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● Lauds govt for letting young mothers resume classes

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

EDUCATION and youth programmes in the country are being beefed up by the United

States Agency for International Development (USAID) by \$60m in projects being conducted closely with the Union and Zanzibar

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EFDs: TRA reviving trader, buyer penalty

By Guardian Reporter

STIFF penalties for not issuing or demanding receipts electronic receipts will be imposed, up to 1.5m/- to 4.5m/- for traders who do not issue EFD receipts and 30,000/- to 1.5m/- for customers who do not demand receipts.

Hamidu Shabani, the EFD supervisor for the Kariakoo Tax Region, says that the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) has reinvigorated its campaign to mobilise traders to use electronic fiscal devices (EFDs).

He urged buyers of goods and services to demand receipts whenever they make purchases, telling a traders group in the Kariakoo area on Monday that the exercise is sustainable and will cover all city suburbs.

"The exercise aims to make sure traders issue receipts, starting from factories

where the goods are manufactured up to the shops where they are sold and to make sure buyers demand receipts," he stated.

Rehema Mbilinyi, a Kariakoo based trader pleased with the exercise, called on the government to group traders paying Value Added Tax (VAT) on basis of different VAT rates.

This would remove the problem of some traders issuing undervalued receipts or not issuing them at all in fear of being incorporated into VAT, she said, in remarks cited by the TRA supervisor.

In her view, big traders should be charged 18 per cent VAT as usual, and those in the middle category paying 10 per cent. Newly registered traders should be charged five per cent, the trader had intimated.

Sylvanus Nyigu, another Kariakoo trader,

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China targets 1bn vaccine doses for Africa next year

By Correspondent James Kandoya

China will deliver a further 1bn doses of Covid-19 vaccines to Africa to help African countries reach the target of vaccinating 60 percent of the African population by 2022, its resident ambassador said yesterday.

Chen Mingjian, the Chinese ambassador in Tanzania told reporters in a virtual briefing that the country had unveiled nine development programmes for Tanzania and other African countries to be implemented in the next three years.

The programmes to be implemented will cover areas such as health, trade and investment promotion, digital innovation, green development, capacity building,

“The world must truly ensure accessibility and affordability of vaccines in Africa to bridge the immunization gap

cultural and people-to-people exchanges. Peace and security as well as skills development areas are also covered, she said.

She was giving highlights and outcomes of a ministerial conference of the Forum China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) that was addressed virtually by Chinese President Xi Jinping. China will take more measures to support African countries including Tanzania in capacity building, people-to-people and cultural exchanges, the envoy noted.

The 1bn/- Covid-19 vaccine doses include 600m doses as a direct donation and 400m doses to be provided through joint

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Africa cuts HIV infections, deaths but key targets slide

By Guardian Reporter

AFRICA has made significant progress against HIV over the past decade, reducing new infections by 43 per cent and nearly halving AIDS-related deaths, a global agency has stated.

Still the continent is unlikely to end AIDS as a public health threat by 2030 with many countries falling behind key elimination milestones while the COVID-19 pandemic

aggravating challenges, on the basis of an update by the World Health Organisation (WHO).

The main target is that to achieve the 2030 global development goal of ending AIDS, countries should ensure that by 2025 around 95per cent of people living with HIV know their status, 95 per cent of those who know their positive status are on treatment, and 95 percent of those receiving treatment have their viral load significantly suppressed.

A fast track strategy to end AIDS was initiated in December 2015 by the United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) and then in December 2020, the new 95-95-95 five-year plan replaced the 90-90-90 targets pursued earlier.

WHO is tracking progress toward the 95-95-95 targets with a scorecard released by the International Conference on AIDS and

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Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi handing an award to the NMB CEO Ruth Zaipuna in recognition of the bank's position as a large tax payer during an investors' conference in Zanzibar ahead of the 60 years of independence celebrations set for Thursday. NMB is winner of the largest taxpayer overall award and first in the banking sector. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



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Zanzibar President Hussein Mwinyi presents trophy to Tanzania Breweries Ltd head of finance Avito Swai after the company announced the first winner for economy contribution through paying tax in the country. The handover function was held in Zanzibar yesterday to celebrate 60th years of independence anniversary. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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governments.

Dr Donald Wright, the resident US ambassador, said here yesterday that the agency is working with government agencies to create systems, tools, teaching and learning materials, complementing this with conducive school environments allowing children to learn to read, do mathematics and reach their full potential.

The envoy strongly commended the government decision to allow pregnant girls and young mothers to proceed with their studies in the formal education system. Gracing the "Let them learn" project closeout envoy during a working tour of Arusha,

"I would like to take a moment to recognize the government of Tanzania's recently announced policy change in allowing pregnant schoolgirls the opportunity to pursue their education as they choose after they become mothers," he pointedly remarked.

While Tanzania marks 60 years of independence, the people of the United States have also registered 60 years of cooperation with Tanzania, he said, underlining that the move to allow pregnant girls back in class "indicates a more inclusive approach to education and a positive step forward for its citizens."

The pillar of USAID work in Tanzania is to protect the most vulnerable, precisely girls and young women, work that includes bolstering retention of girls in school, addressing social norms and early marriage, among others, he said.

Early pregnancies will be sorted out by addressing constraints that Tanzanian girls face while in school and in communities, such that they are more likely to complete their education, leading to better health for them and their children.

Ensuring an education leads to increased employment opportunities, higher incomes and a reduction in poverty for their households and communities, he emphasised.

Since 2016, the US backed, 'Let them learn' initiative has played a leading role in supporting adolescent girls and young women's education, fostering chances of a more prosperous life and promoting gender equality.

Covering 108 public schools in Tarime, Musoma, and Karatu districts as well as Arusha City and Musoma municipality, the 'Let them learn' project pursued activities encouraging self-esteem and aspirational attitudes, helping adolescent girls to stay safe and healthy. Specific interventions included formation of adolescent clubs along with savings and lending groups, officials noted.

The Protect Our Youth (POY) clubs empowered girls and boys with knowledge, skills and a support network to navigate life challenges. Academic clubs focused on science, mathematics, along with information and communications technology, in particular for girls.

While it lasted, the project touched more than 52,000 young people across Arusha and Mara regions who received these key resources and inputs. The savings and lending groups under the 'Livelihood Improvements for Mothers and Caregivers of Adolescents' (LLMCA) program strengthened families' capacity to support girls' education.

LIMCA groups saved nearly \$2m (upwards of 4.2bn/-) helping to pay for school fees and other expenses for their children's education, they added.



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Sexually Transmitted Infections in Africa in the South African port city of Durban.

The scorecard finds that in December 2021 countries in the Africa region reported 87 per cent of people living with HIV know their status, while among them 77 per cent are on treatment and 68 percent have low viral loads.

So far nine countries, listed as Botswana, Cabo Verde, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Nigeria, Rwanda, Uganda and Zimbabwe are considered to be on track to reach the 95-95-95 targets by 2025, on the basis of remarks by Dr Matshidiso Moeti, WHO Regional Director for Africa.

"This scorecard is a wake-up call for African governments to stay focused on ending AIDS," he said, noting that COVID-19 has made the fight against HIV all the more challenging. "But one virus must

not win out over another. We must tackle COVID-19 and HIV in parallel," he declared.

The scorecard finds that no country has met all three 95-95-95 targets, but Eswatini has exceeded the first two and is within sight of the third, with 93 per cent of people on treatment having their viral load suppressed.

Cabo Verde, Djibouti and Kenya have met the status awareness target, while Cabo Verde has also reached the treatment inclusion target, with eight countries close to meeting the status target. Rwanda, Uganda and Zimbabwe are nearing the treatment objective, he elaborated.

Inadequate access to HIV testing

and treatment for key populations is hampering progress, with community-based services and stigma-free health facilities essential to help ensure those injecting drugs, sex workers and other marginal groups get the health care they need, he emphasised.

The viral load suppression target has registered the least progress, with 48 per cent of countries reporting no data, due to the scarcity of viral load testing centres in many countries, especially in rural areas. This has worsened during the COVID-19 pandemic as testing centres shifted to the new virus, he lamented.

"Africa has come so far, and we know how to end AIDS. But

unless governments make a fresh push, increasing resources and commitment to strengthening their fragile health systems we will not reach the last mile," the director cautioned.

Accelerating the momentum against the disease requires improving access to HIV treatment and care notably by decentralizing services to the grassroots and eliminating user fees for key services.

Another measure is increasing domestic funding by governments for HIV programmes as well as boosting the fight against stigma and discrimination so that those who need care have no fear seeking it, he added.

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production by Chinese companies and joint venture partners in African countries. China will undertake 10 medical and health projects for African countries, sending 1,500 medical personnel and public health experts in implementing those programmes.

China has undertaken ten poverty reduction and agricultural projects for Africa, sending 500 agricultural experts to the continent as part of its poverty reduction and agricultural development programme, she stated.

President Xi has also put forward proposals for building a China-Africa community with a shared future in the new era, centred on fighting COVID-19 with solidarity, deepening practical cooperation, promoting green development and upholding equity and justice, she asserted.

Elaborating on the plan for 1bn doses of Covid-19 vaccine to Africa, she cited remarks from President Xi that the world needs to put people and their lives first, be guided by science, emphasizing on the need to support waiving intellectual property rights on COVID-19 vaccines.

The world must truly ensure accessibility and affordability of vaccines in Africa to bridge the immunization gap, the Chinese leader had declared.

Key announcements by the president included a pledge to boost Chinese imports of African products, its participation in African poverty reduction programmes, a

green development programme, a capacity building programme and a digital innovation programme.

The spirit of China-Africa friendship and cooperation sets out essential features and notable advantages of China-Africa relations, manifesting the strategic character and wide ranging inclusiveness of China-Africa cooperation, the envoy noted.

She elaborated that President Xi put forward China-Africa friendship and cooperation as featuring sincere friendship and equality, win-win setting for mutual benefit and common development, fairness and justice, progressing with the times, plus the spirit of openness and inclusiveness.

The envoy reaffirmed her government commitment to work together with African friends to promote and carry forward the spirit of China-Africa friendship and cooperation from generation to generation.

China will this year mark the 50th anniversaries of the restoration of China's lawful seat in the United Nations, she pointed out, expressing gratitude to Tanzania for its outstanding contribution in the matter.

"China will never forget the profound friendship of African countries and will remain guided by the principle of sincerity, real results, amity and good faith and the principle of pursuing the greater good and shared interests," she added, citing further remarks from President Xi.



Vodacom Tanzania PLC director of corporate affairs Rosalynn Mworia (C) contributes to the topic of integrated financial services on how the firm's makes digital payments and contributing to the GDP through M-Pesa service during the Data Tamasha 2021 festival at Kijitonyama in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Others are Mike Shaka from Nilipe (R) and NMB Bank data management and analytics Timiebi Itanisa. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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said the EFD reviving exercise will reduce shortcomings emerging in

the issuance of, or demand for, such receipts.

TRA conducts frequent

campaigns to educate traders on various tax issues, mobilising EFDs installation and use, while

reminding taxpayers to meet their tax obligations in time, the supervisor added.

Ndalichako thanks UN for the technical, financial support to the education sector

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

EDUCATION, Science and Technology minister Prof Joyce Ndalichako has expressed appreciation of development partners supporting the government efforts to help empower children, enabling them to access education.

She expressed the government's commitment to ensure the children are protected and get education to at least secondary level.

Speaking at the 75th anniversary of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) here, Prof Ndalichako thanked the UN organisation for the technical and financial support to the education sector.

One of the steps taken to achieve that was a decision to introduce the free education

policy to enable children access secondary education, particularly those from poor families.

Prof Ndalichako said the government decision to re-admit the school dropouts is also one of the measures to attain the goal.

However, she said, the government has a number of strategies whereas the dropouts can as well be re-enrolled for adult education and informal education strategies to ensure they complete secondary education.

During the event occasioned by the Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa, the government also assured to have in place the needed infrastructures for conducive teaching and learning environments.

Prof Ndalichako said the UNICEF has been supportive in the initiation of Memkwa

project, for the dropouts between 9 to 18 years since 1999.

She said the project has been a success as majority of those under the programme were re-admitted in the formal education system in ordinary secondary schools and advanced secondary school.

For her part, UNICEF country representative, Shalini Bahuguna, commended the government's move in ensuring that all children acquire education.

She expressed the commitment in supporting the government to ensure that every child in the country has access to quality education.

For this to happen, she said, children need to be ready to learn, teachers prepared to teach, and schools enabled to provide quality education for all.

"The government has ambition for improving education opportunities for children" she insisted.

UNICEF's support includes providing assistance to formulate, implement and monitor sound and equitable policies, lay strong foundations for early childhood education, and improve the quality of primary education.

UNICEF works with the government to ensure that the vulnerable children and adolescents are enrolled in school and complete their education.

She said UNICEF advocates for the

implementation of policies that address the causes of exclusion, especially for girls and children with disabilities, and the removal of unnecessary costs, such as uniforms and books that keep children from the poorest families out of school.

UNICEF also helps to develop the skills of teachers to support vulnerable children and create alternative learning opportunities that appeal to students who are unable to remain in school.

Increased capacity to provide inclusive education and ensure access to basic education for the most vulnerable.



