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France, G7 leaders approve \$251m for AFAWA initiative

BIARRITZ, France

FRENCH President Emmanuel Macron and G7 leaders on Sunday approved a package totalling \$251 million in support of the African Development Bank's AFAWA initiative to support women entrepreneurs in Africa.

"I am particularly proud, as the current G7 president, that the programme we are supporting today, the AFAWA initiative, comes from an African organisation, the African Development Bank, which works with African guarantee funds and a network of African banks," Macron stated at a press conference at the G7 Summit in Biarritz, France.

The risk-sharing mechanism used by AFAWA (Affirmative Finance Action for Women in Africa) is a practical approach to international commitments. It is a direct



AfDB president Akinwumi Adesina applauded the "extraordinary support of all the G7 heads of state and government, which will provide incredible momentum" to the AFAWA programme

response to the demand by women to ease access to financing, specifically on the need to establish a financing mechanism for women's economic empowerment, adopted during a summit of African heads of state in 2015 and assigned to the African Development Bank for implementation.

"African women are the backbone of the continent. I'm thrilled to bring their voice to the G7. AFAWA is essential for our continent," said Beninese artist Angelique Kidjo, a guest at the press conference in her role as programme ambassador.

AfDB president Akinwumi Adesina applauded the "extraordinary support of all the G7 heads of state and government, which will provide incredible momentum" to the AFAWA programme.

"This is a great day for African women," Adesina said. "Investing in women entrepreneurs in Africa is important, because women are not only Africa's future, they are Africa's present."

"Currently, women operate over 40 per cent of SMEs in Africa, but there is a financing gap of \$42 billion between male and female entrepreneurs. This gap must be closed, and quickly," he asserted.

AFAWA aims to raise up to \$5 billion for African women entrepreneurs and the African Development Bank will provide \$1

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Climate: 11 IGAD countries map out October-December outlook



Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa exchanges greetings with Tanzanian government officials yesterday shortly after arriving at the hotel in Yokohama, Japan, where he is due to attend the 7th Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD 7). Left is Foreign Affairs, East Africa, Regional and International Cooperation minister Prof Palamagamba Kabudi. Photo: PMO

It is held under theme: "Early Warning for Early Action in Support of Climate Resilience and brought together participants from various countries including Tanzania, Burundi, Djibouti, Kenya Ethiopia Sudan, Eritrea, Somalia South Sudan, Rwanda and Uganda

By Henry Mwangonde

TANZANIA has appealed to meteorological agencies in the Horn of Africa region to focus on issuing people centered weather forecasts that give early warnings and facilitate early action in support of climate resilience.

The Minister for Works Transport and Communications, Isack Kamwelwe made the call yesterday in Dar es Salaam when opening the 53rd Greater Horn of Africa Forum (GHACOF) organized by the region's Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) through the Climate Prediction and Applications Centre (ICPAC).

Kamwelwe said most economies of the Horn of Africa depend on climate projection for various economic activities, thus early warning is key to mitigating climate change effects hence prosperity of the region.

"We depend on climate for our prosperity so, climate information and weather updates are a key component to the region's economic prosperity," he asserted.

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this aspect of climate data.

The meeting will also issue a weather outlook for October, November and December prospective rainy season for the Horn of Africa region, with participants expected to come up with deliberations on how early warnings can help to mitigate climate change effects.

It is held under the theme "Early Warning for Early Action in Support of Climate Resilience" and brings together participants from Tanzania, Burundi, Djibouti, Kenya, Ethiopia Sudan, Eritrea, Somalia, South Sudan, Rwanda and Uganda.

Tanzania Meteorological Agency (TMA) Director General Dr Agnes Kijazi said the forum is aimed at developing consensus on the climate outlook for October, November and December in the Greater Horn of Africa.

She said the region faces climate variables that make prediction a challenge due to lack of infrastructure. The government has already bought two weather radars and the aim is to have seven countrywide, the director noted.

In his remarks, World Meteorological Organization (WMO) representative Dr Ernest AfeSimama said investment in people-centred

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Govt: Plane seizure not tied to past ATCL-SAA haggling

By Guardian Reporter

THE government has said that South Africa's seizure of an Air Tanzania Corporation (ATCL) airplane last week was linked to a land compensation claim that dates back to the 1980s.

The Director of Tanzania Information Services and government chief spokesman, Dr Hassan Abbasi made the remarks on Sunday night when speaking on TBCI.

He said that the seizure of the Airbus 220-300 has nothing to do with the airline's past dealings with South Africa Airways, but rather a case that dates back to the 1980s involving a South African



The ATCL aircraft was seized on Friday at Johannesburg's OR Tambo International Airport after it landed during a scheduled flight from Dar-es Salaam

farmer whose farm and other properties were nationalized by the government.

Dr Abbasi said the government and the farmer agreed on the terms of taking over the farm, and the issue arose on delays to effect the compensation, elaborating that the farmer was paid a certain amount and an additional sum during the fourth phase government.

"Still there is a room for Tanzania to appeal the court ruling after the farmer applied for enforcement of a foreign arbitration award. Our team of lawyers is working on this and this plane shall soon resume work as normal," he

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Agro-sector policy review set to focus on irrigation, technology

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE government is set to review the national agriculture policy in effort to cope with new technology and other national programmes, it has been revealed.

Among other programmes is the National Irrigation Master Plan 2018 which directs that irrigation farming should reach at least a million hectares by 2035. Currently only 56,800 hectares of land is under irrigation farming.

The disclosure was made by the Permanent



Secretary in the Ministry of Agriculture, Mathew Mtigumwe (pictured), affirming that the government was also reviewing the water master plan for immediate implementation.

The PS was speaking while officiating at the Irrigation National Policy dialogue organized by the Economic and Social Research Foundation (ESRF) that brought together different stakeholders in the sector.

"We need to review policies and plans so as to have a common position on improving irrigation

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forecasts was key to development of the region.

He said among other things the outlook is aimed at coming up with an approach to deal with climate change to develop consensus then develop mitigation strategies.

Speaking at a meeting prior to the forum on Sunday, titled 'Greater Horn

of Africa Climate Communication Workshop,' participants highlighted the importance of communication as a key component towards establishing climate change interventions.

African Development Bank (AfDB) representative Dr Solomon Ngoze said the bank injected \$1.6 billion last year to adapt to climate change in the continent.

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explained.

Roger Wakefield of Werksmans Attorneys said his client, an elderly farmer, was owed \$33million -- including interest -- in compensation from the Tanzanian government after his farm was expropriated several decades ago.

The ATCL aircraft was seized on Friday at Johannesburg's OR Tambo International Airport after it landed during a scheduled flight from Dar-es-Salaam.

Leonard Chamuriho, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Works, Transport and Communications, said the government had been informed by its diplomatic mission in South Africa on the development.

The carrier's managing director Ladislaus Matindi was quoted as saying arrangements had been made for passengers to resume their journey on another flight.

The move comes barely two months after Air Tanzania opened its service to South Africa.

President John Magufuli has led attempts to revive the state-owned airline, hoping to boost tourism and turn the country into a major transportation hub.

It had just one plane when the president was elected in 2015. Since then, millions of dollars have been spent on the purchase of eight new aircraft.

But the carrier is battling several multi-million dollar lawsuits with its former suppliers.

This is also not the first time Air Tanzania has had a plane seized. In 2017, Canadian construction firm Stirling Civil Engineering seized the airline's new Bombardier Q400 plane in Canada over a \$38m lawsuit.

The Q400 was released in March 2018 after the prime minister and attorney general negotiated its release. No details were given about the terms of the settlement.

A South African court issued a warrant for seizing the plane, an Airbus 220-300 that was due to fly from Johannesburg on Friday to Dar es Salaam.



Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children minister Umy Mwalimu (R) takes a keen look yesterday at what was touted as avocado-based body oil shortly before launching the Tanzania Cosmetology Association in Dar es Salaam. Left is Nzallacado Oil director Twahiri Nzallawahe. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

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farming in the country as one of the strategies to improve lives of local farmers," he said.

He called on those who attended the meeting to wisely debate issues affecting irrigation farming and forward their recommendations to the government for further actions.

Mtugumwe noted that by December 2019, various stakeholders shall have held various meetings and the decision session will be held thereafter. There

are several issues that once solved will bring a new push for development in the sector, he declared.

The PS underlined that it is high time to create new board systems that will govern agriculture and strategic crops. "Instead of having numerous boards working differently using different systems, we need a policy that governs all the sub-sectors," he told the gathering.

He said the aim is to improve agricultural production, especially

through irrigation farming as the country moves towards the 2025 vision for an industrial economy.

During the meeting, the stakeholders shared research findings by the Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Analysis Network (FANRPAN), an international organization working on several countries in Africa, including Tanzania.

Ardhi University is its lead partner in the country, where its representative, Makarius Mndeme noted that research

conducted in Iringa and Mbeya regions showed that irrigation farming is productive in those areas and farmers can reap a lot though it.

"This is mainly through modern technology in irrigation farming that if well adopted can improve farmers' production and livelihoods," he said.

The meeting would brainstorm on how to engage with policy makers on some of the research findings and issues that affect small scale farmers, he added.



WORSE THAN FOOLHARDY: Small traders conduct their routine activities yesterday -- as always, for years on end -- directly under a transformer and high-voltage power lines at a spot along a Kariakoo market area stretch of Dar es Salaam's busy Uhuru Road. One wonders whether, should anything go wrong, that would qualify as an accident... Photo: John Badi

Farmers' network appeals for traditional seeds

By Marc Nkwame, Arusha

THE national network of small-scale farmers groups in Tanzania is appealing to the government to formalise and promote indigenous seeds, in the wake of growing concerns over some of the laboratory processed kernels.

The network (MVIWATA), is organising special exhibition to showcase and promote traditional seeds next Friday.

Damian James Sulumo is the coordinator for the farmers' network, known locally as 'Mtandao wa Vikundi vya Wakulima Tanzania (MVIWATA), who revealed here that a special exhibition for indigenous seeds will be staged in Karatu Township of Karatu district on the 30th of August 2019.

"We expect more than 500 participants who are going to present and display local varieties of seeds for all types of crops. There will also be hundreds of other attendants, including farmers, peasants and researchers out

to learn a few things from the event in Karatu," added Mr Sulumo.

Speaking during journalists' training here, Sulumo explained further that, the Karatu seeds exhibitions intend to remind Tanzanians of the benefits in using indigenous kernels for human health and soil fertility.

For his part, the coordinator of biodiversity network in Tanzania, Abdallah Ramadhan pointed out that, indigenous seeds contribute to 70 per cent of the available kernels used to produce agricultural outputs in the country.

"Yet surprisingly more efforts seem to concentrate on modern laboratory processed seeds, even though they contribute to less than 30 per cent of the national farm inputs," he said.

According to Ramadhan, the new law which demands that all seeds should be registered and failure to which, may attract huge penalties, including 500 million/- in fines or jail terms of up to 12 years, was doing disservice to local peasants, killing indigenous seeds and

threatening the entire agricultural sector in the process.

"It is not fair to promote seed companies, most of which are new and foreign owned at the expense of local growers who have been feeding the country since independence," Abdallah alerted.

He pointed out that, modern factory churned seeds produced 'tasteless crops,' destroyed the local soils' natural components, made farmers to be too dependent on additional inputs like fertilizer, pesticides and herbicides and their harvest cannot withstand weather elements during extended storage.

MVIWATA chairperson, Anna Ephata said the network is not out to fight modern seeds, but only to ensure that, indigenous seeds are not neglected because essentially they are the backbone of the country's agricultural sector.

"Indigenous seeds should be officially recognized and formalised because they are the inputs that local

farmers, especially those in rural areas, depend on to sustain their activities," said Ephata.

Founded in 1993, MVIWATA is a national farmers' organisation which brings together small holder farmers from all regions of Tanzania in order to have a common voice to defend economic, social, cultural and political interests of smallholder farmers.

The Network aspires to empower smallholder farmers economically and socially through capacity building and undertake lobbying and advocacy especially by strengthening their groups and networks, facilitating communication and learning so that they are capable of defending their interests.

MVIWATA was founded by 22 innovative farmers from Dodoma, Iringa, Kilimanjaro, Mbeya, Morogoro, Tanga and Rukwa regions for the purpose of creating a farmer-to-farmer exchange forum as a means of enhancing communication among smallholder farmers.

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billion financing. "This financing effort for women is the most significant in the continent's history," Adesina noted.

The AFAWA initiative, backed by the G7 nations, is based on three fundamental principles. The first is to improve women's access to financing through innovative and adapted financial instruments, including guarantee mechanisms to support women entrepreneurs.

In cooperation with strategic partners, the second principle is to provide capacity-building services to women entrepreneurs, including access to mentoring and training courses in entrepreneurship. AFAWA also assists financial institutions in responding to specific needs of women-led businesses through

specially adapted financial and non-financial products.

The third principle is improving the legal and regulatory environment, eliminating obstacles that specifically affect women by engaging in policy dialogue with governments, central banks and other institutions.

The press conference on AFAWA was part of the G7 Summit's emphasis on reducing inequality, specifically including a renewed partnership with Africa. This partnership will be highlighted by creating sustainable employment and supporting entrepreneurship, particularly for women entrepreneurs.

France holds the presidency of the G7 in 2019, and President Macron is championing gender equality as a major theme of his five-year term, analysts noted.

UK aid to break down snags for female entrepreneurs in Africa

By Guardian Reporter

THE International Development Secretary Alok Sharma has announced that the UK will significantly increase its support to empower female entrepreneurs and businesswomen across Africa.

In a press statement released yesterday, Sharma said that UK aid will provide business advice, training and financial support to back women-led businesses supporting economic growth across the continent.

An equal role for women in the economy is essential to sustained growth and will help lift millions out of poverty. Experts estimate that advancing economic equality globally could add \$12 trillion (or 11 per cent) to the global Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

Despite having the highest concentration of female entrepreneurs in the world, women in a number of African countries face greater barriers to starting their own businesses than their male peers. This is because women often find it harder to access further education, get business loans, sign contracts and own property based on their gender.

Increased funding through UK aid will incentivise African banks across the continent to lend to women by reducing the costs, while providing expert training to female entrepreneurs in essential skills to make their businesses a success.

Research shows that women typically reinvest up to 90 per cent of their income in the education, health and nutrition of their family and community, compared to 40 per cent for men. This means that investing in female-led businesses can transform societies as well as women's lives.

By leveraging the economic potential of tens of thousands of women, today's announcement of £30 million of UK aid will provide up to 10,000 budding female entrepreneurs with essential training and mentoring to help them better manage their businesses, including marketing, financial and business planning, start partnerships with up to 30 banks across Africa, helping to bring down the cost and incentivise lending to thousands of women and transform women's job opportunities and boost African economies to help countries become our trading partners and build their future beyond aid.



George Simbachawene, Minister of State in the Vice President's Office (Union and the Environment), addresses Iringa regional officials yesterday on the importance of protecting water sources and the environment. The minister, who is on a tour of Iringa and Morogoro regions, is flanked by Iringa regional commissioner Ally Hapi (R) and National Environment Management Council board chairperson Prof Ensat Chaggu. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Reporter

Dr Shein underlines urgent need for investments in agricultural research

ZANZIBAR President Dr Ali Mohamed has underscored the need for the ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources, Livestock and Fisheries to invest heavily in research to find permanent solutions of the challenges facing the key sectors.

He made the remarks during the meeting to receive the implementation of the 2019/20 work plan from the ministry.

Dr Shein said that investing in research especially in key sectors which touches food issues was inevitable thus calling on the ministry to work on issues.

He called upon the the ministry to work closely with the agriculture institutions to achieve the goal.

"Agriculture has a great contribution in blue economy and due to that, our government is working to establish a special department to coordinate

and supervise blue economy development," he said.

For his part, the Isles' Second Vice-President, Amb Seif Ali Iddi emphasised on the investment in production of baby fish (larvae) to enable more people engage in the business.

Amb Iddi also underscored the need for the establishment of chicks production project to help the traders who have been importing the chicks from abroad.

"Another area which needs more investment is the production of spices. This has great market demand inside and outside the country," he added.

Dr Maua Abeid Daftari, the President's advisor commended the ministry's commitment to also invest in sunflower farming

something which is going to benefit a number of farmers.

Earlier, minister Mmanga Mjawiri said that the ministry is well prepared to improve the agriculture sector by making it more beneficial to farmers and the country at large.

"Among the priorities in the year 2019/20 is to merge the Kizimbani Agriculture Training Institute (KATI) and the State University of Zanzibar (SUZA) as well as procurement of two ships," he said.

He highlighted some of the achievements in 2018/19 fiscal year as increase of rice production, clove seedlings, launch of the coconut production and development campaign as well as construction of irrigation

infrastructures among others.

Reading the ministry's work plan, Permanent Secretary Mariam Juma Abdalla Saadalla said the availability of funds to finance various projects has been one of the pushing factors to the development of the sectors.

She said that in this fiscal year, the ministry is well prepared to make sure that key sectors of agriculture, fisheries, livestock are developed including protecting the country's natural resources.

"Among the projects to be implemented include construction of modern storage facilities, procurement of fish ships, construction of fish processing factories and fish dams in both Unguja and Pemba," she added.

Govt appreciates FAO support in reviewing fisheries master plan

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

THE government through the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries has appreciated the technical support by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in the review of the national Fisheries Master Plan.

Speaking in Dodoma yesterday, the Ministry's Permanent Secretary (Fisheries), Dr. Rashid Tamatama, said that the existing Master Plan is out dated and that it needed to be reviewed.

"The last National Fisheries Master Plan for the period 2002 - 2015 was commissioned in 2002 with the purpose of identifying key challenges, important areas for sector development, and to provide a road map for sustainable development of the fisheries sector that will generate socio-economic benefits to the people of Tanzania. Thanks to FAO for proving support to review the plan," he said.

Dr. Tamatama was speaking in Dodoma during the launch of two FAO funded technical cooperation projects in Dodoma namely; National Fisheries Master Plan review and assistance for the development of a comprehensive process following the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries (EAF).

"It is my sincere hope that the new and reviewed Master Plan will set out the key actions required to boost the development of the fisheries sector and reinforce the emerging aquaculture subsector as incentives to large scale commercial fishery industries and producing high-value species for both local and export markets," he added.

He was of the opinion that the new Master Plan should form a vital link in Tanzania's strategy to secure national and household food security, reduce poverty and create employment, especially for the vulnerable and poorer communities and help to fast-track Tanzania Development Vision 2025 which aims at achieving middle income status by 2025.

Regarding the second project, Dr. Tamatama said that it aimed to implement the Tanzania small and medium pelagic fisheries management plan that will develop ownership, through identifying priority issues, and actions needed to address these issues.

"The small and medium pelagic fishery in Tanzania is largely subsistence in nature, but it account for approximately one third of total fish

catch," he said adding: "The implementation of Small and Medium Pelagic Fisheries Management Plan is aimed at changing the subsistence nature of the small and medium pelagic fishery in Tanzania to commercial scale production by providing more fish to local and export markets."

On his part, the FAO Representative to Tanzania, Fred Kafeero, said that FAO was happy to support Tanzania in the development of its fisheries sector.

"These two projects further underscore the fruitful collaboration that has existed between the FAO and the government of the United Republic of Tanzania for decades now," he said.

According to him, the FAO Representation in Tanzania has been working in tandem with the government towards achieving the country's development goals mostly in the agriculture-related sectors of the economy.

Through the Country Programming Framework tool, the FAO and the government of the United Republic of Tanzania have collaboratively identified strategic priorities for overall medium-term country-level programming. The FAO Representation in Tanzania is guided by these priorities in providing technical and financial support into national development frameworks and planning cycles.

Priority Area D of Tanzania Country Programming Framework focuses on strengthening resilience to natural and man-made threats and crises, such as climate change impacts; and unsustainable management of natural resources. One way to significantly reduce the risk of unsustainable management of natural resources is the development and implementation of realistic policies and mechanisms for natural resources management.

The Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries (EAF) process has proven to be a process through which stakeholders (within and outside the sector) will develop ownership, through identifying priority issues, and actions needed to address these issues towards effective fisheries management.

The FAO has been requested to provide Technical Assistance for the development of a comprehensive process that follows the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries (EAF) to develop a new Fisheries Master Plan for the development of the fisheries sector in Tanzania. This plan will update and replace the existing Master Plan that was developed in 2002.

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CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (CEoI)

Implementation of 2020 UNHCR Refugee Protection and Assistance Projects in Tanzania CEoI - Ref.No: UNHCR/2019/002 – Tanzania; August 2019

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) was established on December 14, 1950 by the United Nations General Assembly. The agency is mandated to lead and co-ordinate international action to protect refugees and resolve refugee problems worldwide. UNHCR works directly and through its Partners to protect and assist a diverse range of refugee women, men, girls and boys to safeguard their rights and well-being. It strives to ensure that everyone can exercise the right to seek asylum and find safe refuge in another State, with the option to return home voluntarily, integrate locally or to resettle in a third country. It also has a mandate to help stateless people.

The work and conduct of UNHCR, its partners and other humanitarian organisations are guided by the principles of humanity, impartiality, neutrality and independence, which are derived from international human rights and humanitarian law and underline the refugee response in Tanzania.

While host Governments have the primary responsibility for assuring protection and provision of basic services to refugees and asylum-seekers, UNHCR supports Governments in discharging this responsibility in line with international protection standards.

UNHCR Tanzania supports the Government in the provision of protection and assistance to refugees and asylum seekers, also known as Persons of Concern (PoCs), in close collaboration with the UN-system in Tanzania and through partnership(s) with international / local organization(s) and other stakeholders based in Tanzania.

The purpose of this Call for Expression of Interest (UNHCR/2019/002 - Tanzania) is to solicit interest from existing and prospective partners who are interested in participating in the UNHCR operation in Tanzania and contributing complementary resources (human resources, knowledge/expertise, funds, in-kind contribution, supplies and/or equipment) to achieve common objectives as agreed in a Project Partnership Agreement. This call (CEoI) replaces the Call for Expression of Interest for Programme Areas 5 (education) and 6 (protection) of an earlier call (UNHCR/2019/001 - Tanzania) published in the Guardian and Daily Newspapers on Monday 13th May 2019. Partners are asked to respond to the specific criteria listed below that will be applied when reviewing concept notes.

