have withdrawn their support of the ANC.

"Enough is enough, I don't want the ANC to win. I voted for them for as long as I can remember but they've been just so disappointing."



Kahama district commissioner Mboni Mhita (C) pictured yesterday inspecting a dormitory for special needs students at Busungu Secondary School at Segese in Msalala District Council as head of the district's defence and security committee on a routine tour. Photo: Correspondent Shaban Njia

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and Energy ministry signed an MoU for cooperation in strategic minerals.

"Tanzania and South Korea will cooperate in research, investment, mining and building capacity to increase the value of strategic minerals in Tanzania," the statement noted, citing the minerals as nickel, lithium and graphite.

President Samia will also be awarded an honorary doctorate in aviation management from the Korea Aerospace University (KAU) in recognition of her transformative actions, policy interventions and pragmatic leadership that have improved the country's aviation sector, the di-

rectorate earlier stated.

South Korea, the 13th largest economy globally, is opening new source markets for critical minerals in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic plus regional tensions impeding optimal conduct of raw materials trade with China, Japan and Russia.

Critical minerals are sought after to remove the use of fossil fuels as part of efforts to reach the world's goal of removing carbon dioxide by 50 percent with renewable energy, thus wide ranging manufacturing of batteries and Africa increasingly being a vital source, experts say.

With Korea's biggest markets being Europe and the United States, sourcing raw

materials from China would frustrate access to those markets, meanwhile as the issue also serves to elevate Korean ties with Tanzania to a higher level, compared to other African countries.

Tanzania is among seven countries with special Korean ties, alongside Rwanda, Ghana, Mozambique, Senegal, Ethiopia and Uganda, while Tanzania is second after Egypt in obtaining Korean project aid and loans after Egypt, with \$1.6bn annually, ahead of Tanzania at \$1.3bn, the statement affirmed.

Aid received during 2014-2020 was pegged at \$733m, directed to facility expansion at the Muhimbili National Hospital, the Malagarasi Bridge, the National Identity

Project and Zanzibar irrigation project.

The government signed \$1bn worth of project loans for the 2021 to 2025 period, targeting digital land surveying for as digital plot data project. A digital technology college and the construction of the Miguni Zanzibar Hospital with 600 beds, are also listed.

There is also a \$230m project to rebuild Muhimbili National Hospital (MNH) to house apartments stretching to 2030, an international conference centre in Zanzibar, the Bagamoyo Fishing Port and the modern Tanzania Institute of Rail Technology (TIRT), with an additional \$2.5bn slated to be issued, it added.

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that 41,294 livestock were impounded after being found in protected areas.

A total of 2,056 traps installed to catch specific animals were detected and destroyed, she said, pointing out that the number of trapped elephants dying from the devices was cut from six deaths during fiscal 2022/23 to three deaths by April 2024.

TAWA rehabilitated 764.5km of roads in Kizigo and Selous game reserves and built a rhino monitoring shed at Maswa Game Reserve, she said, elaborating that TAWA bought 10 motorcycles to strengthen patrols, while training 458 rangers.

TAWA participated in various international exhibitions and forums to raise awareness and market attractions it manages, registering an increase of tourists in those areas to 157,725 tourists by late April, from 139,749 tourists recorded during fiscal 2022/23, she stated.

In efforts to heighten protection of wildlife on the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, the management conducted 251 patrols enabling arrest of 339 poaching suspects, while 16,683 livestock, one firearm with four magazines and 28 elephant tusks were seized.

The NCAA has placed beacons to prevent human-wildlife conflicts and sought to cut possibility of fire incidents by clearing boundaries stretching to 116 kilometers, she stated.

Collaboration with the Tanzania People's Defence Forces (TPDF) enabled improvement on chili bombs to heighten control of elephants from invading settlements and farms, she further noted.

The cool bombs were researched by Mzingo Corporation and the Tanzania Wildlife Research Institute (TAWIRI) and will be directed to villages facing intrusion challenges in 20 districts countrywide, she added.

EAC launches free online professional tourism courses to heighten capacity

By Guardian Reporter, Arusha

TOURISM practitioners in the East Africa can now enhance their skills and expertise through a comprehensive suite of professional courses following the launch of EAC Online Tourism Capacity Development Programme.

The courses, developed in collaboration with the European Union and the German Development Cooperation Agency (GIZ) aim to elevate professional standards and skill sets across the region's tourism industry.

The programme was officially launched at the weekend during a virtual session led by Andrea Aguer Ariik Malueth, EAC Deputy Secretary General for Infrastructure, Productive, Social and Political Sectors.

Malueth reaffirmed EAC's commitment to upscale skills across tourism sector in the region, targeting MSMEs, youth, women and local communities.

He said that EAC Online Tourism Capacity Development Programme is part of the LIFTED programme, co-funded by the European Union and Germany Cooperation and implemented jointly by GIZ and the EAC Secretariat.

"This initiative builds on our efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic to support the resumption of tourism services. Together, we can redefine tourism for the benefit of all EAC citizens and future generations," he said.

He hailed participation of tourism stakeholders in the session and encouraged them to enrol and share this opportunity in their networks.

Representing the EU delegation to Tanzania, Martino Vinci, congratulated the Malueth for championing this initiative and reaffirmed Team Europe's commitment to further supporting the community's efforts to regional tourism market through the 'Leveraging Integration Frameworks for Trade in Services and CSOs (LIFTED)' programme which seeks to increase service liberalisation and exports to the regional and continental levels as well as promoting bilateral trade with the EU.

Marius Weist, GIZ Tourism Component Lead, reflected on Germany's long-time partnership and collaboration with EAC in tourism sector, including the recent development and launch of Visit East Africa - Feel the Vibe Brand.



Finance Minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba (in green tie) makes remarks at the 44th Meeting of the Council of Ministers for Trade, Industry, Finance and Investment of the East African Community in Arusha city on Saturday. Photo: Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

Stakeholders for young children to be taught environmental education

By Guardian Reporter, Kilombero

ENVIRONMENTAL stakeholders have underscored the need to impart environmental conservation knowledge amongst school children so as to instil a sense of responsibility towards the environment and promote sustainability.

They argue that such education may promote critical and creative thinking skills and inspire young learners to engage in environmental conservation activities within their communities.

In a recent interview with members of the Journalists Environmental Association of Tanzania (JET) at her office in Kilombero District, Morogoro

Region, Theodora Aloyce, Chief Conservator at the Udzungwa Mountains National Park, said it is important to educate children on environmental issues to ensure they become responsible future environmentalists.

Journalists visited the Nyerere Selous-Udzungwa wildlife corridor to see restoration progress under the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Tuhifadhi Maliasili project—a five-year activity (2021 - 2026) that aims to address threats to biodiversity, animal movement as well as enhance habitat connectivity and support community livelihoods.

The 13 kilometers long elephant corridor passes through three villages namely Kanyeja,

Sole and Mang'ula A.

"When children know the importance of trees, they will not cut them as they grow older. Communities need to care for the environment and forests as we also depend on the environment to survive," said Aloyce, adding that despite some challenges, villagers surrounding the park have a positive thinking about conservation and take part in activities such as tree planting.

She said they work closely with stakeholders, including Reforest Africa, Community Forest Conservation Network of Tanzania (MJUMITA), Associazione Mazingira and Southern Tanzania Elephant Programme (STEP) in protecting the park

whereas a number of initiatives are being taken to establish new tourist attractions such as recreation centre, game driving and the ongoing construction of a one kilometre canopy which will be the longest in East Africa.

Peter Nyiti, Community Engagement and Training Manager at Reforest Africa, said with the support from USAID Tuhifadhi Maliasili project, they have developed a training manual that is used to train pupils and villagers on conservation issues.

Nyiti said the support helps in a number of activities towards restoration of the Nyerere-Selous-Udzungwa corridor whereas villagers are engaged in seed collection, storage, germination and nursery manage-

ment. "We have been planting indigenous trees along the wildlife corridor; we have so far trained villagers in six villages namely Mang'ula A, Sole and Kanyeja which are within the corridor as well as Magombera, Katurukila and Msolwa Station that are outside the corridor," he said, noting the target was to plant 50,000 trees by end of this month and they had planted 17,000 trees by March.

He linked the delay in achieving the target with the just-ended El-Nino rains because most of the areas within the corridor were underwater. There are 27 species of indigenous trees used in the restoration process, he said.



Natural Resources and Tourism minister Angellah Kairuki (5th-L) in talks at the Kilimanjaro International Airport on Saturday with a visiting 11-member US Congress delegation on cooperation between Tanzania and the US including on conservation, the thrust mainly on the war on poaching. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Project worth 20bn/- set to end water woes in Monduli

By Henry Mwangonde, Monduli

THE government is in the final preparations to implement a 20bn/- water project in Monduli District, Arusha Region, which is expected to end a 200,000 litres water deficit facing residents.

Minister for Water Jumaa Awesso made the assurance yesterday during a rally by ruling CCM Secretary General Dr Emanuel Nchimbi at Makuyuni area in the district.

Awesso said water needs in Monduli District stands at 300,000 litres but the area water and sanitation agency Muwasa is able to produce and supply 100,000 litres only.

He said the contract has been signed, adding that the contractor is now mobilising pipes for implementation of the project.

During the meeting, Dr Nchimbi gave room for residents to air their grievances where water challenge emerged frequently.

Dr Nchimbi then called minister Awesso to address the matter so that residents could hear from him.

In response, Awesso said the project will be co-implemented with another water project for 14 villages in Monduli, saying this will address the challenge completely.

Dr Nchimbi continues with

his tour of five regions aimed at inspecting development projects and strengthening the party.

The party's Secretary for Political and International Affairs Rabia Abdallah said there is need for collaboration among party and government leaders.

Monduli Member of Parliament Fred Lowassa said despite being given the privilege to host a military training college, people in the area lack grazing land.

"The government has given Monduli the respect to host one of the best military training colleges in Africa but it has come with its effects as it has taken most of our land," he

said.

While finalising his tour Saturday of Manyara Region on Saturday, Dr Nchimbi called upon CCM members country-wide not to elect leaders but those who can deliver in the coming local government polls and next year's General Election.

Speaking to regional party leaders in Babati District, Dr Nchimbi said electing weak leaders can lead to collapse of the party and the government as a whole.

"I am here to emphasise that leadership is not about trying but dedicating to serve the people," he said.

Campaigners want stricter laws to lower tobacco use

By Getrude Mbagi

TOBACCO control campaigners have urged the government to come up with a stronger law to curb harmful consumption of tobacco products and protect public health.

The campaigners argue that lack of stronger laws as well as high taxation on tobacco products continue to allow harmful consumption of tobacco products, something which reverses the efforts invested in controlling non-communicable diseases (NCDs).

They made the call on Thursday when debating on a live programme 'Malumbano ya Hoja' aired by ITV, emphasising that it is important for the country to have a strict law in line with the World Health Organisation (WHO) Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC).

Lutgard Kagaruki, Executive Director of Tanzania Tobacco Control Forum (TTCF), said experts have confirmed that tobacco kills half of all users, something which calls for immediate action to ensure that Tanzanians are protected from the disaster.

She said that despite significant progress in reducing tobacco use, the emergence of e-cigarettes and other tobacco products presents a threat to youth and tobacco control.

"If we do not make efforts to control tobacco consump-

tion, NCDs including cancer, heart, and liver diseases will continue to surge," she said.

She noted that the country ratified the FCTC in April 2007, but implementation of the treaty has been weak and obligations under the treaty are not reflected in the current tobacco control legislation with consequent increase tobacco use instead of decreasing.

Kagaruki said Tanzania is among some countries without a comprehensive tobacco control law in line with WHO FCTC, adding that neighbouring countries like Uganda and Kenya have already taken steps to fight harmful consumption of tobacco products.

Prof Francis Furia, paediatrician at the Muhimbili National Hospital (MNH), said that many users of tobacco products, including cigarettes, end up being addicted and later become patients who need medical support.

He said tobacco has a number of negative impacts on human health, adding that staying in an area where people smoke shisha for one hour is equal to smoking 100 pieces of cigarettes.

"We have seen many people losing their lives due to pneumonia and this affects both children and adults, we really need to heighten efforts to protect children from cigarette smoke because the impacts are many," he said.

Prof Furia said many companies now shift to electronic cigarettes which attract

and turn many youth into nicotine addicts.

Anna Henga, Executive Director of Legal and Human Rights Centre (LHRC), called for strict taxation on tobacco products as a measure towards protecting children from the harmful influences of the tobacco industry.

According to her, raising tax on tobacco products will help reduce production and supply of the products in the country to protect the country's population.

"This includes clearly having a ban on tobacco advertisement, promotion and sponsorship; enforced ban on misleading packaging and strict adherence to enforcement of graphic health warnings on all cigarette packs, as well as increased taxes on tobacco products to reduce affordability among children," she said.

Japhari Mtoro, Drug Inspector at the Tanzania Medicines and Medical Devices Authority (TMDA), said that the country has laws that prevent tobacco use and that people have to adhere to them.

He said the law prohibits children from using tobacco products or being exposed to places where tobacco is used.

He said TMDA has invested in public awareness to ensure that there is no violation of the law and also conducts inspections in various areas, including public places to ensure that people are protected from tobacco.

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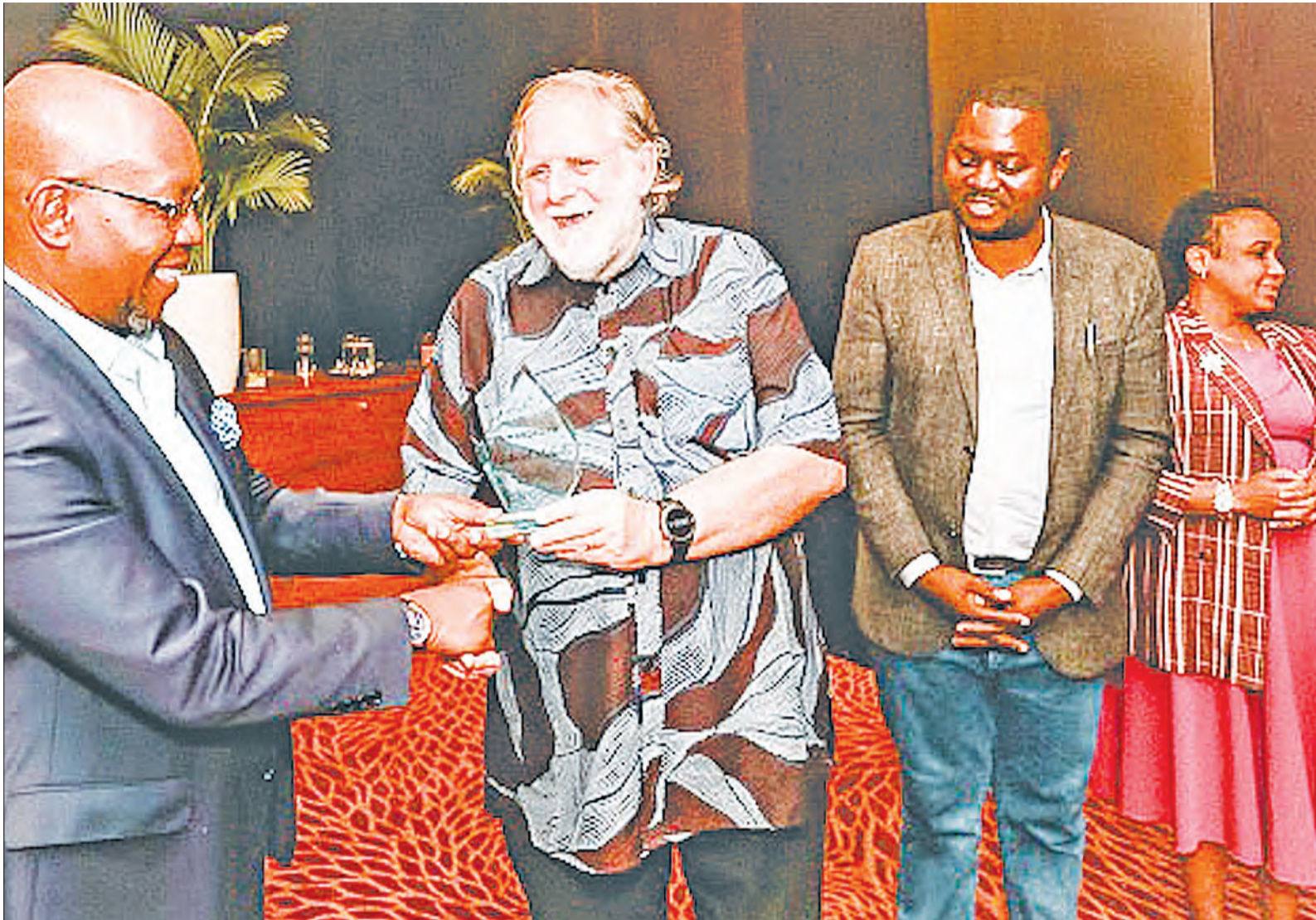
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Mobhare Matinyi (L), Director of Information Services in the Information, Communications and Information Technology ministry also serving as Chief Government Spokesman, pictured in Dar es Salaam at the weekend presenting an honorary award to Richard Mabala in recognition of the latter's contribution to the enhancement of freedom of expression in Tanzania. The award was from the Tanzania Chapter of the Media Institute in Southern Africa-Tanzania (MISA-Tan). Others similarly feted were Maxence Melo, Ndimara Tegabwage, Ally Masoud, Prof Issa Shivji, Salma Said and Jenerali Ulimwengu. Photo: Correspondent Marco Maduhu

Govt appeals for stakeholders' support in fight against cancer

By Getrude Mbago

THE government has appealed for collective efforts from stakeholders to increase public awareness about cancer and support treatment costs to ease the burden for people battling the disease.