TGL director Joyce Luhanga (2nd R) taking United Nations World Food Programme country representative to Tanzania Sarah Gordon-Gibson (L) through the basics of newspapers production during the latter's familiarisation tour of TGL, publishers of The Guardian and Nipashe dailies at Mikocheni light industry area in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Right is TGL printing manager Balasubramaniyan Venkadachalam; 3rd (R) is Finance Manager Samwel Orgeness and 4th (R) is TGL Acting General Manager Srinivas Chintaluri. Photo: Correspondent Sabato Kasika

United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
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<p>Official Job Title: Procurement and Logistics Officer Grade: NOB Duty Station: Dar Es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania Full/Part time: Full-time Post Type: Fixed Term Appointment Duration: One year fixed term initially, renewable subject to satisfactory performance and available funding Closing Date: 23 December 2021</p> <p>Organizational Setting The Position The Procurement & Logistics Officer is located in the UNFPA Tanzania Country Office (CO) in Dar es Salaam, and under the overall guidance of the Country Representative, reports directly to the RHCS Specialist, in consultation with the International Operations Manager. He/She will work closely with the International Operations Manager. He/She establishes and maintains professional contact with government to advise and coordinate on procurement and logistics matters. Establishes and maintains working relationships with Procurement and Logistics teams in other UN agencies. Develops efficient working relationships with internal partners and external stakeholders, including technical experts, UN agencies, NGOs and Governments. Participates in local inter-agency Procurement/Logistic initiatives to ensure UNFPA's needs in common systems and service issues are met.</p> <p>Qualifications and Experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two years of relevant experience at the national level, in supply, logistics, demand planning & forecasting, contracting & contract management, emergency response, procurement strategies & procurement policy, and/or other directly related procurement and logistics experiences. • Proven experience (not less than two years) in procurement management / logistics. • Understanding of development and humanitarian work. • Experience with UN Logistics, Incoterms and their use will be an advantage. • Experience in the use of ERP Procurement systems. • Strong analytical and leadership skills. • Proficiency in current office software applications and 	<p>corporate IT systems, in particular, Excel.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent verbal and written communication skills in English. <p>Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced university degree in business administration, economics, public administration or a related field. • Specialized knowledge in the field of UNFPA Procurement, Logistics, Quality Management Systems and or Supply Chain, is desirable. • Minimum of CIPS level two Certification also desirable. <p>Languages Fluency in Kiswahili and English.</p> <p>How to Apply Applicants are kindly requested to apply through the online link below by (5 pm, New York time), 23rd December 2021. https://erecruit.partneragencies.org/psc/UNDPPT1HR/E/EMPLOYEE/HRMS/c/HRM_HRAM.HRS_CE.GBL?Page=HRS_CE_JOB_DTL&Action=A&JobOpeningId=40637&SiteId=1&PostingSeq=1</p> <p>UNFPA has established an electronic management system. This allows applicants to create a candidate profile, which can be updated regularly and submitted for more than one vacancy. Download the step-by-step guide to Applying in the E-Recruit System of UNFPA at http://www.unfpa.org/employment. Please print out the Guide for your reference during the registration and application process.</p> <p>Full details of the vacancy and how to apply can be found on UNFPA Tanzania's website at: https://tanzania.unfpa.org/en/vacancies/procurement-and-logistics-officer</p> <p>Notice: There is no application, processing or other fee at any stage of the application process. UNFPA does not solicit or screen for information in respect of HIV or AIDS and does not discriminate on the basis of HIV/AIDS status</p> <p><i>UNFPA reserves the rights to respond only to applicants in whom UNFPA has further interest.</i></p>
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**EAST AFRICAN
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PIPELINE**

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
PROVISION OF BIO-DIVERSITY PRE-CONSTRUCTION SURVEY SERVICE
Ref: MST-TZ-20211202

Daqing Oilfield Construction Group Co., Ltd. (hereinafter as DOCG), as a CONTRACTOR for Marine Terminal of EACOP Project, invites experienced and reputable contractors that have demonstrable capability, willingness, ability and availability to perform survey works to express their interest in providing the services of bio-diversity pre-construction survey in Tanzania.

The EACOP Project development involves the engineering, construction, operation and maintenance of a crude oil export pipeline crossing Uganda and Tanzania and an onshore Marine Terminal in Chongoleani, near Tanga Port in Tanzania.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE SERVICES:
 The scope of bio-diversity pre-construction survey shall include but not necessarily limited to identify the environmentally sensitive areas, record details of trees and species of conservation concern within the working areas, point out and mark all necessary area for flora and fauna, issue pre-construction bio-diversity survey report and bio-diversity management plan.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:
 Companies expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:

- Company Profile;
- Code of Conduct;
- OSHA Compliance Certificate;
- CRB / ERB (for Engineering or Consulting Firm);
- ISO 9001:2015, ISO 14001:2015, OHSAS 18001 (ISO45001:2015), or equivalent certificates;
- A proven track record of experience in providing similar services in last 3 years;

Application for registration with the EWURA local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended.

Interested companies with the capacity to provide the services listed above should express their interest in **English** language by sending the above documents to pq@docgi.cn (not exceeding 20 MBs) on or before **17:00** hours East African Time (EAT), on **23/Dec/2021**. Subject of the email should be **MST-TZ-20211202 EOI — [COMPANY NAME]**.

Companies satisfactorily meeting the above minimum requirements will receive, subject to the signature of a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), a detailed pre-qualification questionnaire for further evaluation by Company.
DOCG reserves the right not to consider companies that submit an incomplete dossier.

Note: Only prequalified companies will receive invitation to submit bids in furtherance of the call for tender process.

**EAST AFRICAN
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PIPELINE**

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
PROVISION OF SOIL INVESTIGATION & TOPOGRAPHICAL SURVEY SERVICES
Ref: MST-TZ-20211201

Daqing Oilfield Construction Group Co., Ltd. (hereinafter as DOCG), as a CONTRACTOR for Storage Facilities of EACOP Project, invites experienced and reputable contractors that have demonstrable capability, willingness, ability and availability to perform survey works to express their interest in providing the services of soil investigation and topographical survey in Tanzania.

The EACOP Project development involves the engineering, construction, operation and maintenance of a crude oil export pipeline crossing Uganda and Tanzania and an onshore Marine Terminal in Chongoleani, near Tanga Port in Tanzania.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE SERVICES:
 The scope of SERVICE shall include soil investigation & topographical survey for Storage Facilities of EACOP project on the basis of geotechnical data provided by DOCG. The work and report should be issued according to DOCG requirements.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:
 Companies expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:

- Company Profile;
- Code of Conduct;
- OSHA Compliance Certificate;
- CRB / ERB (for Engineering or Consulting Firm);
- ISO 9001:2015, ISO 14001:2015, OHSAS 18001 (ISO45001:2015), or equivalent certificates;
- A list of self-owned special survey equipment
- A proven track record of experience in providing similar services in last 3 years;

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Ruwasa supplies 71 per cent of safe and clean water to Songea

By Guardian Correspondent, Songea

SONGEA District Manager of Ruvuma Water and Sanitation Authority (RUWASA), Mathias Pancras Charles has said 71 per cent of Songea District residents in Ruvuma region get safe and clean water.

Charles named villages whose water supply is not yet adequate as including Mpitimbi B, Mbingamharule, Matomondo, Matimira A and B, Mpangula, Mhukuru Lilahi and Mhukuru Barabani.

He outlined strategies to alleviate challenges in getting clean water supply as including digging both deep and shallow wells and continuing with feasibility studies in villages that are still without water supply.

He mentioned villages that are still without water supply as including Makwaya Mbolongo, Mipeta, Nambendo, Magwamira Lusonga, Chiulungi, Nakawale, Kituro and Lipokera.

He said others are Maposeni, Morogoro, Mdunduwalu, Kizuka, Magagura, Mpandangindo, Lipaya, Mbilo, Parangu, Lyangwena and Litapwasi.

He called on villagers to work together with RUWASA to look for new water sources instead of depending on experts to arrive in the rural areas to look for them.

Songea District has a total of 56 villages and a total of 152,205 residents out of who 103, 172 get clean and safe water from various water sources including deep and

shallow wells, as well as river and springs.

For his part Ruvuma Regional Commissioner Brig Gen Wilbert Ibuge inspected water sources at Ndongosi and Liula villages in Songea District and instructed that they should be protected for sustainability.

The RC was dismayed by the ongoing destruction of the water sources by residents through human activities including farming.

"I direct that each village should call a meeting whose agendas should be on how to fight against the destruction to the water sources," he said.

He said in as much as the government like people earn a living from agriculture, but human activities are destructive to the water sources.

He called upon all water experts, including those from RUWASA and Lake Nyasa Water Basin Authority to go to the villages to educate the people about environmental preservation and demarcate all water sources, the work, he said should be undertaken as quickly as possible.

Earlier, submitting his report on water projects' implementation at Ndingosi and Liula villages to the RC, Mathias Charles, RUWASA Manager for Songea District, said the Ndongosi project had cost 332m/-.

He said the project was to serve 2,175 residents to supply 119,062.5 litres per day, but has the capacity to produce 902,016 litres day.



Ikungi district commissioner in Singida region Jerry Muro (C) inspects classrooms construction at Mkiwa secondary school yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Correspondent, Mwanza

East African Community partner states continue to implement the need for formalising trade among them by putting in place enabling environment for entrepreneurs.

Minister of State in the Prime Minister Office (Policy, Parliament, Labour, Youth, Employment and People with Disabilities) Jenista Mhagama said over the weekend when speaking at 21st Jua Kali, Nguvu Moja exhibition in Mwanza.

She said the improvement to the environment to conduct trade and services in regard to goods produced in the East African region was a basic issue.

She said in this year's exhibition, Tanzania has managed to put in place a friendly environment at the common borders for the benefit of

EA states pursuing the need for trade formalisation - Mhagama

entrepreneurs.

She called on Tanzania traders as well as those from foreign countries to visit pavilions belonging to institutions that provide services that enable formalisation of various economic activities in the country to get the knowledge to enable them to jointly develop their businesses.

Speaking on the exhibition, Mhagama said it helps in building up more solidarity within the EA states.

She added that exchange of knowledge and experience on the production of goods in the entrepreneurial sector will enable

the entrepreneurs create markets for goods from one country to another.

She further said the exhibition, if well managed, can go to a great extent alleviate poverty, especially to small entrepreneurs to enable the develop their activities into big factories and whose goods could even reach global markets

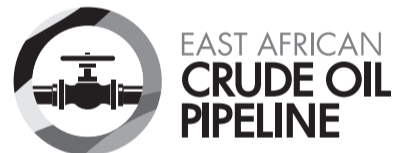
For his part, the director of Trade and Customs in the East African Community, Kenneth Bagamuhunda said entrepreneurs form part of the private sector.

Bagamuhunda said they can testify from how the exhibition had

developed as it began with fewer participants but now, he added, their numbers had greatly increased as well the quality of goods being produced.

Mwanza Regional Commissioner, Robert Gabriel said traders should not be worried as the region was safe and security boosted in all areas especially at the exhibition.

He said the exhibition was an opportunity to learn from our neighbours and maintain unity hence, he added, entrepreneurs should use it to exchange experience and boost communication on commercial activities.



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR THE PROVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANCY SERVICES 10007246 FOR THE EACOP PROJECT IN TANZANIA

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

The EACOP Project involves the construction and operation of a buried, cross-border pipeline to transport crude oil from the Lake Albert area in Uganda to the eastern coast of Tanzania for export to international markets. The pipeline will run from Kabaale in Hoima District, Uganda, to Chongoleani, Tanga Region, in Tanzania. The length of the 24 inch buried, heat traced & insulated pipeline is 1,443 kilometers (km), of which 1,147 km will be in Tanzania. Above Ground Facilities (AGF) in Tanzania include 4 pumping stations (PS) & 2 pressure reduction stations (PRS); Marine Storage Terminal and loading jetty; 12 Main Camps and Pipe Yards (MCPYs); access roads; solar farms.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF WORK:

EACOP requires the services of experienced and reputable companies or organizations to provide environmental consultancy services for a variety of potential scopes that include:

- Environmental and Social Impact Assessments and Environmental Impact Statements.
- Environmental baseline surveys - terrestrial and marine.
- Development and delivery of biodiversity offsetting strategies as well as offset monitoring and evaluation - both terrestrial and marine ecosystem Services data collection and management strategy development.
- Development and implementation of community based natural resource management programs (CBNRM).
- Environmental monitoring in compliance with regulatory requirements.
- Preparation of Environmental Licences and Permits.
- Environmental and reporting services.
- Environmental compliance audits.
- Ad hoc advice on environmental topics.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

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

Interested companies with the capacity to provide the services listed above should express their interest by sending the above documents to eacop-tz.eoi.1000001@totalenergies.com on or before 17:00 hours East African Time (EAT), on 20th December 2021. Email address should be 10007246.

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



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR THE PROVISION OF SUPPLIER(S) OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT REFERENCE: 0010007299

TotalEnergies East Africa Midstream B.V. (Company) Tanzania, an Oil and Gas company, requires the services of an experienced and reputable Supplier(s) to provide Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Project.

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

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF WORK:

EACOP requires the services of experienced and reputable local companies or organizations to provide Standard Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) or Work wear that includes:

- Head protection, Safety helmet fitted with a chin strap, ventilated Comply with applicable TZ Standards, EN 397, ANSI Z89.1 or other equivalent international standard.
- Hearing protection, Disposable Ear Plug, Reusable Ear Plug, Earmuff attached to Helmet, Earmuff. Comply with applicable TZ Standards, EN 352.2 or other equivalent international standard.
- Face / Eyes protection, Safety Glasses. Comply with applicable TZ Standards, EN 166 or ANSI Z87.1 or AS/NZS 1337 or other equivalent international standard. Material: Polycarbonate.
- Foot Protection, Safety Shoes / Boots, Comply with TZ Standard, EN 345, ANSI Z41 or other equivalent international standard. Standard protective footwear have built-in steel toe caps and be made primarily of leather with non-electrically conductive and reinforced non-slip soles and Stainless steel mid sole for nail proof.
- Protective Clothing, Coveralls or CombiSuits with long sleeves, 100% cotton, light fabric, with reflective striping and ventilations for shirts and trousers with relevant company logos.
- Rainwear, Raincoats / Suits: Consideration must be given to ambient temperatures to prevent heat stress (light weight, breathable, vented, etc.).
- Fire Fighting Clothing and equipment. Comply with TZS 1303-1305:2011(E), EN 469 or other equivalent international standard.
- Other Addition PPE as required by end users. Fall Protection, Welding Protective Equipments, Chemical Protective Equipments, Respiratory Protection etc.
- Provide a list of branches and or associates in Tanzania.
- Provide information on PPE make and current stock and planned inventory for the coming year.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- Companies or organizations expressing their interest are required to submit documentation of their:
 - Proof of registration of the Company as required under Tanzanian Law.
 - Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) and Tax Clearance Certificate for the latest year available.
 - Brief description of experience in dealing with PPE.
 - Experience, performance, and capacity in supplying PPE as outlined above.
 - Financial capacity to deliver the services required including submission of financial accounts for the year.
 - Registered with the EVVURA Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended.
 - Compliance with Local Content Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition.
 - Evidence of organization H3SE Management Systems & policy, procedure, and process in compliance with applicable Local and Industry standards for similar works.
 - Appropriate licensing from relevant in-country authorities for the provision of the services.