- The new concept note being submitted must be for at least one of the following protection sectors and must cover all refugee locations listed in criteria (2) below. Existing and potential Partners may combine two or more of the below listed sectors in one concept note where synergies exist, provided the concept note covers all three camps.
 - Child protection
 - Education and youth empowerment
 - Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV)
 - Legal Assistance
 - Persons with Specific Needs (PSN)

- Each concept note must cover all refugee locations (namely Nyarugusu, Mtendeli, Nduta and Dar es Salaam where required). Submissions for sector areas that cover some but not all locations will not be considered.

- Partners submitting concept note for child protection should indicate in

the concept note their willingness to use UNHCR's ProGres V4 database as the child protection case management tool in collaboration with UNHCR protection staff.

- Partners submitting SGBV concept note should indicate their willingness to use ProGres V4 as the preferred SGBV case management tool, share protection data with UNHCR and promote interoperability between information management systems, depending on evolving operational needs.
- Partners' ability to mobilize and contribute additional funds to the refugee response to complement UNHCR's contribution is also very much encouraged.
- Concept notes must be clear on existing standards of conduct of the organization and its staff to promote and practice the highest standards of ethical, personal and professional conduct both within the respective organization and externally. Similarly, commitment to policies and procedures on preventing, detecting, and responding to fraud committed by staff and PoCs in respect of assistance intended to benefit PoCs as well as credible measures to prevent and respond to incidents of sexual exploitation and abuse must be articulated in the concept note.

Partners selected through this CEoI are expected to manage the daily operational programme activities under UNHCR's overall guidance.

Organizations that have the required technical and complementary attributes to UNHCR's capacities and resources for undertaking any of the above-mentioned Programme sectors are invited to respond to this CEoI (Ref. No: UNHCR/2019/002 - Tanzania) by submitting a Concept Note/s on <https://www.unpartnerportal.org> latest by 30th September 2019. The Concept Note (parameters defined above) must be clear and concise, not exceeding 3 pages. Concept note template with brief description and background of each programme area and selection criteria can be accessed on <https://www.unpartnerportal.org>. Upon receipt of the Concept Notes, a UNHCR multi-functional committee will review the submissions in accordance with the pre-defined criteria. Applicant organizations will receive written notification on the outcome of the assessment before the end of November 2019. Instructions for any follow-up that might be required by the applicants will be provided in this response.

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Peaceful end found to 10-year-old Kumbulu villagers' land dispute

By Guardian Correspondent, Gairo

NATURAL Resources and Tourism, deputy minister Constantine Kanyasu has resolved a 10-year land dispute between Kumbulu villagers and the Kumbulu forest reserve, which is managed by the Gairo District Council in collaboration with the Tanzania Forest Service (TFS).

The land dispute started in 2009 under the village's land use plan. Some of village leaders were not happy with the decision as a result they mobilised villagers to till the land for their daily activities inside the forest reserve.

Following the situation, the minister directed a team of experts that had been formed by the Gairo district to redistribute the area based on the current population of the village, saying the agricultural area should be expanded.

Kanyasu has ordered the grazing area to be reduced from 1,641 acres to 1,000 acres and the remaining area to be used for agricultural activities.

Kanyasu explained that, the land use plan undertaken in 2008 was substandard as some villagers took up a big area and some sold it.

The minister said the village has 642 households; therefore each household will receive two acres, making a total of 1,284 acres.

Initially, the land use plan set aside 5,500 hectares of forest reserve, 1,000 acres of land for agriculture, and 1,600 acres for grazing, despite of being involved in the process, some of village leaders were against it.

Kanyasu said since the forest is close to three villages it is good for the remaining two villages to present their claims so that the conflict can be resolved.

He has also warned the households in the village to develop the provided land, if they fail to do so the land will be confiscated.

Kanyasu has warned the group with self-interest in the village to stop the tendency of inciting villagers, saying that the government will not hesitate to take stern legal actions against them.

For his part, Gairo District Commissioner, Siriel Mchembe urged villagers to provide enough cooperation to the task team to enable them to effectively complete their assigned duty.

"You must have access to agricultural land but it is also important to look after existing trees as there are catalyst for rain.

"Every household should have agricultural land and it is you are responsible to take care of the available resources over the land including trees", the DC told villagers.

However, the Gairo Member of Parliament, Ahmed Shabiby told people that while waiting for redistribution of the land, they have to avoid deforestation.

"For those who want to cut down trees for burning charcoal, you must follow the required procedures, even if you want to cut down trees at your home you must seek permission from the relevant authorities," he insisted.



You must have access to agricultural land but it is also important to look after existing trees as there are catalyst for rain



Capital Markets and Securities Authority CEO Nicodemus Mkama presses a computer key in Dar es Salaam yesterday to inaugurate I&M Bank's Capital Investment Services. Those witnessing the event include I&M Bank CEO Baseer Mohamed and Custodial Investment Services assistant manager Frank Bunuma. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Kisarawe District Hospital to undergo major facelift

By Correspondent Amri Lugungulo, Kisarawe

KISARAWA District Council is constructing two-storey buildings for maternity and outpatient department (OPD) wards at the district hospital in effort to scale up health care services in the area.

Acting District Medical Officer (DMO), Dr Gray Mramba said over the

weekend in an exclusive interview.

He said that the district council has started building maternity ward and latter they'll construct OPD building at the health facility, which serves hundreds of people from across the district within 76 villages.

Dr Mramba explained that the district council has started building a fence for the security of the hospital,

which was built before the country's independence.

Increasing number of people who get treatment at the hospital had it was one of the driving factors that pushed the district to expand the health facility.

He said that once completed the district hospital will be equipped with modern medical facilities—as one way

of improving healthcare services in the district, which was established more than 100 years.

He however said that the district hospital has started registering 5,000 elders aged 60 years and above to get treatment free of charge in the district.

"We've started giving them identity cards and our target is register 8,000 elders in the near future," he said.



USAID/Tanzania Water Resources Integration Development Initiative (USAID/WARIDI)

Request for Quotation

For Supply and Installation of Submersible Water Pumps

WARIDI-0028-2019

Winrock International is a sub-contractor to Tetra Tech the prime implementing partner for the USAID/Tanzania Water Resources Integration Development Initiative (USAID/WARIDI) pursuant to the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, and in accordance with USAID Contract No AID-OAA-I-14-00068/AID-621-TO-16-00003.

WARIDI is a USAID funded five-year activity which seeks to achieve improvements in health, water resources management, agriculture, climate change adaptation and the environment in Tanzania. WARIDI will promote state-of-the-art approaches in cross-sectoral, integrated management of water-related resources and services

Through this RFQ, USAID/WARIDI requests for quotations from qualified locally registered Vendors to bid for Supply and Installation of 7 Submersible Water Pumps for rural and urban water supply projects to the following sites;

Kilosa District, Morogoro Region 3 pumps
Gairo District, Morogoro Region 1 pump
Mufindi District, Iringa Region 1 pump
Iringa, Iringa Region 2 pumps

A complete set of the Bidding Documents may be obtained via email from **Procurement and Contracts Manager, Winrock International, JR House, Old Dar es Salaam Road, P.O Box 768, Morogoro, Tanzania**, email: waridi.procurement@winrock.org. Any questions should be sent by **Monday September 2, 2019 at 5.00pm East Africa Time**; and will be responded to in one all-inclusive written document provided to all bidders via email on **Tuesday September 3, 2019**.

Quotations must be received no later than **12:00 Noon East African Time on Friday September 13, 2019**. Late submissions will not be accepted. All quotations are to be submitted following the guidelines listed in the bidding documents. Telephone requests will not be honored.

Bids shall be opened in public, in the presence of the bidder's representatives who choose to attend, at **Winrock International offices, JR House, Old Dar es Salaam Road, P.O Box 768, Morogoro, Tanzania, at 2.00 pm, on Friday, September 13, 2019**.

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Govt orders relocation of 13 households from village lying deep in forest reserve

By Correspondent James Kandoya

THE government has ordered 13 households living in Wembele village reserve, Igunga district, in Tabora region to shift to the area earmarked for farmers to avoid unnecessary land disputes with herders.

The government statement followed after the farmers invaded herders' land and stopped them to use it for grazing their cattle contrary to the agreement regulations.

Lands, Housing and Human Settlements deputy minister Dr Angelina Mabula made the directive after having talks with the two sides of the farmers and herders in Tabora region.

She said government was not ready to see people killing others while it had already demarcated all plots adding that stern measures will be taken against all those who will go against it.

"All those who will go against the agreement should shift from the area



immediately. Already demarcations are there, what is needed is for them to abide by the agreement," she said.

She directed Igunga District Commissioner John Mwaipopo to supervise the shifting the 13 households from the farmer's areas.

For his part, Kitulo sub village chairman Zephania Ndassa said the areas had been in disputes between farmers and herders since 2004 when

the late Abbas Kandoro was regional Commissioner.

A resident of Makomelo village, Christopher Shigela, urged the official to solve the crisis after efforts made by the district office and later the regional office proved futile.

He said despite the fact that the government had mapped and allocate the plots to farmers and herders, still farmers have invaded the land.



An Estim construction firm worker busy 'laying the ground' for the expansion of Morogoro Road into a six-lane dual carriageway from Dar es Salaam's Kimara suburb to Kibaha in Coast Region, as found at Kimara Temboni yesterday. Photo: John Badi

NMB Trains 1,200 Entrepreneurs on Financial Education

NMB Bank PLC through its Business clubs, last week provided training to over 1,200 entrepreneurs on financial literacy including but not limited to taxpayer education and taxes contribution towards country's economy. The Entrepreneurs were particularly based in the Northern Zone of Tanzania- namely; Arusha, Kilimanjaro and Tanga.

Undoubtedly, Micro, Small-and-Medium Enterprises (MSME) activities are not only integral part of NMB bank plc but also the nation as whole. The economy's prosperity largely depends on successes of enterprises and entrepreneurs. We are very pleased that in a period of five years, we have been a catalyst in the growth of MSME business portfolios and have serviced over 200,000 Micro, Small-and-Medium Enterprises across the country.

Every year, NMB has been preparing training through its robust business clubs' network with total number of 36 clubs spread throughout the country, each having registered 150 to 300 members. Not to mention, business clubs' members have benefitted immensely from the financial training programs designed to improve and increase their capacity.

NMB Bank PLC Interim Managing Director, Albert Jonkergouw says: "the business clubs strategy aims at reaching out to over 200,000 Micro, Small-and-Medium Enterprises' across the country."

"As bank, we are very aware of our stakeholders' value especially entrepreneurs towards the economy's growth. In the near future, NMB will continue engage in these events of high importance," added Jonkergouw.



Kilimanjaro Regional Commissioner, Anna Mgwhira (second left) in joyous mood as she admires entrepreneurs' products during NMB business club event held in Moshi last week. Left is NMB Bank PLC Northern Zone Manager, Aikansia Muro. These entrepreneurs have directly benefited from the bank through business loans and training.



NMB Chief of Shared Services, Nenyuata Mejooli (right) admiring a basket made by Joyce Lema (left). Joyce is one of beneficiaries of different business loan products from NMB Bank. Looking is the bank's Head of Business Banking – Donatus Richard (second left) and NMB Northern Zone Manager, Aikansia Muro during NMB Business Club.



Karatu District Commissioner, Theresia Mahongo (right) admiring handcraft products from Ushoka Lakai at the Business Club meeting in Arusha. Others are NMB Head of Business Banking, Donatus Richard (second right), NMB Northern Zone Manager, Aikansia Muro and other bank officials.



Maximillian Mattle speaking at the NMB Business Club event.



NMB Chief of Shared Services, Nenyuata Mejooli (second left) handling a certificate of recognition to Evol Carol as the best business woman voted by the Bank in Arusha.



Odilla Mrindoko speaking at the NMB Business Club event.



Japan gearing up for a major conference on African development

Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD)



THE Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD) is an international conference led by the Japanese government and co-sponsored by the United Nations, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the African Union Commission (AUC) and the World Bank. In the early 1990s, developed countries' interest in providing assistance to Africa began to wane. Under such circumstances, it was Japan that argued for the importance of Africa, and TICAD was the proof of Japan taking action. The first TICAD was organized in 1993 by Japan with the cooperation of the United Nations and Global Coalition for Africa, and attracted participants from 48 African countries, including five heads of state. The Tokyo Declaration on African Development, adopted at TICAD I, put aid and development in Africa back on the international agenda. Since then, over the course of more than 20 years, TICAD has a track record of improving social and economic conditions in Africa by mobilizing public and private resources, including but not limited to Japanese Technical assistance, grant aids and concessional loans. From 2016 onwards, the TICAD is held every three years, hosted alternatively in Africa and Japan. TICAD VI was held in 2016 in Kenya, and the coming TICAD 7 will be held in Yokohama from August 28th through 30, 2019.

The theme of TICAD 7 is **"Advancing Africa's Development through People, Technology and Innovation"**. This theme matches with Japan's strengths such as human resource development as well as science, technology and innovation. Under this theme, Japan intends to strongly boost Africa's development through assistance that is unique to Japan. Through this theme, Japan hopes that there will be a growing interest in Africa and TICAD 7 in both domestic and international spheres.

TICAD and JICA

TICAD was held in Africa (Nairobi, Kenya) for the first time in August 2016. The Nairobi Declaration adopted in that memorable TICAD VI emphasized that structural economic transformation through economic diversification and industrialization, resilient health systems for quality of life and social stability for shared prosperity were the key issues to tackle new challenges that Africa had been facing. For those challenges, the Government of Japan committed in TICAD VI to invest for the future of Africa by supporting **quality** infrastructure, building a **resilient** health system, and consolidating peace and **stability** from 2016.

Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) which is an implementing agency of Japan's Official Development Assistance (ODA), has been taking various actions and demonstrating steady results for the future of Africa, with a view to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). JICA has been taking such actions through three modalities namely: technical cooperation, provision of ODA concessional loans and provision of grant-aid to African countries in line with its vision of **"Leading the world with trust"**.

In line with the objectives of TICAD, JICA initiatives in Africa are built around three pillars as follows: Quality Africa, Resilient Africa and Stable Africa.

1. Quality Africa

In response to the decline of global commodity prices after 2013, JICA facilitates economic structural transformation through economic diversification and industrialization in Africa. In particular, JICA advances the development of quality infrastructure by investing approximately USD 10 billion in Corridor development, natural resource and energy development, and urban development. JICA also promotes private sector activities through developing human resources with practical skills for African industries that also meet the needs of Japanese companies. This includes training programs for mathematics and science teachers, support for vocational training and higher education, and KAIZEN initiatives in manufacturing industry and business sectors. In addition, JICA offers opportunities for young Africans to study at Masters' degree courses in Japan and experience internship in Japanese enterprises through its ABE Initiative (African Business Education). JICA also follows up on these youth after they return to their countries, with the objective of fostering human resources who can drive Japanese Companies to expand their businesses to the African continent.

2. Resilient Africa

JICA focuses on building resilient health system for quality of life. While focusing on the ownership and leadership of each country, JICA promotes Universal Health Care (UHC) through financial and technical cooperation by training health service workers and strengthening service delivery service systems including health financing. JICA also promotes maternal and child health, reproductive health, and measures for infectious and non-infectious diseases to achieve UHC.

3. Stable Africa

JICA assists in building a solid foundation for social stabilization to address the global expansion of violent extremism, armed conflicts, and climate change. JICA's contributions include developing human resources such as transferring techniques to farmers and extension workers to increase rice production, vocational training, responding to climate change and natural disasters, and managing forest resources. For increasing rice production, JICA aims at doubling rice production in 10 years through supporting the National Rice Development of each country under the auspices of the Coalition for African Rice Development (CARD) which was founded in 2008. Also JICA supports the entire value chain such as extension, production, post-harvest handling and marketing through technical and financial cooperation and research activities in collaboration

with other development partners.

JICA in Tanzania

To achieve the objectives of TICAD, JICA Tanzania is implementing activities in various sectors in the country namely Agriculture, Private Sector & Industry Development, Power & Energy, Transport, Water, Local Government, Public Financial Management, Health. In addition, JICA has been dispatching more than 1,900 volunteers to the Country since 1967. Furthermore, JICA has training program which over 3,500 Tanzanians have visited Japan and around 100 annually participate in the program. In this article, we mention only a few activities which produce outputs for the country's development: Urban transport development, Capacity development for trade facilitation in the East African Region, Productivity improvement in the manufacturing industry "KAIZEN", Master Program on the African Business Education "ABE Initiative", and Agriculture.

Urban transport development

Urban transport development is key in the development of any country. Tanzania faces the Indian Ocean and has five neighbouring in-land countries. In this sense, it has geographical advantage as a regional transport hub. Considering steady economic growth observed in recent years and rapid increase of freight, the key challenge is to promote road, railway and port networks for the regional corridor utilizing the country's advantage fully. JICA's support in this sector commenced in 1980 with the construction of the Selander Bridge, followed by the rehabilitation of many roads in Dar es salaam's Kariakoo area and in the Central Business District in the 1990s. In recent times, roads such as Kilwa, Ali Hassan and Kawawa roads in Dar es salaam were constructed with JICA's support. More recently, JICA supported the construction of the first Flyover in Tanzania (Mfugale Flyover) at Tazara intersection which was completed in September 2018. Following the completion of the Flyover, congestion at that Intersection (which is one of the busiest in the country) has been reduced greatly. Travel time across the section has been reduced dramatically, much to the relief of travelers bound to and from the Julius Nyerere International Airport. Moreover, the construction site was well managed by the Japanese contractor and consultant. The project not only achieved more than 2.5 million man hours or accident-free safety record but was also completed as scheduled. The Flyover is a lasting symbol of the cooperative memory and long-term friendship between Tanzania and Japan. Urban development projects currently under implementation include the Project for Widening of New Bagamoyo Road (Mwenge-Morocco stretch) and the construction of the Gerezani bridge project in Dar es salaam.



Mfugale Flyover in Dar es salaam

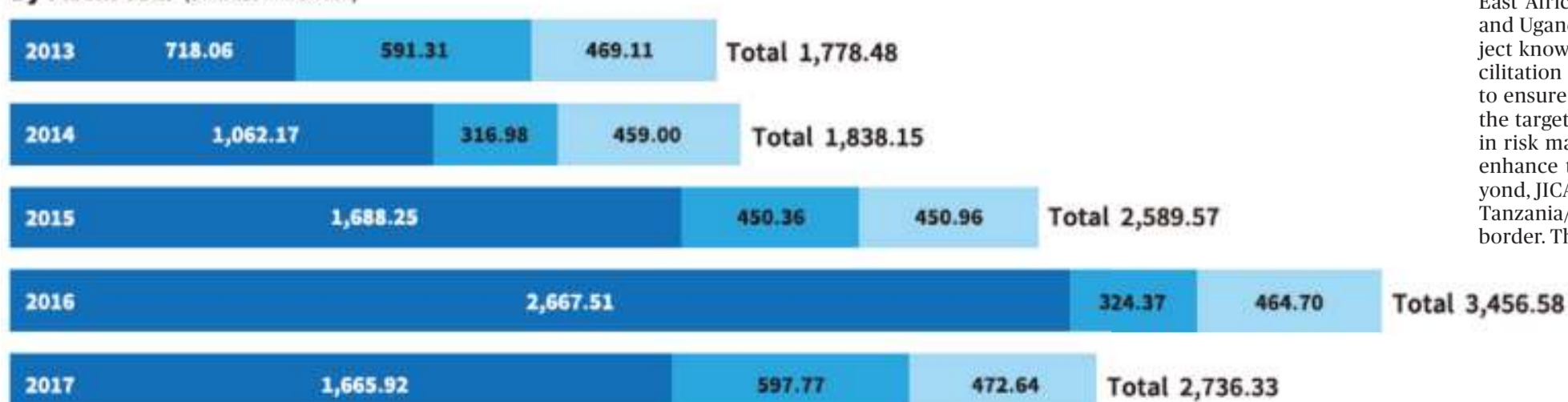
Capacity development for trade

facilitation in the East African Region

JICA Tanzania in collaboration with 5 revenue authorities of the East African countries namely Tanzania, Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda and Uganda have been implementing a technical cooperation project known as the "Project on Capacity Development for Trade Facilitation in East Africa" since 2017. The objective of this project is to ensure effective "One-Stop- Border Posts" (OSBPs) operations at the target borders as well as to improve customs capacity building in risk management and border control in East Africa. In order to enhance trade facilitation within the East African Region and beyond, JICA supported the establishment of OSBPs at Rusumo on the Tanzania/Rwanda border and at Namanga on the Tanzania/Kenya border. Through these OSBPs clearance time at these posts has been reduced considerably. For instance at Rusumo, clearance time has been reduced by about 73%.

Achievements of JICA's Assistance for Africa

By Fiscal Year (Unit: 100 million Yen)



● Loan Aid (Yen Loans) ● Grant Aid ● Technical Cooperation

Note - Includes five north African countries in addition to 49 countries in sub-Saharan Africa
 - Values for Loan Aid (Yen Loans)/Grant Aid are on an Exchange of Notes (E/N) basis.
 - Grant Aid includes only projects implemented by JICA (projects implemented by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan are not included)
 - Values for Technical Cooperation are based on actual expenses incurred by JICA

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Productivity improvement in the manufacturing sector (KAIZEN project)

Improvement of productivity in the manufacturing industry is one of JICA Tanzania's paramount activities. In this regard based on the request of the Government JICA commenced the Project on Strengthening Manufacturing Enterprises through Quality and Productivity Improvement (KAIZEN Project) in 2003. This project initially covered Dar es Salaam, Dodoma and Morogoro Regions and aims at increasing, with limited budget, productivity in the manufacturing sector. Through this project, more than 50 companies and over 2,000 individuals were exposed to the KAIZEN approach. As a result, productivity at such companies has significantly improved with some doubling production and others reducing the defective rate by about 70%. Phase 2 of the project will cover more Regions and more companies. The ultimate goal is to introduce KAIZEN to 100 companies and to develop 150 KAIZEN trainers throughout the country. Meanwhile Tanzania's Arusha - based A to Z Textile Mills limited emerged the winner of the African continental KAIZEN award competition. The Arusha based company, which applies KAIZEN approach in its activities, was bestowed the award in a competition which took place in Tunis, Tunisia in June 2019. The other countries which took part in the competition were Tunisia, Kenya, South Africa, Ethiopia, Zambia, Democratic Republic of the Congo and Namibia.

