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Zanzibar President Dr Ali Mohamed Shein exchanges greetings with East African Legislative Assembly Speaker Martin Ngoga yesterday on the former's arrival at the Zanzibar House of Representatives grounds to open a meeting of the regional legislative body. Photo: Zanzibar State House

Forwarders aghast as State announces it's retaking freight business next week

The Tanzania Shipping Agencies Act (Act No. 14 of 2017) takes effect on 4th March, where it exclusively empowers the Tanzania Shipping Agency Corporation (Tasac) to carry out clearing and forwarding functions

By Henry Mwangonde

FREIGHT forwarders are agitated at the start of the application of legislation that reserves clearing and forwarding business to a regulator and operator, who shall early next week start the "implementation of exclusive mandate in clearing and forwarding agency business."

The Tanzania Freight Forwarders Association (TAFFA) has called for dialogue with the

government a week before state-run shipping agency becomes operational, saying thousands of their jobs are at stake.

The newly-created Tanzania Shipping Agencies Corporation (TASAC) is set to start operating next Monday both as sector regulator and exclusive clearing and forwarding agency.

A notice published by TASAC yesterday said that all privately-owned clearing and forwarding

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Earth observation devices to help in monitoring forests

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KENYA has resorted to the use of earth observation technology in order to enhance monitoring of degraded forests.

Jamleck Ndambiri, project manager at the Kenya Forest Service (KFS), said yesterday that earth observation technology will help protect and restore tropical forests through better monitoring.

"With the help of satellite data acquisition, ground verification and processing, we intend to assess and monitor national forest cover by mapping previously hard-to-access forest areas more accurately and timely," he said.

Parts of Kenya, particularly the coastal and western regions, experience persistent cloud cover for most of the year due to their proximity to the Indian Ocean and Lake Victoria water bodies, he pointed out.

"We have relied on expensive and time-consuming ground surveys to assess and undertake inventory of our forests over the years but this has not worked well," he said.

Local personnel have been trained from several relevant institutions and disciplines to use the new computing technologies, he stated, noting that a national Geographic Information System lab has been set up.

The manager said that the Kenya forest mapping project targets some 2,039 square

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EALA can play decisive role in fight against corruption - Shein

By Guardian Reporter

ZANZIBAR President Dr Ali Mohamed Shein has called on the East African Legislative Assembly (EALA) to come up with a robust piece of legislation that will effectively support the enactment and enforcement of laws within partner states to strengthen anti-corruption efforts.

Dr Shein made this appeal when addressing EALA members to open the 4th meeting of the second session of EALA in the Indian Ocean archipelago.

He lauded EALA for tabling an Ethics and Anti-Corruption Bill for discussion, which he cited as a promising step towards uprooting corruption in the region.

The Isles leader stated that the EAC zone maintained its position as the fastest growing sub region in Africa with accelerated growth

of 4.6 percent in 2017 compared to 4.4 in 2016. "This milestone has influenced the growth of Sub-Saharan Africa's GDP of 2.7 percent in 2017 compared to 1.4 of 2016," he pointed out, citing figures from multilateral agencies.

"But this achievement can reach greater heights in the years to come if, among other things, we become vigilant of corruption and strongly abide by the principal values that guide our work within the Community," he said.

"Corruption corrodes the common good. It impairs good governance. It is a strong constraint on economic prosperity. It may be analogized with termites that can slowly and gradually eat up an upright standing piece of strong wood to its ultimate collapse. It is a menace and we should earnestly act against it. It is encouraging to see that different strategic measures are being taken by

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'District councils should plant 1.5m trees by law'

By Guardian Correspondent, Tabora

THE government now wants councils be compelled by law to plant 1.5 million trees annually after verbal directives by top officials towards that end hit a snag.

Addressing a national environmental conservation symposium held here yesterday, the Deputy Minister for Natural Resources and Tourism, Constantine Kanyasu said that sustained calls by government officials for councils all over the country to plant trees in a bid to conserve the environment have so far fallen on deaf ears, hence a need for legislation to that effect.

The latest directive for each council to plant 1.5 million trees each year was issued by Vice

President Samia Suluhu Hassan in Dodoma in December last year, Kanyasu recalled, noting that so far not much has been done.

"Not a single council has heeded the call. All they do is issue cooked up statistics on tree planting programmes but there is nothing on the ground," he said in an event attended by the Vice President.

The deputy minister proposed that since it was obvious that directives from national leaders had proved ineffective, the law is the answer, suggesting that such legislation should name council executive directors as implementers of the policy who are held accountable for non-compliance.

"I'm positive that if council directors are compelled by law to plant trees, the campaign will

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agencies are required to hand over their documents to it before Monday.

It is TASAC's double role as regulator and shipping business operator that has rubbed TAFFA the wrong way, saying the law creating TASAC will kick them out of business.

"The law is silent on who is supposed to handle goods on transit to and from landlocked countries," TAFFA Vice President Edward Urio told this paper in an interview yesterday.

He said TAFFA does not understand why the law has allowed the regulator to be the business competitor at the same time be responsible for formulating guidelines to govern the sector.

"It is high time the government took a look at the matter so that it does not raise challenges to the economy," he urged.

Some clearing companies had entered contracts with mining firms for transportation of their products, and also employ hundreds of people, who are also tax payers, he stated.

The Tanzania Shipping Agencies Act (Act No. 14 of 2017) takes effect on 4th March, where it exclusively empowers the Tanzania Shipping Agency Corporation (Tasac) to carry out clearing and forwarding functions.

This includes the importation and exportation of minerals, mineral concentrates, mining machinery and other equipment, products and/or extracts related to minerals and petroleum, as well as arms and ammunitions, live animals and government trophies.

"Tasac would like to inform all stakeholders, and the general public, that from 4th March 2019, no importer, exporter or any other party or institution - other than Tasac - shall be allowed to make any new declaration to the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) for the purpose of providing clearing and forwarding services of import or export of goods and/or items specified under the Act..." the statement reads in part.

In Tasac's public notice, the corporation has categorically restricted importers, exporters, clearing and forwarding agents, employers and their representatives from carrying out port clearance and forwarding activities of goods stipulated in Section 7(1)(a) of the new law with effect from March 4, 2019.

Taffa members are required to hand over to Tasac all clearing and forwarding documents for imports and exports of the specified goods to enable it to conduct the requisite clearing and forwarding functions, the public notice by Tasac categorically states.

The establishment of the agency originates from the Prof Nehemia Osoro Report, which was formally handed to President John Magufuli at the State House on June 12, 2017 where it recommended the reinstatement of the National Shipping Agency (Nasaco). In that event, it was replaced by Tasac.

The Osoro Committee also recommended immediate review and amendment of extant mining laws to ensure that Tanzania benefits more from its natural resources.



Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa holds talks in Dar es Salaam yesterday with National Health Insurance Fund director general Bernard Konga (R) and Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children minister Umy Mwalimu. Photo: VPO

Shein: Pemba airport will have international status

By Guardian Reporter

ZANZIBAR government is set to upgrade Pemba Airport to international status as part of efforts to boost tourism.

The proposed modern airport will be able to accommodate bigger planes, compared to the current one which is limited to small planes.

Zanzibar President Dr Ali Mohammed Shein said in Chake Chake at the end of his tour in the island.

He said that the move is meant to boost aviation services in the Indian Ocean archipelago; hence easy transport between the two islands

which are popular for having exotic, and pristine sandy white beaches.

He said that the idea is to have easy air transport from and to Pemba, one of the key islands that forms Zanzibar.

According to him, the airport is going to be one of its kind in the Isles thus bringing changes in the aviation sector.

Dr Shein said that the initial process had commenced whereby ten ministers had already gone to inspect the area and speak to residents living near the site for evacuation measures.

"Residents living in areas like Mfikiwa, Furaha and Mvumoni are the ones who will be affected by the

project. All compensation procedures will be adhered to for those who will be evicted," he said.

He said that about 500m/- have been spent for the feasibility study and the government was now working on the funds for the construction to commence.

He said that the implementation of the project shows how the government is committed to transforming the country's air transport to boost socio-economic development.

"The construction of the airport will also stimulate economic activities within and outside the Island by easing ways, time and costs of doing

businesses thus changing people's lives in our society," he added.

The president further wanted constituencies' representatives to increase efforts and work tirelessly to find durable solution of people's challenges.

He also assured residents that the plans to build Chake Chake- Mkoani as well Chake Chake- Wete roads were underway saying that initial preparations had already commenced.

He said that during his tour he has learnt and witnessed a number of development projects underway vowing to address the few challenges facing Zanzibaris.

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kilometers of Kwale County as a pilot phase of the project.

"This is a pilot run to develop a competent methodology that, if successful, could be replicated in the whole coastal region and other areas with persistent cloud cover," he said.

The project also contains a biomass

pilot study of Kenya's dryland forests and levels of degradation in the 1,200 square-kilometer Cherangani forest in Rift Valley, north-western Kenya.

KFS plans to roll out the tool for use at the national level for forest and biomass monitoring as part of efforts to help increase forest cover from the current seven percent to 10 percent, he added.



Salome Kitomari (L), Chairperson of the Tanzania Chapter of the Media Institute of Southern Africa (MISA-Tan), and Human Development Innovation Fund head David Mc Ginty inaugurate a 2013-2018 'Investing in Social Innovation and Technology in Tanzania' report in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. Photo: Correspondent Sabato Kasika

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succeed as opposed to now when it is voluntary," he said.

District officials are quick to pronounce 'impressive' progress in tree-planting campaigns in their reports but in his assessment, the trees cited in reports do not exist on the

ground.

Councils that actually plant trees do not have long term programmes to care for the plants that later dry up for lack of nutrients and water, something that can be avoided if there is a sense of responsibility.

Speaking at the event, VP Suluhu said her directive was compulsory and

not voluntary as councils interpreted through inaction, emphasizing that their office will work on the idea of making tree-planting a legally-binding programme.

Of total energy consumption in Tanzania, 88 percent is estimated to originate from fuel wood, seven percent from petroleum, four percent

from charcoal, and one percent from hydropower.

A forest inventory by the Tanzania Forest Services (TFS) in 2015 said this means that 92 percent of total energy is derived directly from biomass, a large part of which is wood. This wood is largely collected from forests, often illegally.

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individual partner countries to combat the detrimental effects of corruption."

He said his government has established a special body through Act No. 1 of 2012, the Zanzibar Anti-Corruption and Economic Crimes Authority (ZAECA) to deal with and combat this malpractice.

"The government recognizes the fact that the anti-corruption war needs citizens' engagement. Hence, huge efforts are being taken to ensure full involvement of the people in the fight," he said.

He, however, said that Zanzibar and Tanzania Mainland have shored up law enforcement, increased judiciary budgets and manpower to expedite judgment of corruption cases.

He also revealed that among expected outcomes of regional integration in East Africa is to create wealth, raise the living standards of all people of East Africa and enhance international competitiveness of the region.

"It is our duty to ensure we work closely together to meet our goals," he said, citing the combined population of over 162 million people as a strong and large market base in the region.

The Zanzibar leader also called on EAC partner states to step up efforts towards full implementation of the Common Market Protocol to stimulate production and investment projects that encourage job creation, especially in industrialisation, innovation, SMEs and tourism in the region.

The small and medium scale enterprises sector embodies tremendous potential and hence requires considerable support to generate local employment with the dual effect of curbing unemployment on one hand and boosting national economies on the other, he said.

"It is evident that our Community

has the potential for speedy growth that will place it as one of the most powerful economic blocs in the world, hence more efforts now should be directed to the consolidation of the Single Customs Territory that will enable the faster clearance of goods and a more effective Customs regime," the Isles leader declared.

"EALA's work is vital in creating legislative contexts that will affect the promotion of the business environment for value-added production and exports. It is high time for EALA to hasten the pace towards making key legislations that shall further anchor the East African Monetary Union Protocol."

A strong financial regulatory framework is equally important in order to isolate our economies from illicit activities including money - laundering, he said.

"Together, we need to improve the Transportation Infrastructure and ICT to facilitate and streamline trade and other interactions among our people as essential tools to rapid development. We should add more efforts in aiming at deeper EAC integration by removing crucial impeding challenges."

He also suggested the need for the Assembly to liaise with National Parliaments of the Partner States on matters relating to the Community as stipulated in Article 49 of the East African Community Treaty.

"The existing synergy between the Assembly and the National Parliaments of the Member States that has given rise to the EAC Bureau of Speakers and other initiatives is extremely valuable. However, we should proceed with these efforts to the next level."

"Let's me underscore the confidence that we have in you and in your capacity to positively impact on the current and future generations. On our part, we stand ready, as we have always been, to support your efforts in solidifying this integration," he added.



Iringa Regional Commissioner Ally Hapi (L) symbolically receives a 60m/- CRDB Bank Plc donation of two classrooms and 40 desks from the bank's managing director, Abdulmajid Nsekela, in Iringa municipality yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Magufuli holds talks with head of brain surgery from China's Peking University

By Guardian Reporter

PRESIDENT John Magufuli yesterday met and held talks with the head of brain and neuron surgery department from Peking University International Hospital (PUIH) of China, Prof Zhao Yuanil agreeing to enhance cooperation with Tanzania's Muhimbili Orthopaedic Institute (MOI).

Present at the talks which were held at State House in Dar es Salaam were the Chinese ambassador to Tanzania, Wang Ke, Tanzania health minister, Ummu Mwalimu and the director of Muhimbili National Hospital (MNH), Prof Lawrence Mseru.

President Magufuli commended the Peking University International Hospital for accepting his request to collaborate with MOI in conducting brain and neuron surgeries.

"Prof Yuanil has assured me of continued support towards enhancing the capacity of our national hospital in provision of brain and neuron surgery", said President Magufuli noting Tanzanians were forced to spend a lot of money in search of the service abroad.

Magufuli praised the PUIH neurologist, Prof Yuanil for conducting

successful surgeries at MOI appealing for more nervous system specialists to exchange experiences with Tanzanian doctors. He said Tanzanian doctors will also go to China for specialised brain and neuron surgery training.

Meanwhile, Prof Yuanil applauded President Magufuli's efforts in enhancing the capacity of MOI by heavily investing in the hospital infrastructures.

He promised to ensure successfully implementation of last year's cooperation agreements signed between PUIH and the Tanzania Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elders and Children. "Tanzania with the population of over 50 million people has a good number of patients with brain-disorders and nervous system which are caused by damaged skull and brain tumor", he said adding the available 10 neurologists can hardly meet the country demand.

He added; "We are here to support MOI and see how we can boost its capacity to conduct brain surgeries".

Health minister, Ummu Mwalimu said the government is striving to improve the provision of services at MOI whereas it set aside 12.5bn/- for

improvement of infrastructures at the facility. She said that improvement of infrastructures will enable the hospital to accommodate and attend to many patients. "We are set to offer specialised medical services as those offered abroad. Tanzanians will no longer have to travel in search of brain and neuron surgery", said Mwalimu.

She said that President Magufuli had earlier informed the ministry on the presence of specialised neurologist in China who is ready to support and conduct brain and neuron surgeries to patients around the globe.

She said; "We consulted Prof Yuanil and signed an agreement in September 2018 in China. We have now started to implement what we had agreed upon".

MOI executive director, Dr Respicious Boniface said that with the current cooperation between MOI and PUIH, Tanzania is set to have a good number of neuron surgeons.

Dr Boniface said they have successfully conducted brain surgery to one patient on Monday and that two more patients undergo similar surgeries yesterday.

He said the aim is to make MOI one of the best hospitals for brain and nervous system treatment across Africa.

By Getrude Mbago

Govt embarks on countrywide campaign on egg consumption

THE government is working to embark on a countrywide campaign to help raise awareness of health benefits of eggs thus increase egg consumption among communities which will eventually contribute to the national economy growth.

Dr John Kajjage, a senior researcher from the department of Animal Production and Marketing in the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries said in Dar es Salaam on Monday when addressing a poultry stakeholder's workshop.

Organized by Victoria Finance

Plc in collaboration with a US-based non-profit organisation, Global communities, the workshop brought together poultry farmers, experts and stakeholders from Dar es Salaam and Coast regions to discuss challenges and opportunities in the sub-sector.

He said the overall purpose of the campaign is to help educate consumers and the public with messages that will break the myth surrounding cholesterol associated to eggs.

According to him, the ministry was now engaging stakeholders and

health experts to see how they are collaboratively going to implement the campaign.

Despite research findings that eggs have all the nutrients including proteins, vitamins, folic acid and so forth, communities were still grabbed with misconceptions when comes to consumption.

He however noted that per capita consumption of eggs has been increasing over the years due to an increase in the population in the country.

"Egg consumption has increased drastically from 75 eggs of 2014 to 106 eggs per capita in 2015 but this is still low. So with this campaign, we hope the consumption will increase even more."

During the meeting, Dr Kajjage also unveiled the government's megaplan geared at perking up poultry industry to raise annual poultry meat production from 60,800 to 465,600 tonnes by 2022.

The move is also pioneered to raise eggs production from the current 3

billion to 4.2 billion eggs per year to meet local demand and produce more for export.

He cited poultry as among the fastest growing sectors but its potential was yet to be fully exploited.

"The ministry in close collaboration with stakeholders will work to see the poultry industry is commercially run by ensuring that farmers use improved and highly productive breeds, registered drugs and vaccines," he added.

Vice chairman of the Tanzania

Broilers Farmers Association (TABROFA) Alloyce Makoye commended the government's strides in improving poultry sector saying that the new move will also bring positive impacts to the farmers as they will be sure of reliable market for their eggs.

Makoye also called on the government to continue strengthening surveillance to control illegal importation of poultry products.

According to him, the scrap of the VAT on poultry feeds has attracted more investment in production, but the improper importation in eggs and newly-hatched chicks from was threatening the growth of the business.

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CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31.12.2018 (Amounts in Tzs "000")

| | 31.12.2018 | 31.12.2017 |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| ASSETS EMPLOYED | | |
| Non Current Assets | | |
| Property and Equipment | 130,312 | 130,780 |
| Current Assets | | |
| Loan Portfolio (Loans receivables) | 7,647,507 | 6,358,043 |
| Accounts Receivables | 6,297 | 37,114 |
| Cash and Bank | 122,405 | 233,600 |
| Total Current Assets | 7,776,209 | 6,628,757 |
| Total Assets | 7,906,521 | 6,759,537 |
| OWNERS EQUITY AND LIABILITIES | | |
| Equity | | |
| Issued and paid share | 300,000 | 300,000 |
| General Reserve | 357,123 | 357,123 |
| Retained earnings | 4,227,995 | 4,461,922 |
| Total equity | 4,885,118 | 5,119,045 |
| Current Liabilities | | |
| Borrowed Fund | 1,760,000 | 909,904 |
| Account Payables | 644,668 | 703,438 |
| Proposed Dividend | 332,088 | 14,620 |
| Tax Provision | 284,647 | 12,531 |
| Total | 3,021,403 | 1,640,493 |
| Total Equity and Liabilities | 7,906,521 | 6,759,537 |

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR PERIOD ENDED 31.12.2018 (Amounts in Tzs "000")

| | 31.12.2018 | 31.12.2017 |
|-----------------------------------|------------|------------|
| INCOME | | |
| Interest income | 3,034,582 | 2,736,650 |
| Non Interest Income | 1,121,631 | 559,473 |
| Total | 4,156,213 | 3,296,123 |
| Less: Finance Cost | 325,612 | 162,116 |
| Gross Financial Margin | 3,830,601 | 3,134,007 |
| LESS: OPERATING EXPENSES:- | | |
| Staff Cost | 875,722 | 833,964 |
| General Admin Cost | 2,006,056 | 2,258,273 |
| Net profit before Tax | 948,823 | 41,770 |
| Less: Tax Provision | 284,647 | 12,531 |
| Net Profit after Tax | 664,176 | 29,239 |

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY AS 31.12.2018 (Amounts in Tzs "000")

| PARTICULARS | EQUITY | GENERAL RESERVE | RETAINED EARNINGS | TOTAL |
|---|---------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------|
| Beginning of the year | 300,000 | 357,123 | 4,461,922 | 5,119,045 |
| Profit for the period | | | 664,176 | 664,176 |
| Dividend paid | | | (5,380) | (5,380) |
| Proposed Dividend 50% | | | (332,088) | (332,088) |
| Prior year adjustment tax provision/loan reschedule | | | (560,635) | (560,635) |
| At the end of period | 300,000 | 357,123 | 4,227,995 | 4,885,118 |
| AS PER YEAR END 31-12-2017 | | | | |
| PARTICULARS | EQUITY | GENERAL RESERVE | RETAINED EARNINGS | TOTAL |
| Beginning of the year | 300,000 | 357,123 | 3,852,458 | 4,509,581 |
| Profit for the period | | | 29,239 | 29,239 |
| Dividend paid | | | (14,620) | (14,620) |
| Prior year adjustment tax provision/loan reschedule | | | 594,845 | 594,845 |
| At the end of period | 300,000 | 357,123 | 4,461,922 | 5,119,045 |

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31.12.2018 (Amounts in Tzs "000")

| | 2018 | 2017 |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Net profit before tax | 948,823 | 41,770 |
| Adjustment for: Depreciation | 30,548 | 42,543 |
| | 979,371 | 84,313 |
| Change in Working Capital Item | | |
| (Increase)/Decrease in Loan Portfolio | (1,326,315) | (1,669,268) |
| (Increase)/Decrease in Accounts Receivables | 30,817 | 24,547 |
| Increase/(Decrease) in Accounts Payables | 9,666 | 581,354 |
| | (306,461) | (979,054) |
| Taxation | 350,264 | (154,003) |
| Net Cash Used in Operating Activities | 43,803 | (1,133,057) |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Additions during the year | (74,662) | (173,946) |
| Net Cash Used in Investing Activities | (74,662) | (173,946) |
| CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Prior year adjustment | (913,137) | 594,844 |
| Borrowed fund | 850,096 | 599,904 |
| Dividend Paid | (12,500) | (40,950) |
| Net Cash From Financing Activities | (75,541) | 1,153,798 |
| Net Cash Flows(A+B+C) | (106,400) | (153,205) |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents as at 1st January | 233,600 | 386,805 |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents as at 31st December | 127,200 | 233,600 |

Name and Title Signature Date

Reginald Massawe
(Managing Director)

Juliet Msuya
(Finance Manager)



VACANCIES ANNOUNCEMENT

The Ariel Glaser Pediatric AIDS Healthcare Initiative (AGPAHI) is a non-governmental organisation that plays a pivotal role in complementing the Government of Tanzania's efforts towards the attainment of its development goals. AGPAHI strives to provide quality and integrated HIV/AIDS health services to children and families. AGPAHI supports the provision of high-quality HIV and other health services and ensures that efforts are well-integrated into existing regional and district health systems.

AGPAHI is implementing various projects that are highly demanding and thus the organization is looking for a motivated, result driven, qualified and competent staff to fill the following positions. Please visit our website at www.agpahi.or.tz for detailed job descriptions about the position

Position Title: Program Coordinator Pediatric HIV and AIDS

Location: Mwanza

Reporting to: RCH Manager/ZPM

Position Summary:

The Program Coordinator Pediatric is responsible for the leadership, coordination and management of the technical team staff for Pediatric HIV and AIDS clinical activities in all the supported regions with the main objective being, to ensure highest attainable technical performance in reflection to AGPAHI's vision and mission in the AGPAHI supported facilities.