Interested companies with the capacity to provide the services listed above should express their interest in English language by sending the above documents to eacop-tz.eoi.1000001@totalenergies.com on or before 17:00 hours East African Time (EAT), on 20th, December, 2021. Email Subject should be 0010007299.

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National board of accountants and auditors board chairperson Prof. Sylvia Temu (C) speaks shortly after receiving nursery trees from SGA managing director Eric Sambu (R) during the NBAA general meeting in Dar es Salaam over the weekend. Left is SGA head of finance Jonathan Geleta and NBAA consultant Simon Mponji. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

AFF, SUA develops short courses training guide on climate change

By Guardian Reporter

THE African Forest Forum (AFF) in collaboration with the Sokoine University of agriculture (SUA) have prepared a special guideline in teaching short courses on climate change on forests.

Speaking on Monday at the meeting that brought together forest experts and other stakeholders from Cameroon, Uganda, Kenya, Mozambique, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe, AFF secretary General Godwin Kowero said the guideline will involve eight important areas.

He named the areas as including elementary scientific knowledge on climate change to experts, Africa's forests, markets and the carbon trade to the people and experts, instances of weather conditions and development, international debate and the process world countries positions on climate change and other strategies in confronting the challenge.

"This teaching guideline has also been translated into French, and is more concentrated in three main areas for confronting climate change and two in the reduction of its impact on forests."

"We are in the last stage of finalization of the guideline in the

reducing the impact of climate change on forests," he said.

According to Prof Kowero, the expectation is that the guideline will bring about changes on teaching the subject in many African universities and colleges and technical institutions in regard to climate change on forests.

Tabling the guideline to the forum's participants, Senior AFF Programmes Officer Prof Marie Louise Avana said every subject will have special results on how to preserve forests and reduce the impact of climate change on forests that are essential for the livelihoods of human beings, other living things and human development in general.

For example, she said, in the training on trade and carbon markets, students will have an understanding and be able to deal on various strategies and their relationship with forest products.

Prof Avana said the guideline will be distributed to all English and French speaking countries in Africa and that the main aim of the training is to empower participants who deal with communities to enable the said communities understand opportunities in the forests, policies and other related activities.

By Correspondent Christina Mwakangale

Govt urged to review Marriage Act of 1971

GENDER activists have called on the government to review the Marriage Act of 1971, as it is one of the catalysts that fuel teenage pregnancies for school girls.

Tanzania's Marriage Act of 1971 sets the minimum marriage age for girls at 15 with parental consent.

The stakeholders made the call in Dar es Salaam during the weekend at an event to mark the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence, the international campaign, which started on November 25 until December 10.

Saranga Ward Councilor, Edward Laizer said although there is progress and change and increased education in the community about issues of sexual violence still efforts are needed in protecting girls by a written law, even though the government started to give opportunities

for girls who get pregnancies to continue with studies. "This law (Marriage Act) undermines women and girls rights, stakeholders have been pushing for its amendment, but the government is still reluctant to repeal it," he said.

Laizer said the review of the Marriage Act would be an important step towards protecting women and girls in their rights to inheritance, own land, and other valuable properties.

He called on the Tanzania Gender Networking Programme (TGNP) to strengthen the initiatives of amending oppressive laws including the Law Marriage Act 1971 so that to enable women have more opportunities.

Laizer said, the government should come up with a law that will make it clear that the man who makes a girl pregnant, should take

responsibility for taking care of the mother and the baby in lifetime because most cases show that men disappear when a girl gets pregnant.

He added that without reviewing the law, women and girls will continue suffering from GBV for years.

Chairman of network, information and knowledge centers in Ubungo Municipality, Neema Mwinyi said the two weeks of activism should be used well to increase GBV knowledge where every local government office puts efforts to educate citizens in their areas.

Reports show that three in 10 girls in Tanzania are married before their 18th birthday, according to United Nations estimates.

Human Rights Watch has documented the devastating lifelong consequences for girls of

child marriage, including impacts on girls' health when they become pregnant too young, the increased risks of domestic violence including marital rape, and how marriage and pregnancy ends their education.

The 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence is an annual international campaign, started by activists at the inaugural Women's Global Leadership Institute in 1991 and continues to be coordinated each year by the Center for Women's Global Leadership.

It is used as an organizing strategy by individuals and organizations around the world to call for the prevention and elimination of violence against women and girls, the global theme for this year's is 'Orange the world: End violence against women now.'



JOB - ADVERTISEMENT

JOB TITLE: GENDER AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH ADVISOR

YOUR POSITION WITH TNC

The Gender and Reproductive Health (G-RPH) Advisor will provide leadership and technical support as a subject matter expert for TNC conservation strategies, programs, as well as conservation teams in Africa. The (G-RPH) Advisor will be the gender focal point person between Africa and TNC's Global teams as well as other conservation and development organizations that focus on gender. They will implement gender and reproductive health strategies in line with TNC Gender and RPH policy. The position will report to the TNC Africa Indigenous Lands Strategy Director and can be based at any of the TNC office locations in Kenya, Tanzania, or Zambia.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

The (G-RPH) advises and trains conservation teams in the Africa Region on how to better address and integrate gender and RPH issues. This position will identify the top leverage points for increasing uptake of gender transformative initiatives within our teams and programs. The (G-RPH) Advisor will primarily focus on integrating gender and reproductive health tools into all aspects of the regional program of work and supporting our ongoing programs

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- BA/BS degree and 7 years' experience in gender or equivalent combination of education and experience.
- Evidence of good analytical and problem-solving skills.
- Fundraising experience, including identifying donor prospects and donor cultivation
- Experience managing complex or multiple projects, including managing finances and coordinating the work of other professionals and partners.
- Experience working with current trends and practices in gender integration and inclusion.
- Experience influencing without authority, motivating teams and individuals, leading, setting objectives and managing performance.
- Experience in partnership development with non-profit partners, community groups, and/or government agencies.
- Ability to network effectively, with the ability to develop a wide range of relevant contacts.
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- Experience working cross-culturally with the ability to present gender topics to large multicultural groups.
- Experience working in Gabon, Kenya, South Africa, Tanzania, or Zambia.
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Submit CV and cover letter separately using the upload buttons online. All applications must be submitted in the system prior to end of day December 23, 2021.



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JOB TITLE: Agricultural Ecologist

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The Agricultural Ecologist will be part of the Africa Agriculture program. This position will build the technical and scientific bridge between the Agriculture Program and other TNC Programs, and steadily contribute to collaborative work with TNC's Forestry Strategy, Freshwater Strategy and Global teams. The position will work to support the enhancement of C sequestration, the relationship between soil health and markets/livelihoods, sustainable agriculture-focused partnerships, and guide fieldwork (including MSc and Ph.D. students) undertaking technical and scientific work in sustainable food systems. This position will report to the Africa Agriculture Director, and will be based at TNC office in Kenya, Tanzania, or Zambia. No relocation or visa sponsorship or assistance is being offered with this position.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

The Agricultural Ecologist will be responsible for sound technical advice and support around sustainable agricultural development. They will contribute to the transition to production systems that safeguard the environment, its biodiversity, and the climate. To achieve this, the position will prioritize the relationship between livelihoods and soil health on farms and in non-farm systems, promote agroforestry and diversification including native species to protect forestry systems and biodiversity, and scale up sustainable conservation practices including crop, livestock, and aquaculture integration.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- Master's Degree in agricultural-ecology, or the combination of soil science and ecology and 2 years of experience, or equivalent combination of education and experience.
- Relevant experience in sustainable food systems, with primary focus on environment, climate change
- Ability to write clearly, succinctly and convincingly listens and communicates effectively to engage others
- Ability to manage multiple work streams simultaneously and meet deadlines in a fast-paced environment
- Ability to work effectively with people of different national and cultural background
- Full command of English, including the ability to set out a coherent argument in English in writing, presentations, and group interactions

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Songwe RC gives TARURA three days to explain diversion of 7bn/- road fund

By Guardian Correspondent, Ileje

SONGWE Regional Commissioner Omary Mgumba has given three days to Tanzania Rural and Urban Roads Agency (TARURA) in Ileje District to explain following its diversion in the use of the 7bn/- earmarked for the construction of the 7km road from Mt. Kabulu coal mining area to the STAMICO Mines at Kiwira.

Mgumba (pictured) issued the ultimatum during his visit to inspect State Mining Corporation (STAMICO) coal mining activities at Mt. Kabulu in Ikinga Ward.

He said TARURA in Ileje District have removed from the plan to build the road and the funds were directed to other roads saying STAMICO should build the road using funds from their own internal revenues, with the RC insisting that TARURA



had disregarded Parliament's decision when allocating the important road building budget.

Mgumba said the Parliament allocated 7bn/- due to the road's

importance that would have simplified transport of coal as of now the coal mined has to be transported over 38 kms.

He said for Songwe Region the road was important for the Ileje, Songwe Region and the national economy in general.

For his part, Andrew Kibarange, coordinator of Kiwira Coal Mining activities said when completed, the construction of the 7km road will bring benefits in coal mining business and provide competition in the world market.

He said the government should mobilise cement manufacturers, both state owned and private to buy coal from STAMICO as the coal is of quality standards, and added that in the coming year, they expect to produce more than 1.5 million tonnes of coal.



Exim Bank head of internal auditing unit Colman Riwa (R) receives the award from the government Accountant General Leonard Mkude (L) after the bank emerged 'the third winner' in 'the best presented financial statements award' for the year 2020. Looking on is National Board of Accountants and Auditors (NBAA) executive director Pius Maneno (C). Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

FORMER Speaker of National Assembly and Chancellor of Hubert Kairuki Memorial University (HKMU), Anne Makinda, is expected to grace the varsity's graduation ceremony this weekend.

During the event 309 graduates will be conferred diplomas, degrees and masters.

HKMU Vice Chancellor, Prof Charles Mgone, told this paper yesterday that among the graduates there are 171 doctors of medicine, 84 graduates of diploma in nursing, 43-degree in nursing and 7 paediatricians.

He mentioned others who are expected to graduate this weekend as one graduate of masters in social work and three graduates in public health.

Prof Mgone said for the year 2021 HKMU has enrolled 237 students of doctor in medicine, 59 of degree in nursing, 9 students of degree

Former speaker Makinda to grace graduation ceremony

in social work and 7 students of gynaecology.

He said they have also enrolled three students of internal medicine and 14 specialists in different areas.

Meanwhile, Prof Mgone said that HKMU has started the construction of its new campus in the Boko area, a move which will enable the university to have capacity to enroll more students in health professions.

He said HKMU decided to expand its wings to Boko because there is great demand for health professionals and the number of students that increase each year.

He said in its five year plan HKMU will invest heavily in Information Communication Technology (ICT) to enable the university to teach online like it was during COVID-19

pandemic.

"During the COVID-19 we were teaching both online and face to face so we want to strengthen our ICT systems to make sure that we do both online and face to face teaching and we plan to do so in some management activities," he said

Dr Leonard Malasa, coordinator of the HKMU Convocation, said one day before the 19th graduation on Saturday, there would be a convocation on Friday which will involve different people who studied at the university in the past.

"We will use the convocation to discuss various issues and there would be different topic which will be presented regarding different researches and other project done at HKMU," he said



TAZAMA PIPELINES LIMITED

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

CONSTRUCTION OF GAS PIPELINE AND POWER STATION PROJECT BY ENGINEERING, PROCUREMENT, CONSTRUCTION AND FINANCING (EPC+F) MODE OF CONTRACT

1.0 INTRODUCTION

TAZAMA Pipelines Limited owns and operates a 1,710 km long crude oil pipeline which runs from Dar-es-Salaam in Tanzania to INDENI Refinery in Ndola, Zambia. The system includes a Tank Farm situated at Kigamboni, Dar-Es-Salaam in Tanzania comprising of six tanks with a holding capacity of 230,000 m3. TAZAMA intends to construct a Gas Pipeline and 350MW Power Station Facility to produce electricity to supply Zambia and the Sub Region through a Power Purchase Agreement with Electricity Supply companies. TAZAMA seeks Contractors or Consortiums with demonstrated Health, Safety and Environment (HSE) performance to express their interest to participate in the pre-qualification for the Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) works mentioned in 2.0 below. Only those Contractors or Consortiums who possess substantial and proven track records of execution of EPC projects of similar nature, magnitude and meet the "Specific Pre-Qualification Criteria" defined below shall respond to this Expression Of Interest (EOI).

2.0 SCOPE OF WORKS

The works under this contract comprise briefly the following:

- construction of a 1,105 Km 16" Natural Gas Trunk Pipeline System from a tap-in point at Ubungo Gas Processing Terminal in Dar-Es-Salaam, Tanzania to Chinsali Gas Processing Terminal (CGPT), Chinsali, Zambia. The Receiving Terminal should be complete with station facilities including Dispatch, Receipt and Pigging Stations etc. as per design.
- The length of the proposed cross-country Natural Gas Trunk Pipeline shall be approximately 1,105 km.
- The major Long Lead Items (LLIs), broadly including the coated line pipes for mainlines, bare pipes for induction bends, mainline valves (from 8" to 16"), actuators, custody transfer meters (at Dispatch and Receipt stations) etc. shall be procured by the EPC Contractor
- The project includes conducting construction surveys, detailed design and engineering, procurement and supply of all items, installation, testing, pre-commissioning and assistance in start-up & commissioning of the Pipelines / Power Stations complete with associated mechanical, piping, civil, structural, electrical
- Other project parameters include installation of instrumentation & controls, System Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA), telecommunication works and Pipeline Intrusion Detection System (PIDS).
- The Chinsali Gas Power Stations project comprises of:
 - Component 1: 350MW Gas Power Plant;
 - Component 2: Transmission line to evacuate electricity on the Chinsali transformer substation;
 - Component 3: Construction of access roads to the site; d. Component 4: Environmental and social management; e. Component 5: Capacity building and skills transfer.

3.0 TECHNICAL

The Bidder shall have successfully executed, as Contractor, in last 5 years, at least 200 km of 16" diameter (or above) construction of cross-country Hydrocarbon Pipeline and Power Station in one solitary order on EPC+F mode of Contract basis. The Contract should have covered all aspects of construction of cross-country Pipeline and Power Station on turnkey basis including Project Management, Procurement, Design and Engineering, Construction and Installation, Testing and Pre-commissioning, and commissioning. Only completed projects shall be considered for evaluation and Pre-qualification.