Note: "KAIZEN" is a Japanese word meaning "improvement". It is a management philosophy and know-how developed in Japan for organizations' continuous quality and productivity improvement. It is a human oriented approach fostering teamwork, self-reliance, creativity and ingenuity. Although KAIZEN is a long-term approach consisting of small steps and with little investment, it promotes the very core capabilities of firms such as production and management, which will be essential for a firms' growth.

Master Program on African Business Education Initiative (ABE Initiative)

The African Business Education Initiative (ABE Initiative) is an Initiative which commenced in 2014 with the aim of bridging the gap between Japan and Tanzania through capacity building of African youth. As of now about 85 Tanzanian youth have benefitted from the Masters' degree programs implemented at Japanese Universities and internships at Japanese enterprises in Japan through this Initiative. The ABE returnees are expected to contribute to the development of industries in the country and build networks with the Japanese private sector.

Agriculture

In agriculture, JICA Tanzania's support to the sector started in 1974 with the "Kilimanjaro Agricultural Development Project". This was followed by the development of the Lower Moshi Irrigation Scheme and Kilimanjaro Agricultural Development Centre and currently the Kilimanjaro Agricultural Training Centre (KATC). Since that time, JICA has been supporting rice farming through the Rice Industry Development Project (TANRICE 2) which now covers the whole of Tanzania. Through this project more than 15,000 farmers have been trained and adopted improved rice cultivation technologies. Moreover farmers who participated in such training have had their rice yields increased by about 40%. In the 2000s, JICA expanded its activities in the agriculture sector by strengthening the Government's monitoring and evaluation (M&E) system. This led to the development of web-based information system called "Agriculture Routine Data System (ARDS)". In 2017 over 90% of agriculture information across the country was captured by the system every month. Early this year the Project for Strengthening DADP Planning and Implementation Capacity through Use of SHEP Approach (TANSHEP) was commenced. It aims at promoting the horticulture sub-sector targeting 12 primary Local Government Authorities (LGAs) in Arusha, Kilimanjaro and Tanga Regions and in other government horticulture priority areas. The purpose of this project is to enable Districts in targeted areas increase income of farmers in those areas through the "Grow to sell" and not the "Grow and sell" approach.



Lower Moshi Irrigation Project

JICA Tanzania Office

JICA's activities for Tanzania commenced in 1962, just one year after Tanganyika's independence, when a single Tanzanian was accepted for technical training in Japan. Since then such activities continued to grow and expand over the years and now include not only technical cooperation but also the provision of ODA concessionary loans and grant-aid. To undertake such activities JICA Tanzania Office has a committed staff of over 50 men and women who work around the clock to ensure that its operations in the country are carried out smoothly for the benefit of the people of our two friendly countries of Tanzania and Japan.



Some staff members of JICA Tanzania office.



Africa-Japan: the 7th TICAD in sight

By Guardian Reporter

A host of African leaders are expected in the Japanese city of Yokohama for the seventh edition of the Tokyo International Conference for African Development (TICAD) summit.

TICAD has been held alternately in Japan and Africa since TICADVI. TICAD7 will take place in Yokohama, Japan between 28 to 30 August 2019.

The government of Japan leads the conference with co-hosts such as the United Nations, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), World Bank and African Union Commission (AUC).

Among the African leaders whose attendance is confirmed are:

- Muhammadu Buhari, Nigeria
- Cyril Ramaphosa, South Africa
- Ibrahim Boubakar Keita, Mali
- Edgar Lungu, Zambia
- Macky Sall, Senegal

TICAD is a summit-level international conference regarding development of Africa launched by Japan in 1993. TICAD was held every 5 years until TICADV (2013).

The hosting period was shortened to 3 years since TICAD VI (2016), during which it was held for the first time in Africa (Kenya, Nairobi).

Aside the main deliberations by presidents, heads of state and government representatives, there are a number of side events slated for countries to engage in bilateral talks with the host nation and among themselves.

During TICAD 6, Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, disclosed that Africa will benefit from a \$30 billion investment package by 2018 including a \$10 billion investment in infrastructural development.

"When combined with the investment from the private sector, I expect the total real amount to be \$30 billion. This is an investment that has faith in Africa's future," he said at the time.

Japan and Africa pursues two major approaches to guide its relations with African countries, namely "quality growth (inclusiveness, sustainability, and resilience)" and "human security (capacity building focusing on each individual in Africa)."

It is essential in addressing development issues in Africa to achieve balanced and stable economic growth, whose benefits are spread to every corner of the society in Africa including the population living at or below the poverty line. In order to support such "quality growth" in Africa, Japan will further promote quality infrastructure investment, making full use of sophisticated technologies that Japanese companies possess.

In addition, capacity building of each individual in Africa and encouraging them to proactively participate in community building and nation building strongly assists an autonomous growth of Africa. Japan, as the nation taking leads in the promotion of "human security," will implement various measures towards the empowerment of people in Africa. Japanese companies, which are in Africa or are to enter the market, will contribute to train the youth in Africa.

One of the most important and visible vehicles for strengthening Japan's relationship with Africa is the

Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD). TICAD, initiated by the government of Japan in 1993, is a multilateral and international forum that focuses on African development.

TICAD is a strategic and important process in Africa's industrialisation efforts

The needs of both Africa and Japan have taken a new turn in the face of changing world dynamics that call for adjustments and changes in the way strategic partnerships are conducted. The African Union (AU) has recently been undergoing a fast-paced reform process, which means that there should be alignment with the TICAD process so that the partnership reflects the new development trajectories shaping the future for Africa and Japan.

Holding the TICAD VI in Africa in August 2016 demonstrated the growing African ownership of the TICAD process, which attracted the attention of African States and all TICAD partners. The last TICAD has allowed for a greater involvement of the AU structures in the TICAD process, while providing Japan with a better understanding of Africa's decision-making mechanisms and processes as well as priority areas, at the multilateral level and existing bilateral engagements.

It is expected that TICAD7 will focus more on business aspects giving priority to business engagement. Moreover it is vitally important for TICAD to respect the AU frameworks for regional solutions.

TICAD has played and will contribute to play the role as catalyst for linking of national, regional, continental and global value chains to promote connectivity and enhance the capacity of Africa's private sector through technical support, experience-sharing on SMEs (small and medium enterprises,) promotion of agro-industry expansion, and learning from Japan's kaizen experience to leapfrog technical development for Africa. TICAD is therefore a strategic and important process in Africa's industrialisation efforts.



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Kitulo rare flower tourism push should be tapped, not ignored

SOME problems that conservators in the country's national parks face are unique, not to say strange at times. Such is the case with Kitulo National Park in the Southern Highlands where warders have to do extra work after groups of people from nearby towns and neighbouring countries increasingly target the area looking for a rare orchid flower believed to have medicinal values. And it isn't medicine that concerns a few people but a cure all, libido enhancing qualities.

It is said that the flower is now popular with many people from as far as Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe, craving to get their hands on the flower, thus putting an edge on conservation capacity. A senior official at the park says the flower, known locally as 'chikundwa', is endemic only in the area, also known for its abundance of colorful flowers. Strictly speaking, this is another area for tourism potential that the country was rather unfamiliar with, until this flower picking rage came up; nearby countries awoke to the medicinal pilgrimage.

The conservation official said Kitulo is home to over 45 species of ground orchids and out of these there are 31 types of terrestrial orchids that are endemic to Tanzania. About 16 types can only grow in Kitulo and surrounding Poroto Mountains just to show how the area is unavoidable if one is looking for the medicinal values espoused. Instead of being irked by this bush tourism where hotels aren't part of the bill, camping sites or beaches, why not come up with a different way of tapping it? Shall it not be threatened with excess harvesting in this manner? Can it be propagated more widely?

Experts say orchids are described as wonder flowers due to their multiple uses including medicinal use as in medicinal tea, but some of its applications or specific varieties are said to help cure or impede cancer, strengthen the immune system and improve eyesight. Those are qualities that most middle aged people think about, intensely in which case national park authorities should look for ways of throwing the seeds or enriching the pollens more widely. Then they set up flower picking safaris with a bit of a revenue extra than is the case at present, thus get out of the fear of 'unwanted tourists' there.

Field reports say that after Kitulo flowers were found to have qualities of boosting male reproductive ability, the management of Kitulo National Park is now doing the extra work of keeping at bay invaders who pick the flowers within the protected area. The emphasis was on protection, on the basis of an impression that real tourists come to see wildlife, make extensive photographing or hunting, book hotels or use rugged train vehicles. They don't come by bus and then walk into the national park, avoiding predators, etc.

There is even further use for the orchids which make their presence of considerable commercial value, as it appears that in some countries the flowers are used to make drinks and confectioneries, and elsewhere for making perfumes and deodorants. The Chinese, always a step ahead with plant or herbal medicines, use it for medicinal purposes. If the flowers are just found in Kitulo, why not convert this site into a botanical tanzanite garden? Is it complicated?

Equal role for women in economy is essential for sustained growth

FEMALE entrepreneurs are women who organise and manage an enterprise, especially a business.

Entrepreneurship has traditionally been defined as the process of designing, launching and running a new business, which typically begins as a small business, such as a startup company, offering a product, process or service for sale or hire. It has been defined as the "...capacity and willingness to develop, organize, and manage a business venture along with any of its risks in order to make a profit." Traditionally, an entrepreneur has been defined as "a person who organizes and manages any enterprise, especially a business, usually with considerable initiative and risk". Rather than working as an employee, an entrepreneur runs a small business and assumes all the risk and reward of a given business venture, idea, or good or service offered for sale. The entrepreneur is commonly seen as a business leader and innovator of new ideas and business processes.

According to reports UK will significantly increase its support to empower female entrepreneurs and businesswomen across Africa.

UK aid will provide business advice, training and financial support to back women-led businesses supporting economic growth across the continent.

An equal role for women in the economy is essential to sustained growth and will help lift millions out of poverty. Despite having the highest concentration of female entrepreneurs in the world, women in a number of African countries face greater barriers to starting their own businesses than their male peers. This is because women often find it harder to access further education, get business loans, sign contracts and own property based on their gender.

Increased funding through UK aid will incentivise African banks across the continent to lend to women by reducing the costs, while

providing expert training to female entrepreneurs in essential skills to make their businesses a success.

Research shows that women typically reinvest up to 90 per cent of their income in the education, health and nutrition of their family and community, compared to 40 per cent for men. This means that investing in female-led businesses can transform societies as well as women's lives.

By leveraging the economic potential of tens of thousands of women will provide up to 10,000 budding female entrepreneurs with essential training and mentoring to help them better manage their businesses, including marketing, financial and business planning, start partnerships with up to 30 banks across Africa, helping to bring down the cost and incentivise lending to thousands of women and transform women's job opportunities and boost African economies.

Every woman deserves the same opportunities as her male peers to start and build a business. But this is not just about equal opportunities. By breaking down barriers and unleashing the potential of women across Africa, UK aid is supporting the private sector to thrive, helping nations across the continent to increase economic growth and shape their own future beyond aid.

By investing in the economic empowerment of African women, we are investing in ending poverty.

The UK aims to be the biggest G7 investor in Africa by 2022. UK's existing partnerships with African nations creates mutual trade and investment opportunities, ahead of the UK-Africa Investment Summit which is due to take place in London next year.

The UK-Africa Investment Summit will bring together businesses, governments and international organisations to strengthen the partnership between the UK and Africa and help generate billions of pounds of opportunities for both British and African businesses.



By Oscar Van Heerden

THOUGH the legal route is a long and cumbersome game, once the first arrests of high-powered people are made the message will be clear: We are coming for you too. Then we will see the dominoes fall.

This past week I had the opportunity to travel to three South African cities. In a sunny Durban, I attended a conference organised by the University of KwaZulu-Natal where I was on a panel discussing the role of African liberation movements in pursuit of an Africa we want. It was thought-provoking and intellectually charged. Then I made my way to Port Elizabeth, where I attended a TVET college council meeting and finally I boarded a plane for Cape Town, to attend three birthday parties of special people.

The point? I had the opportunity to engage with people in each of these cities about the socio-political and economic outlook of our country. What I heard was upsetting and unsettling. The levels of pessimism prevailing in all quarters took me by surprise.

Perhaps I can share with you why I am not so pessimistic.

Cyril Ramaphosa, as president of South Africa, set out to tackle two key issues: cleaning up the State Capture mess inherited from the previous administration and leadership core of the ANC, and fixing our ailing economy through investment to create much-needed employment.

Let's examine how far the president and his administration have progressed.

The investment drive and fixing the economy comprise a multiplicity of factors, from the mandate of the Reserve Bank, to reassuring international investors that we have a competent and stable investment climate and know what we are doing in the land expropriation without compensation matter. And so much more.

The president assigned the task of luring foreign direct investment to our country to a handful of skilled individuals, saying he would like to raise \$100-billion over the next five years. It has been a slow but steady process, with Ramaphosa announcing that of the R300-billion of investments announced at the inaugural SA Investment Conference last year, just over R250-billion worth of projects have entered implementation stage.

Through another initiative, the Public-Private Growth Initiative, the private sector has committed to invest R840-billion in 43 projects over 19 sectors creating at least 155,000 jobs over the next five years.

The president also secured a firm commitment from the Saudi Arabian king of an investment of no less than \$10-billion, particularly in the energy and power creation sectors.

Is SA's glass half empty, or half full? You be the judge



Testimony from former Free State department of agriculture head of department, Peter Mbana Thabethe (pictured)

Furthermore, Ramaphosa secured an investment commitment from the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to the tune of another \$10-billion, in the infrastructure and enterprise development sectors. The UAE accounts for 50% of total non-oil foreign trade between the Arab countries and SA, amounting to \$3-billion.

At Davos earlier this year, Ramaphosa secured a £50-million investment from the United Kingdom towards poverty-alleviating projects in SA.

The list continues, and, yes, much more must be done, but, surely you agree that the glass is half full.

As for the fiscal cliff we are climbing with rising debt levels and depleted foreign reserves, and the likes of RW Johnson forecasting an IMF bailout - before we turn to the IMF, South Africans would rather endure another self-imposed structural adjustment as we had to do in 1995/6, when we discovered that the apartheid National Party had left us with nothing in the fiscus coffers.

We decided, as we will again if needs be, to bite the bullet and endure with sound economic policies and prudent fiscal expenditure. Failing to do that, we would rather see ourselves go to the newly established BRICS Development Bank than call on the IMF.

But I digress. The point is that progress is being made on the front of investment into the SA economy and much-needed jobs will be the result.

On the issue of cleaning up the State Capture mess and holding those responsible for corruption to account, let's look at the progress the president has made.

There are those who say that because Ramaphosa won by only 179 votes at the ANC National Conference at Nasrec in 2017, he is hamstrung to deal

effectively with the culprits in his own party. Nothing can be further from the truth. Power has shifted since Nasrec.

Yes, the national executive committee (NEC) of the ANC immediately after that conference was supposedly split 55-45% with the majority not in Ramaphosa's camp. But this has dramatically shifted in the past 12 months in favour of the president - at the end of the day, NEC members know that it's all about their political survival.

Some of them wanted to make sure they got chosen as Cabinet ministers and deputies, others wanted to ensure they got their parliamentary seat, and still others support Ramaphosa because they know that the Zuma camp has nothing to offer them. So yes, Ramaphosa has the majority support in the NEC.

Rumours abound in political circles that Ramaphosa does not have a political base. Let me dispel that notion. First, CR has a support base in the form of the former UDF leaders - he is after all one of them. Second, his support base is indeed the 50%-plus that voted him into power at the Nasrec ANC conference. Why would they not continue to support their choice as president?

As for the provinces and their allegiances, before the Nasrec conference the so-called Premier League constituted the bulk of the membership in the ANC and came to that conference confident of a victory. But that alliance is no more, given the betrayal of one of their own, DD Mabuza, who is now our deputy president.

And with another of them speaking the language of unity going forward - Sihle Zikalala in KZN - it seems only two provinces remain strong supporters of the losing faction. These are Free State

and North West and they are fracturing internally.

So, any talk of Ramaphosa getting a tongue-lashing at the National General Council in 2020 is misplaced. If anything, the secretary-general and those responsible for sowing disunity in the ANC will be on the receiving end at this meeting.

In pursuance of the objective of getting rid of criminal elements in the ANC and the state, the president has filled key positions in the security cluster with competent and capable people. We saw that National Director of Public Prosecutions Shamila Batohi understood her responsibility when she said she knows South Africans want to see some people in orange overalls.

These individuals will come at us with the best lawyers in the land and will not concern themselves with the merits or demerits of the case but will attempt to find fault with processes and procedures, and so she says we must get it right before we arrest. I agree with her. Though the legal route is a long game and cumbersome, once the first arrests are made of high-powered persons, the message will be clear. We are coming for you too. Then we will see the dominoes falling.

Finally, as for the disinformation strategy and the distractions on the part of Zuma and his ilk, ranging from spy allegations to having to deal harshly with Derek Hanekom and his supposedly traitorous behaviour, I say, your desperation smacks of cowardice. I smell fear from your quarters. Be afraid, be very afraid.

It was Winston Churchill who said a pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity, while an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty. Which one are you?

Homegrown Itorero promotes unity, reconciliation in Rwanda - official

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ITORERO, originated from Rwanda's pre-colonial education system, is contributing to unity and reconciliation of the country through education on values since being restored in 2007, chairperson of Rwanda's National Itorero Commission Edouard Bamporiki told Xinhua.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the 1994 Rwandan genocide against Tutsi, in which about 1 million people were killed. After the genocide, the Rwandan government started the journey of reconstruction and reconciliation.

The civic education program

Itorero, banned during the colonization period, was restored after the genocide to help Rwandans rebuild social cohesion and participate in socio-economic development based on Rwandan moral values.

Earlier this month, Rwandan president Paul Kagame and senior government officials were present at the closing ceremony of the 12th Itorero Indangamirwa in Gatsibo District, eastern Rwanda, which is an annual Itorero activity that selects the best students and the best performers from the public and private sectors to receive the training of Itorero.

In addition to Itorero Indangamirwa, Itorero activities are implemented

across the country at different levels including family level, village level, as well as at schools, public and private institutions.

Itorero teaches such content as values and teaches how to put values into practice, said Bamporiki in an interview. "If we talk about dignity and patriotism, we train people how to be patriots in action and how to have that in practice," he said.

The program brings people from different background together, train them together and send the participants to the society to put the values taught by it into practice together, thus, putting the unity into practice, the chairperson said.



Request for Quotation

Supply of FLYGT DEWATERING SUBMERSIBLE PUMPS for AUMS (T) LTD.

African Underground Mining Services, AUMS (T) Ltd invites the response to the Request for Quotation (RFQ) from suitably qualified and authorised FLYGT PUMP distributors/dealers interested in Supply of Flygt Dewatering Submersible Pumps for its operation in Geita, Tanzania.

1. Brief description of the scope of supply

The AUMS (T) Ltd requirements are for Flygt Dewatering Submersible Pump as per the below details

- Submersible pump; Brand: Flygt. Model: BS2660.181 HT, Quantity Required – 8
- Submersible pump; Brand: Flygt. Model: BS2670.181 HT, Quantity Required – 8
- Submersible pump; Brand: Flygt. Model: BS2201.320 HT, Quantity Required – 4

S/NO	Item Descriptions	Order Quantity (Each)	Unit Price
-	Submersible pump; Brand: Flygt. Model: BS2660.181 HT 10 Kw	8	
-	Submersible pump; Brand: Flygt. Model: BS2670.181 18Kw	8	
-	Submersible pump; Brand: Flygt. Model: BS2201.320 32.5Kw	4	

The contract is to be awarded through a competitive bidding process. The pumps will be purchased over a twelve (12) month period. The successful bidder will be notified of this schedule. If your company wishes to participate in the evaluation process please submit your quotation by email to ContractsTanzania@aumsg.com by not later than 16:00HRS Local Time on **6th September 2019** quoting "RFQ Supply of Flygt Dewatering Submersible Pumps" in the subject line of your email.

Please submit an RFQ with pricing on your company letterhead with the following mandatory information:

- Company Profile, Key employees CVS, commitment and evidence that your company complies to minimum local content requirements as per Tanzania's Mining Local Content Requirements as per the Mining Local Content Regulations 2018.
- Valid Tax Compliance, VAT Registration & TIN certificates
- Certificate of Incorporation, Valid Business Permit/Licenses
- ISO Certification, Industry Regulatory Compliance Licenses, Manufacturer Authorizations, Exclusive Distributorship Certificates (Flygt Pump Dealership Letter), Any other relevant Industry Documentation
- Details of your company shareholding structure clearly indicating nationality of shareholders
- Trade references, Sample POs and contracts, completion certificates
- Distribution point in Lake Zone, preferably Geita town or list of satellite offices if applicable
- Prices for each pump model as listed in the table above
- Maximum E-mail size is 12MB

Any response received beyond 16:00HRS Local Time on **6th September 2019** shall not be considered.

2. Assessment criteria

The mandatory information requested will be evaluated and scored against for consideration and selection.

The selection of any company submitting an RFQ shall be at the sole discretion of AUMS (T) Ltd.

The bidder shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of his RFQ, and AUMS (T) Ltd shall not be responsible or liable for those costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the bidding process.

For more information on African Underground Mining Services and its operations please refer to the following website www.aumsg.com.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

EFFORTS TAKEN BY OSHA IN FACILITATING INDUSTRIALIZATION DRIVE AND IMPROVING BUSINESS AND INVESTMENT ENVIRONMENT IN THE COUNTRY.