Qualifications, Skills and Abilities

- Medical Doctor, with experience in Pediatrics, preferably with strong Knowledge in HIV and background in public health. MPH or equivalent will be an added advantage.
- At least (5) five years of work experience in the area of HIV/AIDS.
- Proven knowledge on Pediatric HIV/AIDS prevention, care and treatment.
- Knowledge of the Tanzania health system and structures, preferably experience working with Tanzania MOHCDGEC.
- Excellent planning, organizing, and report writing skills
- Excellent communication skills and ability to communicate with different stakeholders at all levels
- Team leadership and good interpersonal skills

Position Title: Program Officer, Pediatrics HIV and AIDS (4)

Location: Mwanza, Shinyanga, Mara, Simiyu

Reporting to:- Regional Program Coordinator

Purpose of post:

Program Officer, Pediatrics is a self-motivated individual who will provide oversight and technical assistance to districts to enable them provide quality comprehensive pediatric HIV and AIDS care, support and treatment services. He/ she will be required to provide clinical advice and direction in the implementation of scaling-up of pediatric HIV and EID services within AGPAHI

He/ She will coordinate pediatric HIV and EID activities and program components within AGPAHI implementing sites.

Participate in planning of pediatric activities including HIV Early Infant Diagnosis (HEID)

Qualifications, Skills and ability

- Degree in Medical related field Preference will be given to the following;
- Minimum (3) three years' experience in HIV/AIDS Care and Treatment programs
- Experience in Pediatric HIV/AIDS programs
- Clinical experience of Pediatric HIV and AIDS management

Position Title: Program Officer Clinical Services.

Location: Mwanza

Reporting to: Regional Program Coordinator

Purpose of the post

The Program Officer, Clinical Services will work as a key member of AGPAHI's Technical team. He/ She will run day to day program implementation activities in AGPAHI supported regions. The PO, Clinical Services will work in close collaboration with other staff members to ensure timely implementation and reporting of activities for AGPAHI supported programs

Qualifications, Skills and ability

- Bachelor Degree in Medicine
- Experience in providing HIV care and treatment services.
- Minimum of (3) three years of clinical experience required with 2 years working experience in HIV/AIDS care and treatment
- Excellent knowledge of national and World Health Organization and MOHSW guidelines on HIV care and treatment

Job Title: Senior Program Officer, Clinical Services (2 Posts)

Location: Mwanza

Reporting to: Regional Program Coordinator

Purpose of the post

The purpose of this job is to assist the RPC in supervisory role and to offer technical assistance to the Program officers, regions and councils to provide quality integrated HIV and AIDS care and treatment services to the affected patients and their families. Further, this role is responsible for ensuring the implementation of the clinical services activities at sub-grantee level in line with the work plans set and agreed.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree in Medicine or Social Sciences from a recognised institution, preferably with strong Knowledge in HIV and background in public health. MPH or equivalent will be an added advantage
- Current registration with the Medical Council of Tanganyika or equivalent professional body
- Three (5) years of relevant work experience
- Knowledge of the current clinical services guidelines, standards, tools and best practices;
- Knowledge of national guidelines on HIV/AIDS;
- Previous experience working with international and local partners;

Job Title: Data Management Officer (2 Posts)

Location: Mwanza and Simiyu

Reporting to: Regional Program Coordinator

Purpose of the Post:

The position will support the facilities and CHMTs to strengthen and oversee the health information system (GLASER, EID, DHIS, CTC2 DATABASES, PHARMACY MODULE AND LABORATORY, and MOBILE SMS). The DMO will be responsible for providing technical support to the data clerks and to ensure that data are captured accurately and completely and maintained in the prescribed manner

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree in Computer Sciences or IT
- Experience with PEPFAR 3.0 funded projects in Tanzania
- Technical understanding of PEPFAR 3.0 and USAID indicators and managing for performance
- Computer literacy, with comfortable working experience with the basic Microsoft packages (outlook, internet, word, excel & power point)
- At least (3) three years' experience in data management or database administration

Job title: Human Resources Assistant

Location: Mwanza

Direct Reports to: Human Resources and Administration Officer

Purpose of the post

The Human Resources Assistant (HRA) reports to the Human Resources and Administration Officer to provide a specialized HR professional support in day-to-day management and administration of the Human Resource function in alignment with AGPAHI strategic Plan

Qualifications, Skills and ability

- University/college degree or Diploma on Human Resources Management or any other related field is required
- At least 1 Year work experience in Human Resources profession
- Must be adept at problem-solving, including being able to identify issues and resolve programs in a timely manner
- Must possess strong interpersonal skills
- Must be able to communicate clearly, both written and orally, as to communicate with employees, members of the HR management team, and in group presentations and meetings
- Must be dependable, able to follow instructions, respond to management direction, and must be able to improve performance through management feedback

HOW TO APPLY

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter and CV (not exceeding four pages) and names and contact information of three referees before close of business on **Friday 8th March, 2019** to the Human Resources and Administration Manager, Ariel Glaser Pediatric AIDS Healthcare Initiative, by e-mail to recruitment@agpahi.or.tz. Please mention the title of the position in your email and do not attach any document other than the CV and cover letter.

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Govt warns of severe action against encroachment of protected ecology

By Guardian Correspondent, Lindi

MUSA Sima, Deputy Minister of State in Vice-President's Office (Union and Environment), yesterday said that the government will have no mercy for individuals or groups of people who will infringe and disrupt the protected ecology of the rivers flowing into Rufiji Basin.

In his official tour of Lindi, Mtwara and Ruvuma regions, the deputy minister, commended Lindi District Council for preserving the environment.

He said the council has done a praiseworthy job in protecting the ecology of rivers, adding that in sustaining those efforts the government will have no mercy for perpetrators of the environment of rivers feeding the Rufiji Basin.

He explained that Ruengu river which is in the Selous Game Reserve contributes 19 per cent of the water flowing into Rufiji Basin. This and other rivers flowing into the basin, the minister said, have to be protected for the good of the present and future generations.

The government will use all its powers to protect all water sources, he promised, calling on the council to address environmental challenges.

Sima also called on the council to stop forthwith scavengers from looking for articles, especially cans, for recycling.

The practice, he explained, endangers the health of unprotected scavengers.

The minister called on councils countrywide to establish elaborate

systems for disposing wastes at the sources of waste.

Solid waste, he explained, should be divided into groups so that garbage that can be recycled, for example plastic waste, is separated from less useful waste. Dangerous garbage would then be appropriately disposed.

He said if councils will encourage people to dispose garbage they generate and involve stakeholders in the process, "this kind of efforts will help immensely in protecting Tanzania's environment."

The deputy minister who has been accompanied by senior officials from the National Environmental Management Council (NEMC) said the government has no compromise on the issues of related to protection of environment.



Dr Mary Mwanjelwa, Deputy Minister in the President's Office (Public Service Management and Good Governance), addresses beneficiaries of Tanzania Social Action Fund support at Kisarawe in Coast Region yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

ATE and Norwegian enterprise launch programme to nurture women for senior positions

By Aisia Rweyemamu

THE Association of Tanzania Employers (ATE) in collaboration with the Confederation of Norwegian Enterprise (NHO) has launched the fourth cohort of the 'Female Future Programme' that aims to attract more women into management positions, decision making processes and on boards of directors of companies.

The objectives of the programme are to get more women into management positions, decision-making processes and on corporate boards.

Speaking at the official launch of the programme, the executive director ATE Dr Aggrey Mlimuka said the programme will inspire and challenge women leaders to work with determination to deliver upon set goals and maintain positive progress for organizations.

He added that, ATE have partnered with Eastern and Southern Africa Management Institute (ESAMI) to deliver the programme.

Dr Mlimuka also said that ATE in the second quota of this year they are planning to start the Female Future Alumni Network which will bring ladies from all cohorts of Female Future Programme together.

He explained that the aim for the alumni is to establish a powerful network of female leaders that they can use to advance their careers, receive professional advice and opinions, hold meetings and discussions as well as create a referral system where they can

assist each other as they aim for the glass ceiling.

"We also desire to see these women mentor other women and impact the knowledge they have acquired through the programme to others as only a few women can attend classes hence create a ripple effect and prepare younger women to take up leadership positions," added Dr. Mlimuka

The director explained that, a similar programme started in Norway about 10 years ago by their partners, NHO and is successfully being offered to help women boost their careers in Norway, Uganda, and Kenya and now in Tanzania

Dr Mlimuka explained that the programme is an executive practical-oriented training and it has three modules of leadership that cultivating one's inner leadership potential.

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Others are board competence that builds one's potential attributes as a director to corporate boards, the third module is rhetoric that producing and presenting persuasive speeches with intellectual arguments and negotiations.

ATE called upon all organisations to support the programme which in turn will grow talents they wish to motivate.

The director said they desire to see these women mentor other women and impact the knowledge they have acquired through the programme to others as only a few women can attend classes hence create a ripple effect and prepare younger women to take up leadership positions.

The course is offered for 14 days but spread for nine months with assignments in between and it will be finalised with official accreditation and recognition to participants and their organisations.

In his remarks, the director of ESAMI Prof. Michael Munkumba said the programme is among ways of empowering women and challenging them to work with determination.

Prof Munkumba said the programme is developing ladies to become more potential leaders capable of overcoming fear and managing them to negotiating in various issues'.

The director for Tanzania Development Bank (TIB) Frank Nyambunge said they supported the programme because they believe that women are catalyst for development.



Malindi legislator Ally Saleh (Civic United Front) addresses journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday on the money the party has been spending on court cases. Right is his Mchinga counterpart, Hamidu Bobali. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

By Guardian Reporter

Youth advised to tap opportunities in industrial sector for economic growth

MINISTER of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Policy, Parliamentary affairs, Labour, Employment, Youth, and the Disabled), Jenista Mhagama has urged youth to explore business opportunities available in their localities.

Mhagama made the call yesterday when she visited Sasanda Youth Development Centre located in Nyimbili Ward, Mbozi District of Songwe Region.

She encouraged the youth to use the government-driven industrialisation agenda by venturing into small-scale processing industries, which in turn would take them to the next step rather than staying in jobless corners.

Mhagama said that there are different areas where youth can be employed such as farming, and livestock keeping. "You have the opportunities to venture into agro-value addition industries for a bright future," she said, adding: "Our idea is to use the youth centres to empower youth with skills on how to produce quality goods that would be able to compete in the markets."

According to him, nearly 500 youth at the centre have been trained with various technical skills, which made them to be self-employed.

The minister also encouraged regional leaders to chip-in and assist the youth who have established small-scale industries, by ensuring that they produce quality products for reliable markets within and outside the country. It is high time for youth to form groups, where it is easy to help them with technical and financial support, she said.

For his part, Director of Youth Development in the ministry, James Kajugusi said that the Sasanda youth development centre has created awareness among the youth and set

up their goals. "We're expected to introduce trainings and programmes that would help the youths to venture into agribusiness, which will ensure availability of raw materials required by industries," Kajugusi said.

Silia Kibona who is one of the beneficiaries of the centre commended the government for creating better environment for them to acquire skills. Sasanda Youth Development Centre was established in 1979 in collaboration with the government through Ministry of National Culture, Youth and Sports and Mbeya regional office.

JICA executive senior vice president now in Tanzania for a three-day official visit

By Guardian Reporter

THE Executive Senior Vice President of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Kazuhiko Koshikawa, is today expected to jet in the country for three-day official visit to Tanzania.

Kazuhiko KOSHIKAWA will also observe some of the JICA-supported projects in Dar es Salaam and in Kilimanjaro regions.

In Dar es Salaam, the JICA official is expected to witness the Contractor Signing Ceremony of the Project for the Widening of New Bagamoyo Road (Mwenge - Morocco Section) tentatively scheduled for February 28, 2019 and in Kilimanjaro, he is expected to observe activities of the Project for Supporting Rice Development Industry in Tanzania commonly known as TANRICE Project 2 at the Lower Moshi Irrigation area on March 1, 2019.

JICA's flagship projects include such projects as: Selander Bridge (1980), and Mfulage Flyover (2018).

Projects currently being implemented range from quality infrastructure projects, health, water and energy to agriculture and education projects.

Koshikawa became the Executive Senior Vice President of the Japan International Cooperation Agency on May 23, 2016. Before taking the position, he served as Ambassador to Spain between September 2014 and April 2016.

Koshikawa's previous career includes the Deputy Minister at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (September 2012 - August 2014), Director-General for International Cooperation Bureau (September 2011 - August 2012), and Japanese Ambassador to Angola (August 2008 - August 2011).

JICA is the world's largest bilateral aid agency which works in over 150 countries and regions and has some over 100 overseas offices including the one in Tanzania.

JICA Tanzania Office was officially opened in 1980 although Japanese assistance to the country commenced in 1962 with the acceptance of participants for technical training in Japan. Working closely with the Government, JICA's operations in the country have continued to grow and expand over the years and now include not only technical cooperation but also the provision of grant aid and concessional loans.

JICA's cooperation activities are in line with Tanzania Government's development agenda which gives priority to sectors such as agriculture, industry, infrastructure development as well as the improvement of public services.

Previously, Koshikawa was the Deputy Vice Minister for International Affairs in the Ministry of Finance (August 2006 - July 2008). He also served as the Deputy Press Secretary for the Prime Minister Yoshihiro Mori and Junichiro Koizumi (2000 - 2001) in the Prime Minister's office.

As career member of the Senior Foreign Service, he was the Deputy-Consul General in New York (July 2001 - July 2004). At the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Tokyo, he served as the Director of Economic Policy Division, Economic Affairs Bureau (August 2004 - July 2006), Director of South America, Director of Central America and Caribbean region (August 1997 - March 1999).

Born in 1956 in Chiba Prefecture, Japan, Koshikawa graduated from the Faculty of Law of the Hitotsubashi University in Tokyo in March 1980.

Africa's Great Lakes region on recovery path, says UN

NAIROBI

AFRICA'S Great Lakes region that has for decades grappled with civil strife is on a recovery path thanks to peaceful political transition by regional blocs and the international community, a UN official has said.

Said Djinnit, special envoy of the United Nations secretary general for the Great Lakes Region of Africa, said implementation of a roadmap to restore peace, stability and prosperity in the heart of Africa, has gone overdrive.

"The Great Lakes Region is moving forward and there is a concerted effort to deal with negative forces that are threat to stability. When we stabilize the Great Lakes Region, the entire African continent will benefit," said Djinnit.

He said that public sector reforms, transparent electoral process and inclusivity are key to hastening reconstruction in Africa's Great Lakes countries like Democratic Republic of Congo, Burundi and Central Africa Republic. The Algerian diplomat said the international community will rally behind efforts to tackle the root causes of instability in the resource-rich but volatile region.

"We must tackle illegal exploitation of natural resources that is one of the root causes of instability in the Great Lakes region to ensure they are source of prosperity and not chaos," said the envoy.

Djinnit said that establishment of a judicial cooperative framework that is being mooted will address historical injustices that have fueled turmoil in the

Africa's Great Lakes Region. Djinnit also said that the space for women and youth's participation in promotion of peace and stability in the Great Lakes region has been expanded.

"There is need to place women and youth at the center to ensure that long-

lasting peace, security and prosperity is realized in the Great Lakes region. We must strengthen bonds of friendship among states to address mistrust and suspicion that is a threat to stability," said Djinnit.

He said that the just concluded elections in the

DR Congo that paved way for a peaceful political transition served as an inspiration for the entire Great Lakes region.

"Progress is being made in DR Congo. The trajectory is positive, the peaceful elections were good news for the region," said Djinnit.



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- Minimum of five (5) years of experience in public policy, economic policy, or public financial management, at least three (3) years of which should have been gained in Tanzania
- Minimum of five (5) years of experience in international development policy and programs, preferably in a bilateral or multilateral development institution
- Minimum of five (5) years of experience with public sector accounting, financial management, and budget reviews
- Knowledge of public sector policy priorities and processes in Tanzania, including planning, management and budgeting of public sector resources

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Interested candidates should obtain a detailed description of these services by sending request email to procurement@fssptz.org specifying in the requests as follows: "Consultancy position for Public Financial Management Technical Specialist."

Requests for further information will be received up to three working days prior to the last submission date, 8 March, 2019.

Any request received later than that may not be responded to.

FSSP Manager



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INVITATION FOR TENDER

ITT/SCITZ/2019/002 – Construction Work

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Save the Children - Tanzania Office now invites sealed tenders from eligible and reputable Contractors, registered in the United Republic of Tanzania for the Construction of Works to be done at Kasulu and Kibondo Districts in Kigoma Region as shown below.

| S/N | Ref No | Items/Descriptions |
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| 1 | LOT 1 | Construction of Two Drop Latrines (Washrooms) for ideas box centre at Nduta Refugee Camp - Kibondo. |
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Bidders are at liberty to bid one lot or both lots.

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'Tanzania likely to receive enhanced to normal rains'

By Felister Peter

TANZANIA and most of the regions within the great horn of Africa (GHA) are likely to receive enhanced to normal rains in the coming March - May rain season (MAM 2019).

However the forecast for March to May season indicates that Tanzania will experience increased rainfall conditions which can lead to floods and damage to infrastructure and other associated risks.

Weather forecast results from the Fifty First Greater Horn of Africa Climate Outlook Forum (GHACOF 51) shows that in Tanzania there will be minimal risk of droughts despite the indication for below normal rains in the southern tip of the country as rain is not expected during the March to May season.

Countries will also experience increased likelihood of warmer than normal mean surface temperatures over much of the northern and eastern regions with cooler to near normal temperatures over the western parts of the region.

Governments are advised to take contingency plans for flash floods in the flood prone areas and issuing timely early warning information, clearing of drainage lines are needed.

Good rainfall performance with above to near normal has been forecasted in the bimodal areas of Tanzania and western segment of the region.

The enhanced rains might also trigger landslides, mudslides and outbreak of epidemics in some areas in the region, calling for governments to put in place all preparedness and mitigation measures with close monitoring of the rainfall events during the MAM 2019 season. Parts of Burundi, Rwanda and Uganda reported flooding with landslides that impacted on several sectors.

According to the forecast, there will

be an increased chance of flash and riverside flood risks due to normal and above normal rainfall forecast mainly in flood prone areas of Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Burundi, Rwanda and South Sudan.

In Tanzania, the MAM 2019 season is expected to lead to increase cases of cholera, typhoid, mosquito borne diseases (Malaria, dengue, chikungunya, lymphatic filariasis and rift valley fever).

The government is advised to conduct behavior change campaign (proper use of toilet, hand washing), strengthen surveillance, distribution of enough medication, distribution of enough medication to health facilities and promote the use nutrient supplements.

In Kenya the March to May rains will be favourable for crops, pasture and water availability. However, for some places, the enhanced rains might result in floods especially in the western region and places which are prone to floods.

In Uganda the increased rainfall conditions might pose a risk of flooding, landslide/mud slide for western areas and disease outbreak.

Weather in Sudan will remain dry and heat waves in a period between March and May, 2019 whereas the dry condition is likely to exacerbate scarcity of water and wild fires.

The GHACOF 51 suggests for stakeholders to implement the proposed mitigation and response measures across the different socio-economic sectors.

It underscores the need to strengthen disaster risk reduction strategies including response capacities, coordination, resource mobilization, communication and advocacy at the regional, national and sub-national levels for all sectors likely to be impacted.



Muddy water resulting from a leaking water pipe has rendered this section of Jitegeme Street in Dar es Salaam's Mabibo suburb near-impossible to walk, ride or drive through, as captured yesterday. Photo: Miraji Msala

By Correspondent James Lanka, Moshi

Kilimanjaro women against HIV/Aids are implementing the rural initiatives for participatory agriculture transformation (RIPAT) project that seeks to support people living with HIV and their dependants.

Under the project, HIV/aids patients and their dependants are assured of enough food as well as poverty eradication through farming and animal keeping.

Speaking with this paper, the organisation's project coordinator, Egla Matechi said they started with only four groups, but the number has now increased to six groups.

She said the organisation under RIPAT supported four groups in Rombo District in the 2017/18 financial year.

Kilimanjaro launches project to support people living with HIV

Matechi said the four groups had been operating successfully thus forming other six groups which are engaged in farming activities and animal keeping. She said through farming the HIV patients can get food while by keeping cows they also get meat and milk to improve their health.

"Poverty eradication can register successes through farming. We support them to ensure they use modern agricultural technologies hence good harvests", Mtaechi said.

She said the groups are supported to produce nutritious potatoes and other

cereal crops. She said the women also engage in poultry farming and cattle rearing (cow and goats) to ensure food security.

"People living with HIV/Aids especially those taking Antiviral drugs (ARVs) must eat enough food for the drugs to function properly", she said.

She added that the RIPAT project which is sponsored by the Danish Mission Council Development Department (DMCDD) also covers hamlets with the people living with HIV/AIDS in Old-Moshi and Kimochi wards in Moshi Rural District, where they are support-

ing more than ten groups.

HIV remains public health concern in Tanzania and other eastern and southern African countries. HIV is a generalised epidemic in Tanzania with heterosexual transmission being the main route of transmission.

According to the Tanzania HIV Impact Survey (THIS-2016/2017), approximately 81,000 Tanzanians adults are infected with HIV annually.

There are nearly 1.4 million people living with HIV in the country whereby only 52 of those living with the virus know their status.



Mr Discount Shops director Mohamed Mansoor (L) briefs Zanzibar First Vice President Seif Ali Iddi at the firm's Veta Area shop in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Kenyan court orders 2 Tanzanian beggars to be deported

NAROK

TWO Tanzanian beggars who were convicted for being in Kenya unlawfully without a valid permit will be deported.

Samuel Paul Masanja and Margaret Yohana pleaded guilty yesterday before Narok resident magistrate Adeline Sisenda.

They were ordered to remain in custody until they are handed over to immigration officials.

The court was told that the two, who were beggars in Narok town, were in the country illegally to solicit for funds from well-wishers because they have disabilities. "The culprits will remain in custody of the police until they are handed over to the immigration officials for deportation to their country," ordered the magistrate.

They were arrested on February 12, 2019, at around 12 noon in Narok town after the residents informed the police of their presence.

The suspects had earlier been released on a Sh150, 000 bond as the DCI sought for time to carry out investigations. The East African Community (EAC) allows citizens from its countries to live and work in either of the countries but with requisite documents such as passports, work permits and residence permits as specified by law.

According to the Ministry of EAC, it is estimated that there are more than 500,000 Tanzanians living and working in Kenya.

In 2005, the EAC also launched the Customs Union Protocol, meant to unify tax laws and removed many of the levies charged on goods. One year after this Protocol, trade within member states rose from Sh166 billion to Sh332 billion, according to the Ministry of EAC.

However, the reality is that each of these countries has its own internal laws that seem to contradict or slow down the implementation of these protocols.

Establishment of laboratory steps up universal healthcare

TRANS NZOIA

THE World Bank (WB) -funded Hospital Laboratory in Kenya's Trans Nzoia has begun operations that will boost Universal Health Care.

The Laboratory established in 2011 through the East Africa Public Health Laboratory Networking Project (EAPHLNP) serves Trans Nzoia, West Pokot, Bungoma, Kakamega, Elgeyo Marakwet and Turkana Counties.

The EAPHLNP is a regional project funded by the World Bank/International Development Agency (IDA) aimed at establishing a network of efficient high quality and accessible public health laboratories for diagnosis and surveillance of TB and other communicable diseases.

The countries covered by the programme are partner states of East African countries of Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, and Uganda.

The Regional coordination and planning for the project in the five countries is done by the East, Central and Southern Africa Health Community (ECSA-HC) based in Arusha.

Implementation of the project in Kenya is done by a Project Coordinating Unit (PCU) based at the National Public Health Laboratory.

The WB established five such laboratories in Kenya which are among the 41 laboratories established in the East African region. Others were established in Busia, Machakos, Malindi and Wajir.

The Trans Nzoia County Laboratory officer in charge of the facility, Daniel Wekesa said that the laboratory serves as a centre of excellence in the region and is used in disease diagnosis and surveillance which will go towards offering affordable and quality health-care. "We want to urge residents to come forward and seek testing services since laboratory technicians carry out routine tests and specialised tests for patients," he noted.