4.0 REQUIREMENTS

In order to be pre-qualified for further evaluation, Prospective Contractors must:

- Provide Company Profile with proof of legal incorporation with valid copies of Certificate of Incorporation, Tax Compliance, Relevant Licences, Consortium Agreements, etc.
- Be a Reputable Civil Contracting Company with International experience in Construction of Gas Pipelines and Power Stations based on International Standards of not less than Ten (10) Years.
- Listing of necessary equipment for use in the construction including (but not limited to) Lifting Equipment, Industrial Welding Machines, etc.
- Provide proposed Project Execution Methodology, including the identification of agencies (as applicable) that will carry out the following activities:
 - Detailed design and engineering for the project including the pipeline, stations and Power Station
 - Procurement including engineering for procurement and expediting, logistics.
 - Cathodic Protection Works.
 - Non Destructive Testing (NDT), Testing and pre-commissioning.
 - Third Party Inspection and certification etc.
 - Specialized studies (e.g. Hazard and Operational Analysis – HAZOP and other safety studies)
- Provide proof of Financial (Submission of Audited Financial Statements for Past Five Years – 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017 and 2016) and Technical Capability to carry out the assignment as detailed in the scope on EPC+F Mode of Contract.
- Provide written-letter evidence of Financial Mobilization Capability through credit lines or Internal Bankrolling as the Financing Component for the Project (EPC+F).
- Provide detailed information of Organization structure, Ownership details, list of manpower and resources with bio-data, Discipline and geographical location-wise, permanent manpower strengths for providing support in execution of proposed EPC Project, current projects under execution and future workload. Any other information deemed relevant for this exercise.

5.0 SUBMISSION

Interested Companies should submit relevant documentation for possible shortlisting clearly marked, "Expression of Interest for Construction of 1,105km Gas Pipeline and 350 MW Power Station at Chinsali, Zambia," at either of the following address:

The Chairman
TAZAMA Tender Committee
TAZAMA Pipelines Limited
TAZAMA House
P.O. Box 71651
NDOLA
ZAMBIA

The Chairman
TAZAMA Tender Committee
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EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (EOI)

The East African Community (EAC) is a regional organization mandated by the governments of Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi and South Sudan to spearhead the East African economic, social and political integration agenda. To attain a fully functional Customs Union, the EAC Secretariat with the support of Trademark East Africa (TMEA) is recruiting the following Consultancy Services:

- Consultancy Services of a Customs Information Systems Expert-[Tender Number: PRQ20210295]; and
- Trade Policy Advisor to Support Implementation of East African Community (EAC) Trade Policy Activities-[Tender Number: PRQ20210296].

Expressions of Interest (EOI) documents for these assignments can be obtained at <https://www.trademarka.com/procurement/>. All queries quoting the above Tender Title and Number should be emailed to procurement@trademarka.com.

Interested bidders MUST submit their application via TMEA procurement mailbox at the address procurement@trademarka.com quoting the tender title and number. The closing date for submission of this tender is on or before 19 January 2022 (4.00 pm Kenya Time)

TMEA cannot answer any query relating to this tender 7 days or less prior to the submission deadline.



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Biko bodaboda lucky winner Abbas Mwinyimkuu receives a receipt from Biko marketing manager Goodhope Heaven over the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

SAT awards best organic farmers and pastoralists

By Correspondent Michael Sikapundwa, Morogoro

THE Sustainable Agriculture Tanzania (SAT) has dished out 1,950,000/- to 16 farmer and pastoralist groups so as to support organic farming and smart livestock keeping.

The groups are from Mvomero and Morogoro district council in Morogoro Region and others from Kilimanjaro Region.

The funds were handed over to the groups by the Morogoro District Commissioner Albert Msando at the just-ended 8th agro-ecological forum, seed fair, and organic food festival.

The event which was organized by SAT brought together participants

from various parts whereby more than 500 farmers were exhibiting their seed varieties namely, pumpkin, soybean, sunflower, pawpaw, okra cowpea, chickpea, and sesame.

DC Msando commended SAT for solving farmers' and pastoralists' disputes through the application of organic agriculture technology which enable two groups to work as one family in small areas, running their economic activities compared to time before conflict was inevitable. "I ordered Morogoro district council's cooperative societies' registers to schedule enough budget to enable its members to access loans which will be able to widen agricultural schemes or any project to return it on time, I warn officials who create fake groups to feed their

pockets," he said.

He urged farmers and pastoralists to have a vision of their activities which include investing in producing quality products, packaging them to sell in local and international markets.

Marketing and Agricultural researcher, from Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA), John Kwingwa, said there's a need of having a spices board as the government did to Cotton, tea linked it with the success of farmers to that region from being able to access agricultural facilities and loans. "Apart from having crops' board, the government has to improve infrastructures such as roads which hinder the movement of people and produce from the town centres," he added.

SAT's chief executive director, Alex

Wostry called on the government to assure farmers with irrigation infrastructure to support irrigation for sustainable productivity.

Morogoro regional assistant registrar of cooperatives, Keneth Shemdoe also hailed SAT for enabling his office to register three groups namely; spices group (CHAUWAVIMU), Ereto Milk Cooperative society Ltd and Wanyama Maziwa cooperative society ltd.

"SAT is doing a very remarkable job for helping farmers recognize the potential in the agriculture sector and then take steps to utilize the potential, you have been uniting farmers through groups while linking them with financial institutions for them to grow," he asserted.

Rice growers and stakeholders decry of low harvests, lack of reliable markets

By Guardian Reporter, Morogoro

RICE farmers in the country are complaining on various challenges they face including low harvests, lack of adequate education for increased yields and lack of rice markets.

They aired the complaints at a meeting with rice farming stakeholders organised by UN Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) in collaboration with Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI) and the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI).

Twalibu Ubwa, a rice farmer from Pawaga Ward in Iringa Region said: "The main challenge facing us is low harvests, two tonnes of rice per hectare is very low in rice production."

He said even that low yield, the market thereof is problematic, adding that in the last two years rice farmers have incurred losses, they have cultivated at great cost but in the market the crop became valueless.

Omary Kamchape, another rice farmer from Kilombero District said lack of reliable markets for the rice was the biggest challenge that have been retarding farmers' efforts.

He said another big challenge is the lack of rice milling plants as the existing ones do not satisfy the competitive markets.

"Yes, there are rice mills but do not do the job as those in Morogoro town and other regions such as Mbeya," he complained.

The Coordinator of the Empowering Plan in Experience Exchange for rice farming, Diomedes Kalisa said due to the increase of the country's rice production, various

stakeholders in rice farming, in collaboration with the government met in Morogoro Region to review the existing policies, to enable the availability of farm inputs including fertiliser, seeds and both local and foreign markets.

Kalisa said the meeting's main aim is to look into the policy issue, due to Tanzania's being self-sufficient in the rice crop, as well as to increase its production that will need both local and foreign markets.

He added that there is a 10-year strategic plan to develop Number Two rice crop -National Rice Development strategy II (NRDS II) for 2019-2030, that has outlined many issues including fertiliser, research, seeds and markets, and that it will concentrate in looking into how existing policies can ensure its implementation.

He also called on farmers to stop using chemical fertilisers in order to fertilize the soil, as there are other farming strategies that can fertilize the soil without using chemicals and that FAO has been providing education on the issue.

For his part TARI Ifakara Centre manager, Atugonza Bilaro said they continue with efforts to help farmers to increase production using small farming area, and added that in seed production they also target small farmers and called on them to adhere to modern farming practices.

Opening the meeting, the Director General of Tanzania Official Seed Certification Institute (TOSCI), Patrick Ngwedigi said the government supports stakeholders in rice farming while it mobilises itself in the ongoing process to improve the 2013 Farming Policy.




08th DECEMBER, 2021

INVITATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION FOR SUPPLIERS / SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2022

Relief to Development Society (REDESOS) is a National Non – Governmental Organization (NNGO) whose vision is "A Community where refugees and other vulnerable people have access to equal opportunities". In partnership with UNHCR, is implementing the project titled "Assistance to Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Camps and Urban Areas". Part of the funds allocated to this project is intended to be spent in procurement of various goods and services.

As part of preparations for implementation of the project with effective provision of services to Persons of Concern (PoC) in 2022, REDESOS invites well-established eligible and credible suppliers to participate in pre-qualification process for provision of various goods and services for financial year 2022.

This pre-qualification is for 19 independent items, suppliers/service providers may apply for more than one specific item and pre-qualification will be on the chosen or specific item(s) as indicated below:

S/N	DESCRIPTION
1.	Provision of office stationery and consumables.
2.	Provision of office supplies i.e (mineral water, sugar, tea bags) etc
3.	Provision of visibility materials i.e (Banner, T-shirts, Sign boards) etc
4.	Servicing office equipment i.e (Printers, Photocopier machine, Computers, Scanners and UPS).
5.	Servicing of office Generators and Air Conditioners
6.	Provision of Vehicle Maintenance and Repair.
7.	Provision of accommodation (Guest House) to Persons of Concern (Refugees).
8.	Provision of Drugs and Medical Products.
9.	Provision of personal care and hygienic supplies i.e (sanitary pads, bar soap, sanitizer, masks) etc
10.	Provision of Internet and Network Support.
11.	Provision of Airtime Vouchers and Electricity (Agent).
12.	Provision of Air ticketing services for both local and international.
13.	Provision of catering services.
14.	Provision of household items (cooking utensils, thermos, basin, cups etc).
15.	Provision of office maintenance and alteration.
16.	Provision of consultancy service for training staff on Fraud awareness and prevention,
17.	Provision of consultancy service for training staff on Monitoring and Control of project performance,
18.	Provision of consultancy service for training staff on Procurement and Supply management,
19.	Provision of consultancy service for training staff on management and improvement of service delivery.

The selection and final shortlisting of the suppliers/providers will be conducted through selection procedures specified in the REDESOS Procurement Policy and Procedures.



THE FOLLOWING WILL BE THE SHORTLISTING CRITERIA

- Application letter
- Possession of valid business licence, professional certificate or dealership certification.
- Presentation of legal certificate of incorporation, business registration, TIN, VAT.
- Company profile indicating: inter alia physical location with a valid Right of Occupancy of office premises or Lease contract which may be inspected for verification.
- A minimum of 3 good customers recommendation letters.
- List of Directors, declaration of conflict of interest with REDESOS or UNHCR and any other relevant information.
- Indicate the list of items/service offered.
- Evidence of experience working in the same industry

SUBMISSION PROCESS
Interested bidders should submit documents physically in PLAIN SEALED ENVELOPE (Do not indicate the supplier's name on the envelope). The envelope should be marked **PRE-QUALIFICATION FOR ... (Indicate Description(s))**.

Application letter should be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer through the address below not later than 17th December, 2021, 16:30 Hours.

Relief to Development Society (REDESOS), Head Office, Kinondoni B urambo-Street- Plot No. 40 Block No. KIN/KNM/96 Tel/Fax : +255 22 2666725 Mob: +255 717 037311 or 0768 519 606 Dar-es-Salaam.

TENDER FOR PURCHASE OF NEW VARIOUS PARTS & USED COMPUTER ACCESSORIES

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3	Olympian Parts	New
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5	Metal Scrap	Used
6	Computer Processors	Used
7	Computer Monitors	Used
8	Laptops	Used
9	Printers	Used

Interested bidder may verify/check the items from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at Mantrac Tanzania premises in Dar es Salaam Plot 4A Nyerere road, from 8th December to 14th December 2021.

Special Conditions;

- A successful bidder will be required to pay full amount of bid price within five working days of announcement of success; otherwise the next highest bidder will be given the opportunity.
- All bids in its original letter and enclosed in plain sealed envelope must be delivered to the reception of Mantrac Tanzania Ltd from 8th December to 15th December 2021 between 9:00am to 4:00 pm.
- The Bidder should provide his/her name in full, TIN number and accessible telephone number(s).
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- All bids should be accompanied by a cheque worth 10% of the lot bid value.
- Mantrac is not bound to accept the highest bid.
- The envelope should be properly sealed and marked as prescribed below.

ITEM # _____, CATEGORY _____

Finance Manager,
Mantrac Tanzania Ltd,
PO BOX 9262, Dar Es Salaam.

8. The bid price shall exclude all government taxes.

60 years: Low levels of corruption helped our modernisation efforts

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan was early this week opening another major investment project, this time in Kigamboni suburb of the city, where an Egyptian investor is setting up a large electrical equipment plant, and pushing on with an industrial city with other investors. While this buzz of investor arrivals is being credited with the conducive atmosphere that the sixth phase government is putting in place, there are auxiliary factors in place. One is said to be the geographical gateway to a wider regional market, another is the prevailing peace, and more significantly, low prices of labour and low corruption.

Those who follow discussions for instance in the legislature and even on routine channels like radios or newspapers, television etc would know that it takes nearly twice the cost of building a substantial piece of infrastructure in Kenya compared to Tanzania, when a few recent project costing examples are put on the table.

As a matter of fact Tanzania wasn't always a cheaper place but it appears some corrections were made especially during the fifth phase presidency and perhaps starting earlier, as the government battled to ensure all regions are connected by tarmac roads. The costs must have plummeted by nearly a half.

The reason for this supposition is that a recent discussion on a World Bank report on Zambia indicated that costs of building a tarmac road there are much higher than in Tanzania, whereas a former deputy minister for Finance, Kilotsi Mporogomyi (after leaving

that post) once remarked in the legislature that it takes 1m dollars to build a kilometer of tarmac road in Tanzania while it takes 500,000 dollars to do so in Zambia. If the situation drastically changed and it is Zambia that is far more costly, what happened?

Looking at the way the fifth phase uplifted the roads and social services infrastructure, a lot had to do with rectifying faulty procurement where clever people hid behind procurement procedures that are in the last far from transparent, to slot any bills they wanted. The government for instance eliminated middle men in importing medicines and getting them to hospital counters or pharmacy shelves, and this way the cost of basic drugs plummeted, and hospital services could finally uplifted. Costs of medical treatment subdued, enabling the government, after whittling down other waste channels, to vastly add infrastructure.