Dr Omary Ubuguyu, Assistant Director and Head of Non-Communicable Diseases at the Ministry of Health, made the call in Dar es Salaam yesterday, emphasizing that the government alone cannot succeed without support from different stakeholders.

He said it is important for stakeholders to sit and see how they can chip in and support anti-cancer campaigns to reach more people in both rural and urban areas with comprehensive diagnosis and treatment services.

"The major challenge that we have is that many people are still unaware of the challenge and those who know it have fear of seeking medical check-up. This is why we see it important to heighten efforts by engaging the private sector to ensure that Tanzanians are reached with education to enable them make the right decision about their health," he said.

Dr Ubuguyu was speaking during commemoration of the National Cancer Survivors Day coordinated by Shujaa Cancer Foundation and various stakeholders to discuss challenges and joint initiatives to support the fight against cancer.

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

"We need to increase efforts to encourage early diagnosis because detecting cancer early improves survival, lowers morbidity and reduces the cost of care. Unfortunately, the majority of patients seek health services when they are at an advanced stage," he said.

He said the government has invested heavily to ensure that the Ocean Road Cancer Institute (ORCI) provides quality services to those

referred from various parts of the country which include chemotherapy, radiation therapy and palliative care.

He said new cancer centres are expected to be constructed in Mbeya and Mtwara regions to further strengthen zonal services for cancer patients as well as diagnosis.

Dr Julius Mwaeselage, ORCI Executive Director, said the institute is this month expected to commence a special service to diagnose cancer at an early stage following the installation of a modern machine called Positron Emission Tomography/Computed Tomography and cyclotron (PET/CT).

Worth 18.2bn/-, the equipment will help save billions of shillings that is spent annually by patients seeking cancer service abroad, he said.

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

Gloria Kida, chief executive officer of Shujaa Cancer Foundation said the aim of commemorating National Cancer Survivors Day is to celebrate those who have been cured as well as those who are battling the disease.

She said it is important for families and society in general to value and take good care of cancer patients and stop discriminating against them as this affects their journey of battling the disease.

Herieth Njoka, a student at the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM) and one of the cancer survivors, urged the government to invest in cancer treatment which includes reliefs to enable patients receive quality care at affordable costs.

She said cancer can affect anyone in society regardless of age, saying efforts should be made to support all groups in the society.

Njoka encouraged Tanzanians to develop a culture of conducting regular check-ups even if they feel fit because diagnosing cancer early improves survival rates.

Govt to put up innovation, skills development desks countrywide

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo,

Tanga

THE government is set to set up innovation and skills development units in all districts to support young talented Tanzanians and spur economic growth.

Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa said this here at the weekend when he graced the climax of this year's National Week of Education, Skills and Innovation organised by the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology for one week.

The envisaged facility is projected to play crucial role in hosting and marketing the country's valuable technologies and innovations, according to the premier.

He said that Prime Minister's Office (Regional Administration and Local Government) will ensure that all districts and councils across the country establish skills and innovation desks (SNDs) to promote creativity among young people.

"The government is working to see innovation and skills development at the fore of our country's education system in order to accelerate economic development," he said.

He gave 25th July next year as the deadline for all districts and councils to put up SNDs and directed heads of primary and secondary schools in the country to develop and implement strategies to identify and assist pupils with innovative talents.

"Innovation and skills development is an important vehicle which can help the country achieve its development vision," he said.

In efforts to spur performance of education sector in the country, the premier said the government is working to open Vocational Education and Training Authority (VETA) colleges in all regions across the country as well as other technical colleges.

"We want to give our talented youth opportunities to be mentored and shaped professionally in order to lessen the challenge of unemployment and boost national economy," he said.

He encouraged stakeholders from the private sector to invest heavily in establishment of voca-

tional colleges as well as running key programmes to help promote innovation and creativity.

The 2024 National Week of Education, Skills, and Innovation was observed at national level at Popatla Secondary School grounds in Tanga Region and attracted various exhibitors from public and private sectors.

In her remarks, Tanga Regional Commissioner Dr Batilda Burian thanked the government for allowing the region to host the week.

"We are very happy for the opportunity to host this important event for three consecutive years," she said, adding that the weeklong event plays crucial role to stimulate the economy of the region.

EAC minister commit to decrease non-tariff barriers to boost trade

By Guardian Correspondent,

Arusha

MINISTERS in charge of trade, industry, finance and investment in East African Community (EAC) have agreed to continue improving business environment in the bloc by starting with the removal of non-tariff barriers.

The agreement was reached at the weekend during the 44th Meeting of the Council of Ministers for Trade, Industry, Finance and Investment (SCTIFI) of the East African Community held at the headquarters of the community in Arusha.

They also agreed to facilitate transportation of goods across the borders and to strengthen performance of infrastructure to support business, including the One Stop Border Post (OSBP).

Ministers also agreed on the proposals for various levels of customs duties to be used in the financial year 2024/25 to stimulate economic growth of the member countries.

Finance Minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba said

that the step has been reached as implementation of the instructions given by the heads of states of the East African Community to executives and leaders at ministerial level to improve business environment and remove commercial obstacles in the community.

He mentioned the areas where improvements were made in the meeting as including the agreement on the levels of road tolls for member countries from \$16 to \$10. He said another area is the agreement on the implementation of the strategy of single customs territory, especially on the part of Tanzania and Kenya where Tanzania has already started its implementation.

Dr Nchemba said Kenya has promised to start passing Tanzanian goods through the system of a single customs empire immediately and have customs authorities to facilitate inspections before the load starts to leave so that goods do not stop at the border.

He said the move will help remove congestion, inconvenience and loss of income for the government and exporters of goods be-

tween Tanzania and Kenya.

"In Tanzania, we have been facing the problem of traffic congestion in our borders of Namanga, Sirari, Holili and Hororo. This has been contributed to by the absence of KRA (Kenya Revenue Authority) officers on the Tanzanian side to work on documents before vehicles carrying goods reach the border. Implementation of this promise will help solve this problem that has been bothering us for a long time," he said.

The meeting of ministers was preceded by a meeting at the level of experts held from 27 to 29 May and that of permanent secretaries held on 30 May.

The Tanzanian delegation at the meeting included Dr Nchemba who also led the Tanzanian delegation, Shariff Ali Shariff, Minister of State in the Office of the President dealing with Labour, Economy and Investment - Zanzibar, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation dealing with East African affairs Stephen Byabato and Deputy Minister for Industry and Trade Exaud Kigaha.

Cyprian Luhemeja (R), Permanent Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office (Labour, Youth, Employment and Persons with Disability), takes part in an environmental hygiene drive at Geita Region's Chato Referral Hospital on Friday. Photo: Ismail Ngayonga



ACT applauds Samia for major development projects in Pemba

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

THE Opposition ACT-Wazalendo has hailed President Samia Suluhu Hassan for her efforts to enable Zanzibar secure funding for implementation of a euros 457 million strategic project which involves construction of roads and a modern airport in Pemba.

Ismail Jussa Ladhu, ACT-Wazalendo Vice Chairman (Zanzi-

bar) made the remarks yesterday when addressing a rally at Geji Bububu grounds in Urban West Region, Unguja.

He said the projects earlier failed due to some dishonest leaders who thwarted the efforts but President Samia's government decided to guarantee the loan from the UK.

He said the strategic project aims to construct the Mkoani-Chakechake road, Pemba Air-

port, Tunguu-Makunduchi road as well as Fumba-Kisauni road with major objective of opening up Pemba.

Speaking on privatisation of port in Zanzibar, Ladhu said that since the port was handed over to investors from France, no improvement of services which have seen with production costs continuing to hike thus affecting people.

ACT-Wazalendo National

Chairman and Zanzibar First Vice President Othman Masoud Othman said that the party will act deal with all leaders who are accused of misuse of public funds if it takes over power in 2025.

ACT-Wazalendo has embarked on public rallies as part of its strategy to visit 50 constituencies in the isles door-to-door to identify and register members and keep their records.




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Morocco raises awareness on dangers of forest fires with summer approaching

RABAT

THE Sakina forest on the outskirts of Kenitra (45 kilometres north of Rabat) is popular with picnicking families, enjoying an afternoon barbecue shaded from the summer sun by trees.

The 150 hectares park regularly attracts between 5,000 to 10,000 visitors per day, with the majority bringing a meal to cook in the open air.

The fires are a source of worry for park ranger Ahmed Araba.

"The first problem we face in this urban park is fire, especially during the summer season. We have a problem with the first time visitors who bring their raw food here to cook it. When they arrive at the park, they dig holes and light fires and this is one of the dangers that threaten the tree," he said at the weekend.

The National Agency for Water and Forestry (ANEF) is promoting fire safety awareness to park visitors.

Moroccan forests are extremely flammable during the summer season because of the increase in temperatures, the reduction in air humidity and the onset of dry and hot winds.

Just one moment of human carelessness could start a blaze that could destroy large areas of forests.

So, firefighters, park rangers and ANEF staff members are speaking to visitors and handing out leaflets on preventing forest fires. And the message seems to be getting through.

Visitor Said Tawil said that lighting a fire near the trunk of a tree is dangerous. "If I visit another forest and meet someone lighting a fire next to a tree, I will advise him not to do it so that he will not harm the tree and himself. We have to protect the forest because it's our mother," he said.

Another visitor Youssef El Guerch chooses not to cook food on day trips like this.

"To avoid the danger of forests fires, I avoid bringing with me any flammable matter such as charcoal or gas canisters. I avoid all problems by bringing ready-made food from my house."

According to the National Agency for Water and Forestry, 466 fires were recorded in 2023, affecting 6,426 hectares, while the area burnt in the previous year reached 22,760 hectares.



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Climate expert Mostafa Salah Benramel, chairman of an environmental NGO called Minarets Ecological Association for Climate and Development, said that extreme weather attributed to the El Niño phenomenon is a factor in the recent dry weather in the region.

"There is El Niño phenomenon that contributes to raising temperatures during all seasons and also the reduction in rainfall that makes plants very dry. The smallest spark resulting from human activity ignites fires with catastrophic consequences," he said.

El Niño is a natural, temporary and occasional warming of part of the Pacific that shifts global weather patterns, and studies say that as the world warms, they may get stronger. The National Agency for Water and Forestry (ANEF) say they have managed to reduce the area affected by wildfires in 2023 by 70 percent compared to the previous year.

Major Bilal El Yaacoubi, Head of Kenitra Zone for Forestry Development said technology and experience has helped reduce the impact of forest fires in Morocco: "We rely on sophisticated means and methods to combat forest fires, among them drones that help us find exactly the source of the fires on top of the fleet of Canadair planes. We have the training as well as the experience gained from the previous blazes. All these factors help Morocco to be successful in fighting fires and reduce the scope of damaged areas."

For the year 2024, ANEF has allocated a total budget of 153 million dirhams for the prevention and fight against forest fires.

On top of this budget which finances a multi-pronged approach to fire prevention, Morocco has expanded its fleet of specialised Canadair firefighting aircrafts to seven, with an eighth planned for arrival next year.



Dodoma Regional Police Commander Theopista Mallya has a word with street locality chairpersons at an valuation meeting of the protection and security of residents and their property yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Peter Mkwavila

EAC gets modern translation, interpretation gear

By Guardian Reporter, Arusha

THE East African Community Secretariat has received state-of-the-art translation and interpretation equipment from French government, facilitated by the French Embassy in Tanzania. This initiative is aimed at enhancing multilingual communication and co-operation within the region.

Annette Ssemuwemba,

EAC Deputy Secretary General in charge of customs, trade and monetary affairs received the equipment here at the weekend on behalf of EAC secretariat. Representing French Embassy, Luc Blanco, Head of Co-operation and Cultural Affairs, handed over the equipment on behalf of French Ambassador.

The translation and interpretation equipment received includes five Sennheiser SKM UHF 2020 handheld mi-

crophones, 70 Stetho receptor Sennheiser HDE 2020-DII, two Sennheiser EZL 2020 charging and transport case and two Sennheiser suitcase power cable

Speaking during the handover ceremony, Ssemuwemba highlighted the importance of streamlining communication in fostering collaboration and understanding among the partner states, noting that the equipment will facilitate multilingual commu-

nication in real-time interpretation during meetings.

"This support is a testament to the continued and strengthened cooperation between EAC and the French Government," she said.

Ssemuwemba emphasized the importance of breaking language barriers to promote inclusivity and ensure that all voices within the EAC are heard and understood during meetings across the region.

Blanco reiterated the

embassy's commitment to supporting EAC's efforts in promoting linguistic diversity and facilitating dialogue during meetings. He underscored the significant impact the equipment will have on EAC's ability to conduct meetings, conferences and other events in multiple languages.

The 21st Ordinary Summit of the EAC Heads of State adopted French and Kiswahili as official languages of the community on 27th February, 2021.

JKCI lab given ISO certificate

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute (JKCI)'s laboratory has received international accreditation of quality standards in providing diagnostic services for heart diseases.

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) issued the certificate recently to JKCI laboratory with modern machines that provide more than 86 tests for diagnosis of various diseases, including heart conditions.

Speaking to journalists in Dar es Salaam at the weekend, Executive Director of JKCI Dr Peter Kisenge said that the issuance of the certificate means that diagnosis given by the laboratory are internationally trusted and can be used anywhere in the world.

Dr Kisenge who is also a cardiologist said that the certificate assures safety of patients who receive heart treatment services at the institute.

"We thank the Ministry of Health for the cooperation

they provide us in making heart treatment successful in the country," he said. "We have been receiving samples from hospitals and other laboratories that do not perform large-scale tests for heart diseases and other diseases. I ask those who cannot conduct tests to bring samples to JKCI."

He added: "Our administrative and testing building has been completed and has started to be used. In the next few days we will open a large modern laboratory in that building so that our patients and stakeholders get better services." Emmanuel Mgao, acting head of the laboratory, said that before obtaining the accreditation, the laboratory was inspected by the Southern African Development Community Accreditation Services (SAD-CAS) and met the criteria set internationally for the laboratories.

"This laboratory started working in 2019. After six years it has met international standards. We will ensure quality of services we provide so that our patients get the right and timely treatment", he said.



Education, Science and Technology minister Prof Adolf Mkenda addresses education stakeholders at a meeting held in Tanga city at the weekend. It was called to discuss progress in the sector. Photo Correspondent Cheji Bakari

AfDB projects Africa's 2023 economic growth at 3.1 pc

By Special Correspondent, Nairobi

AFRICA'S average economic growth in 2023 fell to an estimated 3.1 percent, down from 4.1 percent of the previous year, as successive shocks weakened post-pandemic gains, the African Development Bank (AfDB) said in a report released on Thursday.

The report, African Economic Outlook 2024, attributed the decrease to such factors as persistently high food and energy prices, weak global demand weighing down export performance, climate change and extreme weather events on agricultural productivity and power generation, and pockets of political instability and conflict in some African countries.

"Despite the continuing headwinds, 15 countries recorded a growth rate of at least 5 percent in 2023," the report said.

It said that although South Africa, Egypt and Nigeria recorded lower economic rates, more than half of African countries recorded higher economic growth rates in 2023 than in 2022, with six of them -- Burkina Faso, Djibouti,

Eswatini, Libya, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan -- posting gross domestic product (GDP) growth rates of more than 2 percentage points.

Kevin Chika Urama, chief economist and vice president of the bank's Economic Governance and Knowledge Management, said that despite the global challenges that tested economies worldwide, the Af-

rican continent is projected to remain resilient.

He said that GDP growth for Africa is projected to rise to 3.7 percent in 2024 and 4.3 percent in 2025, as most of the effects weighing on growth in 2023 fade away.

The projected rebound in Africa's average growth will be led by East Africa, Southern Africa, and West Africa, Urama said.

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Report on rise in number of tourists, revenue levels welcome news, but...

THE past three years or so have seen a boom in the number of foreign nationals visiting our country - as tourists.

Official figures show the number as having risen from 922,692 in 2021 to 1,808,205 last year.

Earnings collected from the foreign visitors are reported to have increased by 161 per cent - from US\$1.3 billion in 2021 to US\$3.4 billion during the period, with domestic tourism resulting in 175.3 billion/- earnings.

This comes to a 'triple jump' - from US\$46.3 billion/- recorded in 2021, all implying that domestic tourism is making encouraging headway in the sector mix.