Among the routine tests that they carry out include a test for typhoid, amoeba, malaria, syphilis among others while specialised tests include CD4 count for HIV patients.

He said laboratory services are free

as they are supported by the WB in conjunction with the county government of Trans Nzoia.

"The county government has been supporting us with the purchase of some reagents for testing patients," he noted.

The Lab technician told KNA in an interview in his office that the WB equipped the laboratory with State of the Art equipment and latest technology in disease testing which are able to give results within a short period of time enabling the technicians to perform many tests.

He noted that since it was established, the laboratory has helped in managing cholera outbreaks in both Trans Nzoia and West Pokot Counties.

According to the Lab technician, the facility has assisted neighbouring counties like west Pokot to manage diseases whenever there is an outbreak.

"Currently, we are doing Tuberculosis (TB) surveillance in the region among other diseases," he said.

He added, "We are doing MTB surveillance and we have specialised equipment known as Gene Xpert in this laboratory that enables us to give results within two hours after feeding it with samples," he disclosed.

Currently, the laboratory is carrying outreach programmes in hard to reach areas where they take laboratory services to test for diseases for prompt response to diseases and management.

Last week the laboratory outreach programme was conducted in Sosio-Teldet in Mt. Elgon among the Ndorobo communities who hardly get medical services due to lack of a medical facility in the area. The nearest facility is located at Gitwamba over 20 Kilometers from the area where the community lives. They generally rely on traditional medicines in managing diseases.

Laboratory technicians and clinicians did tests among the community members and gave them free medication while others were referred for specialised treatment to the nearest medical facility. Under the programme, the WB trained health workers in various disciplines such as internal audit and bio-safety among others.

ABIDJAN

AfDB governors from West Africa happy with project implementation

GOVERNORS representing the West Africa region of the African Development Bank (AfDB) held consultative meetings here on Monday with the institution's President and senior management, taking stock of the bank's accelerated engagement in the region.

The governors noted that 370 AfDB transformative projects valued at US\$11.3 billion between 2010 and 2017 had changed lives and made a difference in the region.

These were the second annual consultative meetings, aimed at sharing views with the governors, after the first ever meetings in the bank's history were initiated by AfDB President Akinwumi Adesina last year.

"Our ultimate goal is to ensure that the governors are much closer to the bank, and that you are integrally involved in the wider vision and direction, particularly as it pertains to the challenges and needs of your respective regions," Adesina said in his opening remarks.

"Today, I am filled with hope. Hope because Africa is changing. Hope because across the continent, despite

challenges, you can see a rising determination to turn things around," he added.

During the consultations, the ministers appealed for greater focus on women to close the gender gap, address climate change, and increase attention to development in fragile states.

Referring to AfDB the economic arm of the African Union, the governors also highlighted the need for the bank to be involved in global issues in order to influence and help shape the conversations around foreign investments.

They also focused on institutional capacity building, nutrition, data collection as well as regional integration and digital connectivity.

Sierra Leone Finance minister Jacob Jusu Saffa underscored the need "to mobilise domestic funds and use our pension funds more efficiently", comments which were echoed by his Nigerian counterpart, Mahmoud Isa-Dutse.

"Infrastructure is very critical. We

hope the bank will continue to support and add value to our one government data platform, Liberia's Agriculture minister Mogana Flomo said.

Ministers from Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea and Guinea Bissau similarly called for increased support for institutional capacity building.

Economic growth trends show positive signals: GDP growth rate was projected at 4 per cent last year and to rise to 4.1 per cent this year.

However, this does not give the full picture: the economies of 45 per cent of the countries will grow at above 5 per cent. These figures on West Africa's regional economic outlook were shared by AfDB Vice President and chief economist Celestin Monga in his presentation before the governors.

The governors, all Finance or Economic Planning ministers in their respective countries, were taken through the bank's interventions and lendings over the past year in presentations by the bank's senior management.



Work well under way yesterday on a drainage system at Mtoni Kijichi in Dar es Salaam, done through the city's World Bank-funded metropolitan development project and supervised by the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Government). Photo: Correspondent Mary Geoffrey

BRAC-Tanzania launches four-year project on women entrepreneurship

By Correspondent John Ngunge, Arusha

A non-governmental organization, BRAC-Tanzania has launched a four year project for women entrepreneurship through the solar value chain for economic development in Tanzania dubbed: 'WE SOLVE'.

The official launch which was witnessed by a representative from Royal Danish embassy in the country, Oscar Mkude, representatives from Signify, Solar Sisters, Tanzania Renewable Energy Association (Tarea), Country representative for Brac Tanzania and regional government representatives was held at a hotel over the weekend.

Speaking at the function, Fordson Kafweku, a country representative for BRAC, said the project aims to increase

income for women and reduce the number of households that do not have access to lighting. The project is funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Denmark through the Danish International Development Agency (Danida) and implemented in partnership with Solar Sister and Signify started in 2018 and is expected to end in 2022.

According to Energy Access Situation Report in Tanzania Mainland, a research done by the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) in collaboration with the Rural Energy Agency (REA) in 2016, 32.8% of all households were connected to electricity.

Relying on the findings, Mr Kafweku, said the main goal of their project WE SOLVE is to help the government to serve those areas which are not yet cov-

ered by the grid and give them source of clean energy through quality solar products.

He also said the project intends to create around 2,000 jobs for Tanzanian women and to reach over 260,000 households while supporting government initiatives to increase employment opportunities and sustainable clean energy. "Today is just the beginning, count on our commitment in the coming months to make sure implementation is carried out well and that this project is a success that it will deliver the changes that will make the difference needed on the ground and to improve lives," he said.

Talking on behalf of the Royal Danish Ambassador, Einar Jensen, an embassy representative Mr Mkude, said, the pro-

ject is a significant achievement that enables Danish Government to contribute to Tanzania's efforts to achieve couple of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), not least on job creation.

"This is crucial for the world to deliver on the SDGs. It is a joint responsibility, calling for joint action. Let me congratulate you on this achievement," a brief remarks of the ambassador said.

He said through Danida Market Development Partnership (DMDP) they promote market-driven partnerships engaging private sector in creating economic development in Denmark's partner countries, like Tanzania.

He said in the process, they attempt to unite various skill sets for deeper development results.

He said all projects under DMDP are

measured against SDGs targets, particularly those related to job creation, improved income opportunities and of course on commercial viability of the proposed project and responsible business conduct which is important aspects for sustainable jobs and income opportunities.

However, he said the participating companies receive no direct funding, rather they invest in participating in the partnership project in their business.

On his part, WE SOLVE project manager, Al-Amin Sadar, said there is demand for solar products, however people, specifically women, do not have enough income to buy them and the current existing solar products are counterfeit.

He said the desire to combat these problems gave rise to the formation of this project and a commitment among four organizations (Brac, Danida, Solar Sister and Signify) and other stakeholders to collaborate and provide a solution. Observing at women's capacity in entrepreneurship, he said, will be enhanced and be able to earn an income at the same time households will benefit from green affordable energy from solar.

Brac a Bangladesh based international organization has been operating for over 10 years in Tanzania since 2006, and mainly focused on microfinance and development projects such as education, empowerment and livelihood for adolescents, agri finance, water and sanitation hygiene.



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The US Mission in Dar es Salaam is seeking eligible and qualified applicants for the two positions identified below at the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

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The Agriculture Markets Development Trust (AMDT) is implementing interventions aimed at unleashing large-scale systemic changes in the agricultural sector in Tanzania such that productive poor women, men and youths are able to take full advantage of more inclusive, resilient and competitive agricultural markets systems. Currently, AMDT targets three agricultural value chains namely; Sunflower, Maize and Pulses.

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 - (ii) Propose information system model to provide farmers and MSMEs with localized, context-specific information for making better farming decisions and help build their resilience to climate risks and related private sectors.
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 - (ii) A detailed tool for monitoring and reporting environment and climate risks.

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Control of anthrax is essential for prevention of its spread to humans

ANTHRAX is an infection caused by the bacterium *Bacillus anthracis*. It can occur in four forms: skin, lungs, intestinal, and injection. Symptoms begin between one day and two months after the infection is contracted. The skin form presents with a small blister with surrounding swelling that often turns into a painless ulcer with a black center. The inhalation form presents with fever, chest pain, and shortness of breath. The intestinal form presents with diarrhea which may contain blood, abdominal pains, and nausea and vomiting.

Anthrax is spread by contact with the bacterium's spores, which often appear in infectious animal products. Contact is by breathing, eating, or through an area of broken skin. It does not typically spread directly between people. Risk factors include people who work with animals or animal products, travelers, postal workers, and military personnel. Anthrax vaccination is recommended for people who are at high risk of infection. Immunizing animals against anthrax is recommended in areas where previous infections have occurred.

Although a rare disease, human anthrax, when it does occur, is most common in Africa and central and southern Asia. It also occurs more regularly in Southern Europe than elsewhere on the continent, and is uncommon in Northern Europe and North America. Globally, at least 2,000 cases occur a year with about two cases a year in the United States.

In the same vein, Tanzanians have been cautioned to be extra careful when purchasing and consuming meat following recent reports on the outbreak of anthrax in some parts of

the country.

National Ranching Company Limited (NARCO) acting general manager, Prof Philemon Wambura warned meat consumers to get the product from authorized market places.

The local media was in the past weeks narrating an outbreak of the disease that killed five people and 21 cattle in Rombo District, Kilimanjaro region. Last month, anthrax killed four people in Momba district, Songwe Region.

Prof Wambura said that anthrax is among the most dangerous diseases to animals and humans, urging the public to ensure they buy meat at registered and formal areas.

People who rush to cut up meat from a cow dying on its own were courting trouble as a cow dies having a healthy look, so people around the area think its meat is usable while they haven't asked for veterinary officials to take tests if the meat is fit for consumption.

He emphasized on farmers and ranch owners across the country to ensure all their animals are vaccinated on time to prevent such outbreaks.

Our country's laws restrict slaughtering activities at informal places as well as cattle rearing in urban areas. Animals should be kept at approved areas.

People should be cautious and seek advice from experts in case an animal dies to avoid spread of the disease.

In September 2017, an outbreak of the disease killed at least 42 hippos in Ruaha National Park and that investigations had showed the animals had indeed succumbed to anthrax.

A survey carried out between August and early September that year showed that the fatalities were found in three areas in the park that have substantial hippo colonies.

Harmonised regional policies are doubtless farmers' lifeline

COMMON Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) is a free trade area with twenty one member states stretching from Tunisia to Eswatini (Swaziland). COMESA was formed in December 1994, replacing a Preferential Trade Area which had existed since 1981. Nine of the member states formed a free trade area in 2000 (Djibouti, Egypt, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Sudan, Zambia and Zimbabwe), with Rwanda and Burundi joining the FTA in 2004, the Comoros and Libya in 2006, Seychelles in 2009 and Tunisia and Somalia in 2018. Tanzania had officially withdrawn from the regional economic grouping, COMESA the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa in 2000. It remains a member of the other two regional economic blocs--the Southern African Development Community SADC and the East African Community EAC.

COMESA is one of the pillars of the African Economic Community.

In 2008, COMESA agreed to an expanded free-trade zone including members of two other African trade blocs, the East African Community (EAC) and the Southern African Development Community (SADC). COMESA is also considering a common visa scheme to boost tourism.

Stakeholders in the regional agricultural sector have expressed concerns over the delay by Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) member states to harmonise seed policies, which they say is affecting access to and trade in seeds and animal breeds in the bloc.

The experts said the seed regulation harmonisation programme, started in 2015 to solve these challenges, is yet to be implemented.

According to the Alliance for Commodity Trade in Eastern and Southern Africa, access to quality seeds and improved animal breeds by smallholder farmers stood at 20 per cent in the bloc.

The cumbersome and lengthy

processes involved in developing and testing new seed varieties had hindered seed trade in the COMESA region.

The majority of the region's population depends on agriculture to earn a living; therefore, the challenge must be addressed by member states as a matter of priority. It is not enough to talk about improving agricultural production, food safety or increasing household incomes of rural poor; farmers should have easy access to quality seeds to achieve all these targets.

Besides, many countries in the bloc are always food stressed, and have to rely on food handouts from World Food Programme when the region has rich soils suitable for farming.

So, it is crucial for countries in COMESA to align their national seed laws with the seed trade harmonisation regulations. Besides increasing access to quality seeds and improved animal breeds by farmers, the move will boost production and household incomes, ensure the bloc is food secure, and help cut on the region's seeds import bill.

This requires political will and partnership between public and private sectors. However, countries must ensure they preserve local breeds that are resistant to weather vagaries, particularly with the onslaught of global warming.

The COMESA region faces a number of challenges in terms of seed availability and utilisation. One of the reasons cited for this situation is lack of a well developed seed industry as well as differences in terms of seed rules and regulations which make it difficult for seed to be moved from a surplus area to a deficit one.

The seed industry in eastern and southern Africa is said to be weak. As a result, it constrains small-scale farmers from having quality seed and engaging in good agricultural practices needed to increase crop production.

Some of the factors that inhibit seed development in the region include low agricultural productivity.

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Let the people win elections

By Hope Eghagha

DEMOCRACY is about the primacy of the people to determine who wins elections, who gets the seat and who drives the development process.

Whoever wins the elections has an obligation to the people. By the time we read this essay, the results of the general elections of 16th February may already be fully known or partially so.

Of course there would be fake reports in circulation promoting one side of the issues before the official result is made known.

For some reason the incumbent government has not been sitting pretty with solid achievements to point to.

It has appeared jittery and desperate as we can read from the strategies being put in place before and during the elections.

Let the people win! After the results are released, some would be sad while others would hit the streets for being accepted by a majority of the people.

There would have been complaints about rigging, about cheating the process and how things added up or did not add up.

Whatever it is, let the people win. Let the people be the ultimate winners in the election.

Politicians tend to lose sight of this fact as they jostle for victory. The losers should acknowledge defeat or if there are issues let the courts redress them. Self-help is not acceptable.

Let the people win! Nigeria is a vast country with about eighty-three million registered voters spread across thirty-six states and a Federal Capital Territory.

Reaching out to these persons is quite a task. But they must hear the campaign issues of the day in order to decide who to vote for. It is true that quite a number of registered voters have said they won't vote.

Some are scared of violence that may break out at the voting centres.

Yet others simply have refused to vote because they do not have confidence in any of the candidates. It is free world. Yet the people must win.

The people must win! The general elections are about the people, not about the candidates. There are too many issues crying for attention.

Whoever wins must first think about uniting the country, bringing together all the opposing forces that have dominated the country in the last three years.

There is a perception that the country is more divided along ethnic



A woman tries to vote through the window at a polling station in Kano, commercial capital of northern Nigeria, on February 23, 2019. - Nigeria began counting votes in presidential elections, even as many people had yet to even cast their ballot because of delays in the opening of polling units and problems with staffing and technology. Nigeria's Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) last week announced a one-week delay to the election, just hours before it was due to get under way. The presidential contest will see incumbent Muhammadu Buhari (APC) seek to win a second four-year term against former vice president Atiku Abubakar (PDP)

lines than it was three years ago.

The lopsided nature of federal appointments is one of the pointers. Whoever wins must ensure that appointments reflect the ethnic composition of Nigeria.

For some reason there has been silence on the side of the herdsmen who once went on the rampage across the country.

The question now is whether some forces called them to order till after the elections. This is a perception. If it is true then something more sinister is indeed going on; not healthy, not comforting.

Let the people win! Whoever wins the elections should consider the issue of restructuring the country. The current political structure does not encourage initiative.

In other words let us return to true federalism that would make the states more proactive, responsible and competitive.

In a federation there ought to be a focus on developing natural resources for which they have an advantage.

The current situation where we all depend on oil has led to a curse on us. It is unhealthy, anti-development, risky and retrogressive. The truth is that if the states are pushed or compelled by circumstances to act they will indeed succeed.

Let the people win! One of the biggest issues to be confronted is poverty. How many Nigerians can feed their families

adequately? How many families feed satisfactorily? There are too many people in the poverty bracket in the country. Unemployment and poverty combined are a deadly force for social unrest.

Too many graduates are looking for just any job to carry on in life. If we preach morality and sincerity to people who cannot feed their families we would be deceiving ourselves.

Let the people win! The war on corruption would have to be streamlined in such a way that the women with the blindfold and the scales would visit anyone who is guilty of infraction.

The current situation in which the fight is one-sided gives the entire battle a dubious outlook. While doing this living standards should be improved just a social welfare.

Infrastructure and support services should be elevated to the highest level possible to make stealing less attractive to the average civil servant.

The wage regime across the country particularly in the public sector is equivalent to slave wages. Most public officers cannot meet their basic obligations with the salary they earn from their workplace.

Let the people win! Education is a big issue. The educational system is so distorted these days that we hardly know where to start from.

The federal government should stop establishing more universities. The

existing ones should be granted relative autonomy so that they may generate enough funds for self-sustenance.

The strikes in the universities have become an annual ritual. The truth is government is no longer in a position to fund all the universities. There are too many things competing for attention.

Let the people win! If the people win let inflation be tackled head on. Women and traders all complain that prices are never stable.

Whereas prices of commodities keep going up, we cannot say the same for wages or incomes.

We have not become sophisticated enough as to adjust salaries to inflation rates. So the quality of life continues to deteriorate at an alarming level.

Let the people win. If the people win, there will be no contest or violence at the polls. It is when there is a thwarting of the will of the people that the people react. And when they react, it is often out of proportion.

However violence is not the answer. If the people feel shortchanged they should defend their votes through legal means and ensure that their PVCs do count at the end of the day.

All contestants therefore have a great responsibility on their shoulders: they must ensure that the power of the ballot box is respected with a view to entrenching democracy in the land. I wish all Nigerians a good time with whoever gets the nod of Nigerians.

Experts call for efforts to eradicate Africa's healthcare perils, commend China's support

ADDIS ABABA

AFRICAN healthcare experts and policymakers, who gathered in Ethiopia's capital Addis Ababa as part of a high-level continental meeting, called for collective efforts to effectively eradicate major healthcare perils in Africa.

The experts and policymakers made the joint call during a two-day high-level meeting that brought together the African Union (AU), the Africa Center for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC), and the World Health Organization (WHO).

The event was aimed to share information on the Ebola virus disease preparedness, vaccines and therapeutics, as well as the spread of major public-health perils. Deputy Chairperson of the AU, Thomas Kwesi Quartey, told African healthcare experts and policymakers that the disproportionate burden of disease faced by Africa, coupled with inadequate health systems and the shortage of health personnel across the continent, "remained a major challenge."

"Overcoming these challenges requires collective efforts both for Africa as a continent and our partners to build the Africa we want as articulated in the Agenda 2063," the AU deputy chairperson said.

According to Quartey, Africa must adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to the health problems it is facing, with particular emphasis on the diseases cross-border nature. Quartey further assured "the strong commitment of the African Union Commission to creating the synergy needed to maximize the impact of our interventions for disease control and prevention in Africa." Deputy Executive Director of the UN Economic Commission for Africa's (ECA), Giovanni Biha, also stressed that a committed political leadership, institutional strengthening, investments in

health systems, community health and awareness are all crucial to the eradication of the disease from the continent.

The ECA deputy chief said "Africa cannot build strong and resilient health systems without adequately investing in hard and soft health infrastructure, including the provision of right numbers of health personnel both in urban and rural areas."

"Biha, who noted that Africa needs to mobilize adequate resources for strong and resilient health systems, also indicated that strategic partnerships, including the role of the private sector, are also critical for a coordinated multi-sectoral response to health challenges in Africa."

She also reiterated the ECA's commitment to healthcare in Africa within the broad framework of economic and social development.

"As a premier knowledge institution, we are building on our unique position and privilege to bring global solutions to Africa's challenges, including Ebola and taking local solutions to the continent," the deputy executive director said.

The call made by the AU and ECA deputy heads is also shared by the Chairperson of the Governing Board of Africa CDC, Amir Aman, who urged AU member states as well as its partners to share important and latest information on Ebola and other major healthcare perils.

Aman, who is also Ethiopia's Minister of Health, said that if Africa is to save lives by preventing disease outbreaks "we have to share crucial information because without a healthy population we cannot move the continent forward."

"The meeting, which concluded on Saturday, created common understanding about the current state of the Ebola virus disease vaccines and drugs, including evidence and practical considerations for application, it



File photo shows local medical staff receive training from Chinese doctors on Ebola treatment in Monrovia, Liberia. (File photo)

was noted.

Africa's fight against the life-threatening impacts of the Ebola virus, which was widely considered as Africa's major cross-border public-health threat in recent years in particular, was "significantly" backed by the support from China, Director of the Africa CDC, John Nkengasong, told Xinhua on the sidelines of the high-level meeting.

The latest 10th Ebola Virus Outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) is said to be the second largest outbreak of the deadly virus, after the outbreak that hit West Africa in 2015.

Speaking of China's contribution to Africa's efforts in taming such problems, Nkengasong said that China has deployed experts in neighboring countries of the DRC, which the director said is

"important support to detect and stop the spread of the Ebola virus."

"The Chinese government has deployed experts in neighboring countries in Uganda and other countries," he said. "It is very important that we are focusing not only in DRC but we are also focusing in the neighboring countries, just in case the virus escapes," he said. He also noted that China has been supporting the Africa CDC

which has been taking various activities as part of the response efforts to the latest Ebola outbreak in the DRC.

With regard to China's support to the development of Africa CDC, the director said that two Chinese experts are working together with African experts at the headquarters of Africa CDC to develop the center.

Xinhua

Breaking Africa's cycle of forced displacement

BYTSION TADESSE ABEBE

CHILDREN make up 59% of Africa's refugees and 50% of its internally displaced people. And while forced displacement continues to steal the childhoods of millions of Africans, adults aren't moving fast enough to resolve the continent's ongoing conflicts.

Fifty years ago, the mass displacement of people due to liberation struggles led to the adoption of the 1969 Organisation of African Unity (OAU) Convention Governing the Specific Aspects of Refugee Problems in Africa. At the time, there were 700 000 refugees in Africa. This is 58% of the 1.2 million refugees currently in Uganda alone.

Africa is home to at least 20.3 million forcibly displaced people - made up of 6.3 million refugees and 14 million internally displaced people. Forced displacement has soared over the past 50 years, driven largely by conflict. Current displacements have more to do with conflicts within states than between states, which was the case when the OAU convention came into being.

To achieve the 'Africa we want' by 2063, tackling the root causes of forced displacement is critical. This is recognised by the African Union (AU), which debated the issue on the sidelines of its 32nd summit earlier this month. Five more events are planned this year to mark the AU's 2019 focus on finding solutions to forced displacement.

A humanitarian summit and advocacy for better implementation of the OAU refugee convention and internally displaced people convention are also intended.

In 2017, half of the world's 20 violent conflicts were in Africa. Affected countries and regions included the Central African Republic, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), across the Lake Chad Basin (due to Boko Haram), Ethiopia (inter-ethnic rivalry), Somalia and Kenya (due to al-Shabaab), South



Numbers of refugees and internally displaced are at an all-time high, only political will can stop this trend. File photo

Sudan and Sudan. Drivers of these conflicts include poverty, economic hardship, poor governance, marginalisation of the youth, and election-related violence. Most forcibly displaced people are found in places experiencing violent conflicts. While the conflict in South Sudan has led to 2.4 million refugees and two million internally displaced people, over 800 000 refugees have fled the DRC and 4.5 million have become internally displaced. From Somalia, one million refugees have fled and 2.6 million are internally displaced.

The conflict in Nigeria has created 230 000 refugees and 2.4 million internally displaced people. In October 2018, Ethiopia - a country hosting over 900 000 refugees including from South Sudan and Somalia - had 2.8 million internally displaced people of its own, although the Ethiopian government announced recently that one million had returned home.