The Fifth-Phase Government under President Dr. John Pombe Magufuli aims to uplift Tanzanians from low to middle income through the implementation of the National Development Vision 2025 whose emphasis is on building industrial economy.

The government has continued making different efforts towards achieving this goal and one of the strategies is to improve the business environment and investment in the country through its Blue Print which outlined the challenges that need to be addressed by its various institutions.

Occupational Safety and Health Authority (OSHA), as one of the Government's Agencies directly involved in facilitating business undertakings in the country, would like to inform its stakeholders and the general public that it has made various improvements in service delivery to the public through the implementation of the resolutions mentioned in the blueprint.

Some of the key issues highlighted in the blueprint include cutting down the costs of operating business and investments by reducing or scrapping some levies and fees as well as eliminating unnecessary bureaucratic steps in service provision including harmonizing responsibilities that overlap among various government institutions. Thus, in implementing the Government Blueprint, OSHA has done the following;

1. Amendments in the Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Act, 2003 and its Regulations particularly on Fees.

The Agency has amended the Occupational Health and Safety Act, 2003 through GN.719 of November 16th, 2018 by removing various charges as follows;

- Workplace Registration fee that was previously charged between Tshs. 50,000 to Tshs.1, 800,000;
- Workplace registration form fee of Tshs. 2,000;
- Fine relating to firefighting equipment of Tshs. 500,000 which was seen to interfere with procedures overseen by the Fire and Rescue Force;
- OHS Act Compliance License fee which was previously charged at Tshs. 200,000 per annum; and
- Occupational Safety and Health consultation fee of Tshs. 450,000 per hour for one expert.

The results of annulling the mentioned fees are remarkable as the Agency has witnessed a significant increase in the number of registered workplaces. For example: In the financial year 2018/19, a total of 16,457 workplaces were registered compared to 3,354 registered in 2017/18 when the annulled fees were on course. This increase is equivalent to Four Hundred Ninety One Percent (491%) in the enforcement of OHS Act No. 5 of 2003. This increase translates into OSHA having reached out more workplaces and the number of inspections has rose and eventually safety and health status of most workplaces is steadily improving in the country.

2. Elimination of unnecessary bureaucracies

To do away with unnecessary steps in service provision, the Agency has conducted a Business Process Review to identify areas causing delays in delivering OHS services to clients and has achieved the following:

- Registration of workplace and issuance of Registration Certificate is now being completed in a day from former fourteen (14) days upon fulfilment of all necessary registration requirements.
- OHS Compliance License is currently being processed within three (3) days from the previous 28 days also upon fulfilment of necessary compliance requirements.

3. Establishment of electronic system.

OSHA is finalising the process of establishing a Workplace Inspection Management System (WIMS) whereby the registration of workplaces will be conducted electronically and eventually taking services closer to clients and reduce the process of obtaining certificate and other OHS services. In addition, the system will be able to integrate with other systems within the government thus facilitating easy access to information.

4. Increased accountability

To increase accountability, OSHA has enhanced management systems including setting up a specific desk for handling clients concerns and complaints. This includes ensuring that all Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) workplace inspections are performed by teams of inspectors instead of individual inspectors. This is so in order to enhance transparency in the inspections and thereby improve the quality and efficiency of service delivery and avoid causing inconveniences to workplace occupiers for individual inspectors to enter at workplaces on their own time. This process has been very helpful in reducing complaints and increasing efficiency.

5. Corporate Inspections

The Agency has continued to influence workplace occupiers with several offices and branches in different regions of the country to jointly coordinate OHS inspections of their workplaces, training and workers fitness to work surveillance through their Head Offices so that;

- Inspections, staff training and medical examinations are done at the same time instead of each office doing it at its own time.
- Compliance Licenses for all their branches can easily be obtained and at reasonable time.
- To make it easier for employers to schedule audits and budget issues related to Safety and Health for their workplaces.
- To enable management to get feedback and recommendations on the status of safety and health of their workplaces at once.

6. Raising awareness on Safety and Health issues among stakeholders especially in the informal sector.

Currently, the government through OSHA has been providing Occupational Safety and Health (OHS) training to small and medium enterprises, entrepreneurs and groups of persons with disabilities who are engaged in food processing, sewing and manufacturing; small-scale miners, technicians, craftsmen, small-holder farmers, cleaners etc. A total of 28,275 small-scale entrepreneurs benefited from this training programme in the regions of Tabora, Mtwara, Ruvuma, Dodoma, Arusha, Mbeya, Mwanza, Iringa, Shinyanga, Pwani, Songwe, Singida, Kilimanjaro, Rukwa and Dar es Salaam. The results of this sustainable programme led to an understanding of how to protect themselves from hazards and risks associated with their economic activities.

Therefore, this and other training programmes also help them to understand the importance of formalising their business without fear of fees and levies as they recognize that their health and safety are the main resources in production. This programme is particularly important considering that the informal sector employs large populations and is the most vulnerable due to lack of formal safety management systems.

7. Strengthen partnerships with other public and private institutions.

Among the challenges identified in the Blueprint includes overlapping of OSHA's duties with other institutions such as TBS, TFDA, ERB, etc. In dealing with this challenge, OSHA is doing the following;

- Enhance collaboration with other public and private institutions such as Workers Compensation Fund (WCF), Tanzania Bureau Standards (TBS); in setting standards, Government Chemist Laboratory Authority; in an exchange of necessary information, ERB and CRB; in acquiring information regarding construction projects being initiated in the country as well as NBS, BRELA and TRA; in obtaining necessary workplace information and statistics.
- To provide awareness on Safety and Health issues since the main challenge is the limited understanding concerning these issues.
- Collaborate with other institutions within the Prime Minister's Office (Labor, Youth, Employment and Disability (OWM-KVA)) to conduct joint inspections such as WCF, Labour Department, NSSF, PSSSF and others.
- To participate fully in providing services at an integrated desk under the Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC).
- OSHA is partnering with the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment and other institutions particularly in offering OHS services at Business Clinic programme which is coordinated by the Tanzania Trade Development Authority (TANTRADE).

Occupational Safety and Health Authority (OSHA); is the Government Agency responsible to oversee Safety and Health of workers while at their workplaces through enforcing the Occupational Health and Safety Act No. 5 of 2003.

The fundamental duties carried out by OSHA under the Act mentioned include; Conducting Safety and Health (OSH) inspections at workplaces, conducting workers fitness to work surveillance, providing Safety and Health training, Occupational accidents investigation as well as advising the Government on the drafting of Law, Policies, Regulations, Guidelines and Ratification of International Conventions on Occupational Safety and Health (OSH).

Thus, we remind our stakeholders and the general public at large to continue implementing the Occupational Health and Safety Act No. 5 of 2003 by registering their workplaces and ensuring that they have been inspected for compliance.

Safety and Health at work for industrial economy development.

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TENDER No. Amref/2019/PQ/06
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[Pre-qualification of Suppliers, Contractors and other Service Providers]

Invitation for Pre-qualification

- Amref Health Africa Tanzania has set aside funds towards the cost of acquiring various Goods, works and services and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this funds to payments under the respective contracts.
- Amref Health Africa Tanzania now intends to pre-qualify Applicants for the provision and supply of various Goods, Works and Services.
- Pre-qualification will be conducted through the procedures specified in the Amref Procurement Manual of November, 2016 and is open to all reputable companies specialized in the below respective lots.

Lot Number	Description of Goods, Works and Services	Region/Area	Deadline for submission
1	Provision of Hotel and Conference facilities	Dsm, Mwanza, Kibaha, bagamoyo, Morogoro, Tanga, Kilindi, handeni, Mtwara, geita, Briadi, Meatu and kahama	Date: 09.09.2019 Time: 12.00 hrs local time
2	Provision of catering Services	Dsm, Mwanza, Kibaha, bagamoyo, Morogoro, Tanga, Kilindi, handeni, Mtwara, geita, Briadi, Meatu and kahama	Date: 09.09.2019 Time: 12.00 hrs local time
3	Supply of Hospital & Laboratory equipment and Consumables	All Regions	Date: 09.09.2019 Time: 12.00 hrs local time
4	Provision of Fumigation Services	Dsm and Mwanza	Date: 09.09.2019 Time: 12.00 hrs local time
5	Supply and printing of books and IEC materials (brochures, booklets, posters, flyers and leaflets)	Dsm and Mwanza	Date: 09.09.2019 Time: 12.00 hrs local time
6	Supply and Printing of various promotional materials (T-shirts, caps, wheel cover, banners etc).	Dsm and Mwanza	Date: 09.09.2019 Time: 12.00 hrs local time
7	Service and maintenance of motor vehicles and motorcycles	Dsm, Mwanza, Tanga and zanzibar	Date: 09.09.2019 Time: 12.00 hrs local time
8	Supply of Office stationeries and Consumables for Computers and Printers	Dsm, Mwanza, Tanga and zanzibar	Date: 09.09.2019 Time: 12.00 hrs local time
9	Supply of Office sundries	Dsm, Mwanza, Tanga and Zanzibar	Date: 09.09.2019 Time: 12.00 hrs local time
10	Supply of Office equipment, furniture's and fittings	Dsm and Mwanza	Date: 11.09.2019 Time: 12.00 hrs local time
11	Service and maintenance of Air conditioners	Dsm and Mwanza	Date: 11.09.2019 Time: 12.00 hrs local time
12	Civil and Building construction works	All Regions	Date: 11.09.2019 Time: 12.00 hrs local time
13	Provision of Courier services	All Regions	Date: 11.09.2019 Time: 12.00 hrs local time
14	Supply of Tires and batteries for motor vehicles	Dsm, Mwanza, Tanga and Zanzibar	Date: 11.09.2019 Time: 12.00 hrs local time
15	Supply of Desktop Computers, Laptops, UPS, Printers, Photocopiers, Scanners, LCD Projectors and	Dsm and Mwanza	Date: 11.09.2019 Time: 12.00 hrs local time
16	Supply of bicycles and accessories	Dsm and Mwanza	Date: 11.09.2019 Time: 12.00 hrs local time
17	Service and repair of Computers, Laptops, Printers, Photocopiers, LCD Projectors and Scanners	Dsm and Mwanza	Date: 11.09.2019 Time: 12.00 hrs local time
18	Supply of Pharmacies and Medicines	Dsm and Mwanza	Date: 11.09.2019 Time: 12.00 hrs local time
19	Provision of General Cleaning, hygiene and gardening services	Dsm and Mwanza	Date: 13.09.2019 Time: 12.00 hrs local time
20	Provision of feminine hygiene solution and air freshners	Dsm and Mwanza	Date: 13.09.2019 Time: 12.00 hrs local time
21	Borehole Drilling and Solar pumping/Electrical pump installation	All Regions	Date: 13.09.2019 Time: 12.00 hrs local time
22	Supply of Drinking water 20lts bottle	Dsm and Mwanza	Date: 13.09.2019 Time: 12.00 hrs local time
23	Electrical repair and maintenance of buildings	Dsm and Mwanza	Date: 13.09.2019 Time: 12.00 hrs local time
24	Plumbing and pump installation and repair	Dsm, Mwanza, Tanga, Simiyu	Date: 13.09.2019 Time: 12.00 hrs local time
25	Supply, support and maintenance of reliable internet connectivity	Dsm, Mwanza, Tanga, Zanzibar	Date: 13.09.2019 Time: 12.00 hrs local time
26	Supply of Diesel, Petrol, engine oil, distilled water, Brake fluid and Power steering fluid (for Office cars and generators).	Dsm, Mwanza, Tanga and simiyu	Date: 13.09.2019 Time: 12.00 hrs local time

- Interested applicants may obtain further information from and inspect the pre-qualification documents at Amref Health Africa Tanzania, Ali Hassan Mwinyi Road, P.O.Box 2773, Dar es Salaam from 08.00 am to 16.00 pm Monday to Fridays inclusive except on public holidays. Applicants are allowed to apply to a maximum of Three Lots Only
- A complete set of pre-qualification documents in English may be purchased by interested applicants on the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Tsh.50,000.00 (Tanzania Shillings: Fifty Thousand Only) for application of single Lot and Tshs.100,000.00 (Tanzania Shillings: One Hundred Thousand Only) for applications of two and more lots. The method of payment is cash, Bankers Draft or bankers Cheque, payable to our Account name: Amref Health Africa, account number: 011103000446 Bank name- National bank of Commerce (NBC).
- All applications in one original plus a copy, properly filled in, and enclosed in plain envelopes marked [Tender No.Amref/2019/PQ/06 for Prequalification of Goods, works and services. Must be delivered to the address [The secretary, Amref Health Africa Tanzania, Ali Hassan Mwinyi Road, P.O.Box 2773, Dar es Salaam.
- The deadline for submission of pre-qualification is at 12.00 hrs local time on Monday 9th September, 2019 (for Lot No.1- 9), Wednesday 11th September, 2019 for (Lot Number 10 - 18) and Friday 13th September, 2019 for (lot No 19 - 26). Pre-qualifications will be opened promptly thereafter in the public and in the presence of Bidders representatives who chose to attend in the opening at the Amref Health Africa Tanzania offices.
- Late Applications, portion of Applications, electronic Applications, and Applications not received, Applications not opened at the opening ceremony shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of the circumstances.

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Tippex election can't erase Malawians' dissatisfaction

BY LIESL LOUW-VAUDRAN AND RINGISAI CHIKOHOMERO

MALAWI is bracing itself for another round of demonstrations this week, the fourth in a series of poll-related protests that have rocked the relatively peaceful Southern African country.

Demonstrators say they are targeting the airport and the country's borders to show their dissatisfaction with the deteriorating political situation. The government has warned the police and army to stop any disruption of its national key points.

Malawi has been in turmoil since the 21 May general elections. The presidential polls were won by a whisker by the incumbent President Peter Mutharika against a spirited challenge from opposition leader Lazarus Chakwera and former vice president Saulos Chilima.

The polls have been dubbed the Tippex election after numerous results sheets had figures erased by the correction fluid and different figures superimposed onto them. The practice has rallied the opposition and ordinary citizens and fomented suspicions of rigging. The Malawi Electoral Commission admitted that Tippex was used, but denied any wrongdoing.

The opposition filed a court challenge following all the prescripts laid down in the Electoral Commission Act (2010). The matter is now before the country's Constitutional Court. Three months later, a determination on the case is yet to be made. This has fuelled an already volatile situation with some restive sections of civil society and the opposition staging massive nationwide protests amid violence, looting and destruction of property.

This week's renewed campaign by Malawi's human rights coalition is focusing on getting the Malawi Electoral Commission chairperson Jane Anshah to resign because activists say she was responsible for the rigging of the results. If she steps down, it will show that the May elections were indeed not credible

and a rerun should be held.

However other civil society organisations say even if she resigns, fresh elections won't be any more free and fair because a new electoral commission would again be appointed by the current president and accused of bias. Many want a more thorough review of the electoral system. Such a bill is on the table but has yet to be signed into law.

One of civil society and the opposition's main gripes is the first-past-the-post system that permitted Mutharika to win the presidency with just 38.57% against Chakwera's 35.41%. Under the proposed new law, a run-off would have been held between the two front-runners.

Emotions are running high and efforts by former president Bakili Muluzi to get the warring parties to negotiate a truce to prevent further protests haven't been successful. The prolonged protests have dampened economic activity and stalled investment plans. Civil society activists fear that whatever the outcome of the Constitutional Court case, the opposition and protesters won't accept either a confirmation of Mutharika's win or a rerun.

One civil society leader in Lilongwe says the political crisis 'has gone far beyond just the elections'. 'If you look at the age of the demonstrators who are mostly young and unemployed, you notice that the activities are also about venting their frustration at the simmering state of affairs.' Just over 50% of Malawians live below the poverty line.

Some of Malawi's civil society leaders travelled to Dar es Salaam to attend a meeting on the margins of the Southern African Development Community's (SADC) 39th summit last week. Mutharika was notably absent.

Malawians joined others in civil society calling on SADC to play a role in ensuring free and fair elections. Some believe the region could help get the parties in Malawi together by appointing a respected and neutral mediator

who could defuse some of the tension.

It is doubtful, however, whether SADC itself can play a neutral role as an organisation. It already declared in its interim report that the May elections were free and fair.

SADC rarely speaks out about electoral abuses and has been silent on the situation in the region, notably Zimbabwe's July 2018 elections. At the Dar es Salaam summit delegates also congratulated President Félix Tshisekedi from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) with a standing ovation. SADC prevented the African Union (AU) from playing a more robust role in these disputed elections.

In its final communiqué, the summit noted the threats of terrorism and piracy in the DRC and the wider SADC region, but other peace and security issues were largely absent from the document.

A number of important elections are taking place in SADC in the next few months, including the hotly contested presidential polls in Mozambique on 15 October and Botswana on 24 October. The role of SADC observers will be important in the case of disputes over the outcomes.

In view of increasing electoral contestations and subsequent protests in SADC, the regional body must rethink its approach and provide leadership in response to the aspirations of citizens and not only those of heads of state.

In many ways the Malawian 21 May elections failed the key test of credibility and fairness as enunciated in the SADC Principles and Guidelines Governing Democratic Elections. Yet the regional bloc seems unmoved.

Going forward, until August 2020, SADC will be chaired by Tanzanian president John Magufuli, who has been criticised for his intolerance towards the media and political opposition. SADC's Organ on Politics, Defense and Security Cooperation will be chaired by Zimbabwe's President Emmerson Mnangagwa.



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Prequalification of Suppliers and Services

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WS Insight TZ LTD wishes to announce a call for expression of interest for prequalification of suppliers and service providers who will be called upon from time-to-time over the next year to provide services to the company. A part of these lots will be called upon on a monthly basis and another part will be on an as-and-when required basis.

Interested and eligible bidders are required to provide the following documents on or before September 6th 2019 at 1500 along with a non-refundable fee of TZS 50,000 (Fifty Thousand Shillings) The payment shall be made to the following account: WS Insight LTD, A/C Number 912000094465, Stanbic Bank. Late submissions will not be accepted.

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Expression of Interest for Pre-qualification as a supplier/service provider for LOT

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For Arusha bidders:

Attn:
The Country Manager,
WS Insight Ltd Kimandulo-Arusha,
Along Arusha-Moshi Road

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Attn:
The Country Manager,
WS Insight Ltd
Alliance One - Kingolwira,
Morogoro

Description of Services

Lot No. Description of the Services

- Lot 1. Provision of Staff Uniforms, Boots and Equipment
- Lot 2. Provision of Legal Representation and Services
- Lot 3. Provision of Car hire and Taxi services
- Lot 4. Provision of Flight booking and ticketing services
- Lot 5. Provision of Dedicated Internet services
- Lot 6. Provision of courier service for luggage, cargoes and parcels nationally and internationally
- Lot 7. Provision of motor vehicles, property and all risk insurance
- Lot 8. Provision of dedicated monthly airtime top up services
- Lot 9. Provision of garage services
- Lot 10. Supply of Office Stationeries and consumables
- Lot 11. Supply of motor vehicle tires, spare parts and motorcycles tires and spare parts
- Lot 12. Provision of Clearing and forwarding services
- Lot 13. Provision of Hotel Accommodation
- Lot 14. Provision of Periodical/ Monthly fire extinguisher service and fire equipment provisions
- Lot 15. Provision of Plumbing repair, Electricity repair, Air condition repairs and general maintenance services
- Lot 16. Supply of IT equipment (Printers) and other IT related supplies for all Regional offices
- Lot 17. Provision of Printing and Promotion services and Binding Materials.
- Lot 18. Provision of Communication and General Security Equipment, radios, CCTV, torches etc.
- Lot 19. Provision of Dog food, Medication and Welfare and Weapons Maintenance Services
- Lot 20. Provision of Debtor Collection Services
- Lot 21. Provision of Office Furniture

Submission Requirements

Documents to be contained in the bound submission file are as follows:

- Cover letter outlining the bidders' intention and desire to be a pre-qualified supplier to the company.
- Company Profile. The profile should include details of work carried out of a similar nature to the Lot applied for outlining the bidders' capacity in terms of volume and amounts able to supply.
- Copies of VRN, TIN, Certification of Incorporation, business License, Tax Clearance for the current year and Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Bidder.
- Copies of conformity to international standards and certifications
- Duly completed supplier prequalification form (located in Appendix A, signed and stamped by an authorized representative.

Media intervention recognised as vital in GBV war among families in Pemba

By Guardian Reporter

MEDIA has been named as among major tools which have contributed greatly in the fight against gender-based violence (GBV) in Zanzibar.

Haroub Suleman Hemed, social welfare officer in Wete district, Pemba north region said when speaking to journalists who visited the island recently.

For the past five years, according to Hemed, GBV incidents have dropped in the district due to the active media engagement.

He described media as a game-changer when it comes to GBV and other social related challenges.

"It is through media, when we started seeing changes. Nowadays people in this island are aware of GBV issues and how to fight against them," he said, adding:

"Following constant media coverage and reporting on GBV issues, journalists under the Tanzania Media Women Association (Tamwa-Zanzibar), more victims are coming out to tell their stories. We're now seeing more perpetrators are taken to court and others jailed."

GBV cases in the island have dropped to 47 cases this year from 73 cases reported in 2018.

"As the government, we see this as a very big step, because a number of people who lost hope are now recovering and feeling secured, I commend Tamwa-Zanzibar and media industry as a whole for their huge contribution in this," he added.

Citing an example of a family of five children who were abandoned by their parents leaving them helpless but after journalists exposed matter to the public, the family got hope again.

According to the official, the lonely children living at Selemu village in the district are now living a happier life after getting boost from well-wishers who came out and renovated their house, giving them food and other essentials.

A 22-year-old Shahida Abdallah, is now the head of the family, who dropped out of school when she was in Form Two to take care of the abandoned children.

She commended media for exposing their plight, that brought in Good Samaritans, who give them new life, but appealed for more support to help her engage in economic generating activities so that she can be able to support her younger sisters and brothers.