Going by the Natural Resources and Tourism minister, the number of Tanzanians touring our conservation areas rose from 788,933 in 2021 to 1,985,707 in the past year, with revenues from the tourism subsector hitting the US\$3.4 billion mark in 2023 from US\$2.5 billion a year earlier.

All this is bright and indicates two related aspects that don't come out clearly in the remarks, the first being that there is full recovery from stoppages due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

There is also a surge in travel locally and from outside, but it is fairly unclear whether Tanzania now has a better slot as a tourist destination.

Officials credit this surge in tourist travel numbers and earnings chiefly to President Samia Suluhu Hassan's efforts in marketing the country's tourist attractions through 'The Royal Tour'.

There is consensus that the documentary played a major role in these successes, with the rise in numbers of foreign visitors having been witnessed since that period.

Yet research distinguishes how

things are associated and how one thing causing the other - and so on. Indeed, the film is identifiable with the rise, but it is not enough to proceed with suggestions that it was the film that brought a change.

Data show that Tanzania was ranked 12th in Africa among 'best performing destinations' as per data compiled by global tourism agencies from January to December 2023. But even with the sharp increase in tourist visits compared to the 2019 to 2022 period, the whole issue of ranking is admittedly rather unsettling, as just one or two of the other destinations have attractions nearly comparable to Tanzania but they do much better in attracting tourists.

Tourism authorities and local experts are yet to dwell on this question sufficiently, often proffer fairly easy marketing or promotional answers with respect to those destinations however well-known.

Some data from different seem to contrast. For instance, January 2024 saw the World Tourism Barometer compiled by UN Tourism cite Tanzania as ranked 5th in Africa in attracting the biggest number of foreign tourists.

It is easier to believe the latter figure than the previous one, even though it is not just marketing that holds back Tanzania from being the highest puller of foreign tourism.

The newly unfolding Special Wildlife Investment Concession Areas (SWICA) project rolled out at the start of the year earns US\$2,773,000 (7.1bn/-) from fees charged on allocated blocks. It serves as an example here. Were some national parks or key game reserves to be allocated to investors in like manner, and they compete, we would have cause to expect a surge in all categories of tourism - and concomitant earnings.

SA's hanging poll results chance to consider progressive coalition

PRELIMINARY results of last week's General Election in South Africa have been indicating an inconclusive result as the ruling party.

The most recent counts showed that the ruling African National Congress (ANC) had garnered slightly less than 42 per cent, with at least 65 per cent of the votes counted.

Announcing those results and giving them pride of place in the media was testimony to an impression that this pattern of results would remain stable, as more results streamed in.

It was also meanwhile time to think of the future, of ways to create a new government, without a clear ANC majority.

An obvious way to do so appeared to be the formation of a coalition government, and that is what is by and large expected for the country - though there is thus little likelihood of consensus on the sort of coalition to knock into shape.

There are two major contesting 'philosophies' in South Africa - those seeking a sharp turn to the left, leaving the country a pariah in global investments and finance, and those seeking deeper reforms.

For a range of observers, and it is unclear what the balance is locally (in South Africa), in the region or among the country's various economic partners, the all-important issue is how to find the needed eight to nine per cent parliamentary block of seats to form a government.

That is easier said than done, as deciding a coalition partner is first and foremost to decide which path the ANC leadership wants to take at least in the next five years.

But this is ultimately a battle for the soul of the ANC itself, if it can rediscover its 1994 orientation, a

defining image of the giant while legendary Nelson Mandela was in office - and generally around.

From the time the veteran of 27 years in apartheid prisons was out of office, though, disenchantment over the rainbow philosophy started approaching the reins of power.

Enter former ANC security chief Jacob Zuma and he ruled in a fairly typical post-independence style, South Africa's weak links with international capital sinking ever lower, as local whites left in large numbers.

The gravity of the situation was once seen in the country's parliament - in late 2021. It was an opening of the budget session of the legislature, where President Cyril Ramaphosa was prevented from starting his speech. Hardliners from a current supposedly possible coalition partners, Economic Freedom Party, shouted that 'there is a murderer in this House'.

The speaker meant former VP Frederick de Klerk, President Mandela's partner in ending apartheid, and this illustrated how far the country had moved from the rainbow ideal.

Most South Africa watchers are of the view that, if the country's leadership is genuinely determined to take the great country forward, it is upon this ideal that it should rely and thus form a coalition with the Democratic Alliance.

They say this help it check militant leftist excesses or temptations associated with attempts to tear the once-mighty ANC into two and eagerly waiting to be contacted for coalition demands.

Restoring a rainbow vision will unlikely prove smooth sailing, the safest way out possibly being much more than merely living up to the demands of the Mandela legacy.

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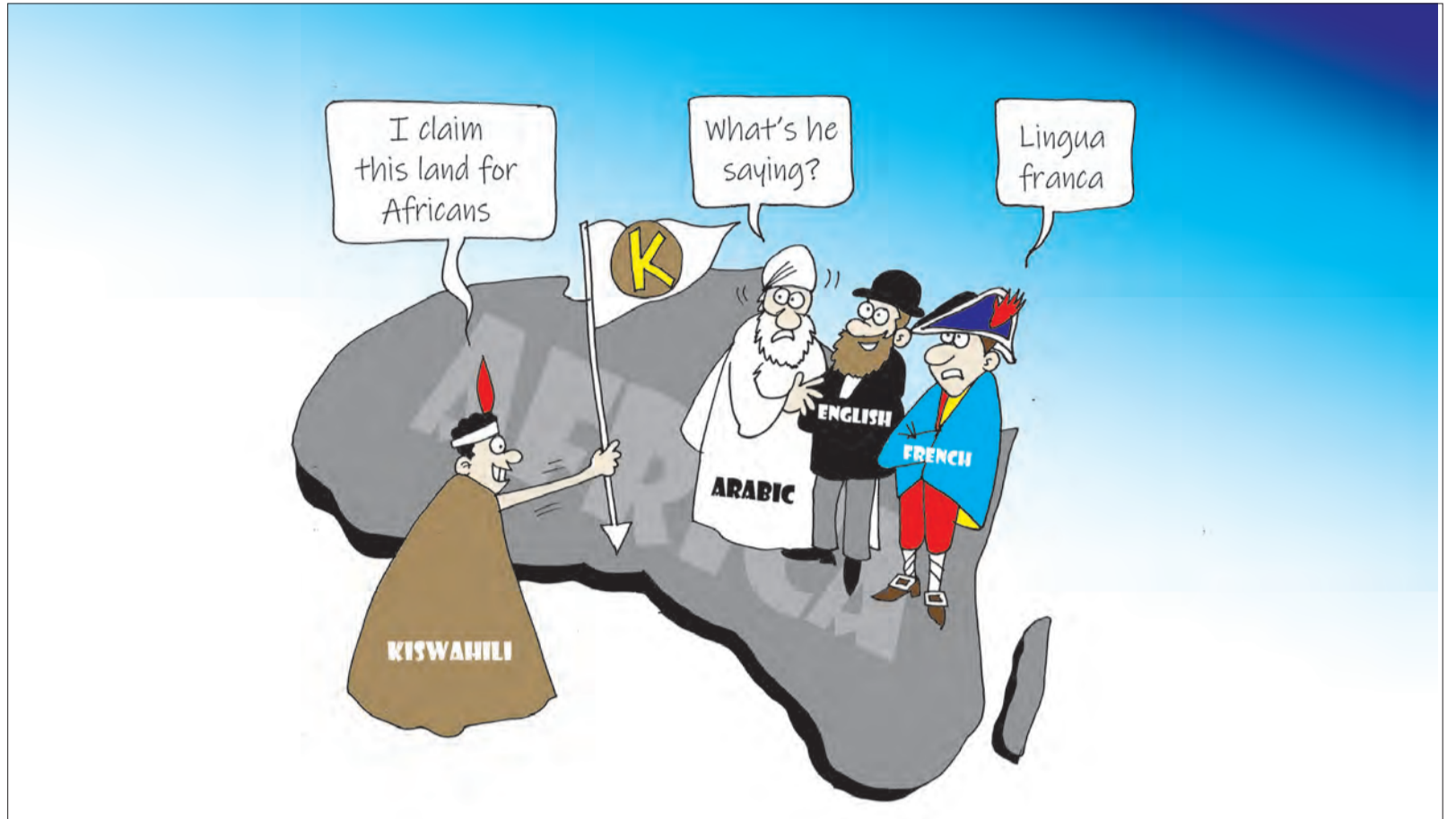
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Cultivating determination and harvesting resilience

By Radheshyam Jadhav and Ranjitha Puskur

GENDER researchers with CGIAR have studied a project that has given more than 25,000 Indian women access to the 'one-acre model', designed to give women the right to grow crops using efficient agricultural technologies.

According to the researchers, bundling both technical and social solutions is critical to enable women to overcome barriers to productive, profitable and resilient livelihoods.

Marked by deficient rains and with just 19.36 per cent of water storage left in dammed reservoirs, as of April 1, 2024, the Indian region of Marathwada has itself once again teetering on the brink of another drought.

The water crisis has reached a critical point, with several areas in the region receiving drinking water supply only once a week. The situation is particularly dire in rural areas.

As the water shortage intensifies, the impact on agriculture is very high. With no water available, many of the season's crops are drying up in the fields.

Crop failures due to drought or unseasonal rains lead to distress among farming households. This often culminates in male heads of household taking their own lives, while many of those who survive choose to migrate.

"There would be another wave of migration out of many villages," predicted Suvarna Chalak, a farmer from Bhatshirpura village in Dharashiv, who added that she is not very worried about what will happen to her and her family.

"We will sustain. No worries. We are prepared to face the situation," she said confidently. She attributed this preparedness to the Women-led Climate Resilient Farming (WCRF) project, popularly known as the 'one-acre model', which has helped her and many others to build resilience.

The WCRF project, developed by Indian non-profit organisation Swayam Shikshan Prayog (SSP) together with women farmers, advocates the need for women to have cultivation rights and rights to employ water-efficient, chemical-free practices for diversified cropping systems.

This is encouraged even if they only have access to small plots of land, whether it is one acre or less. This holistic approach includes soil and water management, vermicomposting, natural pest control, livestock management and market access.

Women are trained in bio-fertiliser and pesticide production, and they are involved in cultivation decisions.

Structural barriers curtail gender equality
Married when she was still in school, Suvarna had to abandon her education and take on daily wage work alongside her husband, as their one-acre family land failed to provide sufficient sustenance. Suvarna's story is not unique in a region plagued by recurrent droughts.

Our recent case study of SSP's WCRF project, for the CGIAR Gender Equality Initiative's Work Package 2 (EMPOWER) put the spotlight on the oppressive structures that place women farmers at the lowest rung of the social hierarchy.

The study was led by International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) and funded by the CGIAR GENDER Impact Platform

Sowing the change

The study found that initiatives implemented by SSP encountered obstacles initially. For example, women found it challenging to travel to Dhar-

ashiv city to attend training on organic farming.

To address these challenges, SSP established a network of women within the community to provide support. This intertwining of social and technical components was critical to ensure women's access to technology and knowledge.

Community building subsequently became crucial in convincing families, particularly men, on the benefits of women's engagement.

Enabling small and marginal women farmers to move away from physically demanding daily wage labour to a diversified farming system was a critical intervention.

Another social intervention embedded in the WCRF project was the cultivation of self-assertiveness in women farmers.

A majority of interviewees acknowledged that they had to seek permission from husbands and in-laws even for trivial matters such as stepping out of the house to buy vegetables or decisions about what should be cooked for meals.

Women farmers who had been selected to be village leaders encouraged other women to join the SSP network. The training and support network provided by SSP played a pivotal role in dispelling anxiety, instilling confidence and fostering a sense of empowerment amongst these women.

This, however, was not a one-time effort but an ongoing process of communication. Without this continuous engagement, women found it especially challenging to implement what they learned in workshops and training sessions and to gain family support.

While technology alleviated the drudgery in agriculture and training equipped women with skills, another vital social intervention played an important role in establishing women's rights as cultivators.

Most of the women faced limitations in obtaining access to farmland to implement the one-acre model. Men decided what should be cultivated and didn't engage women in decision-making. They allowed women to sow in the space unused by men.

Undeterred, women turned to backyards and borders of farmland, while those without land collaborated to lease fallow plots for cultivation.

Water-efficient technologies, such as drip irrigation and sprinklers, were elusive for women. Accordingly, SSP organised training programmes, with the help of government officials, and introduced women to the new technology promoted by the government.

Women were also introduced to all the relevant government-sponsored schemes. Those who had never before visited government offices and training centres are now actively engaging with government programmes.

Reaping resilience and empowerment
Organic food cultivation and agri-allied businesses enabled women farmers to generate diverse income streams. This proved invaluable, particularly during crop failures induced by droughts or unseasonal rains.

The 'one-acre' model, which is chiefly meant to bolster agro-ecological resilience, also increased the economic resilience of these women, leading to higher adaptive capacities.

Suvarna not only improved her crop yields but also started saving and investing. She grows a variety of crops and has diversified her income through goat and buffalo rearing, a grocery shop and stationary business.

Since 2015, SSP has trained approximately 42,700 farmers as part of the WCRF project and 25,803 of these have adopted the one-acre model on 12,902 acres.

They have reported yield increases ranging from 10 to 15 per cent. They have also enjoyed a 20 to 30 per cent reduction in expenditure on agriculture inputs and savings in food expenditure ranging from 35 to 45 per cent.

Furthermore, 83 per cent of adopters have initiated at least one additional farm-based business, while 13 per cent of adopters have acquired land titles and 25 per cent have become agri-entrepreneurs - that is, innovative individuals pursuing a new business idea.

No silver bullets, but multi-pronged solutions

Resilience and empowerment processes are crucial as women farmers grapple with the unfolding challenges of climate change, coinciding with the need to increase annual food production by 60 per cent over the next three decades to support the growing global population.

A tailored response-bundling multiple interventions to effectively address the intersecting barriers is essential.

These bundles integrating both social and technological components result in a holistic and synergistic approach.

This ensures that interventions effectively address the multifaceted challenges faced by women farmers, including constraining social and gender norms.

This approach stands as a cornerstone for fostering empowerment and resilience among women in agriculture, leading to gender-transformative change and sustainable impact.

CGIAR, formerly known as the Consultative Group for International Agricultural Research, is a global partnership that unites international organisations engaged in research on food security.

Research by the agency is primarily meant to reduce rural poverty, increase food security, improve human health and nutrition as well as sustainable management of natural resources.

The studies are carried out at 15 centres that collaborate with partners from national and regional research institutes, civil society organisations, academia, development organisations, and the private sector.

The research centres are to be found around the globe, with most in the Global South and Vavilov Centres of agricultural crop genetic diversity. The global agency's funding is provided by national governments, multilateral funding and development agencies and leading private foundations.

The agency works to help meet the global targets laid out in the 17 global Sustainable Development Goals with an emphasis on five areas of impact: Nutrition, Health and Food Security; Poverty Reduction, Livelihoods and Jobs; Gender Equality, Youth and Social Inclusion; Climate Adaptation and Mitigation; and Environmental Health and Biodiversity.

CGIAR's vision is the realisation of a world with sustainable and resilient food, land and water systems that deliver diverse, healthy, safe, sufficient and affordable diets, while ensuring improved livelihoods and greater social equality within planetary and regional environmental boundaries.

Its mission is meanwhile to deliver science and innovation seeking to advance the transformation of food, land and water systems in times of a climate crisis.

Thirsty in paradise: Water crises are currently growing problem across the Caribbean islands

By Farah Nibbs

IN the popular imagination, the Caribbean is paradise, an exotic place to escape to. But behind the images of balmy beaches and lush hotel grounds lies a crisis, the likes of which its residents have never experienced.

Caribbean islands are in a water crisis, and their governments have warned that water scarcity may become the new norm.

Within the past five years, every island in the region has experienced some sort of water scarcity. For example, Trinidad is experiencing its worst drought in recent memory, and residents are under water restrictions through at least the end of June 2024, with fines for anyone who violates the rules.

Dominica, considered the nature island of the Caribbean for its mountain rain forests, is seeing a significant decrease in freshwater resources and increasingly frequent water shortages. In Grenada, known as the spice isle, drought has affected water systems throughout the island.

Jamaica is also facing water restrictions and has had to resort to water shutoffs in recent years, limiting water availability to a few hours per day in some areas. St. Vincent and St. Kitts have had to ration water. Barbados has experienced several water bans in recent years.

In fact, recent data shows that the Caribbean is one of the most water-stressed regions in the world.

I study the intersection of critical infrastructure and disasters, particularly in the Caribbean. Safe water is essential for all human activity and public health. That's why it is important to understand the root causes of the water crises and to find effective, affordable ways to improve water supply systems.

Changing precipitation patterns



Public water shortages have left people scrambling for alternatives on many of the islands, including Cuba.

and droughts are straining Caribbean water supplies, but water demand has also been outstripping supply for a number of reasons.

Rapid urbanization and industrialization

The Caribbean is one of the most rapidly urbanizing regions in the world. About three-quarters of its population lives in cities, and that percentage is rising, adding pres-

sure on public water systems.