The link between conflict and displacement is well established - but why has the continent failed to address its conflicts? For one, Africa hasn't focused enough on conflict prevention and resolution. This

is due to a lack of resources and political will, among other things. Most efforts have instead focused on conflict management - suppressing or eliminating overt violence to reduce suffering after a conflict has erupted. The result is the deployment of peacekeeping operations. Seven of the world's 14 UN peacekeeping missions are in Africa. Despite huge investment in these missions, their effectiveness is hard to measure.

So what needs to be done to address the root causes of conflicts and displacement? Conflict resolution and prevention efforts require national dialogues and related instruments of political settlement. This aligns with the fourth goal of Agenda 2063, which highlights the need for dialogue-centred conflict prevention and the management and resolution of existing conflicts. It also goes well with initiatives such as 'silencing the guns by 2020'.

The roadmap for 'silencing the guns' recognises the importance of 'addressing the plight of internally displaced people and refugees and eliminating the root causes of this phenomenon by fully implement-

ing continental and universal frameworks'.

Silencing the guns is an important step in ensuring that the burden of conflict isn't transferred to Africa's next generation. But despite its noble vision, the initiative faces enormous implementation challenges. These include a lack of democracy and human rights in many African countries, a lack of economic opportunities to enable especially the youth to earn a living, and the abundance of arms.

The ongoing AU reform process may help address some of these problems, assuming the continental body becomes more effective and achieves its goals of institutional restructuring, self-financing, and reducing the number of summits. The self-financing scheme has already enabled the peace fund to raise US\$84 million in Africa, and 75% of this funding will be used for mediation and preventive diplomacy.

Resolving Africa's conflicts isn't just about

resources though. Political will is arguably more important. The unexpected resolution of the Ethiopia-Eritrean border conflict in 2018 illustrates this. Political transformation in Ethiopia and the related change of discourse and perception between the two governments significantly transformed the conflict.

The 2019 AU theme, focusing on the plight of forcibly displaced Africans, can raise awareness about the need to address conflicts, which in turn can build political will. The fact that children make up a huge portion of forcibly displaced people shows that Africa is being robbed of its future. When children are condemned to refugee camps instead of going to school, the conditions are ripe for creating a lost generation of Africans. They also provide fertile ground for the cycle of conflict and displacement to continue.

ISS TODAY

Make Kim-Trump Hanoi summit meaningful

HANOI

HANOI, recognized as a "City for Peace" by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), is gearing up for a crucial meeting to bring lasting peace to the Korean Peninsula.

Hope for tangible progress toward denuclearization of the peninsula has been pinned on the second summit between U.S. President Donald Trump and Kim Jong Un, top leader of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK).

The two-day meeting, which started today, comes less than one year since their landmark Singapore summit last June, the first between incumbent leaders of the two countries since the 1950-53 Korean War.

In a joint statement signed after their meeting, Trump pledged to provide security guarantees to the DPRK while Kim reaffirmed his firm and unwavering commitment to a complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula.

But the follow-up interactions seem to have stalled, with each side accusing the other of dragging their feet and showing bad faith.

The stagnation in talks has been widely attributed to the vague joint statement from the Singapore meeting that is long in rhetoric, short in details. With joint efforts from relevant parties, the political settlement of the Korean Peninsula issue now faces a historic opportunity as a strong momentum for peace has been growing in the region.

To avoid being dismissed as merely another photo opportunity between Kim and Trump, the two countries need to build up mutual trust, address each other's core concerns in a balanced manner, demonstrate sincerity and wisdom, take corresponding actions and make bold and necessary concessions, among others.

The DPRK has taken initial and unilateral steps toward denuclearization by

destroying the tunnels of the Punggri nuclear test site where it conducted all six of its nuclear tests, and a key missile engine facility. The United States need to consider easing up sanctions on the DPRK.

In the run-up to the second summit, both the DPRK and the United States have expressed their optimism over a meaningful outcome. Kim has said his country would live up to its stance of denuclearization and resolving the nuclear issue on the Korean Peninsula through dialogue so as to achieve results that would be welcomed internationally, while Trump said there is "a very good chance that we will make a deal."

Now that Kim and Trump are about to shake hands again, they need to take a further step toward each other in order to reach some concrete results that could serve as a roadmap for the two sides to materialize denuclearization and peacemaking. That is the only way to ensure their second summit is meaningful.

Meanwhile in Vietnam capital, several young men erected three large panels featuring U.S. and DPRK national flags, a dove and an olive branch outside the Cultural Friendship Palace in Hanoi, a Vietnamese government official announced that preparations for the upcoming U.S.-DPRK summit have been complete.

"Our preparations (for the second summit between U.S. President Donald Trump and the top leader of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) Kim Jong Un slated for Feb. 27-28 in Hanoi) have been complete in all fields," Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Le Hoai Trung told reporters Monday at the palace, which acts as the summit's international media center. According to him, preparatory work for the summit, including security, healthcare and communications, has been done very well under the direction and inspection of Vietnamese senior leaders, including Prime Minister Nguyen



In this photo provided by Vietnam News Agency, top leader of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) Kim Jong Un (R F) arrives at Dong Dang railway station in Lang Son Province, Vietnam, on Feb. 26, 2019. Kim arrived in Vietnam Tuesday morning by train for his first official visit to the country and the second summit with U.S. President Donald Trump, Vietnam News Agency reported. (Xinhua)

Xuan Phuc, as well various ministries and sectors.

Regarding security plans, the Vietnamese Ministry of Public Security has instructed different units from central to local levels, and coordinated with the Ministry of Defense and other relevant agencies to devise and implement specific plans.

Security forces of the United States and the DPRK have also joined in to safeguard the summit, and ensure safety of delegates at their accommodations and on the way, the deputy minister said. "Vietnam has flexibility and charm in providing security at the maximum level for the coming summit," he noted.

On Tuesday morning, Hanoi Police Department held a dis-

patching ceremony for all police units, including traffic police and flying squads. Thousands of police officers were mobilized. Following a long procession of high-capacity motorcycles driven by traffic police officers in lemon yellow uniforms were several green-colored armored vehicles with big wheels. Earlier, Hanoi's police chief, lieutenant general Doan Duy Khuong, announced stringent security measures, including around-the-clock watch of important sites across the city, such as Noi Bai International Airport, train and coach stations.

A total of 96 patrol teams were also dispatched to guard and suppress criminal activities everyday from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. At Khuong's request, the Ministry of Public

Security also dispatched 500 mobile police officers to assist Hanoi's police.

Besides police officers at important sites and on roads, Vietnamese soldiers wearing black armors bearing the name "Bomocen" outside their camouflage uniforms can also be seen meticulously scanning every flower pot and expanse of short grass at potential venues for the summit and the hotels U.S. and DPRK delegations may be staying.

Such metal scanning by "Bomocen" young men has taken place at the international media center and JW Marriott Hotel which has received a lot of U.S. equipment and vehicles, including the U.S. presidential state car nicknamed "The Beast" over the past few

days. "Bomocen" is the initials of the Technology Center for Bomb and Mine Disposal under Vietnam's Engineering Command. Concerning healthcare issues, the Ministry of Health has been taking measures to ensure hygiene, disease control, food safety, quarantine, and some major hospitals in Hanoi have been assigned to stand ready for health-related emergencies around the clock, Trung said.

Other preparatory work relating to facilities, infrastructure, communications and protocol have also been complete, although Vietnam "has only 10 days to prepare for the second summit," compared with Singapore having nearly two months to prepare for the first U.S.-DPRK summit in June last year, the deputy minister stressed.

At noon of Sunday, on the pavement in front of Melia Hotel, which has been believed to receive the DPRK delegation, chairman of Hanoi's People Committee (the municipal government) Nguyen Duc Chung, was seen instructing hotel staff to put up long banners featuring iconic images of Hanoi, and place red flowers on the pavement.

"Regarding decorations, we have finished erection of 95 banner clusters, hanging at 3,000 sites of national flags of the three countries (the DPRK, the United States and Vietnam), and erections of 27 large LED screens," Chung told reporters on Monday.

A total of 550 Vietnamese reporters and nearly 3,000 foreign journalists from over 200 foreign media outlets of nearly 40 countries and regions will cover the summit, Vietnamese Minister of Information and Communications Nguyen Manh Hung said.

Xinhua

Modern day slavery rated world's largest single crime industry

UNITED NATIONS

AFTER an exhaustive study of modern day slavery, the Geneva-based International Labour Organization (ILO) concluded there are over 40 million people who are victims of slavery, including 25 million in forced labour and 15 million in forced marriages - with at least 71 percent of them comprising women and girls.

The current figures are reportedly even higher since the release of the 2017 landmark study titled "Global Estimates of Modern Slavery," which was a collaborative effort with the Walk Free Foundation, in partnership with the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

The Chicago-based Safe Haven Network has described human trafficking as "the largest international crime industry-exceeding that of illegal drugs and arms trafficking."

The United States outlawed the importation of African slaves by an act of Congress back in 1807. But it took another 58 years before there was a complete ban on slavery in 1865 following the end of the Civil War.

In the US, modern day slavery and racial discrimination are two sides of the same coin-and racism has raised its ugly head under the nationalistic banner of "white supremacy" under the current demagogic Trump administration.

Still, despite historic milestones, slavery is still prevalent in a variety of disguises-including human trafficking, child soldiers, forced and early child marriages, domestic servitude and migrant labour-both in the global South (read: developing nations) and the global North (read: Western industrialized nations).

The New York Times ran a frontpage story Feb 23 about a billionaire owner of a famous American football team who was charged on two counts of soliciting sex as part of a wide-ranging investigation into prostitution and suspected human trafficking in the US state of Florida.

The bottom line is: modern slavery is very much alive- and thriving- both in the world's poorest and richest countries.

Karolin Seitz, programme officer on corporate accountability, business and human rights at Global Policy Forum based in Bonn, told IPS that modern slavery still persists both in countries of the global South and also in countries of the



global North.

Especially migrant workers, may it be on orange plantations in Italy or Qatar's construction sector, are at risk of coerced into exploitative and forced labor.

She said experience has shown that voluntary commitments by multinational companies are not enough.

Some countries, like the UK with its Anti-Slavery Act, Australia with its Modern Slavery Act or France with its loi de vigilance, have come to the conclusion that only binding rules are appropriate, Seitz added.

As the recent World Health Organization (WHO) report on the health of refugees and migrants in the European Region has shown, migrant workers are more likely to work long hours, in high-risk jobs and without necessary safety measures, and to avoid complaining about hazardous conditions.

Those affected by trafficking or forced labor, said Seitz, are often not recognized by the authorities and therefore have no access to justice. Affected individuals can rarely enforce their claims to pay and

Modern-slavery practices prevent many children from going to school. File photo

compensation.

To eliminate competitive advantages based on modern slavery, human trafficking and environmental pollution, human rights due diligence must go beyond national borders, declared Seitz.

Sharan Burrow, General Secretary, International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC), told IPS that inequality and modern slavery go hand in hand for millions of people.

"Modern slavery is everywhere, from the kafala system in Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates; from cattle ranches in Paraguay to fisheries in Thailand and the Philippines to agriculture in Italy," she noted.

"The supply chains of clothes, food and services consumed globally are trained with forced labour, with migrant workers and indigenous people particularly vulnerable to exploitation," said Burrow, a former President of the Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU)

(2000-2010).

She said ending modern slavery is possible.

"It's a matter of political will to deliver legislative changes and freedom of association, which will be driven by the exposure of scandal and campaigning from workers, consumers and unions. Governments need to stare down corporate pressure, people demand it."

Dima Dabbous, Director of Equality Now's Middle East/North Africa (MENA) office, told IPS the ILO estimates that there are 1.6 million migrant women in the Middle East living under kafala sponsorship.

Situated in the Gulf States, Jordan and Lebanon, these workers are particularly vulnerable because they are located within private homes doing domestic jobs such as cleaner, housekeeper or nanny, and are excluded from local labor regulations.

They are bound to one employer and are unable to resign, move jobs, or leave the country without consent from their sponsor, who is able to threaten deportation if their employee questions the terms of their contract, she added.

"This imbalance in power relations has created a system where employers are able to exploit immigrant household workers with little risk of consequence".

As a result, mistreatment such as restricting movement, withholding payment, and physical and sexual abuse are widespread. In extreme cases women have been murdered, said Dabbous, a former director of the Institute for Women's Studies in the Arab World.

In Lebanon, she said, previous lobbying by local and international NGOs has led to some improvements in the type of labor contract that regulates the work of domestic migrant women, such as imposing a period of weekly rest, employers to pay the wage on a regular basis, helpers who are abused complain to the authorities.

However, none of these "improvements" have made any difference because the new contract was not translated into languages spoken by domestic helpers and was not enforced by the Lebanese government.

"Women have continued having their passports confiscated by their employers, are still being denied a day off per week, and have little possibility of complaining about or reporting abuse."

She said the ILO and other international NGOs (INGOs) should continue their advocacy around the kafala system that binds these migrant women to their employers like slaves.

The international community should also support the local NGOs that work on abolishing or replacing the kafala system.

These NGOs remain very few and underfunded. "The problem is compounded by existing racist attitudes in the Middle East region regarding migrant domestic workers, and this also needs address-

ing," said Dabbous.

Seitz of the Global Policy Forum said while still facing shortcomings and difficulties in their implementation, the laws, however, require big companies to publish statements outlining the risk of slavery in their supply chains and actions taken to address this.

Other countries still believe in voluntary measures. The German National Action Plan for the implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights lacks any liability, also because of the massive lobbying of business associations.

In order to close the gaps and set common and robust standards globally, states should support the current process at the UN Human Rights Council to establish an internationally binding treaty to regulate transnational and other business enterprises with respect to human rights, she said.

It should require states to establish mandatory human rights due diligence for its companies, to hold companies legally accountable for breaching their due diligence in case of human rights violations and to remove barriers to access to justice for victims of human rights violations by transnational corporations, said Seitz.

Burrow of the ITUC said globally, work is more insecure with a predominance of short-term contracts, and both informal work and modern slavery are growing.

Inequality of income and between those who can access decent work drives people to work under exploitative conditions, and the inequality of the relationship between employer and worker stops you being able to exercise your rights.

"Where wages are low and there is no decent work, where there are no unions to represent workers' and defend their rights - we see the conditions which lead to modern slavery", she noted.

The Fight Inequality Alliance of social movements, NGOs and trade unions are deeply concerned by rising inequality and modern slavery.

Ethiopian Airlines to operate an all-female flight to Oslo on international women's day

ADDIS ABABA

ON the 8th of March 2019, Ethiopian Airlines will operate an all-female flight, from Addis Ababa through Stockholm to Oslo to commemorate International Women's Day with the theme "All women functioned flight to operate from the continent of Africa to meet with their counterparts in Europe to show the power of women to the world."

The flight will be operated by the airline's female professionals. From the flight deck to the ground operations

including flight dispatch, load control, ramp operation, onboard logistics, safety and security, as well as air traffic control, everything will be handled entirely by women.

According to Tewolde Gebremariam, the Group CEO of Ethiopian Airlines, the organization is immensely proud to have female trailblazers in every aspect of its aviation field.

"Women are an integral part of our success story from the start and with this dedicated flight, we honour and celebrate their indispensable contribution to our aviation group and the broader

aviation industry, our country and the continent at large," he said.

Operating an all-female flight to celebrate women and promote African women empowerment has become a standard ritual for Ethiopian Airlines which prides itself as a gender-responsive organisation striving to pursue an underlying stance of employment equality. "Although women are Africa's greatest resource, gender inequality still persists in our continent. Therefore, we all need to ensure that women take their rightful position in all human endeavour by creating the right conditions and through all-inclusive engagement models," said Gebremariam.

The airline's first all-female operated flight was in November 2015, from Addis Ababa to Bangkok.

At the time, about a third of its employees were women and an even smaller figure of female pilots and technicians.

But since then, the organization has been dedicated to increasing the number of women in decision making positions on top of key operational areas by consistently grooming and mentoring successful female employees for top managerial, technical and operational positions.

Ethiopian Airlines hopes that by celebrating women this way, more African women and young girls all over the world will be inspired and encouraged to pursue careers in aviation.

Since making history with its first all-female operated flight in 2015, the airline has operated three flights

to Kigali, Lagos, and Buenos Aires, which were operated by female aviation professionals. "We are very proud of these women's achievements and contributions and it is our sincere belief that this will continue with an enhanced magnitude and passion to sustain Ethiopian on its fast growth trajectory."

Ethiopian Airlines is the only African airline with a service that caters to new mothers, with a nursing room equipped with modern amenities like comfortable reclining chairs and refrigerators for storing breast milk.

New mothers also get free electronic breast pumps. It is also the fastest growing and one of the most successful Airlines in Africa with over 70 years of operation.



Rose Funja in the field

Female drone pilots: Moving far from an exception to the rule for women in Tanzania

By Guardian Reporter and Agencies

ROSE Funja, managing director of Agrinfo Social Enterprise, is a leading female drone pilot in her home country of Tanzania and further afield across the African continent.

Not only is Rose a pioneer in her field, but she founded Agrinfo where she has the opportunity to train more women and girls to be drone pilots.

Her story is a best practice in terms of scalability: Rose, like most successful entrepreneurs, started off by identifying a solution to a challenge that she saw in the world of agriculture, namely, women's access to digital tools and Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) subjects.

Although Rose says that she started her social enterprise Agrinfo 'by accident', she went on to win the 2013 Agrihack competition, which gave her initiative unprecedented visibility.

From winning at the national level, Rose and her team also went on to become runners-up at the regional level, where they benefited from mentorship at the innovation hub.

Within a year, Rose became a Mandela Washington Fellow and won a start-up grant from the US state department after attending the Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI) to the developed the 'She Codes for Change' initiative in 2014.

Rose has successfully won a number of other grants, which has allowed her to develop the 'She codes for change' programme and its reach to both rural and urban communities, targeting both young girl students and teachers.

She has recently extended this training in STEM within Impact Hubs and she is one of the driving forces behind opening the very first impact hub for girls in Tanzania.

Despite many advances and successful innovations, Rose is reminded constantly of the need to develop girls and women's competence in this field.

During her school days, she recalls that there were only two women in her high school class and even later at university very few women took STEM courses.

By the time she became a teacher herself, at the University of Bagamoyo, nothing had changed. Additionally, beyond the classroom and training, challenges persist with empowering women within local rural communities.

Often as the only female drone pilot in she is reminded of the ongoing challenges in the field. These can range from adequately preparing for field missions in very remote areas to being stuck with a vehicle break down!

There are also challenges concerning engaging with communities where women are not active participants in discussions and decision-making, although they play a key role in the agricultural development of the community. Rose explained that her presence as the lead on such field visits contrasts significantly with the marginalised position of some of these women.

Rose explains that 'I am in a unique position to gain a deeper understanding of the best interventions and making sure that the community is engaged and understands the work that is being done and how it can be of benefit to them'.

In her perspective: "While it's true that drone flying is a male-dominated field just like most of the STEM careers, I feel like it's also an advantage for the few females that excel in it because they become a priority."

Rose is certainly piloting ahead to make female drone pilots a priority. Through her wide-ranging experience - in academia in Africa and Asia, as well as a social entrepreneur - she has been exposed to Information Communication Technologies (ICTs) and women in many different contexts. For her, she feels that more needs to be done to ensure that African women can access digital tools.

She explained, "opportunities lie in the applications development for the those who already have phones so that the value on phone usage is tremendous to them."

Rural electrification and renewable energy sources is a huge opportunity that is being explored but not to the maximum."

Yet again, she warned that affordability is still a key issue, which remains a barrier for women. She also identified alternative sources of energy, such as solar, as an opportunity for women to improve access to digital tools.

Rose's vast experience gives her a well-rounded understanding of the challenges and opportunities. She highlighted that "When I was teaching I used to advocate for two things, one is practicality of the knowledge that is being shared at the university, and the second is using the knowledge to solve real-life problems especially the community around the university."

In my case, I like to think that I have moved from academics to work on real-life problems and my focus has been on agriculture sector that employs 75% of the Tanzanian population."

Currently launching Tanzania's first Impact Hub for Girls, Rose's message for young women in ICTs is straightforward: "If it has been done before, they too can do it." She added, "Statistically women handle most household chores and when it comes to farming they are the workforce."

Technology gives us the opportunity to automate and gain insights into our activities and agriculture isn't different." In addition, she underlines how challenges can provide opportunities:

"Those who feel the pinch (women) have a better chance of coming out with the solutions to challenges that they face and therefore it's important to take part in the discussion (...) take the front seat in addressing the challenges while armed with the knowledge."

Inclusive approach key in making effective legislations in managing natural resources

By Guardian Correspondent

STAKEHOLDERS in the wildlife resources have suggested the need for the government to come up with people-centred approaches in making effective and workable legislations in managing the country's natural resources.

They were speaking recently in Dar es Salaam during Policy Forum's monthly breakfast debate themed "Challenges of Managing Natural Resources with Conflicting Legislation: The Case of the Wildlife Act No. 5, 2009".

Some of the key players, who attended the forum, included members of the Tanzania Parliamentarians Friends of Environment (TAPAFE).

One of the players Virajilal Jitu Son, who is an MP for Babati, an area which is close to a number of wildlife sanctuaries-- Burunge wildlife management area (WMA), Tarangire and Lake Manyara national parks.

The lawmaker said that studies have shown that despite the fact that Tanzania is a resource-rich nation, but throughout the country's history its natural resource wealth has not translated into economic well-being due to low level of awareness.

"There is need for empowering our people on how they can effectively take part in the formulation of various laws and legislations," said Jitu, who also a member of TAPAFE.

According to him, the enacted laws and legislations were super good, but the challenge is on how people are involved in formulating them. "In most cases, they are mainly done by the

minister responsible and few selected people. To me, I see as a challenge that needs to be addressed."

He added: "People should be taught on the impacts of the laws and regulations which were going to be implemented for them."

Another TAPAFE member, Yusuf Salim Hussein urged the government and other stakeholders enacting laws, regulations and legislation to ensure they translate them into Swahili language to be well understood by the common Tanzanians who were most affected when implemented.

He also advised the authorities responsible with land matters to allocate land according to the different usages.

For example, he said that in order to address the conflict between farmers and pastoralists, the government should allocate land for farming and pastoralists.

Hussein further called upon the government to involve the citizenry when preparing for land laws from the grassroots because they touch their daily lives. For him doing so would in one way or another address land conflicts with investors, national parks, mining companies and other players.

"There is also a need to have inclusive process so as to come up with law, regulations and land policies agreed by all stakeholders," he urged.

Edward Lekaita, programme Co-ordinator at Ujamaa Community Resource Team (UCRT) also said advised the government to ensure the natural resource laws are integrated (give communities more rights and flexibility to explore more benefit from forest, wild-

life, land and other natural resources without impediment/barriers.

Lekaita who is also a member of ILC Global Council representing Africa suggested the need for communities to be given more power and control to manage natural resources including wildlife.

He also suggested the need for having national dialogues to enhance learning and discussions between government, communities, civil society organizations (CSOs) and private sector on management of natural resources on regular basis.

"There is also a need to build capacity of key institution, to be able to improve both management and governance natural resources; and make the process more inclusive and transparent," the UCRT official said.

Lekaita also suggested the need to ensure natural resource management (NRM) policy and legislative on making process are inclusive and must be done in collaborative manner.

"And this should not be done by the government alone, or with few privileged class of society. Make it people-centered process and citizens; must be at the centre and key drivers in the entire process," he urged.

He further called on the translation of the important policy; regulations and laws on NRM for ease follow up and better understanding.

According to him, the Ministry for Natural Resources and Tourism needs to ensure proper coordination with other ministries. There is also need for more cross sectoral natural resource management policy and governance.