Mara regional CCM secretary Shaibu Ngatiche (C) leads a fundraiser in Musoma Rural constituency's Tegeruka ward at the weekend meant to support the rehabilitation of infrastructure at Nyaminya A and B primary schools. The event was held at a farewell ceremony the school organised for its pupils who are preparing for the National Standard Seven Examination. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Media reports on GBV also helped another woman in Ole Mji village, Chake Chake, Fatma Issa (26) who was abandoned by her husband for more than three years.

Tamwa-Zanzibar coordinator in Pemba, Fathiya Mussa pointed out children smuggling, rape and beating as among leading issues in the Island.

He said that due to the continued stakeholders' efforts in reporting on GBV issues, more

survivors have been helped and they are now living confident lives.

"There was also another case of a mother who was abandoned by her husband with her two children, we are happy as one of the family's child had been enrolled in school," he added.

In February, this year we came out to support the Zanzibar government to implement its National Plan of Action to end violence

against Women and Children (NPA-VAWC), 2017-2022 which signifies a commitment to end all forms of violence against women and children in the area.

Among others, UNFPA supported the improvement of the working environment of Police Gender and Children's Desks in Zanzibar to increase efficiency in the investigations and detection of GBV incidents and in improving GBV survivor's recourse to justice.

100 women set to benefit from land laws programme in Mufindi

By Friday Simbaya, Mufindi

OVER 100 women in Mufindi district are set to benefit from a one-year project on land laws, which is aimed at increasing women's awareness on land rights issues in the district.

The project, which is being implemented by a non-governmental organization—KAPS

Foundation is geared towards promoting access of land for women and provision of certificate of customary rights of occupancy for women in the district.

Project coordinator Amos Msambala said the project will provide training to 100 women and 20 men on land law 4 and 5 of 1999, from five villages in Sadani Ward, Mufindi District.

Msambala also said that the training would involve government officials, religious leaders, and prominent people, ward council and village land councils on land policy of 1995, village land law 4 and 5, 1999 and improved land use, number 6 of 2007.

KAPS Foundation facilitator Renuus Mpiluka said the project expects to see at least 100

women and 20 men understand women's rights for land and other properties.

He also said that ward council and village land councils will also be involved in the project as they are key people when it comes towards resolving land-related disputes.

He said: "The idea is to see land disputes are reduced by next year."

The land rights project for women in the five villages of Sadani Ward in Mufindi, led by Councillor Asheri Mtono, is funded by the Foundation for Civil Society (FCS).

For his part, acting District Administrative Secretary (DAS) Joseph Sylvester Mchina thanked the KAPS foundation for deciding to implement the project that would help more

women receive land ownership education.

He said that it was in line with the government's plan that the KAPS should implement the project in line with government goals.

Mchina explained that the Mufindi district has more than 63 villages and village land use plan including the villages of Sadani funded by Care Inter-

national in partnership with WWF.

He also urged KAPS to work more effectively and make sure they provide women's land rights education and help them education other women who have acquired customary rights (CCROs) to see the importance of having the documents for economic empowerment.



Sausage packing under way yesterday at Happy Sausages Ltd, a meat processing firm based in Arusha city. Photo: Correspondent Woinde Shizza

Dar establishes counselling centre for type 1 diabetes in children and adolescents

By Gwamaka Alipipi

LIONS Club of Tanzania in collaboration with Tanzania Diabetes Youth Alliance (TDYA) and Tanzania Diabetes Association (TDA) have launched counselling centre for children and youth living with type 1 diabetes.

Speaking during the launch at Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Science (Muhas) in Dar es Salaam, Lions Club member Lion Ragib said the centre will provide free education and awareness to the children and youth living with type 1 diabetes.

Ragib lauded TDYA and TDA for coming with the idea of establishing centre to help Tanzanian children and youth with diabetes.

He said more than 1.1 million children and adolescents have type 1 diabetes worldwide, many of them

living in low-resource settings, the situation that makes them live miserable lives due to lack access to proper medical care.

He said that diabetes is a global epidemic, affecting men, women, and children all over the world.

"As Lions we feel the impacts of persons with diabetes in our communities and we're doing something about it together. We are here to empower, encourage and assist them in every way possible," he said Ragib.

Apart from fighting against diabetes, he said that the club also helps communities to combat against natural disasters by providing immediate basic needs such as food, water, clothing and medical supplies.

"Also we are fighting against blindness as well as

volunteering in different community projects such as environmental conservation and assisting the needy people such as seniors and persons with disabilities," he added.

Tanzania Diabetes Youth Alliance vice chairman, Aniceth Muchunguzi, explained: "More than 500 children and youth with type one diabetes will be able to receive counseling at the centre, it will be free of charge, where youth and children with diabetes one the alliance will offer counseling and treatment as well."

According to him, he said the centre will also provide free education on how to control diabetes, social psychology for youth and children with diabetes type one.

CMSA urges local and foreign investors to utilise custodial and investment services

By Correspondent James Kandoya

THE Capital Market and Securities Authority (CMSA) has called upon the local and foreign investors to utilize the custodial and investment services to make investments much effective and efficient.

The CMSA chief executive officer (CEO) Nicodemus Mkama said at the official launching of the custodial and investment services offered by I&M Bank Tanzania limited.

He also called upon the board and management of the I&M Bank to ensure that they play a proactive role in bringing more vibrancy to the capital markets while ensuring compliance with the capital markets and securities (custodians of securities) regulations 2006.

CEO said as a cross border investment activities grow, the need for custodians will keep increasing, as many investors, particularly foreign investors would use the services of custodians to ensure effective trading of securities.

The launching of the services marks another milestone in the development of capital markets in Tanzania as the bank joins a team of six commercial banks previously approved by CMSA to provide custodial and investment services raising the number to seven out of 40 fully-fledged commercial banks.

He said capital markets are integral part of the financial sector that provide avenues for raising long term financial resources and channeling them to productive economic ventures thereby generating multiple benefits and opportunities for economic development.

Also it enhanced liquidity in the financial sector; contribute towards regulation of inflation; enhance price discovery of products and services; reduce costs of financial transaction; facilitates risk diversification; and provides alternative sources of financing investments.

Mkama added that custodial services involves maintaining accounts of securities of a client; collecting benefits or right accruing to the client, keeping the client informed of actions taken or be taken by issuer of securities.

For his part, the I&M Bank chief executive officer Baseer Mohamed said the new services introduced will bring solutions to the Tanzanian capital markets since it will complement to the existing solutions and contribute in the building of robust economy.

"The introduction of custodial and investment services is a clear testament to our continued aspiration to become a banking powerhouse in East Africa for medium to large businesses and premium clients through the provision of innovative and market driven banking solutions for its target segments," he said.

CEO noted that in the last year the bank grew its balance sheet by 14.1 per cent from 445bn/- to 508bn/- having the half trillion mark for the first time.

In his presentation, the I&M Bank custodial investment services Frank Bunuma said through custodial and investment services, the bank will enable clients to penetrate the markets as well as representing them in conferences.

He said the bank had a number of professionals to ensure assurance of timely settlement of their transactions in the financial markets while constantly informed and updated about the markets trend and performance.

Simple and more efficient ongoing transformation of China-Africa trade

By Xia Yuan

THE beautiful Ugandan red roses decorating the entrance hall of the First China-Africa Economic and Trade Expo (CAETE) caught the eyes of delegates and added a splash of style and colour to the often-monotone world of business.

Uganda has emerged as one of Africa's leading flower producers and their velvet-petalled roses can be found in vases of homes across the world. However, to get to China, Ugandan roses cannot be exported directly, needing first to go via Europe.

"Uganda's export volumes of flowers to Europe are dropping, while the Chinese market is promising for Ugandan farmers," Amit Kumar Singh told ChinAfrica.

Singh is the general manager of Mairy Estate, a producer of flowers, herbs, vegetables and fruits in Uganda. He attended CAETE specifically to establish a direct business connection with Chinese customers in order to change the situation of operating through an intermediary at extra cost.

The Ugandan roses are however not the first flowers to reach the Chinese market, as African blooms were first introduced to China by Kenya at the International Import Expo (CIIE) held last year in Shanghai.

"Unlike CIIE, CAETE targets only African countries. This is another golden opportunity for African countries to present their products and explore the Chinese market," He Qinwen, Deputy Director of Kenya's Nairobi Chinese Assistance Centre and a Chinese businessman who conducts flower trading in Kenya, told ChinAfrica.

The First CAETE, held from June 27 to 29 in Changsha in central China's Hunan Province, is another big event showcasing the large African presence in China.

The event gathered a total of more than 10,000 Chinese and African business representatives and officials, and is seen as one of the biggest achievements made at the Beijing Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) held last September, attracting much attention across the globe, especially Africa and Asia.

Chinese President Xi Jinping sent a congratulatory letter to the First CAETE, which was read at the opening ceremony, saying that China and Africa are good



friends, good partners and good brothers with shared destiny and vision.

It is hoped that the two sides will strengthen coordination to better implement the eight major initiatives put forward at the FOCAC Beijing Summit, actively explore new paths for cooperation, open up new points of growth for collaboration, and promote China-Africa economic and trade cooperation to a new level, said Xi.

The three-day CAETE, which ran under the theme 'Win-Win Cooperation for Closer China-Africa Economic Partnership', attracted more than 6,600 guests and over 3,500 exhibitors, buyers and professional visitors from home and abroad. The exhibitors were from 53 African countries and 31 provinces, municipalities and autonomous regions of China.

"Industrial development and free trade amongst us will foster faster growth for our mutual benefit. CAETE should,

among others, enable us to devise ways of turning these rays of hope into a reality," said Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni, who was in attendance.

His sentiments were shared by South Sudan's Ambassador to China, John Andruka Duku, who said: "Hunan Province has set a high bar for bringing together China-Africa traders."

Eighty-four deals, worth \$20.8 billion, were inked between China and African countries during the three-day expo, covering a wide range of areas including trade, investment, infrastructure, agriculture, manufacturing, aviation, tourism and sister city relations.

Agricultural cooperation between China and Africa is set to see rapid growth, judging by the expressions of interest and deals signed between the two sides at

CAETE. Deals for eight agricultural projects, worth \$2.75 billion, were signed along with proposals to strengthen South-South and Triangular Cooperation raised by seven organisations, including the China International Centre for Economic and Technical Exchanges, the China National Hybrid Rice R&D Centre, and the African Union.

Africa has a long history in agricultural cooperation with Hunan Province and is one of the major regions to benefit from the research achievements of Hunan's agricultural scientists, especially from Yuan Longping - a leading Chinese agricultural scientist in Hunan known as the "father of hybrid rice" in China.

In Madagascar, rice is the produce mainly planted in a terraced paddy system in the central highlands. However, despite its nearly

2,000-year history in rice farming, the country has in the past suffered from insufficient grain supply for many years.

This was due to outdated rice breeding and crop management hindering rice production. The country had to import between 200,000 and 400,000 tonnes of rice annually. During the First FOCAC Beijing Summit in 2006, the Chinese Government promised to develop ten agricultural demonstration centres in Africa.

In 2007, the Hunan Academy of Agricultural Sciences was assigned to build a hybrid rice demonstration centre in Madagascar and shared their world-leading hybrid rice technology, which is pioneered by Yuan, with the country.

In 2010, experts from Changsha began helping Madagascar localise hybrid rice. Since then, the country

has raised 20,000 hectares of hybrid rice fields, with each hectare producing about seven tonnes on average. The country's 25 million people have now become self-sufficient in food requirements.

"Going forward, China and Africa will see compelling opportunities for cooperation in agricultural sector, with policy and cooperation mechanisms, agricultural trade and investment, technical cooperation, and intellectual support (training and education) being the focal areas," Ma Youxiang, head of livestock production at the China's Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, said at CAETE.

To make bilateral trade easier, Changsha has established an online CAETE to simplify China-Africa business and make connections available at the click of a mouse.

The online CAETE platform (Kilico) is expected to serve nearly 500 million Chinese and African customers as well as 1 million enterprises in the next five years. This is according to Liu Zeqi, Director of Investment Attraction of the operator of the platform Kilimall International Ltd., an African e-commerce platform now headquartered in Changsha and operating in Kenya, Uganda and Nigeria.

The platform consists of four parts: KiliSupply and KiliSelect sell African products to China while Kilimall and KiliBusiness help African traders reduce costs, Liu told ChinAfrica.

"With a few clicks on the website, African consumers can buy online more than 10 million different products including electronics, fashion and home appliances," said Kilimall International Ltd CEO Yang Tao, adding that Chinese customers could receive African coffee, nuts and wines in just two to five days.

African companies can also buy products in bulk from China through the platform kiliBusiness.com, such as manufacturing machinery, industrial equipment, lighting and building materials, he said.

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Need to take concrete, realistic action on climate change impact

By Franck Kuwono

THE devastating effects of climate change are being felt in Africa; countries, organisations and individuals, including young people, are taking some outstanding climate action initiatives to tackle these effects.

The effects, from longer periods of drought, more frequent wildfires and loss of sea ice to an increase in the number, duration and intensity of tropical storms, are being felt around the world with an intensity that underscores the immediate need for concerted efforts.

In March and April, cyclones tore through the Southern African countries of Malawi, Mozambique and Zimbabwe, taking the lives of hundreds and injuring and displacing thousands.

According to the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), the natural disaster affected more than 1.9 million people across the region, most requiring humanitarian assistance.

In the Horn of Africa and in West Africa, droughts and flooding are frequent and intense. In the Sahel region, prolonged droughts exacerbate desertification, while the rise in sea levels in the coastal cities of West Africa, from Ghana to Benin, is ravaging farming and fishing communities.

Floods in South Asia have claimed more than 100 lives, while snow has been sighted in parts of Africa. Wildfires are burning across the state of New South Wales, Australia, while storms continue to batter the Americas. In Europe and parts of the US, temperatures have reached record highs. No region is immune.

After years of discussion and debate, scientists now agree that human activities, including the burning of fossil fuels, commercial farming and land clearing, are releasing greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. These gas-



es trap heat from the sun, which leads to global warming.

"Nature is saying it is time to take action," says Inger Andersen, executive director of the United Nations Environment Programme.

According to Andersen, the world is currently losing 1 million species annually to climate change while pollution is causing about 2.6 million premature deaths globally.

The UN Secretary General's Climate Action Summit 2019 follows the Global Climate Action Summit of September 2018 in San Francisco and the 2015 Paris Agreement on climate change, which commits parties to the agreement to act to limit global warming to 1.5 to 2 degrees C above pre-industrial levels. All parties were required to communicate by 2020 their plans to achieve those targets.

With this in view, UN Secretary General António Guterres has called on leaders to meet in New York on September 23 with concrete, realistic plans to enhance their nationally de-

South African climate activists. Photo courtesy of Ashraf Hendricks / Anadolu Agency/Getty Images

termined contributions (NDCs) on adaptation by 2020. NDCs are action plans by governments and include climate-related targets, policies and measures for implementation.

In October 2018 the International Panel on Climate Change released a special report warning policymakers that catastrophic climate change may only be avoided if states make efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 45 per cent from 2010 levels by 2030 and to achieve net zero emissions by 2050.

September 2018 saw Guterres lay out expectations for this year's Climate Action Summit: "I want to hear about how we are going to stop the increase in emissions by 2020 and dramatically reduce emissions to reach net zero emissions by mid-century."

UNEP's Andersen adds: "World leaders in the (September 2019

New York) summit will step in and step up their commitments to, for example, choosing renewable energy, decarbonising their production and investing in nature-based solutions such as the restoration of forests and degraded lands."

But there is urgency. "There is no more time to waste," Guterres said, calling upon leaders to attend the meeting "not just to report on what they are doing but also what more they intend to do".

He listed actions with high potential to curb greenhouse gas emissions and promote adaptation and resilience as including accelerating the shift from fossil fuels to renewable energy, mobilising finance to drive decarbonisation, advancing global efforts to address and manage the impacts and risks of climate change, and engaging youth and the public in general.

Major catastrophes such as the recent cyclones often grab the headlines; yet largely unnoticed climate change-related catastrophes take place every week, mostly in developing countries, says Mami Mizutori, the UN Secretary General's special representative on disaster risk reduction. She echoed the appeal for global action on climate change in an interview with the Guardian, a UK newspaper.

The UN International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNDRR) estimates that global climate change disasters were worth \$2.2 trillion in direct economic loss from 1998 to 2017, with other disasters accounting for \$0.7 million. UNDRR also reports that the economic impact of natural disasters in Africa in 2014 alone was \$53.19 billion.

Luis Alfonso de Alba, UN Special Envoy for the 2019 Climate Summit, reminds African governments, civil society and the private sector that the time for talk is over. It is time for action, he says, adding: "We know what to do."

At the recent Africa Climate Week, African leaders committed to acting on climate change, while individuals and communities shared the actions they were already taking.

"We the youth are calling on our respective governments to raise ambition and step up climate action to enable us to meet our targets," youth delegates Zelda Kerubo and Desmond Alugnoa told the gathering in a joint statement.

From recycling to sustainable production and consumption, several local initiatives - some supported by international aid organisations - are already pro-

viding scalable sustainable solutions to climate-related problems. Among these are plastic waste management, sustainable energy consumption and carbon emissions traps.

The Ghana Bamboo initiative is one of the enterprises working on sustainable production and consumption. In Uganda, students of St. Kizito High School in Namugongo are transforming biowaste into fertilisers and recycling plastics for use in arts and crafts.

Rukayatun Sanusi, executive director of the Ghana Climate Innovation Centre (GCIC), admits that these initiatives have a limited impact on global warming - but states that one must start somewhere.

The GCIC is one of the climate innovation centres that the World Bank Group and its partners sponsor around the world. Its mission is to develop and assist pioneering start-ups addressing climate change.

"We are seeing keen interest from developing countries in supporting initiatives that help their industries innovate and deploy new solutions for economic development and environmental protection," says Ganesh Rasagam, a practice manager with GCIC.

Governments, industries and civil society have a huge role to play in addressing climate change as a development priority, formulating appropriate policies and investing in climate resilience initiatives.

Governments are "front and centre, driving the movement for climate action," says UN Secretary General Guterres.

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Vodacom, TPB Bank's Songesha overdraft hits 800,000 clients, issues 2bn/- in loans

By Smart Money Reporter

M-PESA Songesha overdraft facility has become a popular product among Vodacom Tanzania Plc's subscribers hitting a record over 800,000 clients who have obtained over 2bn/- in loans since inception in July this year.

M-Pesa Songesha which was launched jointly by Vodacom and TPB Bank was a result of data insights into customers' transactional behaviours. Vodacom's M-Commerce Director, Epimack Mbeteni said the new overdraft facility was born out of necessity.

"When we looked closely at the habits of our M-Pesa customers, we noted that on a daily basis, some of their transactions failed due to a shortage of funds in their wallets which inspired us to respond with an innovative solution - an overdraft facility that enables the customer to complete M-Pesa transactions that would have otherwise failed or postponed due to shortage of funds," Mbeteni said.

Mbeteni said the stellar performance of Songesha signals that the mobile money platform is entering a new era where technology is challenging regulations making access to credit as easy as the literal press of buttons.



Vodacom's M-Commerce Director, Epimack Mbeteni, speaks at the launch of M-Pesa Songesha in Dar es Salaam last month. File photo.

"Songesha has been able to demonstrate that through partnerships with lending institutions, one can bypass the barrier of regulatory confines and deploy products that are rich in data analytics trends," the Vodacom M-Commerce Director added.

Five years ago, the company rolled out M-Pawa in collaboration with CBA. The product has since its inception provided savings and micro-loans to over eight million people. "Such products have simplified the banking system making it virtual and paperless but more so accessible to more Tanzanians - basically any customer with a phone," he marvelled.

Moving people away from relying on cash and switching to digital financial technology solutions will catalyse economic inclusion and growth in our society. Companies like Vodacom who are aiming to transform Tanzania into a cashless society continue to partner with innovators and other companies to push for digital finance.

"We are in an era where innovative mobile financial services are the game changer, not only are they advancing financial inclusion but also setting the tone for digital finance," Mbeteni noted.

According to the GSMA's State of Industry Report on Mobile Money in 2018, at least 110 mobile money systems have been deployed,

with more than 40 million users globally. GSMA said mobile money systems such as M-Pesa have transformed the way businesses operate in developing nations like Tanzania.

Since its introduction in 2008, M-Pesa has been making headway into becoming the payment method of choice across Tanzania given that its use poses lower risks than informal payment methods. About half of adults in Tanzania are said to be using mobile money services of which a big chunk don't have bank accounts.

Since its advent, there has been a consistent focus on how mobile money platforms could be used to provide more sophisticated financial services such as savings, credit, and insurance.

The operators continue to catalyse the industry with innovative offerings such as Lipa kwa M-Pesa, M-Koba, M-Pawa, M-Pesa Songesha, Halal Pesa and many more to extend the usability of the services.

There also has been an upsurge of banks teaming up with the mobile-money-service providers to develop multiple financial services to increase access to banking services like overdraft and loans. While mobile money has managed to increase financial inclusion in the country they are yet to cover the whole adult populations.

Farmers take their sheep through London CDB in protest at no-deal Brexit

LONDON

BRITISH farmers marched sheep through central London on Thursday in protest at the prospect of a no-deal Brexit.

Six sheep were herded past government buildings by farmers supporting a second referendum on the UK's EU membership, following the release of a report, which claimed that crashing out of the bloc without a deal could force half of all farms out of business.

The report, titled No Deal: The Door To The Decimation of UK Farming, was authored by former chief economist to the National Farmers' Union (NFU), Dr Sean Rickard. At a press conference, Dr Rickard warned that the UK leaving without a deal on October 31 would create further uncertainty for farmers.

"We are in a state of utter trading madness if we crash out of

Europe," he said. Dr Rickard said the higher tariffs would be imposed on exports to the EU, making British farming less competitive.

There were also warnings that after Brexit the removal of support payments as well as the introduction of further red tape to ensure compliance with EU food safety and animal health regulations could leave farming "unviable." The NFU has previously said that there could be a mass slaughter of sheep if the UK government raises tariffs on meats exported to the EU.

Britain's prime minister Boris Johnson, who has said he wants to do a deal with the EU but has pledged to leave "do or die" by October 31, is considering proposals to buy up excess lamb and beef, at a cost of £500 million.