At the same time, increased industrialization and commercialization of agriculture have degraded water quality and in some cases encroached on sensitive water catchment areas, affecting the soil's capacity to retain water.

This competing demand for limited fresh water has reduced stream flows and led to water being drawn down from sensitive sour-

ces. In Dennery North, a major farming community in St. Lucia, water shortages have left residents collecting water from rivers and other sources for their homes and farms.

Unregulated extraction of groundwater can also worsen the problem. Many islands depend on groundwater.

For example, 90% of water supply in Barbados comes from groundwater, while in Jamaica it is 84%. However, increasing demand and changes in annual rainfall patterns are affecting the ability of aquifers or groundwater to recharge. As a result, supply isn't keeping up with demand. This is a huge problem for the island of Utila, located off the coast of Honduras, where the current rate of aquifer recharge is only 2.5% annually. For comparison, Barbados has a recharge rate of 15% to 30% of annual rainfall.

Water-intensive tourism industry

It's no secret that the Caribbean is a popular tourist destination, and tourist economies depend on vast quantities of water.

Even during water rationing, water is diverted to hotels and other tourist-dependent sites first. That can leave local residents without water for hours or days at a time and facing fines if they violate use restrictions.

Tourism not only increases the consumption of water but also the pollution of water resources. Building golf courses to attract more

tourists further increases tourism's water demand and runoff.

Another problem water systems face is weak governance that leads to excessive loss of treated water before it even reaches the customer.

A well-performing water utility will usually have water losses - known as nonrevenue water - below 30%. In the Caribbean, the average nonrevenue water is 46%, with some as high as 75%.

The reasons range from lack of appropriate management practices to metering inaccuracies, leaks and theft.

Climate change and extreme weather worsen water insecurity

These troubled water systems can struggle on good days. Worsening extreme weather, such as hurricanes and flooding, can damage infrastructure, leading to long outages and expensive repairs.

The Caribbean is the second-most disaster-prone region in the world. The islands face frequent earthquakes, landslides, devastating hurricanes and other destructive storms. As global temperatures and sea levels rise, the risk of extreme weather and storm surge causing erosion, flooding and salt-water contamination increases.

Three months after Hurricane Maria hit in 2017, well over 14% of the Caribbean population was still without potable water. Hurricane Dorian in 2019 left Grand Bahama

Utility Co. and the country's Water and Sewerage Corp. with US\$54 million in damages. A year after Dorian, WSC was "still working on restoring operations to pre-Hurricane Dorian levels."

How hybrid rainwater harvesting can help

Improving water access in the Caribbean means working on all of those challenges. Better governance and investment can help reduce water loss from theft and leaks. Government and social pressure and educating tourists can help reduce waste at hotels and resorts.

There are also ways to increase water supply. One involves being more strategic about how the islands use a practice the region has relied on for centuries: rainwater harvesting.

Rainwater harvesting involves capturing rainwater, often from where it runs off rooftops, and storing it for future use. It can replace irrigation, or the water can be treated for household uses.

Right now, rainwater harvesting is not managed as part of the islands' centralized water management system. Instead, households bear the cost to finance, build and maintain their own systems.

Finding technical support can be difficult, leaving households to contend with seasonal variations in water quantity and quality. That makes risks to drinking water safety difficult to identify.

If rainwater harvesting were instead combined with central water systems in a managed hybrid water model, I believe that could help expand safe rainwater harvesting and address water issues in the region.

It's a relatively new concept, and integrating decentralized sources can be complex, including requiring separate pipes, but it has potential to reduce water stress. Decentralized sources, such as rainwater harvesting, groundwater or recycled gray water, could serve as backup water sources during shortages or provide water for nonpotable purposes, such as flushing toilets or irrigation, to reduce demand for treated water.

Engineers in Australia are weighing the potential of hybrid water systems to help face the challenges of delivering secure, safe and sustainable water in the future.

Fulfilling a human right in the islands

The World Health Organization has declared that access to a sufficient, safe and reliable water supply is a fundamental human right, and that to accomplish this, water suppliers have a responsibility to provide adequate quantities of potable water.

Hybrid water systems could help ensure water safety and security for island communities and improve the water systems' resilience amid the human and environmental pressures facing the Caribbean.



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) RFP/2024/KAS/SUP/001 SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF LIGHTNING ARRESTORS IN NYARUGUSU AND NDUTA CAMPS IN KIGOMA REGION

1. Background:

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Field Office in Kasulu invites reputable and qualified companies to submit firm offers for Supply and Installation of Lightning Arrestors.

2. Requirement:

TENDER REFERENCE NUMBER	TENDER ITEM DESCRIPTION
RFP/2024/KAS/SUP/001	Supply and Installation of Lightning Arrestors In Nyarugusu and Nduta Camps in Kigoma Region

3. Eligibility:

Manufacturers, authorized resellers, wholesalers, service providers or traders duly registered with relevant government authorities, with sound financial basis, relevant experience, reputed clientele and with knowledge of how to meet UNHCR's needs are invited to participate in the bidding process.

Kindly download the tender documents in the below link:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Y-FfviBrdb3Q03XJioKINTfEDneA_NDb?usp=sharing

If you fail to access the link, please write to kyoma@unhcr.org and copy ambgua@unhcr.org, jacksonw@unhcr.org

CRUCIAL DATES FOR THIS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Deadline for receiving requests for clarification	Tuesday, 4 th June 2024 at 23:59 hours EAT
Deadline for confirming participation in site visit	Monday, 3 rd June 2024 at 17:00 hours EAT
Prebid meeting (Via Teams)	Monday, 18 th June 2024 at 11:00 hours EAT
Deadline for submission of offers	Thursday 27 th June 2024 17.00 hours EAT

UNHCR tenders are free of charge, no fees are charged to collect the tenders.



Apartments in Havana, Cuba, store water to provide supplies when the public system isn't operating.

Motorcycles transform rural transportation across Zambia

LUSAKA

MOTORBIKES have become increasingly popular in recent years as a means of transportation in Zambia, particularly in the country's rural areas.

One of the reasons for the growing popularity of motorcycles in rural Zambia is that they can transport people and goods to places where roads are either inaccessible or non-existent.

The other reason is affordability. Compared to traditional motor vehicles, motorcycles are much more cost-effective to purchase and maintain. This makes them a practical option for people in villages and small towns who may not have the financial means to invest in a car or light truck.

"I bought my motorcycle for 20,000 Zambian kwacha (about 776 U.S. dollars). One needs not less than 65,000 kwacha to buy a good small second-hand car," said Peter Ngulube, 45, from Chong-



Motorbike riders wait for customers in Lusaka, Zambia.

we District.

Ngulube further explained that in addition to being affordable, motorcycles offer the advantage of traveling to hard-to-

reach areas where conventional vehicles may struggle.

"This makes them an essential mode of transportation for a farmer

like me who needs to access remote markets or transport goods across challenging terrain," he added.

The impact of motorcy-

cles in rural communities is evident. For many residents, motorcycles have become an integral part of their daily lives, helping them to access essen-

cycle from egg to larvae to pupa to adult fly.

The BSF deposit their eggs near a food source and after about three to four days, the flies grow into larvae that feed on the waste prior to being harvested.

There are no latest official statistics about maggot farmers in Zimbabwe, but the Zimbabwe Organic and Natural Food Association has been on record in the media, claiming that of late the number of maggot farmers has been growing.

The reason, said Munondo, is that maggot farming is the easiest.

"Maggots don't require much land, while they need neither chemicals nor lots of water in order to be reared. Just a small land piece, flies, and waste, which are the most crucial components, are all one requires in order to kickstart maggot farming," said Munondo.

Maggot farming creates entrepreneurs, cutting costs for farmers in Zimbabwe

By Jeffrey Moyo, Harare

THREE years ago, 43-year-old Bernard Munondo was an "ordinary" Zimbabwean teacher at a local primary school, but now he has turned maggots into gold. Thanks to maggot farming, Munondo, who has never owned a home nor driven a car, now has both. In 2020, a week's training on maggot farming changed his world. One of the maggot farming trainers posted an advertisement on social media that lured Munondo in.

"Discover the Fascinating World of Maggot Farming! Whether you're a farmer looking to boost your livestock's nutrition or an entrepreneur seeking a unique venture, this training is for you! Fee: USD 30. Don't miss out on this opportunity to revolutionize your farming practices," reads the advertisement. This seized his attention.

Since then, he has not turned back and maggot farming has become a way of life in a country with 90 percent unemployment, according to the Zimbabwe Congress of Trade Unions (ZCTU).

Instead, Munondo, like several other maggot entrepreneurs, has become more of an employer after he set up a maggot plot of land just a year after he received training in farming the worms.

He has not, however, quit his teaching job, saying maggot farming, thanks to his workforce of 14 people at his plot outside the Zimbabwean capital Harare, has become his side job.

In fact, maggot farming, which involves breeding and harvesting maggots for various purposes such as producing cheap, high-protein animal feed, composting, and waste management, has become a big hit in Zimbabwe.

Many Zimbabweans, like Munondo in the

your expense is mostly your time."

As such, added Pamhare, they (the maggots) feed on just anything rotten that comes within their reach.

This, Pamhare said, is cheap, coming more often than not at zero cost, with the maggots maturing in a period of about two weeks.

From his training venture, Pamhare made his money, charging between USD 30 and 40 per head for all the trainees that he recruits.

In high-density areas of Harare like Sunningdale, five kilometers east of Harare, thanks to maggot farming trainers, several homes boast of rearing chickens for sale and feeding them using mag-

gots. Battling high prices for chicken feed has become a thing of the past, as many urban chicken farmers now switch to maggots to fatten their chickens.

But these are no ordinary maggots, according to many, like Munondo, who has made a name for himself as a thriving maggot farmer.

Maggots begin as what Munondo called black soldier flies—literally giant black flies—which, through metamorphosis, turn into maggots. Pig farmers have also embraced them and are now feeding their pigs the protein-rich maggots.

The black soldier flies, popularly known as BSF here, have a four-stage life

cycle from egg to larvae to pupa to adult fly. The BSF deposit their eggs near a food source and after about three to four days, the flies grow into larvae that feed on the waste prior to being harvested.



Shaaban Robert Secondary School

FORM 1 ADMISSION 2025 REGISTRATION FOR ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

Application forms for the Entrance Examination are available at the school office for a fee of Tshs.25,000/=, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with effect from Monday, 3rd June 2024.

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tial services.

Beatrice Mwango, 38, a homemaker from Kafue District, testified to the importance of having access to a motorcycle.

"Before my family bought a motorcycle, it was a challenge to access health services, especially during the rainy season when the roads became impassable. For my household, that challenge has been overcome," said Mwango.

Dalitsio Tembo, 29, who uses his motorcycle as

a taxi in Chibombo District to ferry people and goods from the inland to the roadside and back, revealed that having a motorcycle has enabled him to have a stable source of income.

He charges half the price of an ordinary taxi, which has seen more customers than his peers using small cars as taxis. "Business is good. I am in the process of buying another motorcycle that will also be used as a taxi. I plan to have at least five motorcy-

cles in the next two years and provide employment to young people," said the enthusiastic youth.

The rise of motorcycles as the preferred mode of transportation among rural Zambians reflects the practical need for affordable, versatile and accessible transportation. As these vehicles continue to play a critical role in connecting remote communities and promoting economic opportunities, their importance will likely grow.



HAVEN OF PEACE ACADEMY

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

PREQUALIFICATION OF SUPPLIERS FOR SUPPLY OF GOODS & SERVICES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2024-2025

Haven of Peace Academy (HOPAC) is a faith based educational institution founded in 1994 for children of missionaries but has evolved into a Christian International School which has a diverse student population child of missionaries and full-time Christian service workers; children of expats working in the non-profit and for-profit sector and children of Tanzanians working in the for-profit and public sectors. The institution is in Kunduchi at the junction of Salasala Road and Bagamoyo Road in Kinondoni Municipal in Dar es Salaam.

HOPAC invites qualified and competent suppliers duly registered in Tanzania with the relevant authorities and have legal authorisation to provide such goods and services to express their interest not later than **10th June 2024** by e mailing procurement@hopac.sc.tz with subject **"Expression of Interest for Prequalification of Supplier of Goods & Services for 2024-25 FY"**

HOPAC shall send to all prospective suppliers on/before 15th June 2024 a letter with terms and conditions to be followed to participate in the process.

All request for clarifications and questions strictly relating the exercise should be directed via e mail only to procurement@hopac.sc.tz

Note: No prices/rates are required at this stage and this invitation does not bind HOPAC to issue any tender or contract to the vendors expressing their interest.



SALE OF USED MOTOR VEHICLES

Sandvik Mining and Construction Tanzania Limited invites bidders for purchase of used vehicles whose particulars are listed below on "as-is-where-is" basis.

NO.	Registration	Make	YOM	Asset Location
1	T 941 AUB	Toyota Landcruiser-VX	Feb-08	Packed at residence compound- Capri point
2	T 755 AVQ	Toyota Landcruiser Pick-up	Jul-08	Parked in the office Compound
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Interested bidders may view the listed motor vehicles from their location from **3rd June 2024 from 0830 hrs to 1600hrs.**

Successful bidder will be responsible for payment of duties, Value added tax (VAT) and other related taxes as established by Government rules and regulation for the vehicle duties and taxes are fully paid.

Please Submit your Bids indicating the motor vehicle registration number in the Email Subject to tenders.tanzania@sandvik.com not later than **1700hrs on 14th June 2024.**



'My work found an echo' ... Acogny leads the dance at her school's open-air studio. Photograph: Georges Gobet/AFP/Getty Images

The mother of African dance at 80: Senegal's Germaine Acogny is most celebrated dancer, choreographer

By Liane Loots

AFRICA'S most celebrated dancer and choreographer, Germaine Acogny, turns 80 on 28 May. I have had the privilege of meeting the Senegalese artist, learning from her, and interviewing her as part of my ongoing research into African contemporary dance.

This is a hymn to an African woman who has inspired not only African dancers but a global community of artists to think differently about who they are, their bodies, their skin, and indeed the way they move.

In a continent plagued by legacies of colonisation, racism and patriarchy, Acogny has risen up as a female artist who has defied stereotypes around her Blackness, her femaleness and her long tall body, to become one of the world's most revered dance makers.

Who is Germaine Acogny?

Born in 1944 in Porto Novo in Benin, Acogny moved with her family and settled in Senegal as a young girl. She is often referred to as Africa's mother of contemporary dance, because of her long performing, teaching and choreographic career.

She has built the legacy of a dance company, Jant-Bi, and her now globally recognised school and dance centre in

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Alice Kemp-Habib
She was the only black student in her Paris school, constantly criticised for her 'big butt and flat feet'.

Toubab Dialaw, Senegal, called École des Sables (Place in the Sand).

As a young girl in Dakar, Acogny attended Catholic school. Feeling alienated from the language, the religion and the colonial rituals, she took refuge in sport. This eventually led to her attending the Simon Siegel School for dance and sport in Paris in 1962. She set out to become a physical training teacher.

Encountering western dance for the first time, and being the only Black (and African) student in her class, she was made to feel that she was not "right" and her shape was "wrong". Instead of being defeated, Acogny began to invent movements that corresponded to her own body. She told me:

I have taken my flat feet, my big behind and African woman's hips, my tall west African body, and made this centre.

A meeting with African American dancer Katherine Dunham, who was trying to establish a dance school in Senegal, was the final impetus for Acogny in her journey to find a dance language that spoke to her. The Germaine Acogny technique is now celebrated as one of the first codified systems for training African urban or contemporary dancers.

Acogny has received numerous awards, among them a Golden Lion at the Venice Biennale and a Bessie Award in New York. She has been be-



Senegalese choreographer Germaine Acogny in 2022

stowed with multiple honours from the governments of both Senegal and France.

And she continues to tour the world with her work. While much of the running of her school now rests on her son Patrick Acogny, she also continues to teach and share her dance wisdom

globally.

Contribution to contemporary dance

Understanding what Acogny has done for both dance training and performance leads to a reflection on the nature of contemporary dance. Dif-

ficult to define, contemporary dance is an open form with the intention to create new dance languages that engage the "contemporary" (the current moment).

In Africa this is a rich interplay between traditional dance forms, European and American modern dance histories and methodologies, and the ongoing search for authentic contemporary African voices that speak to ideas of culture, politics, self and identity.

South African dance writer Adrienne Sichel notes that this definition could further include contemporary dance's "invention and reinvention of artistic and cultural forms and functions and its ability to disrupt, displace, connect and survive".

Acogny was one of the first African dance makers to openly disrupt the European norm of a white, rail thin, weightless female dancing body. She actively sought ways to express her own Blackness and her own west African dance rhythms, and indeed her own gendered journey to finding a voice for herself. Her work often reflects on her own history and her embodied understanding that women's bodies are often the greatest spoils of war, genocide and patriarchy.

Two great works

With her belief that we carry our histories in our bodies, two of Acogny's dance works in particular stand out.