Agriculture minister Japhet Hasunga (2nd-L) congratulates Reliance Group Ltd managing director Stephen Msaki shortly after launching Sonalika tractors in Dar es Salaam yesterday. The firm is the authorised distributor of the tractors, whose deployment is meant to boost agriculture in Tanzania. Looking on are Kinondoni District Commissioner Daniel Chongolo (L) and Sajal Bagga, a senior manager with Indian manufacturer International Tractors Ltd. Photo: John Badi

Little Cab continues expansion plans in Africa

By Guardian Reporter and Agencies

KENYAS ride-hailing service, Little Cab is set to increase its reach in Africa by setting up in Ghana and Tanzania. This was announced by the company's Chief Executive Officer, Kamal Budhabhatti.

Kamal mentioned that the company would start operations in Tanzania's commercial capital Dar es Salaam from next week and plans to launch in Accra by May.

This expansion is in line with the company's plan to spread its wings across all African countries. The ride-hailing ser-

vice has been able to expand its services to Uganda and Zambia within the space of two years and hopes to get across to more African countries.

Unlike other rival car-hailing services, Little Cab encourages its drivers to offer services other than driving as a source of additional income.

"Our drivers are agents, they can sell insurance to you, they can sell [mobile] airtime, they can pay light and/or water bills, they can do all those little things around that increases that income," Kamal said.

Little Cab is using this expansion as an opportunity to seek for more in-

vestments for the ride-hailing service. The company plans to raise about \$50 million from its investors to develop technology and to continue expansion across African countries.

"We are meeting a couple of investors, both on the continent and in Silicon Valley. The interest is there," Kamal said.

Little Cab started operations in Kenya in 2016 with backing from Safaricom, Kenya's biggest telecoms operator. Its entry into the local online taxi-hailing space sparked off a price war that marked it against Uber and Taxify, both of which have a strong following in the East African country.

Mobile health service provides pregnancy, maternal life-saving information – Part 1

By Guardian Reporter

THE Healthy Pregnancy, Healthy Baby (HPHB) text messaging service is a mobile health (mHealth) value added service (VAS) currently available across four major mobile network operators (MNOs) in Tanzania - Airtel, Tigo, Vodacom and Zantel.

The service is owned by the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children (MoHCDGEC), managed by Cardno Tanzania under the mHealth Tanzania Public Private Partnership.

With funding from the United States Government Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), HPHB enables all mobile phone owners, and their families and friends, to have access to vital health and nutrition information via their phones by short message service (SMS).

The HPHB service has been available in Swahili as a free service to the end users since its launch in 2012. As of November 2017, over 1,800,000 users have cumulatively received over 115 million messages through the service.

Service users have access to a variety of content, covering prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT) of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), family planning, antenatal and postpartum care (including nutrition and danger signs).

The service also provides subscribers with pregnancy and child development milestones, as well as reminders of essential healthcare services.

The content is scheduled based on user profiles, which ensures relevance and timeliness of the service.

The GSMA has partnered with the mHealth Tanzania PPP since 2014 on various aspects of the HPHB service. In 2016, the expansion of existing content to include maternal and newborn nutrition information was made possible by the GSMA mNutrition Initiative, funded by UK aid (the UK Department for International Development, DFID).

In addition to the development of localised nutrition content, the GSMA provided service diagnostics and consultancy to identify opportunities to enhance the HPHB service user experience.

The GSMA has also provided in kind monitoring and evaluation (M&E)



support to investigate the pathway towards desired nutrition outcomes - namely improved nutrition knowledge and practices.

This case study highlights the key learnings from GSMA's engagement.

The HPHB service, otherwise known as Wazazi Nipendeni (Swahili for 'my parents love me'), is a MoHCDGEC owned, nationally available SMS service offering free maternal and early

childcare health and nutrition information to subscribers on all leading mobile networks in Tanzania.

The core mandate of the service is to promote healthy pregnancies and proper early childcare practices through the provision of timely content tailored for pregnant women, mothers with children up to age five and their supporters and caregivers.

The first version of the HPHB service was launched in 2012, with a strong focus on HIV testing and driving safer deliveries by promoting appropriate antenatal care amongst pregnant women.

In 2015, the scope of content was expanded to include postnatal care and in 2017 the service re-launched with a complete content refresh, shifting focus to include more comprehensive nutrition content for the same target group.

The HPHB service was also embedded onto the newly developed Ministry of Health (MoH) mHealth platform, which currently houses several other mHealth services.⁷

Users find text-based self-registration challenging, whilst assisted registrations had a high success rate. Usability tests were conducted with 12 users, during which all failed to complete the subscription on their own via SMS or USSD in this way before.

CHWs who are trained on how to register users on their phones were slightly more successful in registering users. They were also more likely to persevere through the challenges resulting from poor connectivity.

Maintaining a 2G connection to complete a USSD registration is quite challenging, especially in rural areas.

Despite the challenges faced by end-users, self-registrations make up 39 per cent of total registrations to HPHB, making it a viable option for registration.

"I've never subscribed to anything on my phone like this before," said one user from rural setting.

"I would sign up with the CHW because they are at my house showing me how to sign up," said another rural user.

Low technical literacy amongst CHWs could be improved through extended, more frequent training on registration mechanisms. CHWs tend to lack confidence when navigating USSD menus and often face the additional challenge of not knowing how to operate different types of mobile devices.

This hinders their ability to successfully assist users in registering for the service. The majority of the interviewed CHWs felt that more comprehensive and frequent training on service registration and content would

greatly benefit them:

At launch, the HPHB service offered open source content from the Mobile Alliance for Maternal Action (MAMA). This content catered to the needs of pregnant women, and mothers with children up to five years old, as well as supporters of pregnant women and new mothers (partners, friends and relatives).

The initial offering covered a broad range of topics including some basic messages on nutrition, mainly focusing on appropriate breastfeeding practices.

The creation of localised and validated mobile-ready nutrition content was completed under the GSMA mNutrition Initiative. The Centre for Agriculture and Biosciences International (CABI) was contracted to

lead and manage the Global Content Partners (GCP), a consortium of partners responsible for content development, across several markets, including Tanzania.

In total, 990 SMS messages and 312 voice transcripts were developed based on initial nutrition landscape and validated, of which a total of 128 SMS messages were selected, with support from the MoHCDGEC and The Tanzania Food and Nutrition Centre (TFNC), to be integrated into the existing HPHB service. From February 2016 (initial nutrition content launch) to November 2017 over 2.8 million nutrition messages were sent to users.

Involving existing working groups in the content development process saves time and also strengthens the capacity of local partners to develop more user-centric content in the future.

In Tanzania, there was no need to create a dedicated working group to oversee content development because the service was able to work with the existing Social and Behaviour Change Communication Technical Working group (SBCC TWG).

Involving this group in several steps along the content development process also strengthened its capacity to develop more user-centric content in the future.

Key learnings on the process of developing quality content for the HPHB service include:

- Factually correct content is essential, but a user-centric design approach to content development is key. Content was developed on nutrition factsheets, which resulted in high accuracy.

However such content was not suitable for key target audiences. Upon integration of earlier content batches, additional stylisation was necessary to ensure that messages were accurate, actionable, clear, useful and relevant for HPHB target audiences.

- Based on insights around the needs, concerns, motives, values and aspirations of the key target audiences were critical when tailoring messages for different audiences.

User personas were used in the development of later batches of content, which resulted in improved quality and ease of integration of these content batches into the service.

Several investigations were carried out with end-users during the content development process. Potential pitfalls identified through user testing include:

- A deep understanding of cultural norms avoids creating content that can develop mistrust in the service.

In one region of Tanzania, a message promoting the practice of expressing milk was a direct violation of cultural practice and was not acceptable behaviour in this region.

This kind of advice can result in users not implementing the practice and in the worst case users can develop a distrust towards the service.

Although there may often be a desire to overcome cultural misconceptions around certain appropriate nutrition practices, this should not come at the cost of trust in the service.

- Unclear communication of related nutrition practices can cause confusion amongst users. When testing content, the promotion of salt iodation was perceived to conflict with the promotion of reducing salt intake in general.

The promotion of fortified foods seemingly conflicts with the promotion of consuming "whole" foods and "natural" foods.

Similarly, the promotion of iron supplements can be nullified by communicating the possible side effects of iron supplements without reinforcing the benefits.

"In my understanding we are not advised to use a lot of salt when you are pregnant. So it should not say that," said a certain user, rural.

- Use of plain language with simple terms that the local target audience of all education levels can understand is essential.

Technical terms and concepts are not always understood by end-users. Content testing activities showed that some vocabulary (e.g. fortified or iodine) was new to users and resulted in a reduction in overall message comprehension.

"I don't know what this word [obesity] means, but I would like to know," declared one user, rural.

"I've never heard of this [iodized salt] before. What does it mean?" - User, rural.



Consultant to Manage Data Collection

The USAID-funded Health Policy Plus (HP+) project provides technical support to the Government of Tanzania in health policy formulation and implementation. HP+ is seeking a qualified Tanzanian consultant to manage a field trial and data collection efforts related to an HP+ analysis on improving uptake and yield of HIV testing services among under-reached populations through monetary or non-monetary incentives.

Areas of Expertise

- Data collection and management expertise with demonstration of success in Tanzania in the areas of health services, HIV, and economics
- Quantitative research skills, including data analysis and interpretation

The successful candidate will work closely with HP+, MOHCDGEC, PORALG, USAID implementing partners and public health facility staff in implementation of the feasibility study at 3-5 health facilities including training of data collectors, collection, management and cleaning of the data. The period of performance is from April to August 2019. Compensation will be commensurate with experience.

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BUSINESS

REVENUE

Tax man stalks cash gifts from SA's record PowerBall winner

JOHANNESBURG

The winner of the record PowerBall jackpot will have to carefully weigh up how much - if any - money to give to friends and family because the tax man will likely want a cut.

The winner came forward yesterday to claim the PowerBall prize from the Tuesday, February 19, draw. While the massive win of R232m will likely be free from income tax if the winner is a casual gambler, any gifts to friends and family will likely attract tax, says the Cape Town tax department of ENSAfrica.

One ticket sold in South Carolina matched all six numbers in the Mega Millions lottery draw for a record-setting \$1.6 billion jackpot, the state's lottery says.

"In terms of paragraph 60 to the eighth schedule of the Income Tax Act, a taxpayer who is a natural person (i.e. excluding inter alia juristic persons such as companies) must disregard any gain or loss in respect of a disposal relating to any form of gambling, gaming or competition, where such gambling, game or competition is authorised by, and conducted in terms of, the laws of South Africa.

"In effect therefore, any gain derived from an authorised gambling activity, realised by a taxpayer who is a natural person, will be disregarded for income tax purposes," the ENSAfrica department said in a statement.

Gifts of cash

The law firm was careful to note the 2019 budget review from February 20 "which may in future lead to additional tax considerations on gambling winnings." However, the picture changes significantly should the winner decide to show some love and shower friends and family with cash.

ENS said: "Where amounts are donated between individuals,

dividends tax is payable by the donor (i.e. the lottery winner) at a rate of 20% on the value of the property donated as does not exceed R30m, and 25% on any value exceeding R30m.

"In a year of assessment, so much of the sum of the value of all the property disposed under donations by a donor who is a natural person is exempt to the extent that same does not exceed R100 000.

"Although the liability for donations tax rests on the donor, where the donor fails to make payment of the amount due within the prescribed period, the recipient will be held jointly and severally liable for the tax."

On the other hand, should the winner decide to leave the cash in a saving account and live off the interest, there may also be a significant tax bill. "Interest income earned on capital amounts invested in a savings account will be included in the annually determined income of the taxpayer, and thus subject to income tax (net allowable deductions) at marginal rates of up to 45%," said ENSAfrica.

ENSAfrica added this disclaimer: "Our responses below should accordingly not be construed as formal advice. Our views below reflect our interpretation and application of the relevant provisions contained in the Income Tax Act, No. 58 of 1962 ('Income Tax Act')."



PROGRESS

Eastern Africa Grain Council wants closer ties with agriculture ministry in addressing operational challenges

By Beatrice Philemon

CHALLENGES facing the country's grain producing industry have forced Eastern Africa Grain Council (EAGC) to seek partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives to address them.

EAGC's Communications Officer, Fredrick Costa said in Dar es Salaam yesterday that grain producers are facing many problems including reducing costs of production and availability of markets.

Costa said other challenges facing the grain producing family are increasing post-harvest losses, use of poor quality seeds, lack of value addition technologies and poor infrastructure to stimulate growth and boost contribution to gross domestic product.

"We met with Ministry officials last month in Dodoma during we discussed plans to address these challenges," he noted saying that in order to have effective communication between the ministry and EAGC officials, they agreed to have private sector desk at the ministry.

"This desk will be dealing with the main challenges facing the private sector in terms of availability of hybrid seeds, agricultural inputs, access to funding and markets, among others," the EAGC Communications Officers added.

Since year 2006, the EAGC has played a leading role to deliver value and benefits to its members who include grain farmers or producers, traders, processors as well as other stakeholders who take part in the industry.

Last year, EAGC played a key role in persuading the government to remove value added tax imposed on imported soya cake which is one of major and scarce ingredient for animal feeds which has led to affordable animal feed products.

"But the VAT waiver also helped increase government revenue due an increase in the number of livestock being kept but also import duty paid on the soya cake," Costa pointed out. He

Grain Sector in E. Africa



MAIN GRAINS/CEREALS

- MAIZE
- WHEAT
- RICE
- BEANS
- TEFF
- SORGHUM
- MILLET
- FINGER MILLET
- SOYA BEANS
- SIMSIM..etc...



An African map depicting the grain sector in East Africa.

also listed other achievements made in 2018 as several policy advocacy successes, capacity building of smallholder farmers through training with over 300 involved.

"We also enabled these farmers attend the 6th Agribusiness Expo in Aru-

sha organized by EAGC and Selian Agricultural Research Institute where they showcased their merchandise but also learnt from other exhibitors," the EAGC spokesperson underlined.

The EAGC which is backed by Alliance for Green Revolution in Africa,

also managed to build capacity of 95,651 maize and soya farmers from Ithemi - Ludewa cluster and linked them with a local buyer, Silverland Limited which bought the commodity at 310/- per kilogram compared to 220/- per kg in 2017.

FRUSTRATIONS

Kibo Energy seeks TanESCO clarification after bid to sell coal fired power rejected

By Guardian Reporter

STATE owned power utility, TanESCO's decision to reject a bid from Kibo Energy Plc to buy electricity from the company's Mbeya coal plant has frustrated the company which now want to get clarification.

In a statement said had Kibo's bid proved successful, it would have seen TanESCO buy electricity from the company's Mbeya project - a 250-350MW mouth-of-mine thermal power station in the southern highlands region.

The company said TanESCO gave no explanation as to why it Kibo did not qualified for the next round of the tender process. "Kibo Energy Plc has been dealt a blow after receiving notice from TanESCO that it will not be buying any electricity produced at the company's Mbeya Coal to power project in Tanzania," the statement stated.

London Stock Exchange (LSE)'s alternative investment market listed company owns a thermal coal deposit in Mbeya where it is developing a power generating plant of between 250-350 megawatt mouth-of-mine thermal power station.

It said its bid was in reaction to the government's tender seeking to add another 600 megawatts of coal power capacity to the country's electricity grid through state-owned TanESCO which invited bidders last year. After a brief delay in the tender process, Kibo submitted its application back in December last year.

But Kibo said it received notice from TanESCO earlier this month stating that it has not qualified to compete in the next stage of the bidding process.

"TANESCO did not supply the company with any reasons or explanation for its decision in their notification letter," said chief executive Louis Coetzee.

"The company is currently seeking very urgent clarification and explanation from TanESCO in this regard, where after the company will consider its next course of action," Coetzee said. Kibo shares were down 36 percent to 1.07p in mid-morning trading on Thursday last week.

Kibo Energy is listed on the AIM market in London and the AltX in Johannesburg. The company is focused on the development of thermal coal power projects in Tanzania, Botswana and Mozambique.



An illustration of Kibo Energy Plc's Mbeya Coal Plant.

INVESTMENT

Kenyan fin-tech Tulaa fetches \$627,000 seed capital from Indian investors

NAIROBI

Beyond Capital has announced its latest investment of \$627,000 investment to fund Tulaa's continued expansion in Kenya and for further development of Tulaa's digital platform.

Beyond Capital, an impact investment fund that invests in for-profit social enterprises throughout India and East Africa has announced its investment in Tulaa, a mobile commerce solution that connects agricultural-input suppliers, financial service providers, and commodity buyers to smallholder farmers.

Incubated inside of influential information and communications provider Esoko and launched in Kenya in 2017, the solution leverages mobile technology to enable farmers to save and borrow to purchase inputs, receive tailored agronomic advice, and market their crops at harvest time.

With this technology-based solution, Tulaa lowers the cost and risk for input suppliers, banks, and off-takers to transact with rural customers and suppliers in Africa. A growing social enterprise, Tulaa is committed to reinvesting returns into the business, to scale quickly and maximize impact on rural communities. They aspire to become the leading virtual marketplace

for rural Africa.

"Tulaa tackles the issues of financial inclusion and food security at the same time," said Eva Yazhari, CEO of Beyond Capital Fund. "We are particularly excited about Tulaa's ability to prevent loan diversion among smallholder farmers, and ultimately, provide market linkage to improve their creditworthiness and incomes."

Beyond Capital's initial contribution to the \$627,000 seed round of investment will be disbursed to fund Tulaa's continued expansion in Kenya and for further development of Tulaa's digital platform. Their investment will be matched by the Eckenstein Geigy Foundation.

"We are thrilled to have Beyond Capital on board," said Hillary Miller-Wise, Founder and CEO of Tulaa. "The consortium brings not only capital, but also a terrific mix of experience and knowledge globally as well as in the Kenyan market. Combined with the team of committed and passionate people who we have been fortunate to attract, the added experience of the investors positions us extremely well for continued growth."

Tulaa recently announced expansion into Nyandarua County in Central Kenya, home to 170k potato farmers which will support farmers to get access to quality inputs on credit and to find fair and transparent markets for their produce.



Hillary Miller-Wise, Founder and CEO of Tulaa speaks at a past meeting.

PESSIMISM

Coffee farmers seek govt support amid falling prices

KIGALI

The income that coffee farmers earn from the produce is set to reduce after the farmgate price for a kilogramme of coffee cherries dropped from Rwf267 in 2018 to Rwf190 this season. The new price was announced last week by the National Agricultural Export Development Board (NAEB).

Theopiste Nyiramahoro, the President of Rwanda Coffee Cooperatives' Federation (RCCF), told The New Times that the farmers have no other option, but to accept what the market offers them, hence appealing for measures to contain market volatilities.

Some farmers started harvesting their produce this month while others will harvest from March through June 2019. "The price is not good, but because there is no other alternative, we accept that as we don't have anywhere to sell it," she said, adding that the new price will reduce farmers' profits.

Celestin Gatarayihya, the Coffee Division Manager at NAEB, said that the price on international market had dropped from \$3.3 per kilogramme in 2018 to \$2.2 per kilogramme in 2019.

"The farmgate price may change if there is change on the international market," he said. He added: "Again when we fix the farmgate price we also consider the cost of production at the different levels of the coffee value chain. For example, for a farmer to produce one kilogramme of cherries they need to invest Rwf177. If they get Rwf190, they make a small profit." Nyiramahoro says that NAEB should diversify the country's coffee market.

"If our coffee was consumed domestically, even if there was a financial crisis [at the international market], we would be cushioned against the shocks by the domestic market

consumption," she said.

Max Veglio, the Managing Director of Rwacof Exports Limited, a Rwandan based coffee processing and exporting company, told The New Times that international coffee prices had been falling over the last three years.

"It's very difficult to sell Rwandan coffee in large volumes using the old minimum price because other countries become extremely

competitive," he said, citing Colombia and Ethiopia.

He said that reducing the price on the local market was a tactic to make Rwandan coffee competitive on the international market. Veglio said coffee supply on the international market outstrips demand.

Rwanda exported 23,000 tonnes of coffee in the financial year 2017/2018, generating \$67 million. It produced

24,500 tonnes in 2018/2019 which are expected to generate \$75 million, according to figures from NAEB.

José Dauster Sette, the Executive Director of the International Coffee Organisation (ICO), said that: "We are seeing record exports from producing countries, stocks in the world are increasing, and with all these factors put together, that means there is a lot of coffee on the market and it is

difficult to predict that prices will rise significantly."

Sette, who was talking to journalists at a recent news conference in Kigali, said that the annual coffee produced in the world is estimated at 162 million bags of 60 kilogrammes each, and Africa represents between 11 and 12 per cent of that global supply.



Rwandan coffee farmers weighing their produce.

APPLAUSE

Relief as Vodacom withholds attempt to impose R49 charge on roll over data

JOHANNESBURG

From the beginning of March, South Africans will be able to roll over data to the following month, according to new rules implemented by the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (Icasa).

Vodacom was planning to charge R5 to roll over 100 megabytes (mb) in data, R12 to roll over data between 100mb and 250mb, R19 to roll over data between 250mb and 500mb and R29 for data between 500mb and 1GB. For 1GB and above, Vodacom was planning R49. 1GB data costs R149 at Vodacom.

On Monday morning, clients slammed Vodacom, saying it had tried to find a loophole in the new rules adopted by Icasa from March 1st. Vodacom soon deactivated the webpage which displayed its rollover data prices and said it is currently reviewing their rollover pricing.

"[We] will communicate this on the planned launch date (March 1st)," Vodacom told Business Insider South Africa.

Telkom and MTN are not charging anything to roll over data. Both companies told Business Insider SA that they had no intention of charging for the service.

Cell C said it charges a fee based on dynamic pricing where the costs depend on the amount of data extended. A consumer who, for example, has 763MB data will, therefore, pay R763 to extend it with one day, R15.26 to extend it for seven days, and R22.89 to extend it for 30 days.

CONTROVERSY

Botswana proposes hunting and trade as elephant population declines

GABORONE

The results of the recent and most extensive elephant population survey of Botswana estimates the country's population at 126 000 elephants, a further decline from 131 600 reported in 2014. The report shows repeated evidence of significant increases in elephant poaching in four hotspots in Northern Botswana, which started a media storm last year.

This report by Elephants without Borders (EWB) comes after the cabinet sub-committee presented their pro hunting report to President Mokgweetsi Masisi on Thursday last week, which proposes not only lifting the hunting ban, but also the introduction of regular elephant culling and associated elephant meat canning industry for pet food, as well as closing certain

wildlife migratory routes.

Botswana government earlier submitted a proposal to CITES in preparation for the CoP18 meeting in May this year, asking to amend the CITES listing of the African savannah elephant to allow for trade in hunting trophies, live animals and registered (government-owned) stocks of raw ivory.

According to the African Elephant Status report (2016), Botswana's elephant population declined by 15% in the preceding 10 years. This report clearly shows that Botswana's elephant population is not increasing, as is often suggested in political and hunting corridors. Although its population is still the largest in Southern Africa, it's actually 100 000 less than the 237 000 often quoted by politicians and the media in Botswana. In attempts to justify culling and

hunting.

The EWB elephant population of 126 000 is based on a region-wide aerial survey, covering a larger area than any previous study by EWB. The joint EWB and DWNP team flew over a period of 62 days, recording more than 32 000 km of transects and covering over 100 000 km² of Botswana, including and surrounding Wildlife Management Areas, Okavango Delta and Moremi Game Reserve, and the pastoral areas in Ngamiland, Chobe and the Central Districts.

Four elephant poaching hotspots revealed in Northern Botswana

Since the last survey in 2014, the EWB research team discovered a steep increase in the number of fresh and recent elephant carcasses, i.e. elephants that died within the last year of both natural causes and poaching.

The EWB team confirmed that of the 128 elephant carcasses less than one year old, 72 were confirmed either on the ground or by aerial assessment as killed by poachers and an additional 22 from survey photographs as poaching victims.