Meanwhile on Thursday, opposition Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn urged cross-party MPs to

install him as a caretaker prime minister in order to thwart Mr Johnson's plans for a no-deal Brexit. Mr Corbyn wants to call a no-confidence vote in the government and if he wins, call a general election with Labour campaigning to support a second referendum with an option to remain in the EU. He has written to opposition parliamentarians as well as rebel MPs from the ruling Conservative Party asking for a support.

Liberal Democrat leader Jo Swinson, who is campaigning against Brexit, said she would not support Mr Corbyn, who she described as "divisive." But Nicola Sturgeon, who leads the third largest party in the UK parliament, the SNP, did not rule out backing the Labour leader. "We will work with anyone and we'll explore any option to stop Brexit," Ms Sturgeon told the BBC, adding that Mr Corbyn must set



Sheep are guided through the streets of central London during a demonstration to highlight troubles of the farming industry following Brexit.



New Indian High Commissioner in Tanzania Sanjiv Kohli sampling a Tata Tiago NRG hatchback during its launch in Dar es Salaam over the weekend. Photo: courtesy of TAHTL.

China seeking to lower tensions while its top trade negotiator calls for 'calm' on trade row

BEIJING

CHINA'S top trade negotiator sought to lower tensions with the US on Monday, saying the dispute between the world's biggest economies should be resolved through measured dialogue.

"We are willing to solve the problem through consultation and cooperation with a calm attitude," Vice Premier Liu He said at the opening ceremony of 2019 Smart China Expo in Chongqing, Caixin reported on Monday.

"We firmly oppose the escalation of the trade war," he said, adding that it "is not conducive to China, the US and the interests of

people all over the world."

China welcomes all foreign investors, including those from the US, Mr Liu said, adding that policy makers will keep building a favorable environment and protecting property rights. He stressed that China has ample macro-policy tools to ensure the country's economic fundamentals have "good momentum."

The S&P 500 futures stabilised after Mr Liu's comments and a stronger-than-anticipated yuan fixing suggested that traders don't need to worry about an immediate counter-punch from China after a tumultuous weekend. China on Friday threatened to

impose more tariffs on \$75 billion (Dh275.4bn) of American goods, prompting President Donald Trump to announce even higher tariffs on Chinese goods and call for American companies to pull out of Asia's largest economy.

Mr Liu spoke at an event focused on high-tech industries such as big data, artificial intelligence, semi-conductors and 5G. He said China opposes technology blockades and protectionism, and is trying hard to maintain the completeness of supply chains.

On Friday, Mr Trump said existing 25 per cent tariffs on some \$250bn in imports from China would rise to 30 per cent come

October 1, the 70th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China. Planned 10 per cent tariffs on a further \$300bn in Chinese goods will be taxed at 15 per cent instead of 10 per cent, starting with the first tranche on September 1.

China will follow through with retaliatory measures announced Friday and fight the trade war to the end, after the US failed to keep its promises, the Communist Party flagship newspaper People's Daily wrote in a Saturday editorial. Later, the editor-in-chief of the Global Times, Hu Xijin, said on Twitter that the US is "starting to lose China."

IOP teams up with UDSM, DTBi to build capacity of students to solve problems

By Smart Money Reporter

CHANG'OMBE Secondary School's Jamila Hamisi, Salome Richard and Mariam Omary are among few students from Dar es Salaam who have benefited from Institute Of Physics in Tanzania's Future STEM Business Leaders program.

"We are happy to take part in this training which builds our capacity to use science taught theoretically in solving practical problems of our society," Jamila said during the session held in Dar es Salaam last week.

Like her peers, Salome and Mariam, Jamila said the training by IOP Future STEM Business Leaders program has added some valuable lessons to students who now understand that understanding science is not only about passing national examinations but also solving community problems.

"Increasingly," said Salome, "We are starting to learn that science is a vital tool in solving many of our community problems." In collaborations with University of Dar es Salaam and Dar Teknohama Business Incubator, IOP has been encouraging students at the secondary level in the country apply their scientific training to solve local challenges with business ideas.

The programme - now in its second year has been working with schools to help students develop these skills by taking them through the process from identifying a science-based solution to a problem in the local community, to preparing the business idea for market.

It provides a unique opportunity for students to learn about the relationship between science and business, and gain first-hand experience about how science based businesses operate in Tanzania. IOP has also been working closely with students, teachers and business leaders from NanoFilter, Opulent Design Studio and Tanzania Young

Leaders to empower youth in seeing how business connects with science, and how new ideas can come to fruition in Tanzania.

Local science-based businesses have been invited to explain how their businesses began and to teach the students basic business principles and science communications skills - culminating into the students developing their own projects and business ideas.

The students are given a platform to pitch their business ideas to a panel of judges, and those with the best developed ideas, get an opportunity to do a six-week internship with a business mentor.

"Based on our experience of entrepreneurship and building start-ups, we have found that students need a better foundation, integrating the applied and practical aspects of STEM.

Doing this at school level ensures that students are better prepared to be innovative and entrepreneurial at university, which in turn makes it easier for them to develop innovative and sustainable solutions to solve community problems," said Dr George Mulamula who is CEO of DTBi.

President of IOP, Professor Dame Julia Higgins backed Dr Mulamula by saying that targeting students at secondary school is much more productive compared to other alternatives.

"By supporting the Tanzanian science, technology and business communities, including the Tanzanian Physical Society, we are joining forces to tackle a national challenge, that science students in Tanzania finish school with very little in the way of business skills," said Prof Higgins.

"But Tanzania's economy relies on a growing science and technology private sector as such by working together with the University of Dar es Salaam, DTBi, schools and business leaders from across Tanzania, we are together achieving incredible results to help equip young people in Tanzania for a strong future," Prof Higgins added.

He said the IOP is the professional and learned society for physics in the UK and Ireland, inspiring people to develop their knowledge, understanding and enjoyment of physics.

"We work with a range of partners to support and develop the teaching of physics in schools; we encourage innovation, growth and productivity in business, including addressing significant skills shortages," the IOP President noted.

The IOP also provides evidence-based advice and support to governments in the UK and Ireland with members from across the physics community including those in the industry, academia, the classroom and technicians.



Changombe Secondary School students Jamila Hamisi (R), Salome Richard (C) and Mariam Omary (L) take part in a discussion during a workshop hosted by the Institute of Physics (IOP) under the program of Future STEM Business Leaders aimed at encouraging students in secondary schools in the country, use business ideas to solve local challenges through science and technology in Dar es Salaam.

SA retailer Shoprite takes Sh571m Stanbic loan for stores in Kenya



Shoprite's new shop at Garden City Mall in Nairobi after official opening last week.

NAIROBI

AFRICA'S biggest retailer Shoprite Holdings, which has footprints locally, borrowed 84 million Rand (about Sh571 million at current rates) from Stanbic Bank Kenya Loading... as it continued an expansion drive that has seen the chain open two stores in Nairobi with a third expected this month in Mombasa.

The facility was disclosed in the South African firm's latest investor update for the financial year ended June 2019. The Stan-

bic loan formed part of its Sh79 billion debt it closed the financial year with, having opened 126 additional stores in the region including in Kenya, and creating 3,175 new jobs.

The company says the financial year ending June 2020 will see the completion of a number of strategic projects that have been on its radar for many years "We are critically assessing capital spend in the pursuit of growth that is cash generative, return accretive and strategically beneficial," the firm said in the update.

The retailer had not responded to queries regarding the loan's bor-

rowing rate and the repayment period by the time the story went to press. The supermarket is set to open two new stores in Kenya, general manager for Shoprite Kenya Andrew Mweemba told the Business Daily in response to queries, but declined to disclose the cost.

"There are two new stores coming - one opening in Nyalali mall next week and another in Waterfront Karen next month," said Mr Mweemba. Last month, the retailer said a lease agreement has been concluded with the Muguku family-owned Karen Waterfront. Shoprite said it will follow up on other

opportunities in the country as they become available. The chain has stores operating at Westgate Mall and Garden City Mall.

City Mall in Nyalali, Mombasa kicked Nakumatt out of its premises in March after the troubled firm accumulated Sh278 million in rent arrears. Shoprite snapped up the space soon after. Shoprite already operates in Tanzania and Uganda with a strong presence in Central, Southern and West Africa and wants to deepen its business in East Africa.

Kagame in France for the G7 Summit

KIGALI

RWANDA - alongside Australia, Burkina Faso, Chile, Egypt, India, Senegal, and South Africa - is taking part in the summit as part of the eight non-member states. President Kagame participated in the G7 and Africa partnership meeting on Sunday afternoon.

The session discussed security in the Sahel region and also looked into the key achievements of the G7 and Africa partnership with a special focus on women entrepreneurship, digital transformation, and the fight against corruption.

G7, also known as the Group of Seven, is made up of seven countries - which are among the largest economies of the world. The summit brings together leaders and policymakers from the most advanced economies including Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom, and the United States to build consensus look into challenging global issues.

The countries are estimated to represent about 62 percent of the global net wealth. Founded in the 1970s, the group meets annually to discuss multiple global issues including the environment, security, and economy, among others. As is the custom, the host country invites a select few non-G7 world leaders.

Rwanda was invited as the former chair of the African Union, Egypt as the current chair of the Union and South Africa as the incoming chair. The three countries form what is called the "Troika" of the African Union.

Senegal was invited as the current leader of the New Partnership for African Development (NEPAD) and Burkina Faso as the chair of G5 Sahel. Other subjects that will feature prominently at the summit include digital transformation and climate change.



Rwandan President, President Paul Kagame at G7 Summit in France.

MultiChoice call centre workers to down tools Friday

JOHANNESBURG

WORKERS at MultiChoice Call Centres across the country will on Friday down tools, in protest over planned job cuts by the pay-TV company, a union has said.

The Information Communication Technology (ICTU) said MultiChoice had threatened employees with "civil action" for launching what it called a "historic strike" which would impact millions of subscribers who may require customer service assistance.

"The strike action will begin tomorrow, 23 August 2019, and it is expected to inconvenience all customer 7.7 million [customers] who are either having payment or service queries," the union said in a statement.

News of jobs cuts impacting as many as 2,194 MultiChoice employees came out in June, in what was attributed to roll-out of new technologies. ICTU said the strike would be in support of its position about retrenchment proceedings, and accused MultiChoice of failing to provide sufficient evidence supporting the need for the lay-offs, as required by the law. The union said MultiChoice had withheld or failed to provide the necessary information.

"In the absence of this critical information, the blatantly arrogant R50.4bn profit company has then declared war with workers and ICTU." Fin24 was unable to immediately reach MultiChoice for comment by phone on Thursday evening. MultiChoice was previously part of Naspers and unbundled from its parent company in September 2018. The company listed on the JSE in February.



Tigo's Tanzanian CFO who is focusing on maintaining pole position in the market



TIGO Tanzania Limited has the first Tanzanian as Chief Financial Officer named Innocent Rwetabura. In his new capacity, Rwetabura as the leading Telco's CFO, has his share of the job cut as he explains in this interview with Smart Money Reporter, excerpts:

What has been your career journey before assuming this new role at Tigo?

After graduating from University of Dar es Salaam in 1998, I was lucky to first dip my feet in direct employment by working as assistant accountant for Citibank. Just a month into the job, PricewaterhouseCoopers poached me although the terms might have been better at Citibank but the prospects at PwC were even much better. I needed to be where the action was. It was my pathway to become an accomplished accountant in an environment that offered unequalled accounting professionalism.

So how did you find your way to Tigo?

For the past 20 years, my career journey has been a long one. After working with PwC for almost five years, I moved to the then Celtel (now called Airtel) as a finance manager because the company as still small but after tremendous growth, I became Financial Controller. After about a year and half on the job, I was shifted to Sierra Leone within the same company as a Financial Controller and later rose to become Finance Director after another year.

Sierra Leone having emerged from a civil war and the negative media perceptions being peddled at the time, my wife did not particularly want to join me although she did visit from time

to time. After three years - in 2010, I came back to Tanzania. On arrival, I joined Zantel as Finance Director dealing with budgeting and reporting for less than two years when I moved to G4S Security Company and then Helios Towers before joining Tigo in 2015.

You joined Tigo as who?

I first held the position of Financial Controller when Simon Karikari, the current Managing Director was then the Chief Financial Officer. Later, when Karikari took over the reins at top management, I was promoted to his position.

What major feats have you so far accomplished as the first Tanzanian to be Tigo's CFO?

Since assuming the CFO position, we have accomplished a number of achievements such as increasing efficiency in operating expenditure (OPEX) in such a way that operating profit grows faster than the top line. Also, I have overseen the team that integrated in time Tigo's systems with the Government Electronic Revenue Collection System (ERCS), that helps Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) to collect VAT and excise duty electronically.

What is your key role as CFO of such a large Telco?

The work of a CFO is that of a gatekeeper who stands between the shareholders and the company's developmental needs. The task engenders adequate planning, implementation, managing and running of all the finance activities of the company, including budgeting, forecasting and negotiations. The role played by CFO entails overseeing the company's financial matters to make sure that the interests of shareholders are maximized and upheld.

How does your work relate with the Managing Director?

Sometimes, I, as the CFO see myself as a challenger to the Managing Director and at the same time, a partner. CEO and the commercial team may come up with an idea and to implement

it, I need to agree or come up with a viable solution. Traditionally CFOs were challengers but today's CFOs are more flexible, partnering with the entire system to produce far-reaching results for the benefit of the company and the shareholders.

How do you utilise innovation and technology in strengthening Tigo's financial management?

The ever-changing financial environment must be met with the right tools and standards which therefore make use of technology to identify risks as crucial in today's financial environment. This helps in designing appropriate mitigation plan on timely fashion. It is true that the financial environment keeps changing almost every year just like everything else. We must keep up the pace if we are to stay ahead. For example, our financial reporting must comply with International Reporting Standards. Therefore, having a competent and well-versed team not only in finance department but across the board is imperative.

How has the use of innovation and technology benefitted Tigo's clients in the market?

In the local market, Tigo led the rest of the pack into interoperability, linking not only the other networks but also the banks, ushering in the much needed financial inclusion to Tanzania. Tigo was also the first to introduce 4G, 4G+ platforms along with exciting applications, living up to the maxim of being a truly digital lifestyle company.

Where do you see the company's future in the crowded local market?

Our strategy is to remain the pioneering brand in new services that include data and friendly financial services that have risen from a paltry five percent to more than 45 percent currently. In 2014 we pioneered in interoperability with other mobile service providers and banks. We are also the pioneers for free WhatsApp and Facebook in Kiswahili. Our tier-three data center in Salasala still remains a very strategic investment into the future, so Tigo will remain a market leader for many years to come.

Retrenchment counselling

CORPORATE WELLNESS



By Bhakti Shah, MPH

COST cutting in an economic downturn is often necessary to ensure an organization's profitability and competitiveness. Salaries being often the single biggest expense, staff retrenchment is often a cost cutting measure for the organization to stay afloat.

There is no easy way to conduct the retrenchment process. However, it is often not what is done but how it is done that can make all the difference in terms of how the employee copes with retrenchment.

Being retrenched is traumatic. Not only one has to deal with the embarrassing and panic of losing one's job but also with the harsh reality of a future loss of income. There is typical cycle that retrenched individual transitions through. It is not a single event that just happens.

The first phase is obviously the emotional reaction to being retrenched. Emotions experienced are diverse and include anger, embarrassment, self-blame, panic, depression etc. These are very normal reactions and affected individuals will experience all or some of these emotions, and sometimes re-experience them. They need to express their feeling, not bottle them up, and often this is difficult to do at home as their families are also affected by the retrenchment.

The retrenched individuals may feel they cannot talk to their family members whom they feel may already been burdened by the retrenchment. The emotional experience of being retrenched has often been likened to the stages of mourning which include the phases of denial, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance. Retrenched individuals will pass through these emotional stages as they mourn the loss of their job. Once emotions have been adequately dealt with, individuals enter the phase of acceptance, which leads to future planning which is critical in the reintegration process.

The danger however is when individuals get stuck in the emotional phase and get immobilized from thinking rationally and planning for the future. In such cases positive actions such as compiling a CV or strategizing how to market oneself can seem an impossible task.

For the decision makers in the or-

ganization, the idea of retrenching staff is extremely stressful and the management will also experience an array of emotions from anger, depression and by the time they present to the staff, they have passed through this emotion, as they have grown used to the idea of the retrenchment.

For some managers, compassion to the employee, which is so critical at this time, is then sometimes extremely difficult to display. Their role is to execute the retrenchment and to do this they need to curb their emotions. As a result, managers are often not able to provide the emotional support required by affected individuals in order for them to progress to the phase of acceptance.

Given that it is extremely difficult for the internal staff involved in the retrenchment process to provide adequate support required by affected staff during a retrenchment process, an objective external counselor can often assist organizations through the provision of focused retrenchment counseling.

The core purpose of retrenchment counseling is to help the individual cope with the emotional reactions and then to become energized and motivated so as that they are able to start planning for the future. Guidance on financial planning, CV preparation and job search forms part of the retrenchment counseling process.

This approach to retrenchment counseling is structured and can be conducted at site to prevent too much disruption at work. Investment in availing onsite counseling support for retrenched staff is minimal compared to the return on the investment, which will be experienced by the individual as well as the perception it creates with remaining staff at the company.

Reducing staff can have major implications on the internal culture as well as the external reputation of the organization. Steps such as offering retrenchment counseling highlights the organization's commitment to its employees who remain as well as making retrenched employees feel nurtured throughout the process. Through offering retrenchment counseling to staff, the staff is well positioned to take up new career opportunities and move forward in their life.

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VIEW FROM THE TOP



How South Africans in the UAE are handling the rand's poor performance

DUBAI

THE British pound isn't the only global currency that has been crashing lately - the South African rand has taken an even greater hammering amid growing political and economic uncertainty.

But while British expatriates in the UAE have been taking advantage of Brexit uncertainty to send money home at favourable exchange rates, South Africans find themselves in a more complicated situation. Many are reluctant to send money to their home country for fear that the rand's troubles could have much further to run.

The decline of the rand is a steady, long-term trend but one that has accelerated lately. Fifteen years ago, one US dollar bought 6.54 rand. Five years ago, the dollar had strengthened to 10.70. At time of writing, one dollar buys 15.22, more than double the amount it bought in 2004. That follows a drop of almost 10 per cent in the last month alone.

The recent decline was sparked by several factors, including weak economic growth, employment rates of 29 per cent, the \$16 billion bailout of state-owned power monopoly Eskom and rumours of an IMF intervention. South Africa's economy contracted 3.2 per cent in the first quarter, the

most since the 2009 recession.

South African expat David Julies, 48, says the short-term benefits from the rand's latest devaluation are overshadowed by the longer-term challenges facing his country. While Britons in the UAE have enjoyed a salary rise in sterling terms, the impact isn't as strong for South Africans, due to spiralling inflation back home. "Our spending power in South Africa hasn't increased much, so there's no real impact when sending income back," says Mr Julies.

The general medical practitioner relocated to the UAE with his wife Maria to work as a hospital administrator in Al Ain and build a

stable future for their two children. At the time of his job interview in 2014, the rand was relatively strong, trading at 2.98 to the UAE dirham, but it fell sharply as then-President Jacob Zuma launched a string of controversial cabinet reshuffles. By 2017 the exchange rate had dropped to 4.47, which meant it had lost half its value in three years.

Sentiment picked up after Mr Zuma resigned in February of last year, to be replaced by current President Cyril Ramaphosa, but the rand has now dropped back to 4.15 amid rising economic concerns.

Mr Julies has responded by almost doubling his usual monthly

remittance and prepaying short-term South African expenses such as life insurance premiums and school fees, as well as settling a car loan, but says currency weakness remains a double-edged sword.

"I've decided against topping up my South African saving accounts because it is difficult to predict how far the rand may drop in future," he says.

Mr Julies is not the only UAE expat wary about building long-term savings in South Africa, where it may be subject to currency volatility. Armand Loggenberg, 41, sends money to South Africa to meet family commitments, so he has enjoyed some advantage

from recent rand weakness, but says the devaluation rate makes it a bad place to invest for the future.

"When I moved to the UAE two-and-a-half years ago, the UAE dirham bought 3.20 rand, lately it has been trading at around 4.20," says Mr Loggenberg, who lives in Dubai and is head of aerospace safety for the Dubai Civil Aviation Authority.

If Mr Loggenberg had left his retirement pot in South Africa it would have depreciated by almost a third in that time, and there could be worse to come. He says most South Africans he knows store their long-term wealth elsewhere.

"I might get a little more by sending

Rifts on trade, Iranian nuclear deal further divide G7 on 2nd summit day

BIARRITZ, France

AS the Group of Seven (G7) summit entered into its second day, leaders of the world's wealthiest countries clubbed together to build consensus, but their divisions on such issues as trade and Iranian nuclear deal were hard to bridge.

On the trade issue, U.S. President Donald Trump and his "America First" policy received more pressure from his G7 colleagues, with British Prime Minister Boris Johnson, who was widely believed as Trump's closest ally among G7, saying publicly that Britain is "in favor of trade peace on the whole" instead of a trade war.

Johnson made the remarks during his work breakfast with Trump, who was criticized for ratcheting up trade conflict with China. "Just to register the faint, sheep-like note of our view on the

trade war, we're in favor of trade peace on the whole, and dialing it down if we can," Johnson told Trump in front of the press.

The British prime minister said "the UK has profited massively in the last 200 years from free trade, and that's what we want to see. And so we're keen to see -- we don't like tariffs on the whole."

This was the second time that Johnson expressed his concern over Trump's trade policy in the week. En route to the G7 summit, he told reporters that he was "very, very concerned" about the trade conflict between the U.S. and China.

This is not the way to proceed. Apart from anything else, those who support the tariffs are at risk of incurring the blame for the downturn in the global economy, irrespective of whether that is true... I want to see an opening up of



French President Emmanuel Macron, center left, and President Donald Trump, center right, participate in a G-7 Working Session on the Global Economy, Foreign Policy, and Security Affairs the G-7 summit in Biarritz, France, on Sunday. (AP)

global trade, I want to see a dialing down of tensions, and I want to see tariffs come off," he said.