The first is a collaboration with Japanese dance maker Kota Yamakazi in 2004, with a work called Fagaala (Genocide). It journeys into the horrifying memory of the Rwandan genocide of 1994. This is a dance storytelling that offers a connection between the contemporary Japanese art form of Butoh (often called "the dance of death") and Acogny's own unique west African contemporary dance style.

In Fagaala, Acogny worked only with the male Senegalese dancers in her company and asked them to explore what it meant to be female and live through the Rwandan massacres. So, while the dancers were male, the work explored female stories. Male dancers had to physically and emotionally understand - and perform - the consequence of rape and torture, two tactics of the genocide. This means confronting the horror of men and war.

The second work is the deeply personal solo that Acogny created and performed in 2015 at the age of 71. Called Somewhere at the Beginning, this is Acogny's journey back into her own maternal and paternal histories that criss-cross her dual west African heritages of Benin and Senegal.

She unearths the devastating visceral effects of colonial Christianity, while at the same time connecting with the suppressed power of her grandmother's Yoruba spirituality. The work is a palimpsest of dance, video, text, and the layering of Black African female histories as she confronts loss and memory. Somewhere at the Beginning is significant not least for its unique feminist decolonial storytelling; it offers the audience the glorious, unprecedented body of an older African matriarch dancing truth to power.

As Acogny turns 80, this is an anthem of praise to the living legacy of a female dance maker who has helped shape Africa's significant contribution to dance by rethinking bodies, histories and identity itself.

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Foreigners record 3.9bn/- net outflows in two months

Smallholders empowered to transform dairy sector

By Francis Kajubi

A total of 69,062 dairy farmers across Tanzania have benefited from the Tanzania Inclusive Processor-Producer Partnership (TI3P) project dedicated to stimulating productivity in the dairy sector.

TI3P project addresses bottlenecks in the dairy value chain to increase incomes and reduce poverty among smallholder dairy farmers in line with the sixth phase government of extending reasonable support to the dairy sector.

The support extended to the 69,062 farmers includes extension services, access to inputs, markets, and finance for dairy value chain investments.

Throughout the project 26bn/- has been disbursed to processors, farmers, input suppliers, and other traders in the dairy value chain.

The loans facilitated the establishment of new processing plants, the expansion and modernization of existing plants, and the purchase of 1,748 improved heifers.

The project is funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the state-owned agricultural bank is being implemented in partnership with Heifer International, Land O'Lakes Venture 37, and Tanager.

So far 738mn/- has been issued as matching grants to 846 smallholder farmers, helping to reduce their financial burden in access to soft loans.

To enhance milk collection efficiency and improve milk quality, the TI3P project supports the installation of milk collection infra-

structure and the mobilization and strengthening of Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs).

Since the project inception, 45 FPOs and 888 Dairy Interest Groups with 20,612 farmers have been formed and strengthened to conduct milk collection and now collectively gather over 15,000 liters of milk per day.

The project tackles cross-cutting issues such as gender and nutrition, which significantly impact the dairy sector.

Since the project inception, six processors have participated in Enterprise Acceleration Interventions, leading to a 17 percent increase in utilization of the installed capacity.

In his clarification about the project, the agricultural bank's Manager for Lake Zone Alphonse Mokoki said the TI3P project focuses on enhancing milk supply, growth, and profitability for processors, which serve as key formal markets for milk produced by smallholder farmers.

Mokoki revealed that the bank is in the final stages of establishing 15 milk collection centers in the regions of Kagera, Mara, Mwanza, and Shinyanga.

"The government in collaboration with the private sector needs to create an enabling environment by addressing policy and legal issues hindering the dairy sector's development," he said.

Mokoki called upon stakeholders to collaborate in addressing challenges in the dairy sub-sector and to leverage opportunities provided by the TI3P project.

By Guardian Reporter

FOREIGN investors recorded net outflows amounting to 3.9bn/- on the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) during the first two months of the current quarter ended last week.

The market report shows that the amount was recorded after they sold shares valued 6.4bn/- of 20.29 per cent of total value of shares sold, against the purchase of 2.5bn/- of 7.61 percent of total value of shares bought.

According to the report, a total turnover of 31bn/- has been recorded during the period of two months of the current quarter, being more

than a total turnover of 28.6bn/- that was recorded during the second quarter of last year.

However, local investors dominated the activities after accounting 92.05 percent of total value of shares bought and 79.58 percent of total value of shares sold.

Only all share index (DSEI) gained during the last trading day of last month, as it closed at 2,066.32 points, an increase of 4.77 points, following the increase of share prices of three cross listed companies and self-listed DSE.

The counters which resulted into the gain of DSEI at the end of last month were self-listed DSE, which its share price increased by 0.99 percent to 2,040/-, East African

Breweries Limited's shares which appreciated by 0.66 percent to close at 3,060/-.

Other gainers during the end of last month were Jubilee Holdings Limited (JHL) counter, which its share price increased by 0.27 percent to 3,760/- and KCB Bank counter, which its share price climbed by 2.86 percent to 720/-.

Losers were NICO and Tanzania Portland Cement Company Limited (TPCC), which their share price declined by 1.25 percent and 4.65 percent respectively, after closing at 790/- and 4,100/-.

On annual basis, the market report shows that the DSE total market capitalization improved by 2.1trn/- to 17.2trn/- during the

ended on May 31st, 2024, compared to 15.1trn/- recorded during the end of March 31st 2023 due to increase of share prices for both local and cross listed companies.

Banks, Finance and Investment sector was top performer during the last 12 months, after its index (BI) closed at 5,227.06 points at the end of May, from 3,988.02 points recorded during the end of May 2023.

On government debt instruments, the report shows during the first two months of the current quarter, a face value of 471.66bn/- and transaction value of 517.3bn/- were recorded, while in the corporate bond market a face value of 616.3m/ and transaction value of 552.86m/- were recorded.

Tanzania, Namibia to enhance food sector intra-trade

By Shania Lazarus, Windhoek

The agricultural and fisheries sector have been identified as key investment areas for Tanzania and Namibia.

During the Tanzania-Namibia business and investment forum in Windhoek on Saturday, the two countries discussed ways to strengthen their economic ties.

Tanzanian high commissioner to Namibia Ceasar Waitara acknowledged the strong bilateral relationship between the countries, but noted the lack of significant economic growth.

"Namibia and Tanzania have a good relationship, but our economic relationship is lagging behind," Waitara said.

Cereals and Other Produce Board of Tanzania managing director Patrick Mongella said there are vast investment opportunities in Tanzania's agricultural sector.

According to Mongella, the favourable weather conditions allow for year-round farming, making Tanzania a prime location for diverse crop production.

"All crops can grow throughout the year because weather is not a constraint," Mongella said. "We don't have a true winter or summer, just good weather," he said.

He added that Tanzania has an abundance of underutilised land suitable for agricultural production, presenting a significant opportunity for

Namibian investors venturing into agriculture.

Namibia Investment Promotion and Development Board (NIPDB) manager of investment attraction Selma Namutuwa said the trade balance between the two countries has been skewed.

Namibia imported nearly N\$60 million worth of goods from Tanzania in 2023, while exports remained very low at less than N\$20 million.

"The food industry offers significant opportunities for investment and we are actively promoting it," Namutuwa said.

She identified key imports from Tanzania as maize, rice, fruits, vegetables, spices and seafood like prawns.

Namibia's current agricultural focus is on dates, blueberries and grapes.

Additionally, Tanzania is currently the second-largest supplier of livestock to Namibia.

Namutuwa also mentioned the introduction of the NIPDB Digital Nomad Visa allowing foreigners to work in Namibia for six months.

This initiative further aims to attract investment.

"Namibia has access to a market of over 600 million people through agreements like the Southern African Development Community Common Market," Namutuwa said.

Last year saw a positive increase in exports between the two countries.

Namibia primarily exports fish, beer and machinery for the mining and



Tanzania's High Commissioner to Namibia, Ceasar Waitara

agriculture sectors.

Another potential investment area identified is seaweed processing, where Tanzania has room for improvement.

NIPDB executive director of Investment and Sector Development Francois van Schalkwyk emphasised the importance of infrastructure investment. He envisioned these forums as stepping stones for building stronger bilateral relationships.

Discussing key sectors within the Namibian economy, Van Schalkwyk highlighted oil and gas, and the green economy, as promising areas.

He said Namibia aims not only to extract natural

resources but also to add value, welcoming investments focused on processing and value addition.

"Your investments are welcome to help grow these upcoming and new industries," Van Schalkwyk said.

He pointed out the billions already invested in the mining industry and Namibia's anticipation of a near-future shift towards a secondary and tertiary economy driven by these developing industries.

Namibia Tourism Board chief executive Bonnie Mbidzo advocated for Africa to emulate the European visa regime to facilitate easier movement between the countries and boost tourism.

"We need to follow Europe's example and establish a single visa that allows travel across Africa, similar to their system," Mbidzo said.

He commended Namibia's implementation of a visa-upon-arrival policy for many African countries as a positive step towards promoting tourism investment.

Mbidzo further said there is a challenge of limited airlift connectivity within Africa, a significant barrier to tourism growth.

He called on governments to streamline the licensing process for potential investors in the aviation sector.



Mwanza regional commissioner Said Mtanda (L) hand Prof Zacharia Masanyiwa chairman of the Tanzania Dairy Board board of trustees, visit the ongoing Dairy Week exhibition in Mwanza city.

OPEC+ to extend oil production cuts

RIYADH/LONDON

OPEC+ has the outline of a deal to extend a crucial tranche of its oil supply cuts into the second half of the year, delegates said, as the group continues its efforts to avert a global surplus and shore up prices.

The so-called "voluntary" cuts from key members including Saudi Arabia and Russia total roughly 2 million barrels a day and are set to expire at the end of June.

Those curbs come in addition to a group-wide agreement capping total crude output at about 39 million barrels a day,

which the alliance is also discussing extending into 2025, the delegates said, asking not to be named because the talks were private.

OPEC+ ministers gathered on Sunday for a hybrid meeting to decide oil policy, with some attending in-person talks in Riyadh and others participating online.

Traders and analysts have widely expected the extension of the group's cuts, seeing it as necessary to offset soaring production from several of OPEC+'s rivals – most notably US shale drillers – and a fragile economic outlook

in top consumer, China.

While crude prices briefly soared above \$90 a barrel in April as conflict in the Middle East threatened regional exports, they've since declined.

Brent futures settled at \$81.62 a barrel on May 31, a drop of 7.1 percent for the month.

Lower oil prices have offered some relief to central banks grappling with persistent inflation, but threaten revenue for producers like Saudi Arabia.

The kingdom needs prices close to \$100 a barrel to fund the ambitious spending plans of Crown Prince Mohammed bin

Salman, the International Monetary Fund estimates.

Oil market indicators have likely impressed the need for caution on the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and its allies.

The premium on prompt Brent contracts – known to traders as "backwardation" – has been dwindling, suggesting that world markets are tipping from scarcity into surplus.

The United States has become the leading global oil producer in the modern oil environment, holding the top spot followed by Saudi Arabia and Russia. Iran, Kuwait, and Iraq

all rank highly in the top 10 oil-producing countries.

Despite efforts to decarbonize the global economy, oil still remains one of the world's most important resources. It's also produced by a fairly limited group of countries, which can be a source of economic and political leverage.

In 2024, analysts forecast that the US will maintain its position as the top oil producer.

According to Macquarie Group, US oil production is expected to achieve a record pace of about 14 million barrels per day by the end of the year.



Nyanzaga gold project production to start in 2027



By Guardian Reporter

PERSEUS Mining, an Australian company, entered the Tanzanian mining sector this year by acquiring OreCorp and its Nyanzaga project.

The project is expected to produce 234,000 ounces of gold annually for over 10 years, making it the fourth gold mine in Africa for Perseus.

Perseus Mining said it will commence production at the Nyanzaga mine in Q1 2027, its first gold mine in Tanzania.

In a statement issued over the weekend, Perseus said it fully acquired OreCorp and will begin work on the project. OreCorp used to own the project.

These works include publishing the first mineral resource and reserve estimates for Perseus in the fourth quarter of

2024.

There will also be works aimed at optimizing the engineering and investment cost estimates for the project. A final investment decision is expected by the end of the year.

"Perseus is pleased to have completed the acquisition of the Nyanzaga gold project through the takeover of OneCorp Limited...With the objective of operating at least four mines simultaneously, Perseus is well advanced towards confirming its place as a highly profitable, well managed, pan-African gold that consistently creates benefits for all stakeholders," said Perseus CEO, Jeff Quartermaine.

Perseus Mining already operates three gold mines, all located in West Africa, including Sissingué and Yaouré in Côte d'Ivoire and Edikan in Ghana.

With these three assets, the company produces

over 500,000 ounces of gold annually.

Three concurrent work streams are being implemented, including a Resettlement Action Plan, additional drilling of the Nyanzaga mineralisation, and Front-End Engineering and Design.

The Nyanzaga Gold Project's Mineral Resource Estimates

consist of a Measured and Indicated resource of 24.2Mt grading 3.64g/t Au for 2.8Moz Au and an Inferred Resource of 5.8Mt grading 2.4g/t Au for 0.5MozAu.

It has a Probable Ore Reserve Estimate of 40.1Mt grading 2.01g/t Au for 2.6Moz Au.

The Nyanzaga Gold Project is located in north-western Tanzania, south of Lake Victoria within the Sengerema District of the Mwanza Region, approximately 60 kilometres southwest of Mwanza city.

Young women trained to participate in Vision 2050

By Francis Kajubi

THE Tanzania Gender Networking Programme (TGNP) has brought together over 50 young women higher learners from various universities in Dar es Salaam for a one day dialogue on the National Development Vision 2050 preparations for the purpose of sharpening their understanding to give out gender responsive recommendations for the new vision.

TGNP also organized the dialogue to sensitize the young elites on the importance of engaging all social groups in the process of preparing the Vision 2050 for inclusive gender based micro and macroeconomic development.

Rogathe Loakaki, TGNP's Programme Officer for Policy and

Engagement told the higher learners yesterday in Dar es Salaam that TGNP would like to see the government working on pressing issues for women in the preparation of an inclusive national development vision.

She said that the vision should be prepared in a way that it aligns with the national priorities by embracing gender responsiveness for sustainable development.

Loakaki called upon the government to effectively engage stakeholders from various social groups to shed insights and perspectives on their areas of priorities in the preparation of the vision 2050.

"We urge the government to identify key gender issues to be addressed in the new development vision, considering the

needs of various social groups particularly the marginalized ones," said Loakaki.

According to her, engagement of the private sector will help enhance the alignment of the new vision with national priorities and agreements to ensure its effectiveness in addressing pressing political and socio-economic issues, as the government can't handle it all alone.

Dolice Alchard, Vice President of the students' government at the National Institute of Transport (NIT) said that as the result of community sensitization through public dialogues on preparations of the vision and engagement in its implementation, there will be enhanced understanding and awareness of recommendations.

She insisted on the formulation of people centric recommendations towards drafting of the vision in line with agreements the country has globally entered and development national plans.

"I am expecting to see strengthened collective voice and mechanism for influencing gender-responsive vision; I am expecting more awareness and advocacy for a participatory approach towards the development of the vision 2050 which is supposed to be gender-responsive," said Alchard.

She asserted that in realizing the best preparation of gender inclusive vision the government needs not only to adopt proposed recommendations, but to ensure that the proposed issues are adopted in the final vision docket.



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Ilala district commissioner, Edward Mpongolo (4th R) listens to the Head of Pugu livestock auction, Noel Byamungu (5th R), during the launch of financial scheme for livestock sub-sector. Photo: Guardian Correspondent.

Ilala DC urges financial sector to support livestock keepers

By Guardian Reporter

ILALA District Commissioner Edward Mpongolo has tasked financial institutions to develop more products that will help transform the livestock sector and boost its contribution to the economy.

DC Mpongolo made the call over the weekend in Dar es Salaam's Pugu Livestock Auction Market at the launch of the special financial arrangement for stakeholders in the

livestock sector, including farmers, livestock fattening operators, traders, transporters, and others serving the crucial economic sector.

The product aims to accelerate the growth of the livestock industry through simplified financial services. It also supports the government's efforts to create an inclusive economy for all production groups through quality financial services.

Mpongolo said that most of

stakeholders in the livestock sector have long lacked banking services tailored to their specific needs, leading many to resort to informal financial services, which can compromise their safety and funds.

"For example, the Pugu auction involves an average daily cash flow of 1bn/-, with many traders having to carry large sums of cash, which is risky for themselves and their capital. The product will be a solution to this chal-

lenge, as financial services, including transactions, will be available at these auction locations," he said.

Mpongolo, however, requested the lender to further assist livestock farmers by investing in providing financial education, modern farming techniques, and marketing education, so that they can benefit more from their livestock through improved practices and investments in the sector.

Elibariki Masuke, the local bank's director of retail banking said the special account caters to individual livestock farmers and groups, offering various benefits such as livestock-specific loans.