In addition, 79 older than one-year carcasses were assessed in one particular hotspot, of which 63 were confirmed as poached. The all-age carcass ratio increased from 6.8% to 8.1% between 2014 and 2018, generally accepted as indicating an elephant population that could be declining.

The elephant remains all show the graphic evidence of poaching with a similar modus operandi. Poachers shoot the animals with high calibre rifles when they come to drink at remote seasonal pans. If the elephant doesn't die

immediately, one of the poachers immobilises it by damaging the spinal cord with an axe. Their tusks are hacked away, severely damaging the skull, the trunk is often removed from the face, and the carcass is covered in cut branches in an attempt to hide the dead animal.

The poachers seem to operate in a certain area, targeting the bulls with large tusks, before moving on to the next site. They are in no apparent rush, as a poacher's camp was also discovered close to one of the carcass clusters.

The ground verification team established that the vast majority of poached elephants are indeed bulls between the age 35-45 years old. This also corresponds with evidence in the report that the bull population has decreased from 21 600 individuals in 2014 to 19 400 in 2018.

ABOUT-TURN

Jeremy Corbyn comes out rooting for second referendum on Brexit



Britain's opposition leader, Jeremy Corbyn, speaks at a past Brexit rally.

LONDON

Britain's opposition leader Jeremy Corbyn said on Monday night that his party would back plans for a second public vote on Brexit.

Mr Corbyn told a meeting of his party's MPs that he would push for a new referendum if Labour's plans are defeated in parliament on Wednesday.

"One way or another, we will do everything in our power to prevent no-deal and oppose a damaging Tory Brexit based on Theresa May's overwhelmingly rejected deal," Mr Corbyn told a meeting of Labour MPs on Monday evening, according to his office.

"That's why, in line with our conference policy, we are committed to also putting forward or supporting an amendment in favor of a public vote to prevent a damaging Tory Brexit being forced on the country."

The left-wing leader has previously appeared to be lukewarm about a second vote and said his party would abide by the 2016 vote to quit the EU. But Mr Corbyn said the move for a new referendum would be part of a plan to prevent a "damaging Brexit."

Mr Corbyn's position as leader has been weakened by the resignation of

nine MPs last week, who opposed him on a raft of measures including his position on Brexit and a long-running row about anti-Semitism in the Labour party.

He wants measures including a continued Customs Union with the EU to protect British trade. That plan has been ruled out by Prime Minister Theresa May. "One way or another, we will do everything in our power to prevent no deal and oppose a damaging Tory Brexit based on Theresa May's overwhelmingly rejected deal," Mr Corbyn said on Monday.

Mrs May said that reaching a Brexit deal by March 29 was "within our grasp", despite the EU advising the UK to delay its departure. European Council President Donald Tusk warned that the chances of the British Parliament approving a deal in time were becoming less likely as time wore on.

"I believe that in the situation we are in, an extension would be a rational solution," Mr Tusk said at the EU-Arab League summit in Egypt. He said that the only alternative to a delay was a no-deal Brexit and that the other EU 27 member states would show "maximum understanding and good will" in allowing a deadline extension.

CONCERN

Ghosn arrest provides pause to foreign executives considering Japan postings

TOKYO

The arrest, indictments and long incarceration of former Nissan chief executive Carlos Ghosn have given pause to foreign executives considering taking on senior jobs at Japanese companies.

As Mr Ghosn enters his fourth month in jail and awaits a trial still several months away, the imprisonment of the Japanese business world's most high-profile foreigner may stymie the nation's efforts to diversify its corporate ranks with overseas talent, according to management experts.

Foreign executives may think twice about accepting positions until they see how this case plays out and whether it leads to stricter compliance rules.

"It's having a chilling effect," said Yumiko Ohta, a partner in Tokyo with the law firm Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe who advises clients on corporate governance. "It's going to be much more difficult to recruit foreign executives into Japan."

The inability of such a prominent business leader to win his release while awaiting trial could scare some

foreigners - no matter how law-abiding - from accepting Japan postings and also make international companies more reluctant to post them there, said Johan Uittenbogaard, managing partner with recruiting company Odgers Berndtson in Tokyo.

"There's another layer of risk," he said. "You start thinking about it: even if you haven't done anything wrong, you can get put in jail for three months."

Even Mr Ghosn's defence lawyer, Junichiro Hironaka, raised the issue during a press conference last week in which he said his client was the victim of a conspiracy by his Nissan underlings. Mr Ghosn hired Mr Hironaka this month after his previous legal team twice failed to win bail. "It's bizarre to me how this became such an incident," Mr Hironaka said.

Mr Ghosn, 64, remains in a Tokyo jail, accused of aggravated breach of trust and filing false statements to regulators regarding \$80 million in deferred income. He was arrested on November 19 and faces as many as 10 years in prison if convicted. He denies all charges, calling the accusations "merit-less and unsubstantiated" during a courtroom appearance last month.

"This will become a big problem for Japan and its business," Mr Hironaka said. "Nissan should have solved this problem internally."

Japan has a limited history with foreign chief executives. The most high-profile in recent years include Mr Ghosn, Howard Stringer at Sony, Christophe Weber at Takeda Pharmaceutical and Sarah Casanova at McDonald's Holdings Japan.



Geita Gold Mine Limited brings 98bn/- electricity plant on board to boost underground operations

BY GUARDIAN REPORTER

GEITA Gold Mine Limited (GGML) said the construction of its \$43m (TZS 98 bn) power plant at the Geita Gold Mine has been completed, with the new 40Mw facility producing its first electricity from August 2018.

The plant, which is built to support the mine's operations over the long-term, is expected to play a key role in ensuring stable, reliable energy supply for mining and processing activities at Geita Gold Mine. Geita Gold Mine remains a significant provider of reliable and decent employment in the region, and a key contributor to both the local and the national economy.

"We're proud of this new investment, which fits in with Tanzania's broader industrialization and skills development ambitions," Simon Shayo, GGML Vice President: Sustainability, said. "The power plant is an opportunity to employ more Tanzanians to look after its ongoing operations and maintenance."

Compared to the old plant, this one is expected to be more efficient with lower operational and maintenance costs. It will support the Mine's transition from open-pit to underground mining operations, thus cementing its presence in Tanzania's mining sector. Geita Gold Mine is currently the single largest mine in Tanzania in terms of operations and output and is cur-



rently transitioning from open cast to underground mining, reflecting the Company's commitment for further investments in the country.

Efficient and reliable power supply is a key pre-requisite for not only ensuring stable operations of the mine, but also creating a solid operational foundation for future investment in extending the life of this important mine, which has a workforce of nearly 4,000 people, employed directly by the mine or by contractors. By generating over 40-megawatt

electricity, the power plant will be directly supporting GGML underground mining. The operation method, which the company have recently adopted, will gradually lead the mine to a complete shift from open pit mining. This method will increase the lifespan of the mine and sustain its current workforce of which 96% are Tanzanian nationals.

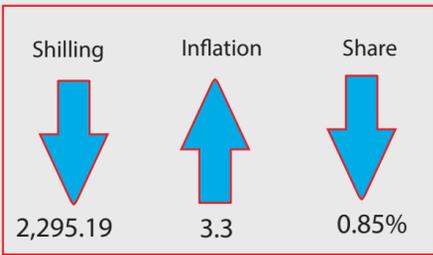
The constant supply of power to the underground mining will reduce company operational cost while maintaining its productivity. GGML

will be able to pay more taxes and royalties to the government, while surrounding communities will continue to benefit from GGML Corporate Social Investments. Further, local businesses will continue to grow through its purchase of products and services.

"Building the power plant and running lines to the process plant, is only the first step to generating success," Marwa Makori, a GGML Engineer who has been working on the construction of the power



Jailed Nissan chief executive Carlos Ghosn.



Total Market Capitalization

TZS 20,675.00 bln (USD 9,070.31 mln)

Indices February 25, 2019

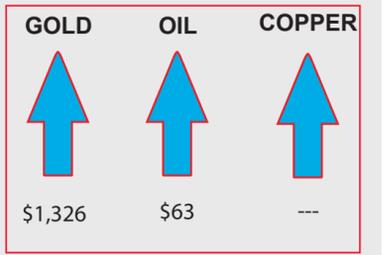
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|------|----------|-------|
| TSI | 3,530.07 | -3.58 |
| DSEI | 2,144.95 | -3.16 |

AVERAGE PRICES FOR FOOD CROPS TSH/100KG

| | | | |
|----------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|
| Maize | 52300.00 | Finger Millet | 142400.00 |
| Rice | 186086.96 | Wheat | 123000.00 |
| Sorghum | 74550.00 | Beans | 175000.00 |
| Bulrush Millet | 75214.29 | Round potatoes | 77239.13 |

Exchange Rates (DSE)

| Currency | Buying | Selling |
|----------|----------|----------|
| EUR | 2,591.28 | 2,617.65 |
| USD | 2,268.07 | 2,290.76 |
| KES | 22.38 | 22.56 |
| GBP | 2,947.82 | 2,977.52 |



Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange

Date: February 22, 2019

| Company | Closing | Prev | Chg (%) |
|---------|---------|--------|---------|
| ACA | 7,350 | 7,600 | -3.29 |
| CRDB | 135 | 135 | +0.00 |
| DCB | 340 | 340 | +0.00 |
| DSE | 1,300 | 1,300 | +0.00 |
| EABL | 4,460 | 4,460 | +0.00 |
| JHL | 9,750 | 9,750 | +0.00 |
| KA | 180 | 165 | +9.09 |
| KCB | 960 | 960 | +0.00 |
| MBP | 490 | 490 | +0.00 |
| MCB | 500 | 500 | +0.00 |
| MKCB | 800 | 800 | +0.00 |
| MUCOB | 400 | 400 | +0.00 |
| NICO | 175 | 170 | +2.94 |
| NMB | 2,340 | 2,340 | +0.00 |
| NMG | 1,460 | 1,480 | -1.35 |
| PAL | 400 | 400 | +0.00 |
| SWALA | 490 | 490 | +0.00 |
| SWIS | 2,340 | 2,340 | +0.00 |
| TBL | 11,700 | 11,700 | +0.00 |
| TCC | 17,000 | 17,000 | +0.00 |
| TCCL | 600 | 640 | -6.25 |
| TICL | 385 | 385 | +0.00 |
| TOL | 660 | 660 | +0.00 |
| TPCC | 2,020 | 2,060 | -1.94 |
| TTP | 120 | 120 | +0.00 |
| USL | 15 | 15 | +0.00 |
| VODA | 800 | 800 | +0.00 |
| YETU | 600 | 600 | +0.00 |

DSE MARKET SUMMARY

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|------|----------|-------|
| TSI | 3,530.07 | -3.58 |
| DSEI | 2,144.95 | -3.16 |

TRADING STATS

| | |
|------------------|---------------|
| Market Cap (bln) | 20,674.99 |
| Equity Turnover | 98,288,360.00 |
| Total Volume | 80,460 |
| Total Deals | 56 |

TOP MOVERS

| | | |
|------|-------|--------|
| TPCC | 2,020 | 33,738 |
| VODA | 800 | 21,900 |
| TCCL | 600 | 13,440 |

GAINERS & LOSERS

| Company | Price | Change |
|---------|-------|--------|
| ACA | 7,350 | -3.29% |
| TCCL | 600 | -6.25% |
| TPCC | 2,020 | -1.94% |
| NMG | 1,460 | -1.35% |
| NICO | 175 | +2.94% |
| KA | 180 | +9.09% |

Interbank Foreign Exchange Market (IFEM)

| Date | Amount Traded (Mn USD) | High | Low | Weighted Average |
|-------------|------------------------|----------|----------|------------------|
| 25/Feb/2019 | 4.10 | 2,312.00 | 2,298.60 | 2,300.43 |
| 22/Feb/2019 | 2.35 | 2,310.90 | 2,298.60 | 2,300.37 |
| 21/Feb/2019 | 4.50 | 2,311.00 | 2,298.50 | 2,300.34 |
| 20/Feb/2019 | 3.90 | 2,310.00 | 2,297.30 | 2,299.45 |
| 19/Feb/2019 | 4.70 | 2,306.00 | 2,297.25 | 2,297.65 |
| 18/Feb/2019 | 1.55 | 2,307.00 | 2,293.97 | 2,295.23 |
| 15/Feb/2019 | 1.53 | 2,308.50 | 2,293.95 | 2,295.19 |

Inter-bank Local Money Markets

| Date | Volume (million-TZS) | High | Low | Weighted Average Rate (WAR) |
|-------------|----------------------|------|------|-----------------------------|
| 25/Feb/2019 | 32,000 | 4.75 | 4.50 | 4.62 |
| 22/Feb/2019 | 23,500 | 6.50 | 4.50 | 4.96 |
| 21/Feb/2019 | 20,800 | 4.75 | 4.50 | 4.68 |
| 20/Feb/2019 | 23,700 | 4.85 | 4.50 | 4.76 |
| 19/Feb/2019 | 48,800 | 5.00 | 4.50 | 4.60 |

Tanzania Shilling On Average bases

The USDTZS increased 5.0000 or 0.21% to 2,340.0000 on Tuesday February 26 from 2,335.0000 in the previous trading session. Historically, the Tanzania Shilling reached an all time high of 2340 in January of 2019 and a record low of 1014.30 in December of 2004.

Palladium retraces after breaching \$1,550; gold awaits Fed

* Market focus on Fed Chair Powell testimony
 * Palladium up more than 21 pct so far in 2019
 * Platinum hit 3-month-plus high earlier in the day

LONDON, Feb 25 (Reuters) - Palladium retreated on Tuesday as investors took profits after the autocatalyst metal breached \$1,550 for the first time due to a worsening supply scenario, while gold held a tight range ahead of U.S. Federal Reserve chairman Jerome Powell's testimony.

Spot palladium, which traded as high as \$1,554.50 per ounce earlier in the day, was down 0.5 percent at \$1,534 as of 1116 GMT.

At least 15 mining firms in South Africa, a major producer of the metal, have received notices of strikes to be held later this week, providing further impetus to its gains.

The metal has risen more than 21 percent so far this year on a sustained supply deficit.

"There are increased talks that palladium is entering into the bubble territory because of the relentless rally that we have seen. Those who are long are tempted to take profits while we potentially may see a few attempts to sell some shorts in the market," Saxo Bank analyst Ole Hansen said.

Elsewhere, spot gold was barely changed at \$1,326 per ounce and U.S. gold futures were steady at \$1,328.10 as the dollar remained subdued.

"The market is increasingly getting fed up, listening to the trade developments," Hansen said, adding that bullion was now looking for further direction from the stock markets and concrete developments in U.S.-China trade relations.

On Sunday, U.S. President Donald Trump decided to delay a steep tariff hike on Chinese goods, touting progress in weekend trade talks.

"Powell could use the opportunity to move perceptions a little bit more towards the hawkish side. In such a case, we could see modest dollar strengthening set in over the course of his remarks, likely exerting more downward pressure on gold," said ANZ analyst Daniel Hynes.

Investors were also keeping a close eye on developments around Britain's exit from the European Union after reports that UK Prime Minister Theresa May was considering delaying the March 29 departure date.

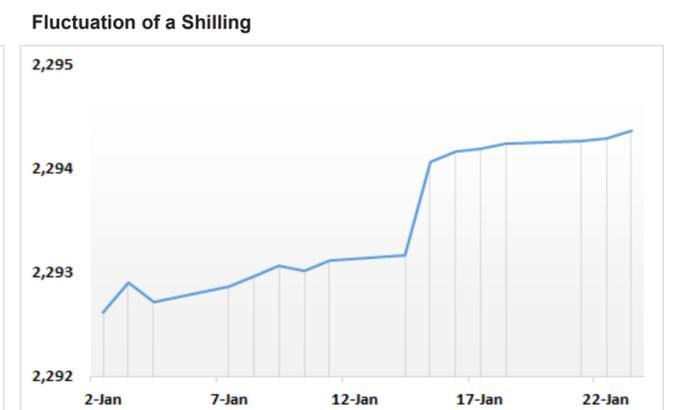
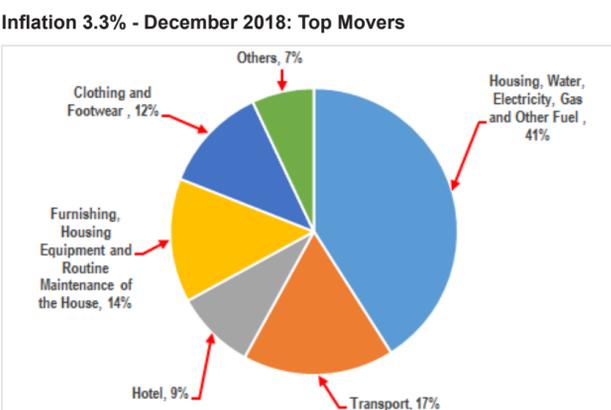
"As long as geopolitical risks, concerns over plateauing global growth and speculation over the Fed taking a pause on rate hikes remain key themes, gold is insulated from extreme downside shocks," Lukman Otunuga, research analyst at FXTM, said in a note.

Elsewhere, silver fell 0.2 percent to \$15.86 per ounce, while platinum was down 0.4 percent at \$845.50, retracing from \$857.50, its highest since early November.

All Share Index :26 Feb 2019

| Africa | Actual | Change | Daily | Weekly | Monthly | Yearly |
|-------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| NSE-All Share | 32619 | 82 | -0.25% | 0.91% | 4.33% | -22.69% |
| JALSH-All Share | 56061 | 182 | 0.33% | 1.43% | 4.12% | -5.16% |
| FTSE/JSE TOP 40 | 49671 | 32 | 0.06% | 1.46% | 4.35% | -4.54% |
| Egypt EGX 30 | 14955 | 8 | 0.06% | -1.33% | 8.23% | -3.66% |
| Casablanca CFG 25 | 11,244 | 5.38 | -0.05% | -2.09% | -0.81% | -14.35% |
| Nairobi 20 | 2,957 | 20.15 | -0.68% | -2.97% | 2.06% | -20.17% |
| NSE All Share | 155 | 0.67 | 0.43% | -1.02% | 5.32% | -14.18% |
| DSEI | 2,145 | 3.16 | -0.15% | -0.09% | 2.78% | -10.84% |
| TUN | 7,181 | 5.62 | -0.08% | 0.93% | -0.29% | 7.31% |
| GGSECI | 2,459 | 34.41 | 1.42% | 1.20% | 1.30% | -26.25% |
| NSX Overall | 1367 | 3 | 0.23% | 2.23% | 1.37% | -6.54% |
| SEMDEX | 2201 | 3 | -0.13% | 0.06% | -0.83% | -3.80% |
| Gaborone | 7,874 | 0.00 | 0.00% | -0.08% | -0.01% | -9.40% |
| Zimbabwe Index | 507.65 | 2.56 | -0.50% | 0.66% | -4.09% | 72.70% |

DSEI decreased 25 points or 1.15% to 2145 on Monday February 25 from 2148 in the previous trading session. Historically, the Tanzania All Share Index DSEI reached an all time high of 3686.97 in January of 2019 and a record low of 1161.30 in December of 2010.



Oil edges up to \$65 as OPEC seen rebuffing Trump pressure

LONDON, Feb 26 (Reuters) - Brent oil edged up to \$65 a barrel on Tuesday as Saudi Arabia and the rest of OPEC were expected to stick to their production cuts, despite renewed pressure from U.S. President Donald Trump.

Prices slid on Monday, when many traders were out of the office attending IP Week, a series of industry events in London, after Trump called on OPEC to ease its efforts to boost the oil market. Prices were "getting too high", the president said.

"Yesterday was a typical price action you see during IP Week when you have a headline," said Olivier Jakob, oil analyst at Petromatrix. "But I don't think it will change anything in current OPEC supply policy."

Brent crude, the global benchmark, rose 24 cents to \$65.00 by 1139 GMT, after losing 3.5 percent on Monday. U.S. West Texas Intermediate crude eased 7 cents to \$55.41.

Expectations that U.S. crude inventories had risen for a sixth straight week limited the rally.

U.S. crude stocks were seen 3.6 million barrels higher in weekly inventory reports, underlining that supply is adequate in the world's top consumer. The first such report is due at 2130 GMT from the American Petroleum Institute. [EIA/US]

Oil is up about 20 percent since the start of the year, when the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries and other producers, such as Russia, began cutting production in an effort to reduce a global glut.

Saudi Arabia and other OPEC members are likely to be cautious about relaxing their supply-cut plan, Jakob said, after a boost in output in the second half of last year ahead of U.S. sanctions on Iran led to a steep slide in prices.

Oil broker PVM took a similar view.

"Will the kingdom budge and increase production or at least keep it steady," said PVM's Tamas Varga. "Just two weeks after announcing deeper cuts, it would be a capitulation."

An OPEC source, in comments to Reuters on Tuesday, agreed with the analysts' views.

U.S. sanctions against OPEC members Iran and Venezuela have also contributed to the gains and are providing a floor for prices, analysts say.

Optimism about a U.S.-China trade deal also helped prices to rally.

Trump on Monday said he may soon sign a deal to end a trade war with Chinese President Xi Jinping if their countries can bridge remaining differences.