Meanwhile on the Iranian nuclear issue, after several bilateral and trilateral meetings during the day, leaders failed to agree on any joint action. French President Emmanuel Macron and Trump said Sunday that G7 members will each act on its own over the thorny issue. "There is no formal mandate at G7."

"We will continue to act, each in his own role," Macron told reporters at the summit. "G7 is an informal club. We do not give formal mandate to this one or that one."

Earlier in the day, Macron told French television LCI, "we agreed on what we wanted to say jointly on Iran... Everyone wants to avoid a conflict, U.S. President Donald Trump was extremely clear on that point." French media reported that Macron has obtained a mandate to deliver a message to Iran on behalf of the seven countries, following the leaders' dinner on Saturday.

"No, I haven't discussed this," said Trump, however, on Sunday morning when asked about "joint action" over Iran at a joint press conference with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

When asked whether he supports Macron's outreach concerning Iran, Trump said, "Sure. But I also support Abe's outreach... We'll do our own outreach. You can't stop people from talking. If they want to talk, they can talk."

In another development, Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif arrived Sunday afternoon in Biarritz. But the Iranian authority later ruled out the possibility of any scheduled meeting or negotiation with the American delegation during Zarif's stay.

The visit was made at the invitation of French Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian, in a bid to continue discussions on recent initiatives between the presidents of Iran and France, said Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Abbas Mousavi. Iran's nuclear issue is one of the main topics at the summit of the seven leading industrialized countries.

Together with Britain and Germany, the host country France is working to rescue the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), also known as the Iranian nuclear deal, from which the United States has withdrawn, raising the tension of the Gulf region. **Xinhua**

'Hong Kong is China and will remain China'

"STABILITY is the foundation of economic development just as rule of law is the foundation of civil society. Instability in Hong Kong, like instability anywhere, retards economic growth." Dr. Robert Lawrence Kuhn told People's Daily.

The China expert continued to stress that "it is understandable that leading Hong Kong entrepreneurs have criticized the violence, which directly impacts the value of their assets, especially real estate. Some wonder why it took them so long."

Dr. Kuhn is an American public intellectual, international cor-

porate strategist and investment banker. Over the past decades, he had put his focus on China and has been a media commentator on China's politics and economy.

Dr. Kuhn didn't hide his disagreement with the current claims by some in the West that China's Central Government is trying to control Hong Kong in a more repressive way.

"Those who claim that China's central government seeks to control Hong Kong in a more repressive way betray their lack of understanding of China. Hong Kong's role has been a vital portal for

multinational corporations to do business in China, building China's economy, strengthening China's technology. Why would China want to jeopardize that?" He noted.

In a recent article, shared by himself to People's Daily, Dr. Kuhn wrote that "looking forward, Hong Kong is China and will remain China."

He also stressed that he continues to believe that "the Central Government seeks the best for Hong Kong, stressing social stability, essential for economic development, and rule of law, essential for social development."

Over the past few days, some political voice in Washington has been asking for linking the current situation in Hong Kong to the US-China trade negotiations and using Hong Kong as leverage to pressure compromise from China.

"Any who would link the Hong Kong issue with US-China trade negotiations badly misreads the Chinese government and the sensitivities of a large majority of the Chinese people."

Such 'bargaining', in essence using Hong Kong as a 'trading chip', would be a gross insult to the Hong Kong people." Dr. Kuhn said.

As he viewed it, Hong Kong's economic future is almost totally related to its integration with the mainland, especially the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area, a grand vision of regional coordinated development.

"The Greater Bay Area gross domestic product is around \$1.7 trillion, 12 percent of China's GDP, and is projected to reach around \$3.5 trillion by 2030."

If the Greater Bay Area were a country, its GDP would rank almost in the world's top 10." Dr. Kuhn added.

People's Daily

Congo government announced 8 months after Tshisekedi won vote

KINSHASA

CONGO'S prime minister announced a new government yesterday, eight months after President Felix Tshisekedi won an election, with around two thirds of posts going to allies of former president Joseph Kabila.

In the long-delayed election last December, Tshisekedi (pictured) defeated a candidate officially backed by Kabila, whose own term limit was up, though opposition politicians said the result was rigged in a secret deal between Kabila's and Tshisekedi's camps.

They said the deal involved Kabila officially stepping down but maintaining control, a charge they both denied.

The cabinet list released by Prime Minister Illunga Ilunkamba on Monday consisted mostly of people with little or no government experience. Of the 65 ministers named, 42 were from Kabila's coalition and 23 were from Tshisekedi's.

As well as retaining outsized influence over various security agencies, Kabila's Common Front for Congo (FCC) coalition won about 70 percent of seats in the lower house of parliament and an overwhelming majority of provincial assembly seats in elections also held on Dec 30.

Kabila had always been expected to have a big say in the government of Democratic Republic of Congo, a vast, mineral-rich central African country of



about 80 million people which he had been in charge of since the death of his father, Laurent, in 2001.

In May, Tshisekedi named Ilunkamba, a close Kabila ally with years of government experience and previously the head of Congo's national railway company, as prime minister. But negotiations over other government posts had been stalled since.

The new list has Gilbert Malaba, a member of Tshisekedi's party, as minister of interior and security, while the defence ministry went to Ngoy Mukena, a close Kabila ally.

The mining portfolio went to Willy Samsoni, a member of Kabila's coalition and a former mines minister in the local

government of Haut Katanga province, while Congo's former director general of taxes Sele Yalaghuli, also a Kabila stalwart, was named finance minister.

Tshisekedi ally Jean-Baudouin Mayo Mambembe took the more junior role of budget minister.

Since being inaugurated in January, Tshisekedi has signalled a break with his predecessor in some areas. He pardoned three prominent political prisoners and 700 regular ones in March, a marked shift away from the policies of Kabila, who had scores of his opponents jailed.

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Putin says slow growth of public's real incomes raises concerns

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin expressed concerns about the slow growth of real incomes.

"Given the increase in wages in the economy, real incomes of people are growing slowly. This raises concern," the Russian leader said, opening a meeting on economic issues.

At the same time, the president noted that there are positive factors. In particular, he said, inflation is gradually approaching the target. "Now it is about 4.5% in annual terms," he stressed.

Putin invited the meeting participants to express their thoughts on what concrete steps should be taken to increase citizens' incomes and, on the whole, to give more sustainable economic growth.

The meeting was attended by the head of the presidential administration Anton Vaino, assistant to the president Andrei Belousov, First Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister Anton Siluanov, Economic Development Minister of Maxim Oreshkin, head of the Bank of Russia Elvira Nabiullina. **Agencies**



Sudan PM seeks an end to country's pariah status

KHARTOUM

SUDAN'S new prime minister said in an interview that ending his country's international pariah status and drastically cutting military spending are prerequisites for rescuing the nation's faltering economy.

Abdalla Hamdok (pictured), a respected former official with the UN Economic Commission for Africa, told The Associated Press on Sunday that he has already talked to US officials about removing Sudan from Washington's list of countries sponsoring terrorism, and portrayed their reaction as positive.

He also called for sharply reducing military spending, hoping for a "peace dividend" if current efforts to negotiate deals with armed rebels are successful. He said military spending takes up as much as 80% of the state budget.

Sudan stagnated for three decades under former President Omar al-Bashir, convulsed by a bloody civil war and rebellions in its far-flung provinces. Al-Bashir's autocratic rule ended in April when the military ousted him after mass street protests by a pro-democracy movement, which began late last year.

"For 30 years, we were isolated," Hamdok said in the interview in the capital of Khartoum. "We were treated as a pariah state. We want to tell the world we are moving away from sanctions, issues of punishment and all that, to a Sudan that is coming back to the fold of normal nations."

As Sudan begins a new chapter, getting off America's state sponsor of terror list is the "key to anything that we can do in this country," Hamdok said, adding that a "democratic Sudan is not a threat to anybody in the world."

Still, tensions between the military and civilians are expected to feature prominently in Hamdok's unruly transitional government, which is expected to last three years before general elections.

In such an environment, Hamdok faces an uphill battle to carry out ambitious economic reforms, said Jehanne Henry, a Sudan researcher at Human Rights Watch. Henry said Hamdok "has to work with the generals, who could veto things."

Although Hamdok heads the transitional Cabinet, the military leaders that ousted al-Bashir still want a large role in the transition. Sudan's top general, Abdel-Fattah Burhan, was sworn in Wednesday as the leader of a joint military-civilian Sovereign Council. Five of its 11 members are from the military.

Hamdok said he is committed to making a partnership with the generals work.

The United States named Sudan a state sponsor of terror in 1993, and the designation stuck through the al-Bashir regime. As one of the last acts of the Obama administration, the United States began a formal process to de-list Sudan in January 2017, but this was put on hold when mass protests began in December. Moves to de-list Sudan could resume once the country's political situation has stabilized.

The US State Department was not immediately available for comment Sunday.

"We appreciate and understand that there is a process, both I think in government and Congress," Hamdok said, adding he hopes it happens soon because "it has very serious implications on our situation."

Agencies

Trump leaves Iran diplomacy door open after Macron's Zarif gambit

BIARRITZ, France

US President Donald Trump appeared to leave a window open for diplomacy with Iran yesterday after French President Emmanuel Macron flew in Iran's foreign minister to a G7 summit in an effort to reduce US-Iranian tensions.

European leaders have struggled to tamp down the brewing confrontation between Iran and the United States since Trump pulled Washington out of world powers' 2015 nuclear deal with Tehran and reimposed sanctions on the Iranian economy.

But Macron has spent the summer trying to create conditions for a period of pause to bring the two sides back to the negotiating table.

Those efforts took a surprise turn on

Sunday when Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif, who is under US sanctions, flew to the French seaside town of Biarritz where the Group of Seven leaders were meeting.

Zarif (pictured) held talks with Macron and British and German officials before returning home. Though potentially a diplomatic minefield, Macron's gamble with Zarif appears to have worked out for now, as Trump yesterday endorsed the French president's initiative and toned down his usual harsh rhetoric on Tehran.

While Trump reaffirmed Washington's goal of extracting farther-reaching security concessions from Iran, he told reporters at the summit he wanted to see "a really good Iran, really strong, we're not looking for regime change. "I knew (Zarif) was coming in and I re-



spected the fact that he was coming in. We're looking to make Iran rich again, let them be rich, let them do well, if they want," Trump said.

The 2015 deal between Iran and six world powers, reached when Trump's predecessor Barack Obama was in office, aimed to curb Iran's disputed ura-

nium enrichment program in exchange for the lifting of many international sanctions on Tehran.

Since ditching the deal last year, Trump has pursued a policy of "maximum pressure" to try to force Iran into broader talks to restrict Iran's ballistic missile program and end its support for proxy forces around the Middle East as well.

While Trump's European allies also want fresh negotiations with Iran, they believe the nuclear deal must be upheld to help ward off the risk of wider war in the Middle East. Macron had already met Zarif in Paris on Friday ahead of the G7.

"What we want is very simple. It's got to be non-nuclear (as well)," Trump said. "We're going to talk about ballistic missiles... about the timing. But they (Iran)

have to stop terrorism. I think they are going to change, I really do."

He said that he had not wanted to meet Zarif himself, because it was too soon.

The Iranian leadership also appeared upbeat. "Road ahead is difficult. But worth trying," Zarif said in a tweet.

"Those who imagine one hand is enough are mistaken. We have to use our military, cultural and economic power as well as political power, diplomacy and negotiation," President Hassan Rouhani said on his official website.

Iran's president defended his foreign minister's surprise visit to the G7 summit, saying he's himself ready to go anywhere to negotiate a way out of the crisis following the US pullout from the nuclear deal.

Hassan Rouhani said in a televised

speech yesterday: "If I knew that going to a meeting and visiting a person would help my country's development and resolve the problems of the people, I would not miss it."

Rouhani stressed that "we have to negotiate, we have to find a solution, and we have to solve the problem."

Obstacles ahead
Beyond the symbolism of Zarif coming and Trump appearing to endorse the step, it is unclear whether real progress was made.

In response to the tougher US sanctions and what it says is the failure of European powers party to the deal - France, Britain and Germany - to compensate it for revenues lost to US sanctions, Iran has responded by retreating from some of its commitments to limit its nuclear activity. **Agencies**



Rory McIlroy, of Northern Ireland, holds up the FedEx Cup trophy after winning the Tour Championship golf tournament Sunday, Aug. 25, 2019, in Atlanta. (AP Photo)

No majors, but a major finish by Rory McIlroy

By DOUG FERGUSON

RORY McIlroy never felt more rich than when he knocked in a 6-foot birdie putt on the final hole to win the FedEx Cup.

Only it had nothing to do with the money. It was never about \$15 million.

Even before he teed off in the Tour Championship – facing a five-shot deficit before he hit a shot at East Lake because of the radical new scoring format – McIlroy made it clear the FedEx Cup should be more about accomplishment than cash.

And then it became personal.

A year ago, he was lost in the chaos surrounding Tiger Woods as they walked up to the 18th green at East Lake as thousands of spectators came under the ropes to celebrate the return of Tiger Woods in his Sunday red winning a tournament for the first time in more than five years.

"I never enjoyed that walk last year like everyone else did," he said.

He appreciated Woods winning. McIlroy did not appreciate that he didn't make Woods work terribly hard for it.

Recent motivation came from a World Golf Championship last month in Memphis, Tennessee, where he had a one-shot lead over Brooks Koepka, the No. 1 player in the world who had won as many majors in three years as McIlroy had won in the last nine years.

Koepka shot 65. McIlroy laid an egg.

Sunday at East Lake was his chance for redemption on a number of levels, and he added another one by his questioning of the new format in which not everyone started on the same score. The new system, designed to eliminate confusion by having only one winner on Sunday in the FedEx Cup finale, meant players started more under par depending on their position in the FedEx Cup.

McIlroy's only goal going into the week was to post the lowest score in the 30-man field regardless of whether he won.

He closed with a 4-under 66, a command performance on a long day of 31 holes because the third round had to resume Sunday morning. That gave him a 13-under 267 for the week, the best of anyone.

Because of his birdie on the 18th hole of the third round, that put him in the final group with Koepka, who beat him soundly in Memphis. That was a strong memory, and being at East Lake, he still thought about the 74 he shot in the final round a year ago while paired with Woods.

"I thought about the final group with Tiger last year, the final group with Brooks in Memphis a few weeks ago, and I really wanted to go out there and play well and really take it to him," McIlroy said. "And I did that for the most part. I shot 66 on a really tough golf course and got the job done."

Koepka lost the lead with a lost tee shot in the trees and a double bogey on No. 7, and then consecutive bogeys on the back nine as McIlroy made birdies. Koepka closed with a 72, six shots worse.

McIlroy joined Woods as the only players to win the FedEx Cup twice since it began in 2007. He struggled to hoist the silver trophy during the presentation on the 18th green, perhaps from a long day of 31 holes. Paul Azinger, the lead analyst for NBC Sports, jokingly suggested that "as hard a time as he had lifting it up, I thought the money was in there."

For every box he wanted to tick on Sunday, he was asked which made him the most proud. McIlroy never mentioned the money.

"Winning the tournament if everyone had started even," McIlroy said. "My goal at the start of the week was to just shoot the lowest score. If that happened to work out the right way, then so be it. But I never strayed from that thought process. I was playing a little tournament inside my head. ... And then going out in the final group and shooting 66 alongside the No. 1 player in the world, when he got the better of me a few weeks ago."

Managing bowlers' workload top priority for India captain Kohli

ANTIGUA

KEEPING India's pace battery fully charged will be crucial to the team's ICC World Test Championship chances, skipper Virat Kohli said following their win over West Indies in the first test on Sunday.

Jasprit Bumrah took five wickets for seven runs while fellow fast bowler Ishant Sharma claimed three as India recorded their biggest ever away win by runs, thrashing the hosts by 318 runs in Antigua.

Bumrah's fourth five-wicket haul made him the only Asian to achieve the feat in South Africa, England, Australia and West Indies, and Kohli justified the decision to rest the 25-year-old for the three ODIs and three T20 games before the tests. "That's why Bumrah didn't play any white-ball cricket after the World Cup because we wanted him fresh for the tests," Kohli said at the post-match presentation ceremony.

"He's going to be a key factor for us as long as the test championship continues. We know how good a bowler he is and the impact he can make in a spell. That's probably the most important thing for us right now, managing player workloads."

The inaugural championship involves the nine top-ranked test nations competing in a league between July 2019 and April 2021, with the top two sides progressing to the final which will be held in England in June 2021.

"Mohammed Shami is the same (as Bumrah). Ishant Sharma is a banker for years now and he can make an impact in any spell he bowls. Those three together are bowling well," Kohli added.

"Umesh Yadav hasn't had a game, and we have Navdeep Saini, who can bowl 150 clicks (kmph), waiting in the wings. We're pretty settled as far as our bowling options are concerned."

REUTERS

Have we forgotten about Olympic preps?

By Correspondent Lloyd Elipokea

ALREADY, this has indubitably been a truly memorable and groundbreaking annum (a Latin word meaning a year) in our country's rich sporting history.

Indeed, although we are only nearing the end of August it would rank as one of the worst understatements in the book to contend that on the basis of the evidence seen thus far, 2019 has most assuredly been a year in which our domestic teams have ventured boldly onto hitherto unexplored sporting terrain, particularly in football.

In case a few of you may have forgotten the series of golden moments when we tasted success in one way, shape or form, allow me, then, to briefly jog your memories.

Earlier this year, an exceptional feat of football quintessence was achieved when Simba Sports Club advanced all the way to the quarterfinals of the pre-eminent CAF Champions League.

Not to be left out, domestic women's football also got in on the admirable record-making exertions as well.

Invited to take part in the inaugural COSAFA U-20 women's championship in South Africa earlier this year, the Tanzania national U-20 women's team fondly dubbed 'Tanzanite' arrived quietly in the 'Rainbow-Nation' for the spectacle but unquestionably left after the climax of the event with a deafening bang!

Indeed, contrary to most expectations, Tanzanite superbly turned on the style in irresistible swashbuckling fashion en route to winning their first-ever continental trophy.

Individually too, there was a lot to bring us hearty cheer. Indeed, the darling of the football fraternity, die-hard aficionados, and sports scribes as well, Mbwana Samatta, who is based in Belgium with his club KRC Genk, achieved another first after he received an award for being the 'Best African Player' of the Belgian top flight last season.

Needless to say, the latest feather to Samatta's cap had all Tanzanians grinning from ear to ear like that famous fictional character, the Cheshire Cat.

Phew! What a marvelously rewarding year it has been for domestic sports, especially football thus far. And remember, we are only presently in the final days of August!

However, while it is not my wish to put a dampener on the prevailing national mood of optimism where our football is concerned, we may have lost sight of another sporting event of boundless import which is taking place next year: the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

Admittedly, we have been joyously and pleasantly distracted by the historic goings-on in domestic football so far this year.

Still, like it or loathe it, the fact that our Olympic preps



Tanzania's amateur boxer, Selemani Kidunda.

seem to have been cast aside either wittingly or unwittingly may prove to be especially costly for our country's medal hopes at the quadrennial multi-sports extravaganza that is the Olympic Games.

Indeed, at the risk of sounding like a broken gramophone record which were very much in vogue during the pre-digital era of mankind, ambitious countries traditionally begin to earnestly prepare for the next Olympics in the immediate aftermath of a just-concluded Games.

Such sporting behemoths who are all bothered by an unquenchable thirst for winning medals adopt such a deadly serious bent of mind so early in the Olympics cycle because they know all too well the validity of the following apt saying: "If you don't plan to succeed, then you're planning to fail."

Nevertheless, at this particular juncture, it will do us no good to weep over spilt milk. What will help us though is, if we can now intensify and ratchet up our preps for the Tokyo Games next year.

England hail 'Special One' Stokes after Headingley miracle

LONDON

ENGLAND hailed a new Ashes hero for the ages on Monday after Ben Stokes dragged his country from the point of defeat to a narrow victory over Australia with an innings that almost defied belief.

All the English newspapers carried a picture of the all-rounder celebrating his winning runs at a sun-bathed Headingley on their front pages, with The Sun splashing "Go Urn My Son!" and the Daily Telegraph "Howzat!"

Ian Botham's unbeaten 149 at the same ground 38 years ago has long stood as the gold standard of an English Ashes performance but there were plenty of suggestions that it had been eclipsed.

Former test opener turned pundit Geoffrey Boycott, never one to readily suggest the game was better now than it was in his heyday, certainly thought so and described Sunday as the best cricketing moment he had witnessed in half a century.

Botham himself described Stokes as "The Special One" and Michael Atherton, another former England captain, said the unbeaten 135 was "one of the greatest test innings".

"It was a combination of all sorts of things, craft, skill, versatility and most of all, an 'over my dead body' attitude without which you are not a great player," he added.

Lawrence Booth, the Wisden editor, ranked it in the top five innings in the 137-year history of the Ashes, while former Guardian cricket correspondent and test cricketer Mike Selvey admitted it had reduced him to tears.

Some in the media were not happy restricting themselves to cricket, with Leo McKinstry in The Daily Mail saying the victory highlighted "timeless British virtues, such as stoicism in the face of daunting odds".

"Britain's rich sporting heritage has produced many uplifting moments, from the World Cup triumph of 1966 to the glut of gold medals at the 2012 London Olympics," he wrote.

"But ranking with them, surely, is the England cricket team's heart-stopping victory at Leeds yesterday in the third test against Australia by a single wicket, the narrowest of margins."

"SUPERPOWER"

Matt Dickinson in The Times compared Stokes's ability to produce his best just when the situation demanded it to Argentine footballing great Diego Maradona and Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt.

"Of more than seven billion people, it felt as if only one ginger-haired left-hander from Cockermonth could muster all the truly extraordinary mental and physical abilities, not only to save a test match, and an Ashes series, but to make us wonder if, among us, there are very rare folk who have a superpower."