"For livestock groups or associations, they also do not need to worry because they will have the freedom to deposit and withdraw their money anytime, and they will also get cheque books at a low cost. All they need to do is open an account completely free of charge at our branches nationwide," he said.

Raymond Urassa, bank's head of small and medium enterprises (SMEs), product and Agriculture, said that it involves livestock farmers of all kinds, including cattle and poultry, and the step is a continuation of the bank's efforts to reach all production groups, following the launch of several specialized services for farmers, including health insurance.

Noel Byamungu, the Head of Pugu Livestock Auction, and Iddy Maziku, the Chairman of Livestock Traders at the auction, welcomed the introduction of the product, stating that it will be a solution for stakeholders who currently have to carry large amounts of cash due to the lack of financial services tailored to their needs near the auction areas.

"The arrival of this product will greatly help us stakeholders in the livestock sector. It is a relief, as we no longer have to carry cash to make livestock purchases and other services. All the required financial services will now come to us, ensuring our safety and funds," said Maziku.

Initiative to boost digital learning in schools launched

By Guardian Correspondent, Tanga

THE government, UNICEF, and other partners have launched the SmartWASOMI initiative aimed to accelerate the rollout of digital learning by providing free internet connectivity to schools nationwide.

"This partnership is a major step forward for Tanzania. It aligns with our national vision of providing digital infrastructure for every child," Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa said during the launch.

"I would like to thank partners for their support in making digital content accessible to children in urban and rural areas."

In 2022, Tanzania pledged to revolutionize education through digital initiatives at the Transforming Education Summit during the UN General Assembly.

This commitment is reflected in the new education curriculum, which embraces digital literacy among students and teachers. Further to this effort, the Government has distributed 300,000 tablets to schools, demonstrating its dedication to advancing digital education.

"We are working closely with educational authorities, teachers, and local communities to ensure the successful implementation of this initiative," said Dinesh Balsingh, Managing Director of a local telecom company partnering the project.

"Our vision for SmartWASOMI is rooted in the belief that education is a fundamental pillar for socio-economic development. We are excited about this project's potential to transform education in Tanzania, empowering the next generation of leaders and innovators. Together, we can create a more connected, informed, and empowered Tanzania, where every student can reach their full potential."

The SmartWASOMI initia-

tive will leverage existing and new digital infrastructure to provide high-speed internet connectivity to public secondary schools through a national digital teaching and learning platform. The pilot phase of the project has already made significant strides, reaching 50 secondary schools across Zanzibar, Dodoma, and Mbeya. The digital learning platforms will deliver audio lessons and provide teachers and school management with teaching guides and content.

"Digital learning is a powerful tool that can transform education in Tanzania especially for excluded children and communities. Through the SmartWASOMI public-private partnership initiative the government, UNICEF and a telecom company are collaborating to ensure that teachers have access to modern learning methods and that no student, and no child is left behind," said Elke Wisch, UNICEF Representative to Tanzania.

"UNICEF will continue to work with the Government to develop an evidence-based digital learning strategy that supports the country's efforts to provide 21st-century education."

The partnership will provide digital learning tailored to individual needs, empowering children to unlock their full potential and thrive in today's economy. It aims to:

Bridge the digital divide by connecting schools to the internet and providing digital tools to every young person to access educational resources and opportunities.

Ensure the availability of accessible learning platforms to make digital learning sustainable and impactful. This involves reducing barriers to digital education content and zero-rating key platforms like the Tanzania Institute of Education and Shule Direct, enabling access without incurring data charges.



Congo allocates \$63.9m to boost digital transformation

KINSHASA

THE Congo's digital transformation acceleration project, officially launched in January 2023 and supported by the World Bank with \$100 million in funding, moves forward with a budget of 38.7 billion CFA francs (\$63.9 million) for FY2024.

On May 28, the Steering Committee of the Digital Transformation Acceleration Project (PATN) approved this budget.

The PATN aims to implement 57 projects in 2024, focusing on providing high-speed internet access to public administrations, universities, secondary schools, and rural areas.

"The government relies on this project to achieve its digital transformation objective as outlined in the 2022-2026 National Development Plan (PND).

One of the project's goals is to increase access to high-speed internet for underserved populations and enhance the public sector's ability to benefit from quality digital services," stated Fernand Sosthène Likouka, a member of the PATN steering committee.

Launched officially in January 2023, the PATN receives backing from the World Bank. It aligns with the Congolese government's objective to promote equitable access to digital services for all citizens, in line with the national digital transformation strategy "Congo Digital 2025". Additionally, the government aims to leverage ICT to foster the country's socioeconomic development.

The implementation of the planned projects for this year is expected to enhance people's access to the internet and digital services.

According to statistics from the Post and Electronic Communications Regulatory Agency (ARPE), Congo had 3.4 million internet subscribers in 2023, with a penetration rate of 59.7 percent. The country also counted 5.9 million mobile phone subscribers.

The DRC's internet penetration rate stood at 27.2 percent of the total population at the start of 2024. Kepios analysis indicates that internet users in the DRC increased by 902 thousand (+3.3 percent) between January 2023



and January 2024.

DataReportal's figures show that there were 6.45 million active social media user identities in the Democratic Republic of the Congo in January 2024.

The Internet in the DRC began to change in November 2012.

In Kinshasa, the country's capital city, home to 17 million people, the Internet Provider Association of the DRC (ISPA-DRC)—funded by the Internet Society—built its first IXP: the Kinshasa Internet Exchange, or KINIX.

Its goal was to connect six local service providers, and it encouraged operators to build fiber cable networks that improved connectivity in the city. Ten years later, it reduced the price of Internet transit by 98 percent and increased local Internet traffic from a few Mbps to close to 80 Gbps.

All of this saved the local Internet Service Providers (ISPs) substantial costs, reducing the price of connectivity for users and allowing ISPs to expand their operations and connect even more people.

India stocks, bonds set to gain over expected Modi's victory

MUMBAI

INDIAN stocks, bonds and the rupee are poised to climb on Monday after exit polls indicated a resounding victory for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's party in general elections that concluded Saturday.

The polls suggest the Bharatiya Janata Party-led alliance will clinch substantially more seats than the 272 required for a majority in the 543-seat lower house of parliament, with most pollsters predicting the group will win between 350 and 400 seats in total. In 2019, the alliance won 352. The votes will be counted on Tuesday.

The predictions are likely to calm investors rattled by recent stock market volatility, driven by concerns that the BJP might fall well short of Modi's ambitious 400-seat target due to low voter turnouts and tight races in several states. A landslide win would enable the party to push through policies that are seen as crucial for boosting India's economic growth, which is already among the world's fastest.

"There was some skepticism, with volatility picking up as some people were getting jittery on the election outcome. Now it will settle — this is a resounding vote for continuity," said Vinit Sambre, who

oversees about \$12 billion as head of equities at DSP Mutual Fund in Mumbai. "Markets could react positively on Monday."

While the final results might differ from the exit polls, the strength of the projected victory is expected to benefit risk assets. Indian equities reached a record in May, while the bond markets are near their highest levels in about a year.

"The suggested size of the majority would allow the government to continue unabated with its current policy program," said Gary Dugan, chief investment officer at Dalma Capital Management Ltd. in Dubai. "We could imagine a 3-5 percent return from the market on Monday."

Should the results on June 4 align with the exit polls, analysts expect the NSE Nifty 50 Index to reach a new record. The main gauge slid nearly 2 percent to 22,531 last week as foreign investors treaded cautiously ahead of the election outcome.

These companies are perceived to benefit from the BJP's pro-growth policies and their out-performance may extend in case of a strong election result, the note said. Engineering giant Larsen & Toubro Ltd., and power generators NTPC Ltd. and NHPC Ltd. are among CLSA's preferred stocks.

Zimbabwe now demanding reductions on \$19.2bn debt

HARARE

ZIMBABWE has asked its creditors for significant debt reductions on its \$19.2 billion internal and external debt, citing Finance Minister Mthuli Ncube (pictured).

"We will be looking for lots of haircuts, the removal of penalties," Ncube said at the African Development Bank (AfDB) Annual Meetings in Nairobi. He did not specify the extent of the reductions Zimbabwe is requesting.

However, he mentioned that heavy debt hampers the country's development needs due to limited access to international resources for Zimbabwe's economic recovery.

Zimbabwe has faced a severe economic crisis since the early 2000s, following land reform policies under former President Robert Mugabe. These policies deteriorated a crucial economic sector and led to a halt in debt repayments to international lenders.

Currently, Zimbabwe owes \$13 billion to external creditors and \$6.2 billion to local investors, according to data presented by Ncube on May 29 during a debt arrears clearance meeting.

The country's external creditors include Paris Club member countries, the World Bank, the European Investment Bank

(EIB), and the AfDB. The five largest creditors within the Paris Club are Germany, France, the United Kingdom, Japan, and the United States.

Without international donor support, Zimbabwe has struggled to secure credit lines and attract the foreign investments needed to revive its economy.

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has tied the resumption of its financial support to Zimbabwe to the clearance of the country's debt arrears. Zimbabwe has begun making "symbolic" repayments to multilateral financial institutions and Paris Club member countries.

Mthuli Ncube, a former chief economist at the AfDB and a PhD in mathematical finance from the University of Cambridge, is the key figure President Emmerson Mnangagwa relies on to restore investor confidence and stabilize the country's financial situation.

By the end of last year Zimbabwe's total consolidated debt amounts to US\$17.5 billion. Debt owed to international creditors stands at US\$14.04 billion, while domestic debt comes to US\$3.4 billion.

Debt owed to bilateral creditors is estimated at US\$5.75 billion, while debt to multilateral creditors is estimated at US\$2.5 billion.

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11:30 Business edition	11:30 Our Earth	08:55 Habari za saa
12:00 Out and About	12:00 Innovation rpt	09:00 Kumekucha kishindo
12:30 Our earth	12:30 Meza huru	09:30 Soap: Laws of love
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		18:30 Kipindi Maalum: Sema na Mahakama
		19:30 Soap: Laws of love
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Putin, Security Council discuss international cooperation in fight against terrorism

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin has discussed strengthening international cooperation in the fight against terrorism with the permanent members of the Russian Security Council.

"We have a number of important issues today. One of them is the strengthening of international cooperation in the fight against terrorism," the president said at the beginning of the meeting.

Putin (pictured) added that several speakers were scheduled to make reports and handed over the floor to Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov.

The meeting was attended by Prime Minister Mikhail Mishustin, Speakers of both houses of parliament Valentina Matviyenko and Vyacheslav Volodin, Security Council Deputy Chairman Dmitry Medvedev, Presidential Administration Head Anton Vaino, Security Council Secretary Sergey Shoigu, Interior Minister Vlad-



mir Kolokoltsev, Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, Federal Security Service Director Alexander Bortnikov, Russian Foreign Intelligence Service (SVR) Director Sergey Naryshkin, Special Russian Presidential Representative for Environmental Protection, Ecology and Transport Sergey Ivanov, and Kremlin aide Nikolay Patrushev.

Agencies

Xi Story: Illuminating the future of every child

BEIJING

IN May 2004, in the suburbs of Nanchong in southwest China's Sichuan Province, then-Party chief of the eastern Zhejiang Province Xi Jinping ceremoniously deposited a handful of soil onto a cornerstone, marking the inception of a construction project.

This land was subsequently transformed into Zhijiang Primary School through collaborative efforts and "paired-up assistance" from Zhejiang. The school was named after a major river in Zhejiang to remember the latter's help.

Two decades later, Xi, now Chinese president and general secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, still cherishes a strong affection for the school.

Recently, a fifth-grade class from the school wrote a letter to Xi, sharing details about their studies and daily lives while expressing their gratitude. They quickly got a reply from the top Chinese leader.

In a letter dated May 30, two days ahead of the International Children's Day, Xi said he was delighted to hear that the school is doing very well and the students are thriving. He encouraged the students to "become the talent capable of shouldering the mission of building a strong country and realizing national rejuvenation."

The bond between Xi and the pupils serves as a prime example of the benefits derived from China's implementation of "paired-up assistance" between its eastern and western regions. This practice, first introduced in the 1990s, is a distinctive approach aimed at promoting fair and balanced development across various sectors, including education.

Xi has always attached great importance to ensuring equal access to quality education for every child. "Education equity is a crucial cornerstone of social fairness," he said.

When inspecting the once poverty-stricken hinterland of Daliang Mountains in Sichuan in 2018, Xi asked in detail about children's education in the village. "In terms of education, don't let children fail at the starting line," he said.

In 2019, he took a long journey to a remote mountainous place in Chongqing, which had previously been plagued by poverty. The first stop of his visit was a primary school nestled deep in the mountains.

"No matter how difficult the circumstances, we must not let the children suffer, and no matter how impoverished, we must not deprive them of education," Xi said, stressing that efforts must be made to ensure children in impoverished mountainous regions have access to education and enjoy a joyous childhood.

Xi believes that children's health and all-round development are no trivial matter.

In addition to academic scores, he has on many occasions called for greater efforts to build up children's physical strength through sports and exercise.

He had visited the cafeterias of schools to learn about whether children, particularly those in impoverished areas, have nutritious and healthy lunches.

Noticing a high rate of nearsightedness among young students, Xi demanded efforts from the whole society to guarantee a "bright future" for children. "When the young people are strong, the country will be strong," he noted.

Despite a very tight schedule every day, Xi has always managed to find time to talk to children, visit schools, participate in children-focused events, and respond to letters from the children. His concern for children has been reflected in various policies and initiatives implemented by the top authorities.

In June 2023, the general offices of the CPC Central Committee and the State Council jointly issued a guideline on establishing a sound and balanced basic public education service system, highlighting consistent financial input to make sure basic public education covers all.

About two months later, an action plan was released for expanding fine elementary education resources and improving the quality of elementary education. It was also written into the government work report delivered at the annual session of the National People's Congress in March this year.

China boasts the world's largest education system and has ascended to the ranks of upper-middle-level countries in terms of the overall modernization of education.

While inspecting a school in Beijing last year, Xi said that his generation is working hard for the goal of building China into a great modern socialist country in all respects by the middle of this century.

"It will be up to you to carry on the mission in the future," he told the students.

Xinhua



Children perform dragon dance to greet the upcoming International Children's Day at a kindergarten in Wenling City, east China's Zhejiang Province, May 30, 2024. Xinhua

Djibouti poised to diversify its economy amid win-win cooperation with China

DJIBOUTI CITY

Djibouti, with its strategic advantage connecting Africa to Asia and Europe by sea, is poised to diversify its economy to become a regional hub for logistics, finance, tourism and information and communications technology (ICT) as cooperation with China injects crucial impetus to the Red Sea nation's development ambitions, a senior official has said.

In a recent interview with Xinhua, Slim Feriani, chief executive officer (CEO) of the sovereign wealth fund of Djibouti, said that as the gateway to Africa, Djibouti is endowed with significant development potential, and the country's drive to become the logistical hub for the region and beyond "is moving full-steam ahead."

"Our biggest advantage is the strategic location of the country controlling the entry into the Gulf of Aden and the Red Sea and linking the African mainland to the Middle East and beyond," Feriani told Xinhua.

Djibouti has been consolidating its position as a regional logistics hub through substantial development initiatives, including Chinese-built development projects such as the Doraleh Multi-Purpose Port (DMP), the Djibouti International Free Trade Zone (DIFTZ), and the 752-km electrified transnational railway connecting ports in Djibouti to the Ethiopian capital, Addis Ababa, among others.

"Djibouti provides vital service to landlocked African countries -- for example, around 90 percent of Ethiopia's trade passes through here. But that is only half the port's activities, which are wide-ranging, including trans-shipment to serve the whole sub-region in Africa, as well as the Gulf states, Europe and elsewhere.

So, yes, it is truly the gateway to Africa and bridge between the region and the Middle East, a market of over 400 million people," the CEO said.

The country, through its development blueprint Vision 2035, aspires to create an attractive investment climate across various economic sectors, including port development, logistics, finance, tourism and ICT, with an overarching goal of diversifying its economy



The file photo, taken on Sept. 20, 2022, shows the Doraleh Multi-Purpose Port, constructed by China State Construction Engineering Corporation (CSCEC), in Djibouti City, the capital of Djibouti. Xinhua

beyond from logistics and ports.

Highlighting Djibouti's socio-economic and political stability, albeit its location in the volatile Horn of Africa region, as an important economic advantage, Feriani underscored that the country is fast becoming an attractive destination to international investors, eventually fueling its economic diversification aspirations.

Noting the country's "huge tourism potentials," Feriani stressed that cooperation with China and other partners will play a crucial role in harnessing the country's aspirations of becoming a major international tourism destination. "We are investing in wind and solar energy.

Geothermy and waste-to-energy are other renewable sources of energy. We are aiming to become a digital economy hub in the region. The Djibouti Data Center is among the first data center facilities in East Africa, with access to all major international fiber-optic systems, connecting Europe, the Middle East and Asia Pacific regions with Africa," Feriani said, as he highlighted the country's ongoing economic diversification efforts.

Courtesy of its robust cooperation with China in realizing flagship development projects

over the years, the country's economic diversification ambition is further propelling its win-win cooperation with China and other development partners.