That is why, at 60 years of independence, it is deplorable to see that apart from the president and a few top aides, these issues aren't being articulated at the ground level or grassroots politics, whereas neglecting these matters leads to this work not receiving the support it deserves.

But since far too many enjoy corruption in one way or another, all we can hope for is that in wishing to meet expectations of the population, the government will remain vigilant as to what is the right thing to do, especially in relation to public expenditure standards. To be struck in fear by a chorus to weaken presidential powers is unhelpful.

Planning, project agencies of 1960s not suitable at present

VETERAN development administrators have had a good time espousing the development ethos of the 1960s, basically the way the government gradually built up institutional foundations of a planned economy, signaling that these institutions ought to be revived. As invitation of guests or keynote speakers to an audience for instance at the University of Dar es Salaam is done with care, and taking into account what the listening public wishes to hear, there is little doubt that the views of a number of top government officials of the first phase and well into the second phase are widely shared there. It isn't frankly a secret.

A keynote contributor to those discussions was Col. (rt'd) Joseph Simbakalia, veteran top administrator for the National Development Corporation (NDC) who laid out the case for revitalizing the NDC, the Tanzania Development Finance Co. (TDFL) that looks like the Tanzania Investment Bank (TIB) with its periodical restructuring.

Other agencies whose roles he emphasised include the Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC) and the Small Industries Development Organisation (SIDO). It is clear that a few of those agencies mentioned are still around with limited role, which he urged this is boosted.

As a matter of fact the number of institutions of that period that the retired administrator cited as exemplary could be prolonged, and he indeed may have censured himself not to go the whole hog - for instance to extol the central place of the old National Bank of Commerce

in the country's economy. Failing to see that the country had to make a clean break with a planned economy was a problem in his remarks. The economy is quickly driven to the ground when the public sector is dominant, as their loss making tendency compels interminable Treasury subsidies; weakening the currency, crippling services.

Those discussants or panelists were well aware that they were on safe territory where it is rare, if indeed not out of place, to discuss the weaknesses and failures of not just the country's experience with planned economy but its failure as a model of economy worldwide. Former radical socialist countries changed into market economies with different levels of national control of major economic outlets, where foreign companies aren't allowed to hold shares, or dominant shares.

But they extensively borrowed from outside and rely on world markets for a big part of what they produce after modernization, as we do at present.

So veteran administrators will help the youth at UDSM and elsewhere by realistically making suggestions as to what can be improved at the moment, by assessing improvements being done now. Seeking to relive the 1960s and '70s, wishing to fortify institutions of that period is to ignore the biting shortages and awful degradation of the conditions of living, ineffective delivery of services, early 1980s.

Things changed when the government opened doors to private investments, vastly boosting revenues, and we are trying to perfect this at present. Cheers!

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Why do some Africans behave like this?

By Cameron Duuodu

NO-ONE who watches closely, the way Africa is treated in the international arena by both foreign governments and the media of their countries, can fail to sigh in disbelief and wail: "When, on when, will this constant spraying of my continent with negative-coloured paint end?"

The latest "spraying" is with regard to the "variant" of Covid-19 that has emerged in the world. As soon as the hard-working scientists of South Africa detected the variant in their country and dutifully informed the World Health Organisation about it, South Africa and its neighbours - among them, Botswana, Namibia and Lesotho - were singled out for full "no-go, no-come" treatment by the United Kingdom and other European countries.

This has annoyed many Africans, who compare this treatment of the African countries with how China was treated by the same group when Covid-19 first made its appearance in the world. Circumstantial evidence clearly pointed a finger at China as the most likely carrier/spreader of the disease. But the World Health Organisation was careful in sending a delegation to China to make on-the-spot enquiries before pronouncing on China's alleged culpability. Even then, the WHO statement of its findings was worded with great tact that almost amounted to eulogisation of China.

But alas, an African country announces - voluntarily - that it has detected a new variant and hey presto - flights to and from its neighbourhood are banned!

This has been rightly denounced by some Africans, including the former Health Minister of Botswana, Dr. Alfred Rabashemi Madigale.

But to the amazement of Pan-Africanists, the former Minister did not merely condemn the imposition of travel restrictions on his country and its neighbours, but went on to wonder why some other African countries had been spared the travel ban. Not only that - he went on to make serious allegations against Ghana in particular!

He wrote (in a piece to Facebook that sustains the belief in some countries that the social news platform does not do enough to vet "hate speech":

QUOTE: Why are we not telling the world that this variant was detected in 4 diplomats of Ghanaian origin? Why are we not telling the world to not only target us, but target Ghana and other western African countries?" UNQUOTE

The Ministry of Health in Ghana has denied that any such detection



of the new variant has taken place in Ghana. But what is amazing is the fact that a former Minister of Health in a friendly African country, should harbour such ill-feelings towards other African countries.

The statement is spurious. What, for instance, is the meaning of "diplomats of Ghanaian origin"? Are their current Ghanaian diplomats? Or diplomats of Ghanaian birth who are now working for the UNO, WHO, or ILO? If so, what is the relevance of their being associated with Ghana (in the statement of the former Botswana Minister)?

Furthermore, Ghana, as far as I can surmise, does not have a separate embassy in Botswana but services a consular or other diplomatic mission in Maseru from its embassy in Pretoria. So, even if the diplomats were Ghanaian diplomats (as opposed to diplomats of Ghanaian origin) their Covid-19 variant status (if it exists at all) has very little to do with Ghana and great deal to do with South Africa.

For Botswana is an enclave of South Africa and few people can enter it without crossing South Africa at some point. These factors, which a former Botswana Health Minister of all people should be aware of, make it clear that the Minister made a false statement, resulting (unfortunately) from the "self-hatred" which some Africans harbour towards other Africans, without realising that it was initially encouraged in them by people who are not Africans.

Anyway, the Ghana Ministry of Health has wasted no time in denying that the Covid-19 variant, OMICRON, has been found in Ghana.

Of course, the former Minister of Health of Botswana does not speak for the Botswana Government.

But it would be a wise thing for the Government of Ghana to send a note to the Botswana Government demanding that

it asks the former Minister to substantiate his allegation or retract it.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON CONFERS ITS HIGHEST HONOURS ON GHANA'S MARY CHINERY-HESSE

The University of London has conferred what is described as its "highest honours awarded to exceptional individuals", on the Chancellor of the University of Ghana, Mrs Mary Chinery-Hesse. The citation to the honour says that the award "is in recognition of her substantial contributions to public life and the University."

The honorary degree was presented to Mrs Chinery-Hesse on London University's Convocation Day, 23 November 2021, by the Chancellor of London University, Her Royal Highness, Princess Anne, The Princess Royal. The ceremony, which took place in the University's Senate House, marked the 185th anniversary of the creation of the University of London by Royal Charter on 28th November 1836.

Mrs Mary Chinery-Hesse has had distinguished careers in Ghana's Civil Service and at the United Nations. The citation said she is "an important voice on economic development issues, a defender of human and women's rights, and an advocate for African imperatives"

She is the first female Chancellor of the University of Ghana; she was the first African woman to be appointed Resident Coordinator of the UN System; the first female Deputy Director-General of the International Labour Organization; and the first African woman to attain

the rank of Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations.

In a short speech, Mrs Mary Chinery-Hesse thanked the authorities of the University of London for honouring herself and three other persons. She added:

QUOTE: O Happy Day! I feel so genuinely happy.

We join a group of distinguished personalities who have been similarly honoured by this great University in the past; esteemed company which should make us feel extremely favoured.

"I refer, for example, to a name like President Nelson Mandela, whom we in Africa consider as such a giant in the affairs of men. I feel a sense of deep humility that my name would appear on a list where he is also mentioned.

"I personally owe so much to the University of London. My father, the late Justice R. S. Bly, one of the Founding Fathers of my Country Ghana, who encouraged his daughters to reach for the skies in spite of the negative gender environment of the time, graduated from the walls of this very University nearly a Century ago. He must be dancing for joy in Heaven in celebration of this great honour bestowed on his daughter this historic day.

There is more. The University College of Ghana from where I took my first degree in 1962, was an affiliate of the University of London in my time. Because it was affiliated to the University of London, it awarded this University's degrees for 13 years until the College attained full University status, and began to award its own degrees. In that sense, I am a bona fide Alumna of this Great Institution. I feel a great sense of pride. UNQUOTE

OBITUARY

Fare-thee-well Al Noor Kassum

By Patrick Rutabanzibwa and Mark Mwandosya

Al Noor Kassum or "Nick" to his many friends, passed away on 18th November and was laid to rest on 20th November, 2021. Even though he was born into a family of affluence, of Indian heritage, during the struggle for Tanganyika's independence he was one of Mwalimu Julius Nyerere's closest allies.

After independence he was appointed Junior Minister for Education. He then worked for the United Nations (UN), first as a UNESCO Representative to the UN Secretariat in New York and later on as Executive Secretary to the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). He returned to Tanzania in 1970 and was recruited into the public service as Deputy General Manager of the Williamson Diamonds Limited at Mwadui. After that he was appointed Minister for Finance and Administration in the East African Community.

When the EAC was dissolved in 1977, Mwalimu Nyerere appointed him Minister for Water, Energy and Minerals, a position he held for 13 years until 1990 when he retired. During his time as Junior Minister, he was involved in the founding of the University College of Dar es Salaam as a constituent college of the then University of East Africa. He was also instrumental in securing the area then known as Observation Hill (Mlimani) where the main campus of the University of Dar es Salaam was later built.

We had the good fortune to work with Al Noor Kassum from the early 1980s when he was Minister for Water, Energy and Minerals. He was a leader with great vision: He was very hard-working; he followed up the execution of all his ministry's functions closely; preferring to inspire rather than push his subordinates to follow his directions. He listened to, and valued, his experts' advice regardless of seniority level, respecting and adhering to all applicable laws and practices when discharging his responsibilities. His patriotism was manifest more in his actions than in what he said in public.

In order to deal with the challenges posed by the global energy crises of the decade from 1973 to 1983, Minister Kassum advised the government to establish a department to focus on, and coordinate, all energy-related matters. He was personally involved in building the team that would help to achieve that objective. He identified a young lecturer at the University of Dar es Salaam who taught and carried out research in energy matters. He made him his adviser, and later proposed to President Nyerere to appoint him Commissioner for Petroleum Affairs in accordance with the Petroleum (Exploration and Production) Act, 1980.

That was how Prof. Mark Mwandosya became the first Commissioner for Energy and Petroleum Affairs and head of the Energy Department in the ministry. Minister Kassum also had another young officer seconded from the Tanzania

Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC) to be his personal assistant in following up oil and gas projects and activities. After giving the secondee some experience, he had him transferred to the Energy Department. That was how Patrick Rutabanzibwa became one of Mark Mwandosya's assistants in 1985 when the department was established. After Mark Mwandosya was appointed Permanent Secretary for Water, Energy and Minerals in 1990, Patrick Rutabanzibwa replaced him as Commissioner for Energy and Petroleum Affairs.

The minister's efforts to build the human resource capacity at the Energy Department did not end there. He had other young, capable engineers, Bashir Mrindoko, Estomih Sawe and Shaban Mgana, transferred to the division from the Water Department. He also had an economist, Theodore Kapiga, seconded from the Rufiji Basin Development Authority (RUBADA) and another engineer, Vincent Gondwe (now deceased), who had been dealing with energy matters before the department was established, transferred to the department from the ministry's Policy and Planning Division.

After being established in 1985 with these few officers, the Energy Department continued to grow and increase its capacity to oversee the implementation of energy sector development policies, strategies and plans. Prosper Vicus, Lutengano Mwakaheya, Ngosi Mwiha, Theophil Bwakea and Charles Omujuni are only some of the officers who joined the Energy Department in its early days and who were later transferred to other government institutions - within and outside the energy sector - where they made significant contributions.

Minister Kassum fostered good working relations with his fellow ministers as well as his permanent secretaries, Frederick Rwegarulila (deceased); Harith Bakari Mwapachu (deceased); Athumani Janguo; Fulgence Kazaura (deceased); and Paul Mkanga. This enabled timely decision-making regarding many of the ministry's issues as well as efficient implementation of those decisions. Minister Kassum also drew on his prior experience in international relations to persuade Tanzania's development partners to finance energy projects and support the employment of foreign experts who were deployed in the ministry and its parastatal agencies to advise on electricity, oil and gas, as well as new and renewable energy development issues.

Some of those experts - for example Roger Nellist from the U.K. (who had been assigned to Tanzania by the Commonwealth Secretariat); Sigurd Heiberg and Farouk Al Kasim from Norway (Statoil and Norwegian Petroleum Directorate); Dr. Kokitil Narayanan from India (Oil and Natural Gas Commission); and Paul Precht from Canada (Canadian International Development Agency) - continued



Looking back: From left to right Mark Mwandosya, Commissioner of Energy and Petroleum Affairs; Paul Mkanga, Permanent Secretary; Mzee Al Noor Kassum (standing), Minister for Water Energy and Minerals; and Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete Deputy Minister of Water, Energy and Minerals. (File Photo)

to be involved in efforts to further develop the institutional capacity of the Energy Division, TPDC and the Tanzania Electric Supply Company (TANESCO) for many years after they returned to their home countries.

The Energy Department developed a culture that earned it the reputation of being among government departments with officers who were hard-working, transparent and professional. In 1994, when Minister Kassum's successor, Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete, handed over the Ministry of Energy and Minerals to his successor Jackson Makwetta (deceased), he cautioned that the Energy Division's staff were very argumentative, adding that his successor will ignore their advice at his own peril. Kikwete's counsel to a great extent reflected the impact that Minister Kassum's mentoring had had on Energy Department staff who had worked under him.

It is therefore not surprising that Minister Kassum was able to contribute to the development of the water, energy and mining sectors to the extent that we continue to see today, leaving a lasting legacy. The following are only some of his accomplishments during his time as Minister for Water, Energy and Minerals:

He oversaw the enactment by Parliament of the Mining Act, 1979 and the Petroleum (Exploration and Production) Act, 1980. These laws provided for greater participation of the private sector in mineral, oil and gas exploration and production, at a time when Tanzania's social and economic policies were markedly socialist. He thus appeared to be ahead of his time. Andrew Cheng, who was at that time a senior lawyer in the Attorney General's Chambers,

made a significant contribution to the preparation of those laws;

He enabled the ministry to carry out reconnaissance exploration through airborne geophysical surveys covering virtually the entire country. Ultimately, the surveys facilitated the development and establishment of several large and medium-sized mines during the late 1990s and early 2000s. They also proved valuable in groundwater resource exploration and development;

He vigorously promoted oil and gas exploration. For several years he was also TPDC's Board Chairman, and he worked closely with TPDC's Managing Director, Sylvester Barongo, and the corporation's many experts in the fields of investment, financial management, administration and geosciences.