Fuel Wef. Wednesday, 6th Feb 2019

| Town | Petrol (TZS/Litre) | Diesel (TZS/Litre) | Kerosene (TZS/Litre) |
|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Dar es Salaam | 2,120 | 2,080 | 2,046 |
| Arusha | 2,255 | 2,299 | 2,286 |
| Kibaha | 2,125 | 2,084 | 2,050 |
| Dodoma | 2,179 | 2,139 | 2,105 |
| Geita | 2,286 | 2,245 | 2,211 |
| Iringa | 2,185 | 2,144 | 2,110 |
| Kagera (Bukob) | 2,336 | 2,295 | 2,261 |
| Katavi | 2,329 | 2,288 | 2,254 |
| Kigoma | 2,352 | 2,311 | 2,277 |
| Moshi | 2,245 | 2,289 | 2,276 |
| Lindi | 2,110 | 2,089 | 2,105 |
| Manyara (Babati) | 2,289 | 2,333 | 2,320 |
| Mara | 2,299 | 2,258 | 2,225 |
| Mbeya | 2,228 | 2,187 | 2,153 |
| Morogoro | 2,146 | 2,105 | 2,071 |
| Mtwara | 2,096 | 2,075 | 2,118 |
| Mwanza | 2,271 | 2,230 | 2,196 |
| Njombe | 2,213 | 2,172 | 2,138 |
| Rukwa | 2,294 | 2,253 | 2,219 |
| Sumbawanga | 2,294 | 2,253 | 2,219 |
| Ruvuma | 2,182 | 2,161 | 2,169 |
| Shinyanga | 2,249 | 2,209 | 2,175 |
| Singida | 2,211 | 2,171 | 2,137 |
| Songwe | 2,237 | 2,196 | 2,162 |

Foreign Exchange- Feb 26

| | Actual | Chg | %Chg |
|-----------|----------|---------|---------|
| EURUSD | 1.13589 | 0.00009 | 0.01 % |
| GBPUSD | 1.32005 | 0.01055 | 0.81 % |
| AUDUSD | 0.71457 | 0.00193 | -0.27 % |
| NZDUSD | 0.68753 | 0.00067 | -0.10 % |
| USDJPY | 110.84 | 0.22 | -0.20 % |
| USDCNY | 6.92321 | 0.01071 | 0.16 % |
| USDCHF | 1.00106 | 0.00046 | 0.05 % |
| USDCAD | 1.32230 | 0.0035 | 0.27 % |
| USDMXN | 19.1431 | 0.0171 | 0.09 % |
| USDINR | 71.0650 | 0.247 | 0.35 % |
| USDBRL | 3.7516 | 0.0003 | -0.01 % |
| USDRUB | 65.6582 | 0.1532 | 0.23 % |
| US Dollar | 96.35 | 0.06 | -0.06 % |
| BTCUSD | 3,791.44 | 29 | -0.77 % |

Exchange Rates for 26 / Feb /2019

Currency in 100 Units Spot Buying Spot Selling

EAST AFRICAN CURRENCIES

| | | |
|---------------|----------|----------|
| Kenya SHS | 2,277.65 | 2,295.84 |
| Uganda SHS | 58.42 | 62.60 |
| Rwandan Franc | 253.01 | 256.07 |
| Burundi Franc | 218.07 | 219.72 |

OTHER SELECTED CURRENCIES

| | | |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------|
| USD | 227,765.35 | 230,043.00 |
| Pound STG | 297,803.19 | 300,873.24 |
| EURO | 258,604.77 | 261,213.83 |
| Canadian \$ | 173,324.21 | 175,044.13 |
| Switz. Franc | 227,856.49 | 230,089.02 |
| Japanese YEN | 2,056.57 | 2,076.95 |
| Swedish Kronor | 24,448.57 | 24,690.14 |
| Norweg. Kronor | 26,500.37 | 26,752.92 |
| Danish Kronor | 34,663.79 | 35,005.10 |
| Australian \$ | 163,353.31 | 165,032.85 |
| Indian RPS | 3,212.40 | 3,243.01 |
| Pakistan RPS | 1,561.73 | 1,631.51 |
| Zambian Kwacha | 18,908.82 | 19,210.27 |
| Malawian Kwacha | 291.39 | 311.08 |
| Mozambique-MET | 3,621.07 | 3,651.48 |
| Zimbabwe \$ | 42.62 | 43.48 |
| SDR | 316,953.70 | 320,123.24 |
| Gold (T/O) | 302,640,926.55 | 305,690,340.12 |
| S. African Rand | 16,410.55 | 16,568.69 |
| UAE Dirham | 62,014.09 | 62,622.29 |
| Singapore \$ | 168,827.62 | 170,452.73 |
| Hong Kong \$ | 29,019.50 | 29,308.95 |
| Saudi Arabian Rial | 60,734.19 | 61,336.62 |
| Kuwait Dinar | 750,561.35 | 757,692.43 |
| Botswana Pula | 21,546.60 | 21,946.10 |
| Chinese Yuan | 34,068.56 | 34,357.85 |
| Malaysia Ringgit | 56,030.84 | 56,521.62 |
| South Korea Won | 203.95 | 205.63 |
| Newzealand | 156,998.65 | 158,637.65 |

World Commodities (\$) 26 February 2019

| Energy | Price | Day | Weekly | Monthly | Yearly |
|-----------------|---------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| Crude Oil Brent | 55.4058 | 0.04% | -1.31% | 3.56% | -12.15% |
| Natural gas | 2.8542 | 0.85% | 7.30% | -1.88% | 6.46% |
| Gasoline | 1.5591 | 0.71% | -0.33% | 16.92% | -13.57% |
| Heating oil | 1.9954 | 0.88% | -0.04% | 8.49% | 1.37% |
| Ethanol | 1.3375 | -0.22% | 1.79% | 4.99% | -9.57% |
| Naphtha | 497.63 | -0.78% | -0.39% | 9.15% | -10.43% |
| Propane | 0.67 | -0.58% | 0.33% | 1.65% | -19.97% |
| Uranium | 28 | -2.10% | -2.44% | -3.45% | 31.76% |

Metals

| Price | Day | Weekly | Monthly | Yearly | |
|-----------|------------|--------|---------|--------|---------|
| Gold | 1327.85 | -0.11% | -0.98% | 1.88% | 0.74% |
| Silver | 15.8386 | -0.34% | -0.87% | 0.61% | -3.53% |
| Platinum | 848.5 | -0.06% | 3.79% | 4.82% | -13.67% |
| Palladium | 1530.5 | -0.88% | 3.45% | 14.99% | 47.81% |
| Manganese | 39.5 | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | -3.66% |
| Neodymium | 398,000.00 | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | -10.56% |
| Rhodium | 2,725.00 | 0.00% | 3.42% | 9.22% | 46.51% |

Agricultural

| Price | Day | Weekly | Monthly | Yearly | |
|----------|----------|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| Soybeans | 907.5672 | -0.63% | 0.84% | -1.62% | -12.49% |
| Wheat | 460.2945 | -1.23% | -6.01% | -11.27% | -0.64% |
| Cotton | 70.69 | -1.72% | 2.64% | -2.14% | -11.61% |

CROPS, PRICE PER 100KG FEB 25, 2019

| Region | Maize | Rice | Sorghum | Bulrush Millet | Finger Millet | Wheat | Beans | Irish potatoes |
|-------------|-------|-------|----------|----------------|---------------|--------|--------|----------------|
| Arusha | 42000 | 43000 | 160000 | 200000 | 38000 | 40000 | 42000 | 72000 |
| D/Salaam | 65000 | 70000 | 160000 | 230000 | 60000 | 60000 | 70000 | 110000 |
| Dodoma | 44000 | 47000 | 140000 | 190000 | 30000 | 35000 | 36000 | 65000 |
| Iringa | 38000 | 40000 | 150000 | 200000 | NA | NA | NA | 100000 |
| Kagera | 55000 | 60000 | 136000 | 185000 | 90000 | 100000 | 110000 | 120000 |
| Kilimanjaro | 48000 | 48000 | 180000 | 180000 | 70000 | 80000 | NA | 170000 |
| Kigoma | 48000 | 50000 | 150000</ | | | | | |

WORLD

Trump lands in Vietnam for second summit with Kim

HANOI

NORTH Korean leader Kim Jong Un and U.S. President Donald Trump both arrived in Vietnam yesterday, the eve of their second summit at which they will tackle how to implement a North Korean pledge to give up its nuclear weapons.

Trump flew into the capital Hanoi on Air Force One, touching down just before 9 p.m. (1400 GMT).

Kim arrived by train early in the day after a three-day, 3,000 km (1,850 mile) journey from his capital, Pyongyang, through China. He completed the last stretch from a border station to Hanoi by car.

The two leaders, who seemed to strike up a surprisingly warm relationship at their first summit in Singapore last June, are expected to meet for a brief one-on-one conversation today evening, followed by a dinner, at which they will each be accompanied by two guests and interpreters, White House spokeswoman Sarah Sanders told reporters.

They will meet again tomorrow, she said.

Their talks come eight months after the historic summit in Singapore, the first between a sitting U.S. president and a North Korean leader.

While the first meeting was all

about breaking the ice after decades of war and bitter animosity between their countries, this time there will be pressure on both to move beyond the vaguely worded commitment they made in Singapore to work toward the complete denuclearization of the Korean peninsula.

Trump's critics at home have warned him against cutting a deal that would do little to curb North Korea's nuclear ambitions, urging specific, verifiable North Korean action to abandon the nuclear weapons that threaten the United States.

In return, Kim would expect significant U.S. concessions such as relief from punishing sanctions and a declaration that the 1950-53 Korean War is at last formally over.

Vietnamese officials were on hand to greet Kim at the station in Dong Dang town after he crossed the border from China. He got a red-carpet welcome with honor guard, military band and fluttering North Korean and Vietnamese flags.

Kim's sister, Kim Yo Jong, who has emerged as an important aide, arrived with him.

About a dozen bodyguards briefly ran alongside Kim's car as he set off for the two-hour journey to Hanoi, smiling and waving to children lining the route from his limousine.



Top leader of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) Kim Jong Un (C) arrives at Dong Dang railway station in Lang Son Province, Vietnam, yesterday. Kim arrived in Vietnam Tuesday morning by train for his first official visit to the country and the second summit with U.S. President Donald Trump, Vietnam News Agency reported. (Xinhua)

Roads were closed with Vietnamese security forces in armored-personnel carriers guarding the route to the city's Melia hotel where he is staying.

Vietnamese authorities have been tight-lipped about the summit and have yet to announce where the two will meet.

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo also arrived on Tuesday and met Vietnamese Foreign Minister Pham Binh Minh for talks.

'TREMENDOUS'

Trump told reporters before he left he and Kim would have "a very tremendous summit".

Tweeting on Monday, he stressed the benefits to North Korea if it gave up its nuclear weapons. "With complete Denuclearization, North Korea will rapidly become an Economic Powerhouse. Without it, just more of the same. Chairman Kim will make a wise decision!" Trump said.

In a speech late on Sunday, Trump, however, appeared to play down the possibility of a major breakthrough, saying he would be happy as long as North Korea maintained its pause on weapons testing.

"I'm not in a rush," he said. "I just don't want testing. As long as there's no testing, we're happy."

North Korea conducted its last nuclear test in September 2017 and its last intercontinental bal-

listic missile test in November 2017.

Analysts say the two leaders have to move beyond summit symbolism.

"The most basic yet urgent task is to come to a shared understanding of what denuclearization would entail," said Gi-Wook Shin, director of Stanford's Asia-Pacific Research Center.

"The ambiguity and obscurity of the term 'denuclearization' only exacerbates the scepticism about both the U.S. and North Korean commitments to denuclearization."

While the United States is demanding North Korea give up all of its nuclear and missile programs, North Korea wants to see the removal of the U.S. nuclear umbrella for South Korea.

A South Korean presidential spokesman told reporters in Seoul the two sides might be able to agree to a formal end of the Korean War, which was concluded with an armistice not a peace treaty, a move North Korea has long sought.

Protesters in Seoul tore up photographs of Kim and threw them to the ground to highlight their dismay that North Korea's grim human rights record was not expected to figure in talks.

Amnesty International said Trump had disregarded human rights to gain favor with Kim.

"His silence in the face of relentless and grave human rights violations has been deafening," it said.

Agencies

First China-Africa economic, trade expo to see over 1,000 African attendees

CHANGSHA

AT least 1,000 African guests and traders will attend the first China-Africa Economic and Trade Expo in Changsha, capital of central China's Hunan Province, in June.

The expo, scheduled to be held between

June 27 and 29, will include conferences, forums and exhibitions.

"We hope that the African guests can yield good results through the expo," Hunan's deputy governor He Baoxiang said.

A signing ceremony for major economic and trade projects will be held during the

expo, with a series of forums concerning agriculture, trade, infrastructure and financing, as well as investment promotions and business negotiation activities, according to the organizing committee.

The expo was launched under the framework of the Forum on China-Africa Coop-

eration. Hunan's trade volume with African countries totaled 2.8 billion U.S. dollars in 2018, surging over 50 percent for the fourth straight year. Contracted investment by Hunan firms in Africa amounted to nearly 1 billion dollars.

Xinhua

Huawei presents its simplified 5G and SoftCOM AI Solutions at the MWC Barcelona 2019

BARCELONA, Spain

ON Monday marked the opening day of the MWC Barcelona 2019, where Huawei is appearing full force with a host of exhibitions, forums, and keynotes, and holding a wide range of discussions with operator customers and partners from around the world.

Huawei has been committed to helping operators expand their business boundaries and achieve new growth through innovations in networks, services, and business models.

To this end, Huawei is presenting its end-to-end 5G products and solutions at the event, such as simplified 5G sites, architecture, protocols, and operations & maintenance (O&M). These new offerings will help operators quickly deploy 5G networks on a large scale.

Huawei has also launched the SoftCOM AI solution, which will help build autonomous driving networks of the future and maximizes the value of telecom networks.

5G has arrived, and AI has become a new general-purpose technology. Innovation will never end and humanity will continue



Huawei's main booth at Hall 1 in Mobile World Congress 2019

to develop, driven by advancements in science and technology. The intelligent world of the future will be a "Digital Village" where everyone is included and closely connected.

At this year's event, Huawei is expanding on the theme of "Building a Fully Connected, Intelligent World". Huawei's main exhibition hall - Hall 1 - was designed around

the theme of "The Digital Village", representing the combination of technology and culture. The "Digital Village" provides a platform that brings together global industry elites and KOLs, allowing them to exchange ideas and discuss what challenges and opportunities the fully connected, intelligent world will bring to humanity.

Huawei has maintained absolute leadership in 5G solutions through ongoing investment in R&D. The high 5G network performance and strong delivery capabilities make Huawei a partner of choice.

So far, Huawei has signed over 30 commercial 5G contracts with operators around the world, and shipped over 40,000 5G base stations. Its aim is to help operators

jump start 5G and deliver a high-quality 5G user experience.

In Hall 1, Huawei is showcasing its end-to-end 5G products and solutions, ranging from simplified 5G sites and 5G integrated transport, to 5G cloud core and simplified 5G O&M. It also demonstrated its core technologies behind the new products and solutions, including radio frequency, optical transmission, IP, and IT. All of these are evidence of Huawei's extensive experience in R&D and strong innovation capabilities.

Huawei was the first company in the industry to launch commercial 5G chips and devices, and has worked with the industry to drive 5G maturity and commercialization.

Huawei demonstrated 8K high-definition (HD) livestreaming on Vodafone Spain's 5G network, and showcased new applications such as cloud VR, cloud gaming, and cloud PCs. These applications showed that 5G will bring a better life for everyone.

Under the support of Huawei, multiple European operators, including Vodafone, announced that 5G networks are now ready for commercial use. Huawei also signed 5G contracts with many operators from around the world.

Putin: INF Treaty outdated but US used far-fetched pretexts to withdraw from it

MOSCOW



THE Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty has become outdated but the United States has used far-fetched accusations against Russia to withdraw from it, Russian President Vladimir Putin said in his annual Address to both houses of the national parliament recently.

As the Russian leader noted, "the US unilateral withdrawal from the INF Treaty remains the most pressing and discussed issue of the Russian-American relations today."

"Yes, indeed, serious changes have taken place in the world since the treaty was concluded in 1987," the head of the Russian state said.

"Many countries developed and continue developing these armaments while Russia and the United States have not done this as we have voluntarily imposed restrictions on ourselves. This state of affairs, of course, can raise questions," the Russian leader said.

"But the American partners should have said this honestly instead of using far-fetched accusations against Russia for substantiating their unilateral withdrawal from the treaty," Putin stressed.

"They should have better done this like they did in 2002 when they openly and honestly withdrew from the ABM Treaty. It is another question of whether this is good or bad. I believe this is bad but they did this and that's all and they should have acted likewise in this case - they should have acted precisely honestly," the Russian leader said.

"But how are they acting in actual fact? They are themselves violating everything and then looking for justification and finding culprits," the Russian president said.

"What's more, they are also mobilizing their satellites," Putin said.

Launchers in Europe

The United States blatantly ignored the provisions of the INF Treaty by deploying missile launchers in Romania and Poland, Putin said.

"The US first started developing and using intermediate range missiles it deceitfully called targets for missile defenses. Then it began to deploy the Mk-41 universal launchers in Europe, capable of using Tomahawk intermediate range cruise missiles for combat purposes," he said.

"By doing all this, the United States blatantly ignored the provisions contained in articles 4 and 6 of the INF Treaty." As the Russian leader said, pursuant to point 1, article 4 of the INF Treaty, "each Party shall eliminate all its intermediate-range missiles and launchers of such missiles, so that no such missiles and launchers shall be possessed by either Party."

Point 1 of article 6 stipulates that "upon entry into force of this Treaty and thereafter, neither Party shall produce or flight-test any intermediate-range missiles or produce any stages of such missiles or any launchers of such missiles," the Russian leader stressed.

"By launching intermediate-range target missiles and deploying in Romania and Poland launchers capable of using Tomahawk cruise missiles, the US "has directly and flagrantly violated these requirements of the Treaty," Putin said.

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UN's Guterres urges new vision for arms control

GENEVA



THE continued use of chemical weapons with impunity is driving "new proliferation," and a new vision of arms control is needed, United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres warned here on Monday.

Guterres (pictured) said at the opening of the UN Conference on Disarmament here that arms control is one of his highest priorities and warned that the situation is particularly dangerous as regards nuclear weapons.

Should it be allowed to happen, the demise of the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty, signed by the United States and the Soviet Union in 1987, would make the world a more insecure and unstable place, he said.

"That insecurity and instability will be keenly felt here in Europe. And we simply cannot afford to return to the unrestrained nuclear competition of the darkest days of the Cold War," said Guterres.

He called on the parties to the INF Treaty to use the time remaining to engage in sincere dialogue on the various related issues as the preservation of the treaty is "very important." Guterres also said, "I also call on the United States and the Russian Federation to extend the so-called 'New START' Treaty before it expires in 2021.

New START (Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty) is a nuclear arms reduction treaty signed by the U.S. and Russia in 2010. "This treaty is the only international legal instrument limiting the size of the world's two largest nuclear arsenals, and its inspection provisions represent an important confidence-building set of measures that benefit the entire world," said the UN chief.

Agencies

Nigerians start another day of waiting on election results

KANO, NIGERIA

NIGERIANS are starting a second day of state-by-state announcements of presidential election results in a race that has been described as too close to call.

President Muhammadu Buhari leads by more than 280,000 votes as he seeks a second term in Africa's largest democracy. Eleven of 36 states have been announced, with the process resuming at 10 am Tuesday.

The opposition party already has alleged manipulation of results, which the ruling party has rejected and called an attempt to discredit the election.

Election observers say Saturday's vote was hurt by a weeklong postponement and significant delays in the opening of polling stations.

Election observers said the last-minute postponement of the vote until Saturday discouraged some Nigerians from going to the polls as Buhari

seeks a second term heading a country troubled by corruption, insecurity and a weak economy.

Buhari, a former military dictator from the north, faced a strong challenge from top opposition candidate Atiku Abubakar, a former vice president and businessman, in a race many saw as too close to call.

As of midnight, Abubakar had won three southern states and the territory that includes the capital, Abuja. Buhari led by more than 450,000 votes

overall.

Abubakar's party chairman, Uche Secondus, accused ruling party agents of hacking into the electoral commission's computer server and manipulating results. He rejected the count as "incorrect, thus unacceptable."

The ruling party dismissed the claim and accused Abubakar's party of trying to discredit the election. Spokesman Festus Keyamo urged the opposition not to "derail us to the dark past with its childish antics."

Final results are expected on Tuesday or Wednesday.

African Union observers called the political climate "largely peaceful and conducive for the conducting of credible elections" but urged the country of some 190 million people to remain calm.

A Nigerian civil society platform, the Situation Room, noted "major logistic lapses" in the vote. The election was a step back from 2015, praised as one of Nigeria's most transparent and effi-

cient votes, the group said.

At least 39 people were killed in voting-related violence over the weekend. Election observers organized by the Commonwealth, of which Nigeria is a member, called that "deeply troubling," saying Africa's largest democracy can do better.

"The peaceful achievement of millions was overshadowed by the violence of a few," US Ambassador Stuart Symington said.

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R. Kelly, right, leaves Cook County Jail with his defense attorney, Steve Greenberg on Monday. (Agencies)

R. Kelly leaves jail after posting \$100,000 in sex abuse case

CHICAGO

R. Kelly walked out of a Chicago jail Monday after posting \$100,000 bail that allows him to go free while awaiting trial on charges that he sexually abused four people dating back to 1998, including three underage girls.

Hours earlier, the R&B star pleaded not guilty to the allegations after spending the weekend behind bars. He said little during the brief arraignment, telling the judge only his name. His lawyers spoke on his behalf.

The singer-songwriter was arrested Friday on 10 counts of aggravated sexual abuse. A judge set bond at \$1 million, meaning Kelly had to post 10 percent of that amount to be released. Court records show a 47-year-old woman from the Chicago suburb of Romeoville, Illinois, posted the \$100,000 bail and identified herself on the bond slip as "a friend" of Kelly, according to the Chicago Tribune.

Kelly will be forbidden from having any contact with females younger than 18.

The black van that took the entertainer away from the jail stopped in the parking lot of a large downtown McDonald's. He did not immediately emerge, but some members of his entourage stood outside the vehicle and a dark-colored Mercedes-Benz parked next to it.

The McDonald's, a popular tourist attraction, was known as Chicago's Rock 'n' Roll McDonald's before being remodeled and losing its music theme.

The recording artist has been trailed for decades by allegations that he violated underage girls and women and held some as virtual slaves. Kelly has consistently denied any sexual misconduct, and he was acquitted of child pornography charges in 2008.

Attorney Michael Avenatti, who said he represents two Kelly accusers, said his legal team gave prosecutors a second video Monday that shows Kelly sexually abusing a minor. Avenatti previously gave prosecutors video evidence that he said showed Kelly having sex with an underage girl.

Avenatti said the second video involves a 14-year-old girl. He said the footage from 1999 or 2000 is about 55 minutes long, but he did not say if it was the same 14-year-old girl seen in the first video he turned over to the authorities.

"The conduct in the tape can be described as nothing short of outrageous, illegal. It leaves no question as to Mr. Kelly's guilt," Avenatti said.

Avenatti said he is aware of a third tape, but he did not provide details.

Defense attorney Steve Greenberg reiterated at a news conference that Kelly has done nothing wrong and said no one has shown him any evidence to the contrary.

"Everybody is entitled to a defense. Everybody is entitled to the presumption of innocence. We should all be taking a step back. Let's see what happens, what the evidence is and how this plays out," Greenberg said.

Details of the allegations against Kelly emerged

Saturday when the prosecution released four detailed documents – one for each accuser – outlining the basis for the charges. The allegations date back as far as 1998 and span more than a decade.

A girl who attended Kelly's child pornography trial in 2008 got his autograph after a court session. He later invited her to his home in the Chicago suburb of Olympia Fields, where they had sex multiple times starting the following May, when she was 16, according to the documents, which said he also slapped, choked and spit on the girl.

In 1998, another girl reported meeting Kelly at a restaurant where she was having a 16th birthday party. Kelly's manager gave her the singer's business card and suggested she call Kelly. The girl's mother heard the exchange, took the card and told the manager her daughter was 16.

But her daughter later retrieved the card from her purse. She contacted Kelly, who told her to take a cab to his studio, where they had sex periodically for a year, the documents said. After the first encounter, she was given an envelope of cash.

In early 2003, a Chicago hairdresser told prosecutors that she thought she was going to braid Kelly's hair, but he pulled down his pants and instead tried to force her to give him oral sex. The woman, who was 24, was able to pull away, but Kelly ejaculated on her and spit in her face, the documents said.

Kelly's DNA was found in semen on one of the accuser's shirts, and semen found on a shirt worn by another was submitted for DNA testing, Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx said. It was not clear when the accusers turned the shirts over to authorities.

Rising from poverty on Chicago's South Side, Kelly broke into the R&B scene in 1993 with his first solo album, "12 Play," which produced such popular sex-themed songs as "Your Body's Callin'" and "Bump N' Grind." He has written numerous hits for himself and other artists, including Celine Dion, Michael Jackson and Lady Gaga.

The jury in 2008 acquitted Kelly of child pornography charges that centered on a graphic video that prosecutors said showed him having sex with a girl as young as 13. He and the female allegedly seen with him denied they were in the 27-minute video, even though the picture quality was good and witnesses testified it was them, and she did not take the stand.

Each count of the new charges carries up to seven years in prison, making it possible for Kelly to receive up to 70 years. Probation is also an option.

The walls began closing in on Kelly after the release of a BBC documentary about him last year and the multipart Lifetime documentary "Surviving R. Kelly," which aired last month. Together they detailed allegations that he held women against their will and ran a "sex cult."

AP

Kilimanjaro Marathon organizers announce road closure on Sunday



Athletes compete in a recent Kilimanjaro Marathon that took place in Moshi.

THE GUARDIAN REPORTER

KILIMANJARO Premium Lager Marathon 2019 organizers have announced the roads that will be closed in Moshi town on the morning of the marathon slated for Sunday.

A statement issued by the organizers said the announcement gears towards enabling Moshi residents plan well as some roads will be closed for some time to enable safe operation of the race.

"Motorists should at all times be aware of the potential of encountering runners on the roads, so drive carefully and slowly," the statement said in part.