"In addition to an ambitious program of expanding our port facilities, in which some Chinese companies are involved, there are several other areas of potential cooperation," he said.

Acknowledging flagship infrastructure projects that were realized as part of the country's expanding cooperation with China, such as the DMP, the Ethiopia-Djibouti railway and the DIFTZ, the CEO said such infrastructure projects "are playing a very significant part in our drive to become a logistical hub for the region and beyond.

This is gaining increasing significance given the geopolitical tensions in the area and the imperative to keep vital trade routes open." "Cargo volumes passing through Djibouti have been increasing. For example, they increased by 31 percent in the year to the end of September 2023.

Chinese investment is playing a key part in maintaining this trend with China Merchants Group taking a 23.5 percent stake in the Doraleh Multi-Purpose Port," he said.

Digital technologies contribute to Great Wall conservation, studies

SPANNING 15 provincial-level regions, the Great Wall is China's most colossal cultural heritage structure. In recent years, regions across the country have vigorously leveraged digital technologies to advance the protection and studies of the Great Wall, making it accessible for virtual tours. With great care, this unique and precious treasure is being meticulously safeguarded.

At the Research Center for Urban Big Data Applications, Beijing University of Civil Engineering and Architecture, there are two computers showing the meteorological and vibration data at eight points along the Great Wall in real time.

"Monitoring the deformation and damage of the Great Wall enables timely detection and assessment of the extent of wall damage, providing strong support for protection efforts," said Liu Fei, associate professor at the research center. The monitoring data can also be used to develop preventive measures, Liu added.

Over the course of thousands of years, the Great Wall of China has been subjected to various factors such as natural erosion, human activities, and historical changes, resulting in significant damage to many sections.

Over the course of thousands of years, natural erosion, human activities and historical changes have resulted in significant damages to many sections of the Great Wall. Some parts are on the verge of collapse, while some have lost a significant portion of their ground structure or foundation.

To treat these damages, it is important to identify the causes. Over the past four years, Liu and his team have launched an environmental vibration disaster monitoring project for the Great Wall in Huairou district and Changping district of Beijing. They have also carried out a research-based restoration project along the Dazhuangke section of the Great Wall in Yanqing district, collecting digital information of the section.

Additionally, the team utilized drone-based oblique photography technology to capture high-resolution images along a 352-kilometer stretch of the Great Wall in Beijing. These images were used to create orthophoto-



Photo shows the Juyongguan Great Wall in Changping district, Beijing. (People's Daily Online/Yang Dong)

maps and real scene three-dimensional models, forming a database of the damages in an approximately 100-kilometer section of the Great Wall.

By employing deep learning algorithms, the team has developed an intelligent model for identifying damages, which features an accuracy of over 80 percent.

"More and more technologies are applied to help the Great Wall 'live longer,'" said Liu. According to him, his team is currently working to improve the database, and it is expected that by the end of this year, aerial monitoring and digital 3D modeling of the brick and stone sections of the Great Wall in Beijing will be completed.

The utilization of digital technologies strengthens the protection of the Great Wall, shifting the approach from reactive rescue efforts to proactive preventive measures. It has also created more possibilities for visitors to virtually experience the Great Wall through "cloud tourism."

The Jinshanling Great Wall, located in Luanping county, Chengde, north China's Hebei province, is a pilot Great Wall national cultural park. Since 2020, the Jinshanling Great Wall has been presenting its apricot blossom festival online, allowing netizens to appreciate the beauty of its

sceneries.

The hashtag "Virtual Tour of Jinshanling" has attracted over 130 million views annually for four consecutive years, said Guo Zhongxing, director of the Jinshanling Great Wall cultural relics protection center.

A national research center for ancient mural and earth site conservation engineering technology has been established in northwest China's Gansu province under the joint efforts of the Dunhuang Academy and other institutes.

This center has mastered a series of key technologies for the protection of earthen Great Wall and developed a mature set of protection theories and technical specifications, becoming an important technical support for the preservation of the Great Wall. Since 2015, Gansu province has undertaken and initiated a total of 12 research projects at the provincial level and above in this field.

A team led by professor Zhang Yukun from the School of Architecture at Tianjin University initiated a project in late 2018 that involves the use of the latest technology as drones to collect "the most complete possible real-scene three-dimensional images of the Great Wall". During the four-year project, the team collected over 2 million real-scene images and established a

three-dimensional database of the Great Wall of the Ming Dynasty.

In early 2023, the team organized an exhibition in Tianjin Museum showcasing the digital outcomes of their efforts through immersive multimedia displays, 3D printed objects, and historical scene restoration.

"The exhibition aimed to digitally showcase to the public the entire Great Wall in a realistic and immersive way," said Li Zhe, a distinguished research fellow at the School of Architecture, Tianjin University.

The resources, unique remains, and scenic views along the Tianjin section of the Great Wall were all showcased through dynamic surrounding imagery on five screens, accompanied by professional commentary, creating an immersive experience for the public as if they were "flying over" the Great Wall, Li explained.

People's Daily



Vijana basketball team players during a training session at the Jakaya Kikwete grounds in Dar es Salaam over the weekend. Photo: Jumanne Juma

Chaneta's annual general meeting to be held in Arusha next month

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

THE National Netball Association (Chaneta) annual general meeting (AGM) will be held next month in Arusha, the association has announced.

President of the association Devotha Marwa said the AGM will be held on July 30 and its preparations are going on.

She said the AGM will, among other things, look at netball development in the country, tournaments sponsorship and other related developments.

"The last time we have an annual general meeting was in 2022, and

the good news is that this year we will have our AGM on July 30. Preparations have already being started. This will be a platform to shape and define netball in the country," she said.

Marwa also said the association will early next month organize a technical and law review course in Tabora which is slated from July 1-7, umpires and team managers' course on July 31 in Arusha and First Division League will take place for August 1-10 in Arusha.

She said the current leadership of Chaneta is committed at seeing that the sport is developing in the country.

However, at the recent Africa Zone World Cup Qualifiers which

were held in South Africa, the netball national team (Taifa Queens) performed miserably.

The team was in Pool A alongside Namibia, South Africa, Zimbabwe and Botswana while Pool B has Uganda, Malawi, Zambia, Kenya and Eswatini. They lost all their games.

Netball analyst Michael Msemakweli was then quoted as saying Taifa Queens performance in the South African competition was a clear indication of the level of the sport in the country.

He predicted that the country will continue to drop in world netball rankings, and he attributed this to neglect proper player transition process.

"I saw the team playing. They mainly depend on players who are beyond their prime. We need more young and energetic players who can cope with the pace. My advice to Chaneta is that they urgently need to rebuild starting from the grassroots and concentrating on identifying and nurturing talent," he said.

He also said there is a need for players to be given enough resources and incentives.

In the past years, the country have not done well on talent development as there are no serious and well organized youth tournaments and the country has not been actively participating in international youth competitions at all levels.

Kyrie Irving said late in the season that the Mavs were just getting started. He was right



Dallas Mavericks guard Kyrie Irving answers questions during a news conference after the Mavericks defeated Minnesota Timberwolves in Game 5 of the NBA basketball Western Conference finals, on Thursday, May 30, 2024, in Minneapolis. AP Photo

By TIM REYNOLDS

KYRIE Irving was not making a threat, nor was he boasting, nor was he saying anything that would be considered outlandish. It was the final week of the regular season.

He and the Dallas Mavericks had just clinched a division title and Irving was asked to talk about what it means. He didn't look back. He looked ahead.

"We just know that the job isn't finished," Irving said in Miami that night. "And we're just getting started."

Turns out, he was right. The Mavericks – who spent most of February and March looking destined for the play-in tournament, a team that was barely better than a mediocre 26-23 after 49 games – figured things out just in time, and a trip to the NBA Finals is their reward.

Dallas will visit Boston in Game 1 of the NBA Finals on Thursday night. It's a matchup of the teams with the NBA's two best records since Feb. 1; Boston has gone 39-9 in that span, Dallas 36-15. Boston also had the best record in the league before Feb. 1 (37-11), while

Dallas was only 14th best in that stretch (26-22).

"It doesn't happen a lot of times (where) you go from the lottery to the finals," Mavericks coach Jason Kidd said. "But we truly believe that we had the pieces."

A year ago, they didn't. When this season started, they didn't have all the pieces they needed, either. But since swinging trades for Daniel Gafford and P.J. Washington in February, the Mavericks have been one of the best teams in the league – and going 16-2 in one late stretch of the regular season only reinforced Irving's

belief that something good was happening.

"That's the type of confidence that I felt the majority of this playoffs, just no matter what's going on – in the beginning of the game, middle of the game, before the game – our words of affirmation and positivity go a long way," Irving said.

In the current NBA playoff format, which goes back to 1984, Dallas is only the fifth team seeded No. 5 in its conference or lower to make the finals. Miami did it last year as a No. 8 seed, Miami did it again in 2020 as a No. 5 seed, New York did it in 1999 as a No. 8 seed and Houston did it in 1995 as a No. 6 seed. Of those teams, only the Rockets went on to win a title.

But this Dallas team has been playing as well as anybody.

The Mavericks are 11-1 in these playoffs when they score more than 100 points. They've won five in a row on the road during this postseason run, matching their longest such streak from the regular season.

They have a player in Irving who has won the finals before, a coach in Kidd who won a title as a player – with Dallas, no less – and arguably the best player in this postseason in Luka Doncic, who is headed to the title series for the first time.

Irving was right. The Mavs were just getting started. And now, they have a chance for the perfect finish.

"I think we've got a great team," Doncic said. "But most importantly, we've got great guys, some great guys on the team. From players to coaches, everybody on the team, we have great guys and that's the most important thing. We stay together and we just play basketball."

AP

Second season of children's sports clinic held in Dar

By Guardian Correspondent

THE second season of children's sports clinic, aimed to nurture talents and encourage parents to save for their children, was held in Dar es Salaam over the weekend.

The initiative is part of the strategy to promote the sports sector in the country through talent development and providing inclusive financial services to all groups, including children.

To achieve the program, which took place at the Gymkhana grounds, various stakeholders were involved, including parents and their children, who joined standout players from Simba Sports Club, such as Shomari Kapombe, Mzamiru Yassin, Ladaki Chasambi, and goalkeeper Hussein Abel.

Additionally, some players from the women's national soccer team (Twiga Stars), Stumai Abdallah and Fatuma Issa, were also present.

During the program, the participants were presented with various prizes, including jerseys and balls.

The children had also the opportunity to participate in various sports programs under the guidance of successful sports players in the country, learning different sports techniques.

Commenting on the program, which also included financial education for parents and the importance of saving for children, as well as prioritizing sports and children's talents in upbringing, Alina Kimaryo, the official from the clinic's organizers, said that the target group for the program, expected to take place at least three times a year, is children aged six to thirteen, along with their parents or guardians.

"We believe that a better tomorrow is prepared today. Through the sports clinic program, we are preparing a better tomorrow for children through their talents, especially in sports, considering that sports can be a career. We are also preparing a better tomorrow for children by encouraging parents to cultivate a savings culture for their children," said Alina.

Yoabu Ndanzu, another official from the organizers, emphasized that the program

aims to empower parents to recognize the significance of sports and the talents their children possess, so they can respect them and find ways to develop them.

"We are grateful to see that many parents who have joined us today already have sufficient understanding of savings, which is why they have already opened accounts for their children. We strive to educate them more about recognizing the importance of sports and their children's talents considering that sports can be a career.

"To motivate parents and the children themselves, we have brought famous players from their favorite clubs participating in the Premier League. We started with Azam FC players, today we have brought Simba players, and in the future, we will bring players from Yanga, followed by players from other teams as well," he said.

The players who participated in the program praised the organizers for their efforts in developing soccer in the country. They were pleased to have the opportunity to work with the community, especially children, as it will greatly help to encourage them to love the game even more and make more efforts to achieve their dreams through sports.

"It has been a great joy for us today, and for this we congratulate the organizers for bringing us together with children whom we were able to play with. We have taught them a few sports techniques and, most importantly, we have encouraged them to continue loving sports while also focusing on their studies because education and sports can definitely go hand in hand.

"Furthermore, since this program involves parents, we firmly believe that it will help change their perspectives on respecting their children's talents," said Simba SC defender Shomari Kapombe.

Some of the participating parents, including Tima Mohamed and Khamis Kakolwa, expressed their great interest in the program, as it encompasses many important areas beneficial to children, including sports, financial education and savings, health, and child upbringing.



Some players from Simba SC, Mzamiru Yassin, Ladaki Chasambi, and goalkeeper Hussein Abel, greeting some of the children who participated in the children's sports clinic aimed at nurturing young talents. The program took place at the Gymkhana grounds in Dar es Salaam over the weekend.

Hip Hop Asili Festival now slated for end of this month

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

THIS year's edition of Hip Hop Asili Festival will be held end of this month at Nafasi Art Gallery in Dar es Salaam, organizers have disclosed.

Matei Babu, who is one of the organizers, said the festival will be held for two days from June 28-29 and more than 50 artists are expected to perform.

This is the fourth time that Hip Hop Asili Festival is being held and this year's event is part of Twende Paris Campaign and is aimed at motivating young people to embrace hip hop.

He said the aim is to create a quality hip hop culture festival which will include other urban music.

"All preparations for the Twende Paris Campaign Games are going on very well. We will have Hip Hop Asili Festival at the end of this month. The aim is to celebrate the hip hop culture as it is recognized by the United Nations (UN) as an international youth culture, and also to

celebrate Break-dance which is an element of hip hop and now is an Olympic sport," he said.

The Twende Paris Campaign was launched late last year and the event was graced by Ettien Pellausy, who is the officer responsible for culture and relations at the French Embassy in the country.

The 'Twende Paris Campaign' is part of the Paris Olympics legacy, and the French government agreed to fund sporting activities which will increase the hype of the Games and make many locals embrace and love the Olympics.

To prepare for the campaign, Tanzania Olympics Committee (TOC) recently organized a workshop for sports officers from three regions.

And as part of increasing the hype of the Paris Olympics, the committee in conjunction with the Alliance Francaise de Dar es Salaam organized a fun run, also the Zanzibar female football U-14 team, Sparks, competed at this year's edition of Mondial Pupilles Plomelin Youth Tournament in France.

Pass master Kroos bows out in style as Champions League record holder

LONDON

TONI Kroos brought down the curtain on a glorious club career in fitting style as he entered the history books by winning his sixth Champions League on Saturday.

Kroos played a key role as Real Madrid beat Borussia Dortmund 2-0 at Wembley.

The German, along with teammates Dani Carvajal, Nacho and Luka Modric joined Madrid legend Paco Gento as the most decorated players in European Cup history.

Real boss Carlo Ancelotti said his door remains open should the 34-year-old have a change of heart after announcing the shock decision last month that he will retire after representing his country on home soil at Euro 2024.

The normally unflappable Kroos had a rare emotive outburst as he punched the air and pointed to the Madrid club crest when he was replaced by his long-time comrade Modric with just a few minutes remaining at Wembley.

"He's finished at the top. It is not possible to go out better," said Ancelotti. "He is a legend of this club and obviously we all thank him for what he has done. Not just in his play but his attitude, his professionalism. He never missed a day in these 10 years. We hope he changes his mind, we are here if he does."

Kroos' Champions League haul ended where it began, by beating Dortmund at Wembley. He was a Bayern Munich player when they won the competition at the home of English football in 2013, although injury prevented him from featuring in the final.

Fresh from helping Germany to win the World Cup in Brazil, Kroos then joined Madrid in 2014 and has become part of a generation that has marked a second era of European domination for the Spanish giants.

Gento was part of the Madrid side that won the first five European Cups from 1955 to 1960. Real have won six Champions Leagues in the past 11 seasons, with Kroos featuring in five of those triumphs. "I'll miss this," said Kroos. "Of course I wanted to say goodbye with this Champions League victory. The title means an unbelievable amount to me."

Unsurprisingly, he was at the heart of the action as Madrid wrestled control away from Dortmund after a dreadful first half from Ancelotti's men.

Madrid were fortunate not to trail at half-time as Karim Adeyemi and Niclas Fuellkrug missed big chances for Dortmund.

"The first half really wasn't good from us," added Kroos. "Then we got into the game better and scored the goal. We were fully there and the better team, but it took a long time until we were the better team tonight."

Kroos began the turn the screw as he completed the most passes and had the most touches of anyone on the Wembley turf.

A trademark free-kick that was destined for the top corner was turned away by Gregor Kobel to deny him a goodbye goal. But he still had a decisive part to play as it was from Kroos' corner that Carvajal rose highest to power home the crucial opening goal.

Vinicius Junior quickly added a second to get the Madrid party started and allow Kroos a standing ovation from the travelling thousands from Spain.

More glory could be to come in his swansong after he ends his international exile to return for Germany at Euro 2024.

Kroos, who had stepped down from international duty after Germany's last-16 Euros exit to England in 2021, has answered the call from manager Julian Nagelsmann to return for one last major tournament.

But he has fulfilled his ambition to bow out on his own terms at the top of the game at club level.