Those experts, who came to be highly respected in the eastern and southern African region, included Yona Killagane, Salvador Ntomola, Halfani Halfani, Lionel Mawalla (deceased), Yete Mwalyego (deceased), Dismas Fuko, Herry Kejo Kajato, Joyce Singano and Flora Mpanju - to name but a few. The high level of expertise that they attained in their respective fields can in part be attributed to their minister's efforts to develop human capital in Tanzania's oil and gas industry. The natural gas at Mnazi Bay was identified for exploitation in 1982 under his leadership;

For ten years he made a concerted effort to develop the Songo gas reserves for the production of fertiliser by Kilwa Ammonia Company (KILAMCO). Although the effort did not succeed and was abandoned in 1989, it provided valuable experience to government institutions that were in-

involved, and thus helped towards securing the success of subsequent gas utilization projects that focused on power generation and the supply of energy to industries;

He persuaded the government to seek soft loans from international financial institutions (World Bank, European Investment Bank and Kuwait Fund) in order to start drilling in gas exploration and wells development around Songo Songo Island in the early 1980s. Those wells facilitated the commercial production of gas starting in 2004. The World Bank had never provided a low income country (as Tanzania was then) with funds for drilling oil or gas exploration wells;

He oversaw the extension of the national electricity grid to serve 15 regions (on Mainland Tanzania) and Zanzibar, and the extension of the Uganda grid to serve Kagera Region. When he was first appointed minister responsible for Energy, only five regions were served by the grid. In his efforts to extend the grid he worked closely with the TANESCO Managing Director, Salvatory Masha (deceased) and his colleagues Simon Mhavi (deceased), Baruanji Elijah Luhanga, Silvan Kimaryo (deceased) and other officials. By extending the grid, he ensured the commercial viability of the Songo Songo and Mnazi Bay gas projects by enlarging the gas market to power generation;

He oversaw the original preparations for the implementation of the Stigler's Gorge hydropower project, which included the detailed design of the dam and other civil works, the power facilities, as well as geotechnical, hydrological and environmental impact studies. Because of the cost of the project and the lack of

funding, the project could not be implemented in the 1990s as he had proposed. Nevertheless, the preparatory work that was done has been used, almost entirely, by the government in its recent efforts to implement the project, now renamed the Julius Nyerere Hydropower Project; and

He initiated the preparation of the first comprehensive National Energy Policy, which was announced by the government in 1992. Prof. Matthew Luhanga (deceased) of the University of Dar es Salaam contributed considerably to the content of that policy alongside other Tanzanian experts.

In addition to the achievements he attained as a cabinet minister, Al Noor Kassum was also appointed by the global leader of the Ismaili Muslim community, His Highness Shah Karim al-Husayni, Aga Khan IV, to be his Vazir and representative in Tanzania for many years. After he retired from the government he was appointed Chancellor of Sokoine University of Agriculture in Morogoro. He also served as chairman of Mwalimu Nyerere Foundation and the National Development Corporation.

A few years ago, Al Noor Kassum's health began to deteriorate, in part because of his advanced age of over 90 years. In September, 2018 we had the opportunity to visit him at his residence to wish him well. One of us (Patrick Rutabanzibwa) managed to pay him a visit when he was admitted at the Aga Khan Hospital, Dar es Salaam, four days before he passed away, and to thank him sincerely on behalf of all the public servants he inspired, nurtured and mentored during the years he was the leader of the Ministry of Water, Energy and Minerals. He was too frail to speak, but he broke into a smile that indicated the message had arrived.

Rest in peace, Mzee Al Noor Kassum.

From Almighty God we came, and verily to Him we shall return.

25 November, 2021

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Tanzania at 60: A model of co-existence held back by political rigidity

By David Kiwuu

TANZANIA gained its independence on 9 December 1961 after 71 years of colonial administration, first under Germany and later Britain. At independence, the country had only 11 indigenous university graduates and 71 per cent of the senior civil service was expatriates.

Like other newly independent African countries, Tanzania faced numerous socio-economic challenges. These included low agricultural productivity and a low industrial and manufacturing base. At the same time, it strove to become a nation - a viable, coherent state based on a national identity and consciousness. It also had to build a public authority.

What followed independence, however, was off the African post-colonial script. Tanzania's first post-independence philosopher leader, Mwalimu Julius Nyerere, undertook a bold political experiment known as Ujamaa or African socialism. The doctrine, proclaimed in 1967, was underpinned by self-reliance, respect for human dignity and human rights. This became the guide for Tanzania.

For a while, the country also spearheaded pan-Africanism, the ideal of a united Africa.

Our mission is to share knowledge and inform decisions. Forging a coherent national body politic is most difficult for African countries characterised by ethnic diversity. This is because of the nature of ethnic politics and the mobi-

lisation of communal groups as the primary political constituency. Kenya, Ethiopia and the Democratic Republic of Congo are instructive examples.

But under Nyerere and its subsequent leaders, Tanzania managed to forge a national consciousness that goes beyond creed, race and ethnic affiliation. In sharp contrast to many an African country, Tanzania has demonstrated the possibility of co-existence in diversity.

There is much for Tanzanians to be proud of 60 years after independence. But the country is yet to realise the founding father's dream of a country in which self-reliance, mutual dignity, tolerance and inclusion underpin its sociopolitical fabric.

The political system has been

a one-party state that morphed into a dominant party system in later years. The Tanzania Africa National Union was the ruling party until 1977. In that year it merged with the Afro-Shirazi Party to form Chama Chama Mapinduzi or the Party of the Revolution. The party remains in government, making it one of Africa's longest-ruling parties.

Tanzania's democracy report card is, at best, chequered. On the surface, the country has had periodic elections and changes of leadership. But this has been achieved by systematic shrinking of the political space. Forging ahead, the political class should seek greater accommodation so that disagreements don't lead to imprisonment, harassment and attempted assassinations.

For the country to achieve substantive progress, it must make a collective and diverse effort.

What Africa can learn from Tanzania

The African state has been cast as weak within the global political economy. Tanzania has rekindled the debate about state sovereignty - a nationalist ideal which underpinned the country's ideological stance in the 1960s and 1970s. In one recent instance, Tanzania asserted its state prerogative by forcing a renegotiation of Chinese port contracts seen as detrimental to the national interest.

In another, the country had its way in a tax dispute with a major western mining conglomerate. This is on top of renegotiating the terms of long-standing mining con-

tracts deemed unfavourable to the country. This pushback would have made the country's founding president proud. So would the rise of the country's first woman president, Samia Suluhu Hassan, following the sudden death of President John Magufuli in March 2021. In his celebrated essays and later in the 1967 Arusha Declaration, Nyerere lamented the lot of women and hoped for better:

It is true that within our traditional society, ill-treatment and enforced subservience are the women's lot. If we want our country to make full and quick progress, it is essential to enable our women to live on terms of full equality with their fellow citizens, who happen to be men.

The road ahead

At 60, Tanzanians can look back with mixed emotions about how far they have come but equally wonder how far they could have travelled. The country has been spared the instability many in the region have experienced.

But peace on its own is not enough. The unfulfilled promise of prosperity and economic advancement is still a drag on the euphoria of self-governance and indigenous empowerment.

Harnessing all efforts towards economic prosperity and self-reliance should be the number one priority and therein lies the true essence of independence.

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Why all children older than 12 need to get the Covid-19 jab

By Mariana Kruger, Ames Dhai, Jerome Singh, Mantoa Mokhachane, Glenda Gray and Mongezi Mdhuli

ON 10 September 2021, the South African Health Products Regulatory Authority approved the use of the Pfizer vaccine for children 12 years and older. This approval was followed by Minister of Health Joe Phaahla announcing that the government had opened Covid-19 vaccinations to children in this age group.

However, uptake among these children has been quite low. There seems to be resistance from some quarters, including parents and healthcare workers. More recently, the African Christian Democratic Party, supported by some organisations, asked the courts to issue an interdict to stop the roll-out of Covid-19 vaccinations to children. The Pretoria High Court ruled that the application was not urgent and could be heard at a later stage.

Children under 18 comprise 34.5% of the population, with about 16% being between the ages of 12 and 18. During the Covid-19 third wave in South Africa, the weekly incidence of admissions associated with Covid-19 in children increased in all age groups, with 565 in-hospital Covid deaths – an in-hospital case fatality risk of 3.6%. Among all deaths in children, 201 (35.6%) were among adolescents aged 15 to 19. Children with underlying conditions comprised 56% of those who died. Poorer outcomes are recorded in children with comorbidities.

Shift in infection ages

Commonly reported underlying conditions in South African children include HIV, TB, chronic respiratory diseases and diabetes. Older teens and adolescents are acquiring Covid-19 at rates similar to adults. It is noted that in the Netherlands, unlike the previous waves where mainly older age groups have been infected, the current fourth wave is especially affecting children under 15 years of age.

It seems like a similar scenario could be emerging in South Africa, especially in light of what is being observed with the emergence of the new variant, Omicron.

Schools have seen a surge of absenteeism and learning losses because of pandemic-related school closures. Learning losses are not uniform, and are higher in disadvantaged pupil groups, resulting in a widening of inequalities. For many pupils, school is a source of education as well as safety, food (for those dependent on feeding schemes) and support.

Can a case be made for the expedited vaccination of children with underlying conditions and older adolescents based on the burden of cases, hospitalisations and learning loss? Will vaccinating all children result in a decrease in community spread? Is the wellbeing of children in South Africa vital for a brighter future for the country?

Covid-19 has introduced significant additional challenges to child health in South Africa. The lockdowns disrupted several essential services to children such as basic education, school feeding systems, healthcare access, mental health support and



China issues white paper on China-Africa cooperation in new era (Photo: Liu Xin/GT)

food security. The closure of schools has increased food insecurity, as close to nine million South African children are dependent on their daily meals provided through these school feeding schemes, with subsequent worsening in malnutrition.

Disrupted schooling

Furthermore, children from disadvantaged communities with limited access to digital resources have probably lost more than a school year, which is devastating with regard to the worsening inequity in education between affluent and disadvantaged communities in South Africa.

Most primary clinics have not functioned normally during the lockdowns, leading to disruption in immunisation administration, basic primary healthcare and delays in rendering treatment to children with chronic illness.

Children from socioeconomically disadvantaged communities have had far less access to mental support. Their parents often have not been able to work, with resultant increased family tension and violence.

Many parents are forced to leave children on their own at home as child-minding services are not affordable. Children have also suffered the loss of parents and grandparents, and there are many child-headed households with limited support systems. This has tremendously increased the number of chil-

dren suffering from severe anxiety. Childline has recorded an increase in anxiety-related phone calls of 67% in 2020 compared to 2019.

Infected children pose a risk of transmission to more vulnerable household members with an increased risk of serious morbidity and mortality, especially in the context of extended family households common in South Africa. The latter is particularly relevant where grandparents are raising their grandchildren. As SARS-COV-2 is more contagious than the influenza virus, containment is crucial in the control of Covid-19 infections. As children constitute a third of the population, it is important to include them in plans to curb Covid-19 infections while simultaneously ensuring that they can continue with the regular activities that are necessary for normal child development and child health. These activities include access to basic health services, education, sport and normal play activities.

Count the kids in

As affirmed in the Constitution, children's constitutional rights should be upheld. Inherent in this is that all forms of neglect are prevented and children's best interests are of paramount importance. Children should therefore benefit from any new medical interventions that are developed under

scientifically robust methodologies to address their health needs, including vaccines for prevention of diseases. Bearing in mind South Africa's high burden of infectious diseases, the realities of overcrowding and the impossibility of maintaining safe distances in most South African schools, it is critical that children take up or are assisted in taking up the Covid-19 vaccine provided for them in the national roll-out programme.

The restrictions of physical movement during the lockdowns may have prevented the spread of Covid-19, but have negatively affected the essential activities of children, such as education, sport and cultural events. Unfortunately, thus far, physical protection has taken precedence at the expense of the mental health and intellectual development of children.

For this, and all the reasons above, a case is made for the vaccination of children against Covid-19, and parents, guardians and communities are urged to facilitate children's access to the vaccination programmes.

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China and BRI countries share fruits of agricultural cooperation under BRI

By Gao Yuncai

DURING the past eight years since China proposed the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), the country has made continuous efforts to promote pragmatic cooperation with countries participating in the BRI in agriculture, a key sector of BRI cooperation, and realized mutual complementarity and common development in the sector with relevant countries.

So far, China has signed agreements on agricultural cooperation with 86 BRI countries and established stable working mechanisms with more than half of them. Over the past eight years, China has invested in more than 820 agricultural projects in BRI countries.

The country's investment stock in BRI countries has exceeded \$17 billion. Last year, its trade volume of agricultural products with countries participating in the BRI totaled \$95.79 billion.

In 2012, China Shandong International Economic & Technical Cooperation Group Ltd. (CSI) and Shandong Lumian Group, both based in Jinan, capital of east China's Shandong province, jointly registered a new company named New Epoch Agriculture Development Company in Sudan for the building of China-Sudan Agricultural Cooperation Development Zone.

The first phase of the project involves a total planned investment of \$50 million, of which \$46 million has been realized.

In 2017, the China-Sudan Agricultural Cooperation Development Zone was recognized as one of the first batches of 10 overseas agricultural cooperation demonstration zones by China's Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs.

Consisting of a central area in the Rahad irrigation area in El-Fau town, El-Gadarif State, Sudan, and multiple industrial parks, the China-Sudan Agricultural Cooperation Development Zone focuses on the development and building of free trade platforms for various links of the industrial chain from culti-



A Chinese agricultural expert offers technical guidance to a local technician in Senegal, June 24, 2019. (Photo provided by the agricultural expert team sent by China to Senegal as an aid to the country's development)

vation bases for superior varieties and breeds, planting and breeding bases to agricultural products processing, logistics services, and trading.