The statement said on March 3, vehicles from Arusha will not be able to pass the YMCA Corner / Askari round about in the

direction of Dar es Salaam from 0630 - 0830.

Vehicles from Dar es Salaam / Marangu / Himo will not be able to pass in the direction of Moshi after 0630, until 0830 and the road from Machame to Sokoine Road will be closed at Shanty Town road at 0600.

According to the organizers, the road from Rau to Moshi will be closed for the Grand Malt Fun Run from 0715 - 0800.

With regards to parking for runners, the organizers said in their statement that there are two areas at MOCU EAST - ACCESS via Uru Road, into the MOCU grounds and at CCP Moshi Police College - access from Kilimanjaro Road, into the CCP grounds.

Buses will be allowed to drop passengers at either of the above parking areas, or at the road sides

but there will be no access to MOCU from Sokoine Road from 0600, so busses coming from this side will have to drop at Sokoine corner and Kilimanjaro Road.

Meanwhile, the number collection exercise moves to Moshi today and tomorrow at the Keys Hotel.

According to the organizers, this is the final station.

"Race number collection will happen on February 27 (10:00 - 17:00) and February 28 (10:00 - 20:00) at Keys Hotel where runners who pre-entered for the full and half marathon, and fun run will collect their numbers and there will be registration for the fun run as well," the statement said.

"We will also allocate March 1 (10:00 - 17:00) and 2 March 2 (9:00 - 12:00) for outstanding race

number collection only for full marathon, half marathon and fun run for pre-entered only. There will be no registration at all during these two days and none on race day (Sunday 3 March)," the organisers said.

The organizers added that they will not be responsible for those who will travel to Moshi after the numbers are all sold because participants had ample time to pre-register and pre-pay.

Sponsors for this year's event include Kilimanjaro Premium Lager-42km race, Tigo-21km race, Grand Malt 5km Fun Run and water table sponsors and partners KK Security, Keys Hotel, Kilimanjaro Water, TPC Sugar, Simba Cement, AAR, Kibo Palace, Barclays Bank, Precision Air and CMC Automobiles.



Spike Lee holds his Best Adapted Screenplay award for "BlackKkKlansman" during the 91st Academy Awards in Hollywood, Los Angeles, California, U.S., on Sunday. (Agencies)

Trump goes after Spike Lee after Oscars speech

WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Donald Trump is going after director Spike Lee, who used his Oscar acceptance speech to urge mobilization for the 2020 election.

Trump tweeted Monday that Lee did a "racist hit on your President." Trump claimed that he had "done more for African Americans" than "almost" any other president.

Lee won the Oscar for best adapted screenplay Sunday for his white supremacist drama "BlackKkKlansman," sharing the award with three co-writers. The film includes footage of Trump after the 2017 violent white supremacist protests in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Lee did not directly name Trump. He spoke about black history and his family history, saying his grandmother's mother was a slave, before stressing the presidential election next year.

Said Lee: "Let's all be on the right side of history. Make the moral choice between love versus hate."

Trump inflamed racial tensions after a white nationalist "Unite the Right" rally in Charlottesville on Aug. 12, 2017, when he said "both sides" were to blame, a comment some saw as a refusal to condemn racism.

Heather Heyer, a 32-year-old paralegal and civil rights activist, was killed, and nearly three dozen others were injured when James Alex Fields Jr. drove his car into counter-protesters. Fields claimed he acted in self-defense. A jury convicted him in December of first degree murder and other charges, including aggravated malicious wounding and hit and run.

Meanwhile, Spike Lee's first-ever competitive Oscar award turned a mostly staid ceremony into one with joy and passion, but that later gave way to frustration.

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Oscars not so white? Academy Awards winners see big shift

LOS ANGELES

A BLACK superhero action flick. A film about an indigenous maid in Mexico. A portrayal of a gay, immigrant rock star. Spike Lee's first Oscar.

The 2019 Oscars were a win for films telling stories from a range of racial and cultural perspectives, marking a major shift three years after the movie industry's top awards show was slammed for overlooking work by nonwhite artists.

"Green Book," a film about

racial injustice in the segregated U.S. South in the 1960s, took best picture, the night's top prize. In his acceptance speech, director Peter Farrelly said the film, about a black pianist and his white driver, was "about loving each other despite our differences."

"Green Book" won three awards, as did "Roma," a black-and-white, Spanish-language film about an indigenous housemaid, and "Black Panther," a Marvel superhero movie with an almost entirely black cast. Spike Lee's "BlackKkKlansman,"

about a black detective who goes undercover with the Ku Klux Klan, also was honored.

"It's a real breakthrough that any film about race gets to win," Kevin Willmott, who is African-American and was one of the "BlackKkKlansman" writers who won an Oscar for the screenplay, said backstage.

"When I first started in the industry, it was really bad. And we've come a long way since then."

Mahershala Ali, one of the stars of "Green Book," was one of two black

actors to claim acting prizes, taking home the best supporting actor trophy. Regina King, who played a protective mother in "If Beale Street Could Talk," claimed the supporting actress award.

Rami Malek, whose parents immigrated from Egypt to the United States, took home the best actor prize for his turn as Freddie Mercury in "Bohemian Rhapsody." He noted backstage that as a child he felt skeptical about his prospects in Hollywood because of his cultural background. **REUTERS**

Chelsea keeper Kepa fined one week's wages over Wembley row

LONDON

CHELSEA have fined goalkeeper Kepa Arrizabalaga one week's wages following his refusal to be substituted in the League Cup final defeat by Manchester City at Wembley on Sunday.

Arrizabalaga appeared to be injured as he prevented City's Sergio Aguero from scoring in the closing moments of extra time, and manager Maurizio Sarri ordered his substitution before Chelsea went on to lose the showpiece match 4-3 on penalties.

But with the change already displayed to the stadium by the fourth official, and Chelsea's reserve keeper Willy Caballero ready to come on, Kepa insisted he was fit to carry on and face the penalty shootout – to the visible anger of Sarri.

The Italian coach said after the match, which finished 0-0, that there had been a "big misunderstanding" because he thought Arrizabalaga had cramp.

On Monday Arrizabalaga said he had apologised to Sarri, his team mates and the fans, while Chelsea fined him for his actions.

"The club has made a decision to fine Kepa one week's wages and donate it to the Chelsea Foundation," the west London club said in a statement on their official website here

Kepa and Sarri also issued statements to clarify their positions following a controversy which captured the headlines around the world.

"I have thought a lot more about yesterday's events. Although there was

a misunderstanding, on reflection, I made a big mistake with how I handled the situation," Kepa said.

"I wanted to take the time today to apologise fully and in person to the coach, to Willy, my team-mates and to the club. I have done this and now I want to offer the same apology to the fans.

"I will learn from this episode and will accept any punishment or discipline the club decides is appropriate."

Sarri said after the match he would discuss the matter with Arrizabalaga, who became the world's most expensive goalkeeper when he joined Chelsea for 80 million euros (\$90.87 million) last year.

"Kepa and I have spoken about the incident," Sarri said in his statement on Monday. "It was a good conversation. There was a misunderstanding yesterday but he realises he made a big mistake in the way he reacted.

"He has apologised to me, his team mates and the club. It is up to the club if they want to discipline him according to the club rules, but for me this matter is now closed.

"The team performance as a whole was extremely positive and it is a shame to see how this incident has overshadowed our efforts in what was a very competitive Cup final.

"Everyone's focus is now on the next game and we must all now put this behind us."

Chelsea next face London rivals Tottenham Hotspur in the Premier League on Wednesday at Stamford Bridge.

REUTERS

Mourinho on next move: I don't want conflict

LONDON

JOSE Mourinho has told the Daily Telegraph he could drop down a level when he decides to return to management and said he is not looking to get into conflicts when he takes a new job.

Mourinho, sacked by Manchester United on Dec. 18, discussed his future in the game and hinted he may not take over at a traditional powerhouse, but could look to take over a side with potential.

"A club that is not ready to be a trophy-hunter immediately but with the ambition to be a trophy-hunter," Mourinho said regarding his plans.

"I want to work with people that I love. People I want to work with, that I am happy to work with, with whom I share the same ideas. I don't want to be in a permanent contradiction [conflict] between what I think and the others think.

"It was what I had at Inter. There are clubs like this. Normally, that is a very important part of a successful club."

Mourinho won the treble at Inter Milan in 2010 following a successful spell in charge of Chelsea, ending a 50-year title drought to win the Premier League back-to-back. In a career haul of 25 major honours he also won the Champions League with Porto as well as La Liga with Real Madrid, a further Premier League title on his return to

Chelsea as well as the Europa League with Manchester United.

But his spell at Old Trafford ended sourly with disagreements over the club's direction and rows with key players.

Mourinho, who did not go into specifics regarding his time at United, said he requires a harmonious set-up when he does decide on a new club.

"I don't want an internal conflict," he said. "I want internal empathy. And then your conflict is on Sunday on the pitch when you play against somebody who wants to steal your three points. That's the moment of the conflict.

"I want to work in a club that understands there is a structure in place. I don't want to work in a structure of no coincidence [unity] in the thinking. People sometimes say 'this manager doesn't like to work with a football director'; 'this manager doesn't like to work with chief scout'; 'this manager doesn't like to work with an owner'; 'this manager doesn't like to work with president'. During my career I have been working in every possible circumstance. The most successful situations are not because of the structure but because of the empathy in the structure.

"People who work well together. People who share the same kind of ideas. This is the fundamental thing."

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Sala plane not licensed for commercial use

LONDON

AIR accident investigators say the plane carrying soccer player Emiliano Sala was not licensed for commercial use by authorities.

The initial report from the Air Accident Investigation Branch (AIB) says investigators have yet to determine if it could be classified as a private flight if costs were being shared, so commercial flight regulations were not applicable.

The United States-registered single-engine aircraft crashed into the English Channel while flying last month from the French city of Nantes to Wales, where Sala was preparing to start a new career with Premier League club Cardiff.

The AIB says "it is thought that the pilot's license and logbook were lost with the aircraft and so the ratings on his licenses and their validity, and the extent of his recent flying have not yet been determined."

The report also detailed how wreckage of the aircraft was found in three parts on the seabed of the English Channel. It said the remnants of the plane were held together by cables, as investigators released new images of

the crash site.

The interim report focused on the initial findings of an AAIB team, which worked at the crash site for four days, using underwater remotely-operated vehicles (ROVs) to map the wreckage.

"From the ROV video examination it was possible to establish that the aircraft was extensively damaged," the AAIB report said.

"The main body of the aircraft was in three parts held together by electrical and flying control cables.

"The engine had disconnected from the cockpit area, and the rear section of the fuselage had broken away from the forward section adjacent to the trailing edge of the wing.

"The outboard section of both wings, tail plane and fin were missing."

The plane which was carrying the Argentinian striker, 28, and pilot David Ibbotson, 59, went missing more than a month ago near the island of Guernsey in the English Channel.

It was located after a privately-funded search and a body recovered from the wreckage was later confirmed as that of Sala.

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Lukaku vows to help United through injury crisis

MANCHESTER, ENGLAND

ROMELU Lukaku has said he is ready to help Ole Gunnar Solskjaer through Manchester United's injury crisis.

United lost Ander Herrera, Juan Mata and Jesse Lingard to hamstring injuries during the first half of the goalless home draw with Liverpool on Sunday.

Marcus Rashford suffered an ankle injury after a heavy challenge from Jordan Henderson, while Anthony Martial and Nemanja Matic are sidelined with groin problems.

It means Solskjaer is set to take a threadbare squad to Crystal Palace on Wednesday, but the caretaker manager's headache gives striker Lukaku the chance to stake a claim for a regular place.

"As long as the manager wants to use me, I will do my best to help the team out," the Belgium international said.

"We have a number of injuries. We have to stay positive. We are Manchester United, and you have to go wherever we go and win.

"Roy Hodgson will set up his Palace team really well. We know that. We will prepare and we need to recover properly because it [Liverpool] was a physical game.

"Tactically and with our preparations, we will be ready to go again."

Solskjaer said after the draw with Liverpool that United had played with "10-and-a-half" men after Rashford's early injury meant the 21-year-old had to limp through the 90 minutes.

To compensate, Solskjaer asked Lukaku to play on the right in the second half, and the centre-forward said he would be happy to play in an unfamiliar role at Selhurst Park if necessary.

"Left or right or up front, it doesn't matter to me," he said. "Playing for this club is an honour and I just try to do my best, whichever position I play in.

"If it is on the right then I will try to create chances, which I did against Liverpool, and if it is up front then I will try to score goals. At the end of the day, I just try and help my teammates out and try



Romelu Lukaku

win matches."

The Old Trafford stalemate prevented Liverpool from going three points clear at the top of the Premier League, but former Everton player Lukaku said that had not been his main motivation.

"Me and Liverpool, not really, but at the end of the day we wanted to win for ourselves and the badge," he said.

"We have our job to be in the top four and we have to remain positive. We don't give up."

Meanwhile, Manchester United defender Luke Shaw has said he can play even better than he did in his man of the match performance against Liverpool on Sunday.

Shaw, 23, helped keep Mohamed

Salah so quiet that Liverpool's top scorer was substituted with 10 minutes of the 0-0 draw to go.

"I think I've still got another level," the England international said. "I don't think I am really at my best, and I know what I can do when I'm at my best.

"Of course I am happy with how it went today, but there's still more to come from me especially, and that's me being honest.

"I feel I can do more but the only thing I need to focus on is myself, keeping myself in the right condition and keep pushing myself every day.

"I'm still quite young. There's always room to improve, and that's what I want to do – keep improving."

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Benzema: I've played better since Ronaldo left

MADRID

CRISTIANO Ronaldo's departure from Real Madrid last summer has given Karim Benzema the chance to play his "true football," the French forward has told France Football.

Ronaldo was the focal point of the Madrid attack from when he arrived in the Spanish capital – at the same time as Benzema – in 2009 until the Portuguese superstar headed for Juventus last summer.

Benzema, who had been a prodigy as a striker at Lyon, had often been seen as playing second fiddle to his prolific teammate, teeing up Ronaldo for a healthy portion of the more than 300 goals he netted in his time with the Spanish giants.

Now, it is Benzema who leads the line for Santiago Solari's side, and the 31-year-old could not be happier to have taken on extra responsibility with the 13-time European champions.

"Before, there was a guy that scored more than 50 goals a season and I was in the role of a passer. Except that I had the No. 9 on my back. I didn't play centre-forward in fact, in spite of my position. I played in terms of Cristiano. We formed a great duo. I looked for him constantly with the aim of helping him score even more goals. I was in a secondary role.

"Now, it's up to me to show I want to score, that I want to carry the team. And that's what I like. It's actually what I did at Lyon. I said to myself that I had to take that to Madrid, but even better. And that's the case now," explained Benzema, who has scored 20 times in 40 competitive outings for his club this season.

"When I came to Madrid, I had to change my way of playing. I put myself at the service of a guy who – I say again – scored 50 goals a season. And it was a pleasure to play with him. Now, I'm the leader of the attack. It's up to me to make the difference. I am very happy, because I can play my true football."

While Ronaldo is way ahead at the top of the Champions League all-time scorers' chart, Benzema's four strikes in the competition this term have eased him into fourth place in the prestigious ranking, 11 goals behind another Madrid legend, Raul.

"That shows that I scored goals



Karim Benzema

before and at important moments, because the Champions League, even when an opponent seems to be less good, is always tough. Seeing myself in this position makes me very proud and motivates me to go further, which means catching the legend that is Raul,"

said the Frenchman, who has 60 goals to Raul's 71. "I don't think about statistics when I'm on the pitch, I'm not obsessed by that. But the consequence of my play is that I can go a little more into the history of Real Madrid if I catch Raul.

"But that will come by playing my game, not by listening to those who say, 'Think more about yourself.' No, no, I respect football. I say to myself, 'Make runs, open up play, play passes and you'll be rewarded sooner or later.'"

He added: "Of course, it's good to score goals to

make your team win, but if you can give it victory another way, that's also good. I really regret that today we talk more about statistics, the number of goals and chances, than your play. For me, football is above all a game. It's not only statistics. It's not basketball! You go to see a football match for moves, one-twins, shots, no-look passes... Football has to remain a show. I've thought of football like that since I was very small."

Meanwhile, Real Madrid starlet Vinicius Junior heaped praise on "incredible" Lionel Messi ahead of the first of two straight Clasicos this week but cautioned that Los Blancos will not fear the five-time Ballon d'Or winner once the matches begin.

Messi came off the bench in the two rivals' 1-1 Copa del Rey semifinal first-leg draw at the Camp Nou on Feb. 6 but is poised to feature prominently in Wednesday's return leg and again in their La Liga clash at the weekend.

However, the rising Vinicius, who signed with Real for €45 million in 2017, clarified on Monday that Santiago Solari's side doesn't fear the prospect of facing the Argentine superstar.

"Messi is incredible, and does things few players are capable of doing, but he doesn't scare us," the 18-year-old said on his Twitter account, hinting that he'd been misquoted following Sunday's 2-1 victory over Levante.

"We are ready for anything that comes. We have the best players in the world also."

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Gwiji by David Chikoko



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DAR ES SALAAM

By Guardian Reporter

SIMBA have maintained their winning ways in this season's Mainland Premier League, cruising to a 3-1 victory over Lipuli FC at the Samora Stadium in Iringa yesterday.

Simba scored the opener on the fifth minute through midfielder Clatous Chama, who poked the ball home off a low cross by defender Mohamed Hussein.

The visitors had won a free kick a few meters from the hosts' area and striker Emmanuel Okwi quickly released Hussein within the area and Chama pounced on the cross to beat keeper Yusuph.

Lipuli FC keeper Yusuph made two good saves in the



Simba left fullback Mohamed Hussein (L) shields the ball from Lipuli FC player in a past Mainland Premier League match.

next few minutes, as Simba put pressure on the former's defense.

Yusuph had, in the first, to come out of his comfort zone

to frustrate a Simba forward that had been released by team mate.

The Lipuli FC keeper then made a diving save, parrying a

dangerous cross from the left.

Lipuli FC pushed upfront in the later stages in pursuit of an equalizer, only to be frustrated by good defending by Simba.

The visitors wasted a good opportunity several minutes later as Okwi blasted a free kick, taken a few meters from Lipuli FC area, way over.

Striker Paul Nonga netted the equalizer for the hosts on the 17th minute, rifling the ball home with his left foot from outside the visitors' area.

Chama made it 2-1 for Simba on 43rd minute, beating Lipuli FC keeper Yusuph with a well taken free kick from outside the latter's box.

The opening half ultimately ended with Simba leading 2-1.

Simba were 3-1 up on the 57th minute as striker Meddie Kagere was released by Okwi and the former calmly lifted the ball over onrushing Yusuph.

The visitors, visibly determined to stay in control of the match, came close to notching the fourth on the 60th minute in which second half substitute Hassan Dilunga attempted a shot, which was collected by Yusuph.

Lipuli FC was dealt a huge blow on the 68th minute when fullback Ngalema was given marching orders by referee Florentina Zablun for deliberately hitting Simba forward John Bocco.

The rest of the match was an end to end action, with the two teams' defenses standing firm to foil attacks.

Simba are still placed third in the league's table, two points below second placed Azam FC. Simba have registered 15 wins, three draws and a defeat to record 48 points. Azam FC has 14 victories, eight draws and three losses to record 50 points.

Olivier quits South Africa for Yorkshire Kolpak deal

CAPE TOWN

DUANNE Olivier says he has made "possibly the most difficult decision" he'll ever have to make, after becoming the latest high-profile South African to turn his back on international cricket.

Olivier, who played in last week's Test series defeat against Sri Lanka in Port Elizabeth, has agreed a three-year county deal with Yorkshire, subject to clearance through Kolpak regulations, and will link up with his new team-mates for the first time during their fortnight-long pre-season tour to Potchefstroom early next month.

"My decision might be difficult for some to understand but being a professional cricket player is a short-lived career and in order for me to make the most of all my opportunities, I had to consider all my options," he said in a statement on Instagram.

An aggressive fast bowler, Olivier made his Test debut at Johannesburg in January 2017 - ironically as a replacement for Kyle Abbott, who signed a Kolpak deal with Hampshire - and has since taken 48 wickets in 10 Tests at an average of 19.25. He featured in two Tests on South Africa's tour of England in July and August 2017, at Trent Bridge and Old Trafford, and returned to the country in 2018 as an overseas player for Derbyshire.

"I came over to the UK last year and thoroughly enjoyed my time playing county cricket," Olivier told Yorkshire's website. "I have since realised I could happily base myself there for the foreseeable future.

"I was originally looking to come back as an overseas player but when I got a long-term offer from Yorkshire as a Kolpak I knew that signing for the club would be the best option for both myself and my family. I am a bowler that wants to keep pushing myself to see how far I can go and as I enter my prime I want to be in the best possible situation to grow. Another big reason was the longevity of my career."

Nevertheless, the decision was a hard one for Olivier to take, especially given his current international form. In December 2018 he took 24 wickets across the three Tests against Pakistan and was named the player of the series. He backed that up seven wickets in the 2-0 series defeat against Sri Lanka, after which he rose to No.19 in the ICC's Test bowling rankings.

"I would say I've been in good form for the last few years. It has definitely been my most consistent period and I think my stats could attest to that," he said. "I have definitely enjoyed playing Test cricket. The Pakistan tour was by far my stand-out tour. I loved every moment of that tour. It's definitely one I won't forget.

"I would be lying if I said this wasn't a difficult decision to make," he added. "It's giving up playing for my country with no guarantees of playing international cricket again. But at the end of the day, I needed to be true to myself. I've only got this one chance to see where my talent can take me and Yorkshire just felt right to me." **AGENCIES**

Azam urged to focus on players' performance

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

AZAM FC has been advised to put much emphasis on individual player performance for the team to remain in contention for the 2018/19 Mainland Premier League trophy.

Local soccer analyst, Ally Mayay, issued the advice in an interview in Dar es Salaam recently.

He said Azam FC has to deal with individual performance, not team performance, insisting the approach will help the team get the best from players.

Mayay said coaches must focus on individual drilling to players that have ability to dictate the game.

"Azam have a squad that can rise to any occasion both local and international, the squad has good players in all departments, players like keeper Razak Abalora, Wadada (Nicholas), Aggrey (Morris) Donald Ngoma, Tafadzwa Kutinyu, Obrey Chirwa, Frank Domayo and Salum Abubakar... these are good players who can dictate any game but now they need individual drilling," he said.

Mayay said if the players are well prepared, they can have a chance of winning this season's premier league trophy.

He said for Azam to realize the dream of becoming champions this season, the team must beat all teams which concede defeat to Yanga and Simba.

Azam, he noted, should also make sure that they beat the two Dar es Salaam giants in the second phase games.

"Azam FC currently has more than 10 games left, the outfit has chances



Azam FC players in a group picture before a recent match in the Mainland Premier League.

to emerge champions of this season's premier league," he said.

"They must do all they can to beat their close challengers in the league, which are Yanga and Simba, as well as beat all teams which have and will lost to the two giants."

Azam, who recently parted ways with head coach, Hans Plujim, and his assistant, Juma

Mwambusi, are currently placed second in the league's log with 50 points from 24 games.

The team announced Abdul Migange and Iddi Cheche as head coach and assistant coach respectively on interim basis and the side will on Friday play African Lyon.

The two, who were coaching Azam FC youth teams, have

started their duties on a brighter note as they on Monday guided the senior side to a 3-0 win over Rhino Rangers in the Azam Sports Federation Cup (ASFC) fifth round match.

In post-match interview, Cheche said he is happy with his team performance and promised that the team will continue doing well in all of remaining games.

Commenting on the recent poor performance of the team, Cheche said it was partly due to the former coaches' reluctance to get advice from him and others, who have been at the club for a long time.

"I am happy that we have started well, the morale in the camp is very good I think today's results will motivate the players to do well," he said.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