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Early own-goal gives Ahly 12th CAF Champions League title



Real Madrid players celebrate with the Champions League trophy after beating Borussia Dortmund at Wembley. Agencies

LONDON

REAL Madrid withstood a Borussia Dortmund barrage to win the Champions League for a 15th time as Dani Carvajal and Vinicius Junior struck late in a 2-0 win at Wembley on Saturday.

Right-back Carvajal headed in from Toni Kroos' corner on 74 minutes before Vinicius fired home to extend the Spanish giants' record as the most successful club in

Champions League history.

Madrid have now won their last nine European Cup finals and won the competition six times in the last 11 seasons.

However, not for the first time in that run, they had to rely on some good fortune as underdogs Dortmund were left to bitterly regret not making the most of their first-half chances.

Niclas Fuellkrug hit the post and Karim Adeyemi failed to convert a one-on-one with Thibaut Courtois.

Madrid, though, always seem to find a way in Europe's elite competition and made more history in London.

"They left us alive with the game level and in the second half we started to play better," said Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti.

"This squad leaves me very satisfied because we don't always play our best but we never give up."

Carvajal, Kroos, Nacho and Luka Modric joined Real legend Paco Gento as the only players to win the European Cup six times.

Ancelotti also extended his record as the most successful coach in the competition's history with his fifth title.

A record number of more than 2,500 stewards were in place at Wembley with the authorities keen to avoid a repeat of the violent scenes that marred the Euro 2020 final three years ago when ticketless fans stormed the turnstiles.

But further questions over the security operation will be raised as three pitch invaders were able to enter the field in the

opening minutes of the game, with one taking photos alongside Jude Bellingham and Vinicius.

The Metropolitan Police said there had been 53 arrests, including five for pitch invasions.

- Wasted Dortmund chances -

Ancelotti said pre-match he felt "like a lion" after an afternoon siesta, but his side were caught napping for the first 45 minutes as, roared on by the travelling thousands from Germany, Dortmund dominated.

The decision to recall Courtois for his first Champions League appearance of the season after a serious knee injury paid dividends as the Belgian kept his side in the game.

Dortmund's best chances fell to Adeyemi as Carvajal could not deal with the German international's pace.

A brilliant pass by Mats Hummels put Adeyemi clean through, but he took a heavy touch under pressure from Courtois and ran too wide before his shot was blocked by Carvajal.

Fuellkrug's barrel-chested physique has made him a fan favourite in his first season at Dortmund.

The German international striker came closest to breaking the deadlock before half-time when his effort from Ian Maatsen's through ball came back off the inside of the post.

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Dortmund face tough challenges after Champions League defeat

LONDON

THEY threatened to shock Real Madrid in the Champions League final on Saturday before succumbing to a bitter 2-0 defeat at Wembley, but Borussia Dortmund face an uncertain future.

The German underdogs carved out several chances in the first half and had Real on the back foot, with Niclas Fuellkrug hitting the inside of the post and Karim Adeyemi troubling the Madrid defence with his speed.

On another night, with a little more luck and perhaps some more composure in front of goal, Dortmund could have produced one of the most unlikely victories in recent Champions League history. But Real, as they have done so often in this tournament, waited for their chance and struck, Dani Carvajal heading in after 74 minutes.

The goal cut Dortmund's stubborn resistance and Vinicius Junior added a second eight minutes later to put Madrid on course for a 15th Champions League trophy.

The fight and resilience shown by Dortmund throughout the run to the final will give them plenty to draw from, as will the performances of Julian Brandt, Karim Adeyemi

and Gregor Kobel, who are set to stay.

But the effort should not obscure the true nature of the task at hand for a club who have just finished fifth in the Bundesliga, a whopping 27 points behind Bayer Leverkusen, and are in a period of upheaval.

- Terzic to stay -

For a club of Dortmund's resources and history, there should be no shame in losing narrowly to Real Madrid.

Several excellent sides have also fallen at the final hurdle against Madrid, including the best versions of Jurgen Klopp's Liverpool and Diego Simeone's Atletico Madrid.

Tipped to not even make it out of a group featuring Paris Saint-Germain, Newcastle and AC Milan, Dortmund qualified first.

They made it past Dutch champions PSV Eindhoven, Atletico Madrid and then PSG and Kylian Mbappe again in the semis, before reaching the final for the third time in their history.

Backed by a passionate travelling support, the winners in 1997 had come close to giving stalwarts Marco Reus and Mats Hummels a chance of redemption, 11 years after they were part of the team that lost at the same ven-



Marco Reus was left dejected by Dortmund's defeat in his last game for the club - his departure is one of the challenges facing them. Agencies

ue to domestic rivals Bayern Munich.

The deep run means coach Edin Terzic, who narrowly escaped the sack twice after poor showings in the league this season,

will be backed to continue, with club CEO Hans-Joachim Watzke a strong advocate.

Reus was playing his final game for the club and along with Hummels' like-

ly exit, Dortmund are losing a wealth of experience and class in key positions.

Both players had also fallen out with Terzic, particularly Hummels, who criticised the coach's defensive approach in interviews before Saturday's match.

Only twice during the knockout rounds did Dortmund have more possession than their opponents -- both times against Atletico -- with even PSV seeing more of the ball.

While the approach worked on the European stage against teams used to having more of the ball, its limitations were clear in the Bundesliga, where Dortmund struggled to break down smaller sides who sat deep.

Bundesliga winners Bayer Leverkusen and surprise runners up Stuttgart, the two most impressive teams in Germany this season, each earned 40 points more than their previous campaign thanks to a pass-heavy, possession-based approach.

- Financial challenges -

Dortmund, under sporting director Sebastian Kehl, have also undertaken a marked shift in the

Adeyemi was then denied once more by Courtois from a narrow angle and Fuellkrug could not twist his frame to turn in the rebound.

"We didn't show the efficiency to score," said Dortmund boss Edin Terzic.

"We were close to taking the lead but then there was a momentum shift where the game turned around and you see why they are the champions of this competition."

Ancelotti, Nacho and Modric were keen to stress on the eve of the match that Madrid's habit of finding a way to get over the line in the Champions League was no coincidence.

Having ridden their luck once more in the first half, the Spanish champions found their feet in the second period.

Gregor Kobel was finally forced into a save on 48 minutes from Kroos, who came close to marking the final game of his club career with a spectacular free-kick.

Bellingham was moulded into a world star during three years at Dortmund before leaving for Madrid 12 months ago for more than 100 million euros (\$108 million).

The England international was inches away from biting the hand that used to feed him as he just could not get a telling touch on Vinicius' teasing cross.

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way they sign players.

Known as cultivators of future football talents such as Erling Haaland and Jude Bellingham, Dortmund have shifted towards signing established stars in recent seasons as other clubs have copied their approach.

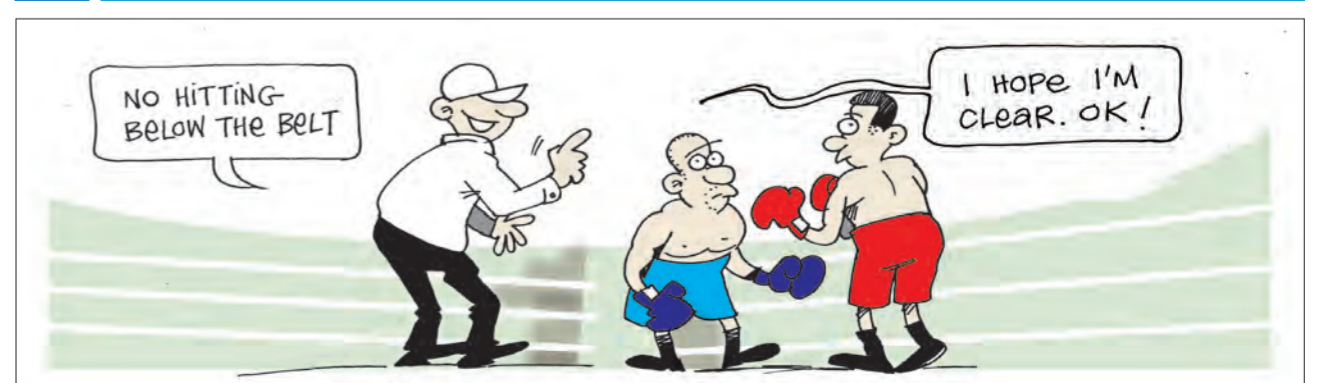
The change brought stability and a long run in the Champions League, but for the first time in a decade there is no obvious Haaland, Bellingham, Ousmane Dembele or Christian Pulisic waiting in the wings -- which will have financial implications.

Dortmund, a member-run club financially reliant on European competitions, will benefit from their run to the final and have qualified for the FIFA Club World Cup, but are still likely to be deprived of funds to undertake a major rebuilding effort.

Dortmund's financial model has relied on income generated from selling top talents but their two most exciting youngsters -- Sancho and Ian Maatsen -- are on loan and belong to Manchester United and Chelsea respectively.

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Real Madrid defy Dortmund to win 15th Champions League

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Indonesia held by Taifa Stars in international friendly tie



Taifa Stars forward Waziri Junior dribbles past Indonesia's defender during an international friendly match held at the Madya Stadium, in Jakarta yesterday. Taifa Stars and hosts Indonesia settled for a goalless draw. Photo: Courtesy of TFF

Kelvin John joins Denmark top flight team on a free transfer

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi & Agencies

TANZANIAN striker Kelvin Pius John has joined Denmark's Aalborg BK, also referred to as AaB, after his contract expired at KRC Genk.

The 20-year-old striker on Friday moved from Belgium's KRC Genk to Aalborg BK, who recently secured promotion back to the 2024/2025 Danish SuperLiga.

John, who joined the Belgian side in 2021, moved to Aalborg BK on a free transfer for more game time at the senior team.

He has mainly appeared for Jong Genk in the second-best Belgian series, with 41 official matches, four goals, and eight assists.

He also appeared in one official match for KRC Genk and has, for the last year, been called to the Tanzania national senior team.

John is a right-footed player who primarily plays as a centre-forward and has occupied the position for his country at the under-17 and under-20 levels.

He is usually playing as a lone striker in a 4-3-3 formation, although he can also play as a left-winger in the same formation.

The striker, who signed a contract until June 2028, joins another player from East Africa, Richard Odada, a Kenyan international.

"The very first time AaB showed interest, I was determined to come here. Through my conversations with the club, I have gotten a good impression of the setup and, not least, the style of play that the club wants to practice, and it suits me perfectly," said John.

Ole Jan Kappmeier, the Aalborg BK Sporting Director, said John is a breakthrough player who they believe can develop further in AaB.

"He has speed, is a good dribbler, and is thus strong one-on-one, and we see him as an exciting addition to our squad," added Kappmeier.

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

THE Tanzania national football team, Taifa Stars, settled for a goalless draw with Indonesia in an international friendly match yesterday at the Madya Stadium in Jakarta.

With Young Africans and Azam FC facing off in later yesterday's Federation Cup final, Taifa Stars under caretaker coach Hemed 'Morocco' Suleiman had several players absent for the warm-up game.

The Yanga players who missed the game are Aboutwalib Mshery, Bakari Mwamnyeto, Ibrahim Bacca, Nickson Kibabage, Mudathir Yahya and Clement Mzize, in addition to Azam FC's Lusajo Mwaikenda, Pascal Msindo, Nathaniel Chilambo, Feisal Salum, Yahya Zayd and Abdulhamis Suleiman.

It came as no surprise when coach Morocco handed six players their international debut or first starts for Taifa Stars.

Ali Salim, Lameck Lawi, Mukrim Issa, Edwin Balua, Yusuph Kagoma, Miano Danilo and Waziri Junior started the game.

Himid Mao and Mohamed Hussein were the only experienced players in the starting eleven.

Cheered by a passionate and decent crowd, hosts

Indonesia dominated the friendly meant to prepare both teams for their World Cup qualifiers but failed to create clear-cut chances.

Taifa Stars used quick counterattacks and managed to breach the Indonesia defence but failed to find the back of the net confirming the team's inability to turn their chances into goals.

Midway into the second half, starter Waziri Junior missed from close range after shooting straight at the goalkeeper when he was

through on goal.

That was his final contribution for the day as Ibrahim Ahmada took his place a minute later.

Defender Danilo and midfielder Abraham also paved the way for Laurian Makame and Ben Starkie as coach Morocco tried to contain the increasing pressure from the hosts.

However, the changes afforded Indonesia more room to press high, in efforts that saw them come very close to finding the winner when

they hit the crossbar in the 76th minute.

Tanzania is currently ranked higher than Indonesia in the FIFA World Rankings. Tanzania is in the 119th place, while Indonesia is fifteen places behind in the 134th spot in the world rankings.

Taifa Stars are scheduled to face Zambia in a 2026 World Cup qualifier away game next week.

In the 2026 FIFA World Cup qualification, Tanzania is in CAF group E alongside

Morocco, DR Congo, Zambia, and Niger.

Eritrea withdrew before the first matches were played.

Taifa Stars began their campaign with a 1-0 away victory over Niger before falling to a 2-0 home defeat in the hands of group favourites Morocco in November last year.

As a result, Taifa Stars are fourth in their group though tied on points with Morocco, Zambia and Niger.

Ivan Ismail stars as Pak Stars clobber TCA Combine in TCA Dar Div A 50 Overs League

By Guardian Correspondent

THE 2024 Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Division A 50 Overs League resumed recently with two thrilling matches that showcased the competitive spirit of the participating teams.

The games took place at the Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club and Leaders Club grounds, featuring impressive performances and narrow victories.

Pak Stars A made a powerful comeback in the tournament with a commanding victory, walloping the TCA Combine by 209 runs in a tie that took place at the Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club's ground.

Batting first, the star-studded Pak Stars A amassed an imposing total of 350/7 in the allotted 50 overs.

The opener Ivan Ismail was the star of the show for the batting squad, scoring a remarkable century, having registered 140 runs off 101 balls.

There was moreover stellar showing by experienced cricketers Kashif Adnan, Mohamed Omary, Zamoyoni Ramadhan, and Zafar Khan who ended with 43 runs, 33 runs, 28 runs, and 25 runs respectively.

In response, TCA Combine struggled against the experienced Pak Stars A's bowling attack and was ul-

timately bowled out for 141 runs in 45.5 overs.

Significant showing with the bat during the TCA Combine's fruitless chase was showcased by skipper Mohamed Simba, who ended as the top run-getter having posted 58 runs. Fellow batsman Emmanuel Laurent chipped in with 17 runs.

The TCA Combine team is composed of youthful cricketers aged below 19 and participants from lower divisions, offering them an opportunity to compete in the top division.

The clash was a valuable learning experience for the TCA Combine cricketers, who showed resilience and gained invaluable exposure against seasoned players.

In a closely contested match pitting Delaware Upanga SC A vs Caravans A, the latter emerged victorious in a low-scoring affair that took place at Leaders Club ground- beating the former by two wickets.

Delaware Upanga SC A were bowled out for 133 runs in 42.3 overs after they had the chance to bat first. Caravans A faced a challenging chase but managed to secure a narrow victory, reaching 134/8 in 33 overs.

The win propelled Caravans A to the top of Group A, while Delaware Upanga SC A is now sitting second.

The DC Division A 50

Overs League is set to continue this weekend, with teams vying for crucial points and positions in the standings.

Fans can look forward to more exciting matches as the league progresses, showcasing top-notch cricket and intense competition.

Meanwhile, DC Secretary Adil Kassam and Caravans Cricket Club's CEO Vipin Abraham discussed the current state of club cricket in Dar es Salaam and the upcoming Caravans T20 Cup in a recent interview with a domestic Television station.

Kassam outlined the efforts to complete the DC Division B 30 Overs tournament, noting that its winner would secure a

spot in the Caravans T20 Cup.

He mentioned clubs that make Division A - which have confirmed to participate - as Agan Khan SC, Aces Club, Lions A, Lions B, Pak Stars A, Pak Stars B, Strikers, Delaware Upanga A, and the host Caravans Cricket Club.

The 10th team will be the DC Division B 30 Overs tournament champion. The Caravans T20 Cup has been scheduled to start on June 15 and continue until either late July or early August, depending on the fixture outcomes.

The Caravans Cricket Club CEO, Abraham, highlighted the club's annual commitment to enhance the competition and overall standard of the tourna-

ment.

This year, the club has the backing of all participating teams, which are investing in foreign players to elevate the tournament's quality.

This initiative provides local talent with the opportunity to gain valuable experience by playing alongside professional cricketers.

Abraham also reflected on the Caravans T20 Cup's modest beginnings and its evolution into the country's most prestigious club cricket tournament.

He emphasized that the tournament would not be organized smoothly without the wholehearted support of sponsors who are committed to promoting cricket in Tanzania.



Pak Stars A cricket team's Ivan Ismail (L) is pictured getting the Player of the Match prize from match umpire Abdulsamad Ahmed upon the conclusion of the 2024 Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Division A 50 Overs League duel between the outfit and TCA Combine that took place in the city recently. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TANZANIA CRICKET ASSOCIATION

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