Through a development model featuring shared benefits and win-win results, the agricultural cooperation development zone has driven the agricultural development of the entire Rahad irrigation area that covers an area of 2.2 million mu (about 146,670 hectares).

The continuously deepened agricultural cooperation between China and Sudan has brought tangible

benefits to local Sudanese people.

At present, the China-Sudan Agricultural Cooperation Development Zone is advancing the construction of its industrial parks with steady steps, according to Sun Lei, deputy general manager of new era agricultural development company, Ltd., adding that it is also conducting negotiations with relevant enterprises in the industrial chain on cooperation.

The construction of these industrial parks has to a large extent, helped solve the problem of employment for local people and

increased their income, Sun disclosed. With the construction of these industrial parks progressing steadily, great changes have taken place in El-Fau town in recent years, Sun said, explaining that the road condition in the town has got better, its markets have become busier, and many local people have replaced their bikes with motorcycles.

In September, 2016, Guangdong Guangken Rubber Group Co., Ltd., based in south China's Guangdong province, took over Thai Hua Rubber Public Company Lim-

ited, which was the third-largest natural rubber producer in the world, becoming one of the largest natural rubber operators in the world that own a complete industrial chain.

The Chinese company has launched 42 natural rubber projects that are independently run, in countries such as Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Cambodia, Laos, and Singapore, building a development framework that features a complete industrial chain including research and development, breeding of saplings, plantation

management, deep processing, storage and logistics, and international trade. The company produces and sells more than 700,000 tons of dry rubber products from its overseas projects in a year.

In recent years, by carrying out mergers and acquisitions and building its factories, Guangdong Guangken Rubber Group Co., Ltd. has opened 26 natural rubber processing factories in Thailand, Malaysia, and Indonesia with a total production capacity of 1.3 million tons. The rubber factories invested by the Chinese company have boosted the benefits of planting rubber trees, created a large number of jobs for local people, and boosted tax revenues for the local governments. The Chinese company also opened schools for children of its local employees and built public facilities, improving the livelihood of the local communities.

In recent years, China's Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs and relevant authorities have jointly issued the Vision and Action on Jointly Promoting Agricultural Cooperation on the Belt and Road, and held the International Food Loss Reduction Conference and the International Forum on Black Soil Conservation and Utilization, sending a signal of strengthening agricultural cooperation and sharing the development outcomes of modern agricultural development to the world.

Sui Pengfei, director-general of the international cooperation department at the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, expressed that in carrying out Belt and Road agricultural construction, China aims to improve top-level design further, facilitate docking of policies and mutual recognition of standards with participating countries, promote agricultural service trade to become a new growth point for international cooperation, build a platform for agricultural cooperation, push forward agricultural cooperation, and share development results.

People's Daily

TPC unveils countless feats achieved since independence

By Guardian Reporter

IT'S hard to imagine a single part of our daily lives that hasn't been changed by the seemingly unrelenting advances in technology.

At the same time, it's vitally important that businesses strive to keep up with the latest and most promising innovations to remain competitive and meet the demands of their customers. The Tanzania Posts Corporation (TPC) is no different.

Technological innovations have had a key role in helping the Postal Service improve the quality of service it provides customers. TPC in collaboration with other postal organizations began to see technology as a great opportunity to completely change its operations in line with its core responsibilities.

TPC acting postmaster general Macrice Mbodo says that in order to be more effective, the corporation has developed an integrated system—the postal management information system (PMIS) in which there are various systems such as human resource management, finance, operations and operations, and International Postal System that have a link with International Financial System.

According to him, TPC continues to undergo digital transformation to reach many people and improve its services for national development.

The official noted that the corporation has also put in place a system of tracking trends of letters, bags, and even national and international packages namely “truck and trace” as well as customer service.

“TPC also developed an online marketing platform to take advantage of the growing e-commerce business in the country. The e-shop provides a room for traders to enter their products, and buyers can order after seeing them online, import through digital channels and do payments online and later products delivered wherever they are through digital Post,” he says.

According to TPC, by July this year 270 large and small businesses had registered at the online postal service to sell various products.

TPC has a Smart Postal service which is a digital platform that aims to transform postal services operations into digital format. Smart Post operates digitally through the use of mobile phones acting as a virtual box or (digital box) that brings simplicity to the marketing technology by making sure every person who owns a mobile phone can have access to postal.

A resident of Tabata in Dar es Salaam, Juma Ali commends TPC for its various digital services, which he says: “Will help to improve people's lives.”

The Acting Postmaster General says these systems have also been developed as an “APP” where a smart customer can download them to his mobile phone and start working without having to travel long distances to follow the postal services at the Post Office.

Mbodo says that as a result the old boxes in the post



Tanzania Posts Corporation acting postmaster general Macrice Mbodo speaks at one of the corporation meetings at a past event.

office buildings have been set up in another form where a person's phone number can be registered and become his or her digital box, such a customer has the advantage of getting text messages on his phone is SMS when he sends an item or product through the Post Office and he can track his product through his phone.

“When the goods arrive at the Post Office, SMS is sent to the mobile phone and he or she chooses the method of delivering the item, either to the Post Office to pick it up himself or to be sent wherever he/she wants,” he says.

The corporation has also developed a one-stop service centre to facilitate the delivery of various services to the public.

“This is one of our strategies to increase efficiency and enhance trouble-free access to government services.

Services available at the centre include those provided by the Registration Insolvency and Trusteeship Agency (RITA), National Identification Authority (NIDA), Business Registrations and Licensing Agency (BRELA), and Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA).

“When a person gets into the Post Office, he/she does not need to start moving here and there looking for other government offices, but is served within one office easily and on time,” he says.

For example, he says: “A person who needs a passport when ar-

iving at the post office will make arrangements for the immigration department and if he/she does not have a National Identity Card he/she will make arrangements to obtain an ID without leaving and if there is a payment he/she will make payment arrangements within the office.”

“If his passport is ready he/she can also be sent to where he/she wants by post.”

TPC in general has greatly simplified postal services in stark contrast to the post-independence period of mainland Tanzania, a service that was time-consuming as workers were taking postal documents on foot.

“But today's digital Post is just a click through closed and uninterrupted enabling systems and it is safe as even digital post offices currently have digital security through CCTV cameras installed in Post Office buildings with a new digital look.

In fact, the Tanzania Postal Corporation has made great strides, especially on the digital side, and I commend them for that innovation,” Mbodo adds.

Before independence, postal services were carried out by the German colonial government, which jointly ruled Tanganyika, Rwanda, and Burundi.

The Postal Headquarters for all these countries was in the Sokoine

Post Office building (Old Post Office) in Dar es Salaam.

The first stamp letter service was introduced in the country in 1893 and the letters were sent using messengers who were walking long distances to the district and provinces' headquarters. The train service between Dar es Salaam, Kigoma, and later to Mwanza and Arusha improved the network of postal services in the country.

In 1951, the colonial government created a body to oversee joint services in Tanganyika, Kenya, and Uganda—the East African Common Services Organization (EACSO).

“In addition, under the union, a law was enacted to establish the East African Post and Telecommunications Agency (EAPTA) which continued to administer these services until the time of the original East African Community in 1967,” he says.

After independence, postal services continued to be regulated under the Act establishing the EAPTA

The Executive Officer continued to be the Postmaster-General, under which were the Regional Directors of Kenya, Uganda, and Tanganyika. At that time, the headquarters was in Nairobi, Kenya where the headquarters of the Tanganyika “region” was in Dar es Salaam.

After the breakdown of the East African Community (EAC), whereby the Tanzanian government has appointed a committee to draft a law to create a Tanzania Postal and Telephone Corporation to replace the East African Postal and Telephone Corporation, which came into force on February 3, 1978.

TPC was established by an Act of Parliament No. 19 of 1993 (Tanzania Posts Corporation Act, 1993) after the amendment of the former Tanzania Postal and Telephone Corporation (TP&TC). Tanzania Postal Corporation officially started on January 1, 1994. The Postal Corporation is 100% owned by the government and is under the Ministry of Information, Communication and Information Technology (ICT).

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 - ii. Core Banking Consultancy Service
 - iii. Consultancy Services for Fit - Out of NBC Victoria Branch at Millennium Towers Building
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Burkina Faso's security sector is tearing at the seams – reform can no longer wait

By Hassane Koné and Fahiraman Rodrigue Koné

AFTER years of delays in reforming Burkina Faso's security sector, the government adopted a national security policy on 6 October this year. As social anger mounts over the inability of the authorities to contain an increasingly deadly jihadist insurgency, the country needs to urgently reform its security apparatus to contain the worrying insecurity.

The overthrow of Blaise Compaoré in 2014 in Burkina Faso, triggered by his attempt to amend the constitution for a third term, and the political transition that followed, led to significant dissension within the Burkinabe security system.

The desire of some members of the Presidential Security Regiment (RSP) to interfere in that transition process led to disagreements with the rest of the army and the transition's political authorities. Security sector reform was meant to respond to citizens' call for a definitive break with the old order and military interference in the country's political governance. This demand was reinforced by the failure of an attempted military coup in September 2015 and a rise in terror attacks from January 2016.

In September 2015, a call for reform of the armed forces led to the dissolution of the RSP, the backbone of Compaoré's protection apparatus. A national intelligence agency and an army reform commission were created in October and December 2015.

Finally, in October 2017, the National Forum on Security conceptualised and advocated for security sector reform. This reform should break with the dominant military-police paradigm and lay the foundation for a holistic approach to public security policy.

Conducted in the spirit of broad consultation, these meetings have defined the main guidelines and organised the implementation process of the reform. The forum recommended the elaboration of a national security policy to which a national security strategy and various sectoral policies in this field should be linked.

However, the commission in charge of drafting the national security policy was only created a year later, in December 2018. It submitted the final version of the document to the president in January 2020 and was adopted in October 2021, four years after the forum.

These delays reveal the contextual challenges facing security sector reform in Burkina Faso. First, mistrust prevailed between the new civilian elites and the military. This dates back to 2014 when the transitional leaders tried to sideline an institution known in the past for its political interference.

It was motivated by the fear of the takeover of key components of the security apparatus by elements of the former regime. The current government has openly adopted the same logic of distancing the defence and security forces from political dynamics.

This approach has not fostered the full cooperation of military elites in the security sector reform



Burkina Faso military personnel gather behind the coffins of military victims of the suspected terror attack during a funeral in the capital Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, 07 March 2018.

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 5 LETTERS: RAIDS, NIGER, NOVEL, SOBER ORIBI (5 WORDS)
 6 LETTERS: ARDENT, REASON, RIDERS, BRAZIL PLEASE (5 WORDS)
 7 LETTERS: MINERAL
 8 LETTERS: CAMBODIA
 10 LETTERS: SWEET BRIAR

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CLUES: Across

1 Deepest lake in Tanzania
 5 dough made from maize flour and used to make tortillas, tamales
 7 a picture in the mind
 8 marks left on the skin
 10 a mischievous child
 11 the ability to appear effortlessly suspended while performing movements during a jump
 13 as soon as possible (abbrev)
 15 gas used to control riots
 17 a week
 19 call given by a court officer to command silence and attention
 20 the choice sth must be done

Down:

1 minutes, hours, days
 2 a headland
 3 sweet potatoes
 4 Rwanda's President
 6 a commonly used British system of bidding designed to enable partners with weaker hands to find suitable contracts
 7 eirenic
 9 a master key
 12 evaluate
 14 Grasshopper in Kiswahili
 16 Turkish footballer
 17 plant seeds
 18 acquire as clear profit

process. Some of them, still in favour of security policy governance under military leadership, aren't open to the idea of civilians controlling the security sector's governance. This partly explains the tug-of-war over the steering of the reform between the defence and security ministries, against a backdrop of rivalries between the army and police.

The deterioration of the security environment since 2015 has also disrupted the process of security sector reform. The authorities' response to escalating jihadist violence focuses on emergency sectoral solutions rather than holistic and coherent actions.

Specialised judicial poles for the repression of terrorism and organised crime offences were established in January 2017. A military programming law to fund the implementation of the reform of the armed forces was passed in December 2017. And a National Centre for Security Studies was created in October 2019 to meet the state's need for knowledge and expertise on issues of national interest.

In January 2020 a law introducing volunteers for homeland defence was passed, a mechanism through which ordinary citizens can participate in the armed response to insecurity under relative state control. However many observers expressed reservations about this system, saying it could exacerbate inter-communal violence and encourage abuses. Efforts to implement Burkina Faso's long-planned community policing system continued, and the country adopted a national strategy to prevent radicalisation and violent extremism in May 2021.

These fragmented actions have allowed for immediate needs to be met, but without a broad and coherent vision, they haven't produced the effective transformation expected of the security sector as a whole.

The 2021 national security policy could breathe new life into the overall reform process. The appointment of a military officer in June to head the defence ministry suggests a softening of relations between the political and military elites. More holistic coordination and implementation of the security policy is needed though, especially with violence intensifying in the country.

The government should adopt the national security strategy as a priority and align sectoral reforms with the spirit of the national security policy. In addition, it should define a national security architecture that will determine the structures, responsibilities, principles and coordination procedures for managing security issues.

Burkina Faso's security sector reform requires both the will of the political authorities and that of the defence and security forces to accept change. **DM**

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DIVERSIFICATION

CRDB forge partnership with world's leading remittances firm, WorldRemit

By Guardian Reporter

CUSTOMERS of CRDB Bank Plc can now send and receive money to 50 countries globally thanks to a partnership which the lender has agreed with WorldRemit.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam yesterday when announcing the partnership with WorldRemit that, CRDB's Director of Retail Banking, Boma Raballa said Tanzanians in the Diaspora can also send money to friends and relatives who are accounts holders of the bank.

"This deal also allows Tanzanians living abroad who want to send money to their friends and relatives digitally through CRDB Bank's accounts," Raballa said adding that local recipients can get cash from 260 branches of the bank in the country.

He said the Dar es Salaam based lender understands the importance of remittances being made Diaspora Tanzanians hence the decision to partner with one of the world's leading digital money transfer firms in WorldRemit.

"We have millions of Tanzanians who are living abroad that will now use CRDB's vast network of 260 branches and over 20,000 agents countrywide," he added saying because WorldRemit is a digital platform money transfer firm, transactions are fast and in real time.