Stokes's performance was all the more notable for coming only 44 days after his Man of the Match display helped England win the 50-overs World Cup for the first time in another extraordinary contest.

Botham is now Sir Ian Botham of course and there were no



Ben Stokes

shortage of suggestions on social media that Stokes, who arrived in England from New Zealand as a 12-year-old, should be similarly decorated.

The punches he threw outside a Bristol nightclub two years ago that resulted in him missing England's last Ashes tour might delay that honour, however, even if he was eventually acquitted of affray.

Despite Sunday's fireworks, Joe Root's team still have plenty to do in the final two Ashes tests with the series tied at 1-1. Australia only need to draw the series to retain the urn.

For Stokes, though, a spot in the pantheon of great English cricketers appears to be already assured on the back of his heroics over one long, hot summer.

Meanwhile, Australian captain Tim Paine admitted that Ben Stokes was simply too good for the visitors as the all-rounder delivered one of the greatest Ashes innings to help England to victory at Headingley that levelled the series.

With England on the ropes at 286-9, still 73 runs short of their target, Australia looked set to take a 2-0 lead in the five-test series and retain the urn with two matches to play.

But England's World Cup hero Stokes launched a solo attack to score an unbeaten 135 and help the hosts chase down a target of 359 in dramatic fashion.

"We finished up on the wrong side of it. In terms of an advertisement for test cricket, I think that was bloody exciting," Paine said.

"Ben Stokes played an unbelievable innings and in the end he was too good for us."

"It was probably the best test innings I've seen

and the rest of the team thought the same thing." Australia threatened to take the final wicket for a victory that seemed inevitable on several occasions but failed to get the job done.

With 17 runs needed, Stokes was dropped by Marcus Harris at third man. In the next over, Jack Leach should have been run out, only for Nathan Lyon to fumble the ball.

Stokes should have been adjudged leg before on the very next ball, but with no reviews left, Australia could not challenge the umpire's call.

Paine said his players were guilty of individual errors in the closing stages of the match but maintained they did not crack under the pressure.

"No doubt there was pressure, that's test cricket, and it was close, tight, the crowd was loud, that was as hard as it gets for a touring side," the skipper added.

"Sometimes people make mistakes and we made a couple today. In the end it cost us the test match. We have time now to make sure we stick together, bounce back."

Australia will look to shake off the disappointment heading into Old Trafford, where top scorer Steve Smith could return after missing the third test due to concussion.

"As I said to the boys before I got in here, if we get caught up in the emotion of it all and get too down on things the series can be taken away from you really quickly," Paine said.

"The facts are we've been in a position to win every test match that we've played in so far. We're doing something right, we have to keep believing in that."

REUTERS

Barca's 16-year-old youngest since '41 to debut

BARCELONA

ANSU Fati became the second-youngest player to feature for Barcelona in La Liga after being handed his debut in Sunday's 5-2 win over Real Betis.

With Lionel Messi, Luis Suarez and Ousmane Dembele all missing through injury, Ansu - aged 16 years and 298 days - was called up to the 18-man squad along with B team winger Carles Perez.

Ernesto Valverde named him as a substitute, with Perez starting in attack alongside Antoine Griezman and Rafinha, before bringing him on in the second half when Barca were 5-1 up.

The Spanish champions went on to win the game with Griezman scoring twice. Perez, Jordi Alba and Arturo Vidal were also on target.

"Ansu has a lot of qualities, he's quick and he uses the space well," Valverde said in a news conference after the game.

"I know he's really young. He's the youngest player I have ever given a debut to. But if we don't look at how old the other players in the squad are, we're not going to look at his age either. We look at what he can add and he's surprised us all."

After the game, Ansu, who flashed a shot narrowly wide during his cameo, remained on the pitch longer than his teammates as he took everything in.

"I was looking at my parents and my family [in the stands], all those people that have accompanied me to this point in my career," he explained to reporters.

"I stayed there on the pitch because I couldn't believe it. I wanted to enjoy that moment. The truth is that I was really nervous before, but I only have words of gratitude for everyone: the club, the manager, the supporters, who gave me a great reception."

Ansu - who played for the U19s last season - is younger than players like Messi and Bojan Krkic were

when they made their top-flight debuts for the club, but is not the youngest player to ever turn out in the league for the Catalans.

Vicenc Martinez was 16 years and 278 days old when he made his first La Liga appearance for Barca in the 1941-42 season - just 20 days younger than Ansu.

Following lengthy negotiations, Barcelona finally tied Ansu down to a new deal earlier this summer. The forward signed fresh terms to keep him at the club until 2022 with an option to extend the contract by an additional two years. A €100 million buyout clause was included in the contract.

Talks took longer than the club had initially expected, though, after an email made its way into the wrong hands when they were negotiating a new deal for another of the club's young stars, Ilaix Moriba.

The email, which detailed Ilaix's new deal, was sent to an employee at Espanyol instead of his agent. A source at Espanyol told ESPN FC the club were "gobsmacked" at the money on offer.

That, in turn, saw Ansu's representatives push for a better deal with Barca, especially given the interest in the youngster from some of Europe's biggest clubs.

Barcelona had always planned to give Ansu a new deal and a bumper pay rise. Along with Ilaix, he's one of the most highly-rated players currently in the academy.

The club have recently acknowledged a need to improve the terms being offered to their best young players having seen a number opt to leave for clubs like Borussia Dortmund, Manchester City and Monaco.

Ansu was born in Guinea-Bissau but moved to Catalonia at a young age and has been at the club since he was 10. He's progressed through the academy and is expected to spend this season with the B team in the Spanish third division.

(Agencies)

This is a line in the sand: Bruce joy as Newcastle shock Spurs

LONDON

London (AFP) - Steve Bruce admitted Newcastle's shock 1-0 win at Tottenham was the perfect way to silence his critics.

Newcastle earned the first points of Bruce's reign thanks to Joelinton's clinical first half strike. It was a much-needed success for Bruce, who has come under fire from his first day in the job.

The boyhood Newcastle fan left second tier Sheffield Wednesday to succeed the popular Rafael Benitez in the close-season. But Bruce was seen as an uninspired appointment by many fans and defeats in their first two games did little to change that opinion.

Adding to the pressure on Bruce, former Newcastle forward Michael Chopra claimed some of the club's current players had told him they were uninspired by his methods in training and the pre-match warm-up before last week's loss at Nor-

wich. Against that backdrop, Bruce acknowledged it was a relief to take three points in north London.

"The only way we can respond to criticism is like that. We came to this fantastic stadium, this fantastic club and we performed," Bruce said. "I mean, to say I 'cannot even do a warm up' is mad. I have managed 900-odd games and over the years you would think there would be some sort of respect but I go back to the fact that whoever took over from Rafa Benitez was going to get the abuse.

"I hope this is a line in the sand. We have had a tough week so we have had to respond in the right way and thankfully the players have."

- 'Ashes takeover' -

Bruce revealed Newcastle's players had prepared for the match by watching some of England's incredible victory over Australia in the third Ashes Test on television in the changing room. **AFP**

Pogba vows to fight racism for sake of next generation

LONDON

MANCHESTER United midfielder Paul Pogba said the racist abuse he has suffered will only make him stronger and the Frenchman vowed to fight the problem for the sake of the next generation.

Pogba was the target of online abuse after missing a penalty in their 1-1 Premier League draw at Wolverhampton Wanderers last week, prompting Manchester to issue a strong statement condemning the views. "Racist insults are ignorance and can only make me stronger and motivate me to fight for the next generation," Pogba wrote in a tweet accompanied by a picture of him holding his baby alongside a portrait of Martin Luther King.

"My ancestors and my parents suffered for my generation to be free today, to work, to take the bus, to play

football."

British media reported Pogba's team mate Marcus Rashford had also been targeted after missing a penalty in Saturday's 2-1 Premier League defeat by Crystal Palace.

United boss Ole Gunnar Solskjaer, who said before the match that players needed more protection from social media companies, was "lost for words" after the latest incident. "It's unheard of and we need it to stop," Solskjaer said. "I'm just lost for words if it keeps going.

"We keep having all these campaigns 'No to Racism' and it keeps hiding behind fake identities. It's crazy that we talk about this in 2019."

United and British anti-discriminatory body Kick It Out are set to meet representatives of Twitter and British media said the Old Trafford club would also approach Facebook. **REUTERS**

Aguero reaches 400 goals in City stroll, Newcastle

LONDON

SERGIO Aguero reached 400 career goals as the Manchester City striker inspired the champions' 3-1 win at Bournemouth, while Tottenham suffered a shock defeat against Newcastle on Sunday.

With Premier League leaders Liverpool off to a perfect start with three successive victories, City are already under pressure to keep pace.

Pep Guardiola's side did just that thanks to Aguero as City's record goalscorer hit another milestone with a clinical double in the south-coast sunshine.

Raheem Sterling was also on the scoresheet - making it six goals in four games this term for the England winger - as City's second win of the season lifted them to within two points of Liverpool.

It was a landmark day all round for City, with captain David Silva involved in all three of the goals on his 400th appearance for the club.

"We felt Bournemouth's physicality, a nice three points and a big compliment to the players, a few things to improve, that's good it's happened when we are winning games," Guardiola said.

"The quality of our players in front made the difference and we won the game."

Guardiola was less enthused by a VAR review that denied City a penalty when Jefferson Lerma appeared to trip Silva.

City were last week left frustrated during a 2-2 draw with Tottenham when a last-gasp goal from Gabriel Jesus was disallowed by VAR due to a handball against Aymeric Laporte.

Asked if City deserved a spot-kick, Guardiola replied in a sardonic manner: "Penalty? No. It was clear hands last game, clear hands. A penalty today? No, please."

"The challenge this season will be amazing for us after winning back-to-back two titles, the challenge will be great."

- Relief for Bruce -

Meanwhile, Steve Bruce silenced his critics as Newcastle won 1-0 at Tottenham to secure their first points under the new Magpies boss.

Since taking over from Rafael Benitez in the close-season, Bruce had found himself under pressure after losing his first two games, with fans doubting his credentials and former players claiming his squad were uncertain about his methods.



Manchester City's Sergio Aguero put Bournemouth to the sword (AFP Photo)

But Joelinton's first goal for Newcastle in the 27th minute gave Bruce some breathing space for a few days at least.

Davinson Sanchez was caught playing the offside trap, allowing Brazilian forward Joelinton to collect Christian Atsu's in-perfect ball and fire home.

"We have tried to quieten the storm. Hopefully that will shut a few people up a little bit. After two games, it's been hard to get that criticism. We have had to ride it," Bruce said.

Newcastle were helped by a poor performance from Tottenham, who have won only once in their first three games.

Mauricio Pochettino's side were frustrated by VAR after the decision-review system did not award a penalty when Harry Kane tumbled under a challenge from Jamaal Lascelles.

"We didn't perform as we expect. It was a very cheap goal. I'm very disappointed with the performance and with the result," Pochettino said.

Tottenham playmaker Christian Eriksen was only used as a substitute amid uncertainty surrounding his future ahead of the European transfer window shutting next week. "I am going to be happy in 10 days after we play Arsenal when the transfer win-

ow closes in Europe," Pochettino added.

In the day's other game, Wolves forward Raul Jimenez scored a stoppage-time penalty to rescue a 1-1 draw against Burnley at Molineux.

Ashley Barnes had put Burnley in front after 13 minutes with a blistering strike, giving the forward four goals in three games this season.

But Jimenez netted from the spot in the 97th minute after the Mexican was tripped by Erik Pieters.

Wolves have drawn all three of their league games this term.

AFP

Spurs are lost without Eriksen; what if they sell him?

LONDON

THIS was supposed to be the match that would kickstart Tottenham Hotspur's season.

After needing a Harry Kane rescue act to overcome promoted Aston Villa on the opening weekend and then somehow coming away from Manchester City with a statistically miraculous 2-2 draw, this game, against a Newcastle United team who were without a point and had just lost 3-1 at Premier League new boys Norwich City, would be the one where the shackles came off. Or at least, that was the theory.

Instead it was Newcastle who found themselves celebrating a potential turning point after Joelinton's coolly taken goal earned the visitors a wholly unexpected but richly merited 1-0 victory on a cloyingly hot and sunny afternoon at the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium.

Tottenham were left to rue two contentious penalty incidents - one in each half - in which referee Mike Dean ignored their appeals despite evidence that Mauricio Pochettino's men might have actually had a case. But to reduce the match to another VAR controversy would be to deprive Newcastle of the credit they deserved for a brilliantly dogged back-to-the-wall display and absolve the home side of responsibility for contriving to convert 80% of possession into just two attempts on target.

Just as against Villa, Pochettino left Christian Eriksen, the team's chief creator, on the bench and it was not until the Dane made his entrance, in the 62nd minute, that the home side began to knock on the Newcastle door at a level louder than a polite tap. Eriksen, 27, has entered the last year of his contract and indicated earlier this summer that the time had come for him to move on.

Pochettino has conceded that the issue is problematic and said the fact that transfer windows were still open in Europe's other major leagues meant his squad remained "unsettled," but he dismissed suggestions that the question mark over Eriksen's future had had any bearing on his team selection.

"I cannot pick more than 11," he told reporters. "I understand you are going to ask me. If the result is 3-0 [to Spurs], you're not going to ask me that question. The players who are out are always good when you don't win. I don't want to justify our performance because of that."

One player who did make the Spurs starting XI was Son Heung-Min, who returned from a three-game suspension. The South Korean forward worked Newcastle goalkeeper Martin Dubravka with a well-struck volley in the first half, but by that point Spurs were already behind.

There again, Pochettino's picks fell beneath the spotlight. Davinson Sanchez was again preferred to Jan Vertonghen, whose contract will also be up at the end of the season, and the Colombian centre-back was caught underneath the ball when Christian Atsu clipped a pass into the Spurs box from Newcastle's left in the 27th minute. With Danny Rose failing to sense the danger, Joelinton had time to bring the ball down and place a low shot past Hugo Lloris for his first goal in English football since his club-record £40 million switch from Hoffenheim.

With Eriksen watching on from the dugout, Spurs



Christian Eriksen

became sucked into endless sequences of lateral passing in the second half as Newcastle crammed 10 men behind the ball. Steve Bruce had set his team out in a 3-4-2-1 system that morphed into a 5-4-1 in the defensive phase, with attacking midfielders

Miguel Almiron and Atsu - an early substitute for the injured Allan Saint-Maximin - dropping deep to provide extra protection in front of wing-backs Emil Krafth and Matt Ritchie.

Sean Longstaff and Isaac Hayden

Gwiji by David Chikoko



(Agencies)

SPORT

Aguero reaches 400 goals in City stroll, Newcastle stun Spur

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Dar es Salaam-based basketball commissioner, William Mziray, takes part in a draw for the Sprite BBall Kings competition's second round fixture in the city yesterday. Looking on (L) is Dar es Salaam Basketball Referees Association (BAREDA) chairman, Prosper Mushi. PHOTO: SABATO KASIKA

Mwakyembe bristles as Tanzania gets beaten in EA secondary schools games

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

MINISTER for Information, Culture, Arts and Sports, Harrison Mwakyembe, expressed dismay at Tanzania's poor showing in the Federation of East Africa Secondary Schools Sports Associations (FEASSSA) games held here recently.

Mwakyembe's concern was due to the fact that while countries like Kenya had fielded 750 sporting students and Uganda fielded 950 players, Tanzania, which hosted the FEASSSA games, only had 650 students in the field.

"It was a shame, really shame for Tanzania!" he said when officially closing the games.

He breathed fire to the organizers because the country not only had flimsy representation but also performed badly in the just ended FEASSSA games that took place in Arusha from August 15-25.

Kenya and Uganda smiled all the way home with tons of medals.

"Tanzania is the largest of all countries in East Africa yet it got few medals, had fewer players in the field and lost in almost every game, this cannot be condoned," he said.

He blamed poor coordination, lack of cooperation and the fact that most education institutions in the country ignore extra-curricular activities in schools and prioritize the fixed class works.

"Teachers should be aware that students need to play as much as they need to learn in class, failing in sports just goes to indicate that, physical education has been kicked under the rug," he warned.

Having taken place for nearly two weeks, the Federation of East Africa Secondary Schools Sports Associations (FEASSSA) games, climaxed in Arusha over the weekend.

Results billed Ugandan students to be the overall 2019 FEASSSA winners having scooped 27 medals, including gold, silver and bronze.

Kenya became second with a total of 27 medals but lesser points. Rwanda were third with 10 medals while Tanzania Mainland dragged into fourth position with just five medals.

Zanzibar that participated as separate entity, possibly regretted about that because the Isles came out empty handed. Malawi, on the other hand, participating in the FEASSSA games for the first time, also did not get any medal.

Events that featured in FEASSSA games include, athletics, soccer, netball, volleyball, swimming, rugby and tennis.

Manchester City extend partnership with QNET

By Guardian Reporter

MANCHESTER City has extended its partnership with Asian Direct Selling Company QNET that will take the relationship to 10 years. The long-standing partnership will see QNET continue as Official Direct Selling Partner for City's men's and women's teams.

This partnership marked a significant milestone in May, 2018 when City welcomed QNET as the first sleeve partner in the Women's Super League.

Throughout the next phase of this partnership QNET will continue to provide City-led football clinics to communities around the world, as well as engaging with consumers and distributors through this relationship with City.

To celebrate this announcement, QNET has launched a limited edition 'QNETCity Champions' watch designed and produced by master craftsmen in Switzerland.

Senior vice president of partnerships for City Football Group, Damian Willoughby, commented: "We are delighted to announce that QNET has become the latest partner to extend its relationship with Manchester City in a new long-term deal that will see us celebrate ten years of working together. This partnership made history when QNET became the first sleeve partner in the Women's Super League and we are excited to embark on another chapter together."

Rexlex Biking competition attracts 100 cyclists

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

AT least 100 riders are expected to take part in the forthcoming Rexlex Bicycle Racing Competition to be staged here next month.

Organized by the Rexlex Cycling Company, in association with the Arusha Cycling Club (ACC), the open-for-all Arusha cycling competition will take place on September 14 and organizers say the event will cover a whopping 80 kilometers for male riders.

The female riders are to get 20 kilometers less with the whole event moving along the main Arusha-Namanga road.

For the women category lady cyclists will race for 60 kilometers and this is the same distance to be covered by aged riders in the 'Old Racers' category.

There will also be fun racing for other people who would simply like to participate for recreational purposes and this will entail 30 kilometers pedaling.

The event coordinator, Joel Senny, said the preparations are going on well and registration forms for participants are already being issued from various outlets in Arusha City.

"The Motto for the Arusha cycling competition is 'Bicycle offers employment and help to maintain health', Senny stated, adding that the 30 km segment is simply targeting people who like exercise.

He revealed that the top prize for the overall winner will be 500,000/- in the male category while the second winner in the main 80 km category is going to get 300,000/- and the third will receive 200,000/-.

Top women racers on the other hand will earn 150,000/- for the winner and 100,000/- for the first runner-up to finish in the 60 km while the second runner-up will get 50,000/-.

Aged people in the race will also earn the same amounts for the first, second and third winners respectively.

Speaking on the event, chairperson of Arusha Cycling Club Mosses Laizer said they expect more than 100 participants from various regions of Tanzania to race in the forthcoming cycling competition.

"You see, Arusha is facing shortage of cycling events due to lack of sponsors and supporters, this is despite the fact that, Arusha has the best riders in the country," Laizer pointed out.

On her part, Habiba Mathias, who happens to be one of the lady riders who intend to participate in the competition, said: "When it comes to cycling, very few women ever bother, believing that the sport is strictly for men, which is a wrong concept."



Lake A Primary School's girls cricket team pose with a trophy after the final of the girls' category of this year's junior tournament, known as Chanzo Kriketi, which took place in Mwanza last week. Tanzania Cricket Association (TCA) supervised the event with a view to unearthing talent in the sport and improving the game. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TCA

TCA constitution amendment key to cricket development-call

By Guardian Reporter

CRICKET stakeholders in Tanzania are adamant the amendment of the Tanzania Cricket Association (TCA) constitution will see to it the game enjoys significant progress.

The amendment of the constitution has come about after cricket stakeholders had expressed their disapproval over the manner in which the national cricket governing body oversees the sport.

The Ministry of Information, Culture, Arts and Sports, which instructed TCA to amend the body's constitution, affected the move with a view to seeing to it the association, as it is the case for other sports governing bodies in the country, operate professionally and comply with the laws of the land.

The stakeholders, who opted for anonymity, recommended that the constitution's section on ordinary membership prevents stakeholders, who deserve the body's membership, from having the status.

The TCA constitution's section on the association's ordinary membership stipulates any person that participates in the development of the game as set by the association's

Development Committee, upon recommendation by the Development Committee, or has provided distinguished services to the association and who is willing to pay annual subscription dues, which shall be determined by the general body, such a person will apply in writing to the association and can be granted ordinary membership.

The member as stipulated by the section will be entitled to all rights and privileges and subject to all obligations.

The stakeholders recommended that the section should be scrapped and the body should opt for three types of membership.

The regional cricket committees should constitute one of the three types of the association's membership. Cricket clubs which have been registered by National Sports Council and TCA, and professional bodies that include coaches' association, umpires association and players' association should also be the types of membership.

The TCA's Chief Executive Officer (CEO), according to the, stakeholders' recommendations, should be a person that is employed by the association and should serve for one year, the person's contract can be extended.

The recommendation, the stakeholders noted, gears towards seeing to it that the official has lesser power as opposed to the power the current official, who holds the position, has.

The stakeholders added that TCA CEO should moreover not be a signatory for the association's funds.

Signatories for the association's funds, as recommended by the stakeholders, should be elected by the members.

The TCA leadership term, as proposed by the stakeholders, should stretch for three years. The body's officials can seek re-election in the following term and they should thereafter not be allowed to contest for leadership.

The stakeholders also proposed TCA should give a bigger number of cricket clubs opportunity to register for the association's membership.

Minister for Information, Culture, Arts and Sports, Harrison Mwakyembe had, on July 6, directed that there should be an interim committee which will be responsible for coordinating the amendment of the TCA constitution.

Flexibles by David Chikoko



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