In remarks at the event, WorldRemit Tanzania Director who is also in-charge of East Africa Region, Cynthia Ponera commended the deal with CRDB saying it customers should expect real time cash transfers from anywhere in the world.

"This agreement is also aimed at fostering financial inclusion because with the wide network of CRDB branches and agents, WorldRemit will leverage its global network presence to make transactions easier and affordable," Ponera said while noting that the company has presence in more than 50 countries.

WorldRemit's Europe Middle East and Africa Director, Sharon Kinyanjui said Tanzania is the third most important market in East Africa in terms of



CRDB Bank Plc's director of retail banking, Boma Raballa announcing a partnership with WorldRemit in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Right is WorldRemit Tanzania director, Cynthia Ponera and CRDB's senior manager for alternative channels, Mangire Kibanda.

volumes of transactions made hence the deal with CRDB will grow the business to new heights. "This agreement allows Tanzanians to send and receive

money from anywhere in the world at real time which will not only ease customer transactions but also lower costs basing on economies of scale,"

Kinyanjui said.

According to Bank of Tanzania reports, Tanzanians living in the Diaspora remitted home over US\$189.13 million last year

which was a more than 25 percent increase compared to 2019. Last year's figures were however affected by the novel coronavirus outbreak.

INNOVATION

Kenya Power plans electric car charging stations in malls, highways

NAIROBI

KENYA Power #ticker:KPLC on Friday revealed plans for a larger stake of the electric car market through building countrywide charging points and push for further lowering of import taxes for non-fuel driven cars.

The electricity distributor said it would build a network of public electric vehicle charging points, targeting one of the hurdles for use of electric cars in Kenya. It is also in talks with the State to cut taxes on electric cars and equipment for building charging points to meet the State target of having at least five percent of registered cars being non-petrol.

The utility is looking at the electricity charging points as new revenue streams in its race to diversify from selling power to homes and businesses. "We are also plan-

ning to set up charging facilities across the country, and will make use of our existing workshops to provide after-sale services such as mechanical support," Kenya Power acting CEO Rosemary Oduor told shareholders at the firm's AGM.

"As Kenya's only electricity off-taker, and with our goal being to become the energy solutions provider of choice, the opportunity presented by electric motorisation is substantive enough to be a dial-mover for the business."

The big worry for most people thinking about buying an electric car is how to charge the vehicles. Kenya Power is expected to set the electric car charging points along major highways, parking lots and malls with its workshops being hubs for after-sale services.

It joins Kenya Electricity Generating Company (KenGen)

#ticker:KEGN, which also recently announced it is investing in an electric car charging system. Kenya has joined the global push to promote the use of electric vehicles and reduce reliance on petrol and diesel. Fuel products are the country's biggest import item.

Analysts acknowledge the high price of electric cars would not appeal to most African consumers but said scaling up production and favourable government policy could help bring prices down. "We are working closely with the Government to enact laws that will subsidise the cost of these vehicles and the attendant infrastructure such as storage and charging points," said Ms Oduor.

To help encourage the adoption of electric vehicles, Kenya reduced excise duty on the cars from 20 percent to 10 percent. The Kenya Bureau of Standards (Kebs) has



Kenya Power acting CEO, Rosemary Oduor.

also adopted electric vehicle standards.

By 2025, McKinsey estimates there will be more than 350 new electric vehicle models. This will pose unprecedented competition to established players like Tesla. Virtually every traditional carmaker across the globe is planning to launch electric vehicles. Start-ups, too, are getting in on the action.

In 2019, Reuters estimated that around 250 start-ups involved in the

space had attracted over \$20 billion (about Sh2 trillion) in venture capital. In Kenya, scaling up the project will see both Kenya Power and KenGen generate revenue from vehicle owners who will require to charge their vehicles but this is heavily dependent on the technology picking up locally.

The use of electric vehicles has been gaining momentum in Western countries such as the Netherlands, Norway, Germany and the US as the world turns attention to cutting down on carbon emissions.

However, the high price, insufficient charging infrastructure and energy-storing batteries have been cited as the main challenges for the adoption and growth of the electric vehicle industry in African countries such as Kenya. The average price of an electric car is Sh6 million, which compares to a second-hand SUV imported into Kenya. Imported used cars from Japan or the Middle East have offered an affordable route to vehicle ownership in Kenya and dominated the market for decades.

RESTRICTION

JOHANNESBURG

THE MTN Group says it will implement a mandatory vaccination policy for staff in South Africa and other major operating markets from January 2022. It comes after the National Institute for Communicable Diseases on Sunday reported 11,125 new cases, representing a 23.8% positivity rate, and taking active cases to around 83,500

MTN introduces mandatory Covid-19 vaccine policy

- the bulk of which are in Gauteng.

The telecommunications company, which employs around 6,000 people in South Africa, said that the new vaccine policy forms part of its legal obligations to provide a safe workplace. The policy also recognises the right of employees to apply to be exempted from the policy and/or refuse

vaccination on certain clearly defined grounds, MTN said.

For those staff who are not exempt from vaccinations either through risk assessment or agreed exclusions, but who still refuse vaccination, MTN said it will not be obliged to continue that worker's employment contract.

MTN Group President and Chief

Executive Ralph Mupita, commented: "The science is clear. Vaccination against Covid-19 reduces rates of serious infections, hospitalisation, and death. As an employer, we have a responsibility to ensure that our workplaces are guided by the highest standards of health and safety, and that has informed our decision to make

Covid-19 vaccination mandatory for our staff."

Mupita said the group's new Covid-19 policy recognises that some of its markets don't have adequate access to vaccines. He added that some low-risk roles will be accommodated with full-time work-from-home or alternate arrangements. But this will be a small

population within MTN's workforce, he said.

Both the World Health Organisation and the Africa Centres for Disease Control advocate for vaccines - saying that they are an important measure to protect people. The global rollout of vaccinations since 2020 has clearly contributed to the containment and management of the virus in many countries.



An entrepreneur from Kurasini Noel Kabuje brandishing a plate number of his motorcycle won through Tigo's 'Wagiftishe-gift juu ya gift' campaign held in Dar es Salaam on Monday. Others in the photo are Tigo Tanzania officials. Photo: Guardian Correspondent.

SLOWDOWN

Africa's smartphone market dips amid component shortages

CAIRO

AFRICA'S smartphone market saw shipments decline 2.3% quarter-on-quarter (QoQ) during Q3 2021, according to the latest figures announced by International Data Corporation (IDC).

In a statement released to the media, the IDC said while the region displayed signs of recovery in H1 2021, its newly released Quarterly Mobile Phone Tracker shows that component shortages began to negatively impact African markets in Q3 2021, causing a decline in smartphone shipments.

In contrast, Africa's feature phone market remains buoyant, growing 14.2% QoQ Q3 2021. With smartphone prices remaining relatively high and only expected to increase over the coming following quarters, the affordable prices of feature phones make these devices extremely attractive, the research company affirmed.

Market research showed that Africa's top three smartphone markets recorded mixed performances in Q3 2021. Egypt saw ship-

ments decline 19.5% QoQ, while Nigeria was down 9.4% over the same period. Both of these markets are dominated by Chinese brands that had lower shipments due to component shortages. South Africa, on the other hand, saw shipments increase 28.4% QoQ growth, with Nokia performing well with its competitive C-series models and Samsung having a strong quarter in preparation for the festive season.

Transition brands (Tecno, ITEL, and Infinix) led the African smartphone market in Q3 2021 with a unit share of 47.4%, maintaining stable shipments into the region. Samsung placed second with 21.3% share, while Xiaomi - which experienced a QoQ decline in shipments - placed third with 6.1% share.

The IDC added that the average selling price (ASP) for smartphones in Q3 2021 declined 0.7% QoQ due to new models being launched in the entry-level price bands. The \$0-\$100 price saw shipments increase 5.9% QoQ, while shipments of devices in the \$100-\$200 and \$200-\$400 price bands declined 14.1% and 0.7%, respectively. 4G devices

accounted for 81.0% of smartphones shipped into the region in Q3 2021, followed by 3G devices with 15.9% share and 5G devices with just 3.1% share.

"The 5G market is still below its full potential in Africa due to poor telecommunications infrastructure," said George Mbutia, a research analyst at IDC. "4G will remain dominant as telcos are keen on recouping the huge investments they made in 4G infrastructure that is yet to be fully utilised. The relatively high cost of 5G devices is another inhibitor. In the longer term, however, prices will start declining as more vendors launch affordable 5G models."

Looking ahead, IDC expects smartphone shipments into Africa to grow 7.6% QoQ in Q4 2021. "The market will perform better in the final quarter of the year as channels will look to secure shipment allocations to manage supply shortages and capitalise on the high demand for smartphones driven by December festivities and Black Friday promotions," said Ramazan Yavuz, a senior research manager at IDC.

ACTIVISM

Qatar Charity comes to Dar targeting needy groups in community

By Correspondent Geoffrey Nangai

QATAR has reiterated its commitment to support various humanitarian and development projects in Tanzania. Speaking during the inauguration of the Qatar Charity Office in Dar es Salaam on Monday, Qatar Charity's CEO and Advisor, Jassim Al Jassim said the not-for-profit organization's launch of a new office in the country is aimed to enhance emergency humanitarian interventions.

Al Jassim said the charity has between 2019 and 2021 invested 25 million riyals (over 15.8bn/-) to provide emergency relief and development projects that have benefited 300,000 people in economic empowerment, education, health, water, sanitation and housing.

"We are pleased to announce the opening of our field office in Dar es Salaam and we believe it will help to take our services closer to

the needy. We believe in the fundamental dignity of everyone and work with all people regardless of faith, race, gender or political beliefs," he said.

Al Jassim added that his organization seeks to increase charitable cooperation with international partners and benefit from the support and funding of donors. "We have been in Tanzania for several years and with the support of the good people of Qatar, we have been able to provide emergency relief and development support," he stated.

The Qatar Charity CEO further noted that his organization has already invested 4.5 million riyals (approximately 2.8bn/-) to build 100 housing units, schools, bakery, water wells and tanks that are benefitting some 24,000 people this year.

In a key note address at the launch, Ambassador of Qatar to



Qatar's ambassador to Tanzania, Hussain Ahmad Al-Homaid (C), cuts a ribbon to launch Qatar Charity Office in Dar es Salaam on Monday. Second right is the charity's CEO, Jassim Al Jassim. Photo: Correspondent MirajimSala

Tanzania, Hussein bin Ahmed Al Humaid expressed his gratitude for the strong bilateral relations between the two countries adding that the Gulf island nation will continue supporting Tanzania's development vision. "We have had good bilateral relations with

Tanzania and we shall continue working together in various sustainable development projects," Ambassador Al Humaid pledged.

In a vote of thanks, former Dar es Salaam Special Zone Commander, Suleiman Kova who is also the Founder of

Suleiman Kova Security and Disaster Management Foundation (Sukos-DMF), thanked Qatar Charity for its unwavering support to the needy in Tanzania.

"I take this opportunity to thank the people of Qatar for the humanitarian support they

provide to Tanzanians. I believe this new office will help bring humanitarian services closer to the people," he said.

Qatar Charity is a leading Gulf-origin nongovernmental organization dedicated to carrying out humanitarian and development programs to fight global poverty by working in partnership with vulnerable communities regardless of faith, race, gender or political beliefs.



CBK governor, Dr Patrick Njoroge.

RELIEF

Manufacturing exports rise fastest on sector's recovery

NAIROBI

MANUFACTURING goods recorded the fastest growth among Kenya's major exports in the 10 months to October, signalling the return to health for the sector, which was badly affected by the curfew restrictions and low demand during the peak of the Covid pandemic.

Data from the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) shows that these exports rose by 35 percent in the period to hit Sh46.97 billion, outpacing on relative terms the growth in raw materials and horticulture exports which went up by 24.6 percent and 23.8 percent to Sh41.1 billion and Sh108.8 billion respectively.

The manufacturing sector has recorded an improvement in both sales turnover and demand for credit, indicating that firms are fielding more orders and producing at a higher capacity compared to last year.

Their productivity was hurt last year on reduced demand for goods as consumers exercised caution in

spending due to pandemic-fuelled uncertainty. The bulk of Kenya's manufactured goods exports are made to neighbouring countries with Uganda the biggest destination of Kenya's exports.

"We have seen a strong rebound in some components of exports. With tea, volumes are high and prices have come down, while coffee global prices are high because of weather problems in Brazil," said CBK governor Patrick Njoroge last week. Coffee exports rose by 15.1 percent in the period to hit Sh24.1 billion, while those of tea fell by 6.3 percent to Sh109.4 billion.

The price of tea has shown signs of recovery though after touching a five year high at last week's sale at the Mombasa auction due to improved demand. The rise in exports has, however, not helped narrow the balance of trade with imports rising at a faster pace.

The CBK said the country's import bill rose by 23.6 percent in the 10 months, driven by increases in imports of oil and other intermedi-

ate goods. Consumer and capital goods imports also went up, reflecting the realisation of pent up demand as the economy continues to recover its footing.



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GROWTH

Triton Minerals bolsters production from Mozambique graphite plant

MAPUTO

TRITON Minerals (TON) has bolstered the potential production capacity of its Ancuabe Graphite Project commercial pilot plant amid an ongoing strategic review of the project.

The company today said that following an ongoing investigation into the development and production of the pilot plant at the Mozambique project, it now envisaged a 250,000-tonne-per-annum (tpa) plant capable of producing between 15,000 and 17,000 tpa of graphite concentrate. This represents an increase of between 50 per cent and 70 per cent in potential production for the pilot plant compared to the initial 10,000-tpa figure announced in late November.

What's more, this increase in potential production comes at no extra cost for the company, with estimated development costs of between US\$32 million and US\$52 million (A\$45 million and A\$74 million) unchanged from the November report.

Triton said it was in discussions with potential offtake partners about the potential increase in production. The company has already signed an offtake contract for the initial 10,000 tpa of graphite concentrate with Chinese graphite giant Yichang Xincheng Graphite Co (YXGC). Triton Executive Director Andrew Frazer said the company was pleased to once again report "rapid and positive" results for its proposed pilot plant.

"These results from the refined desktop study on the proposed commercial pilot plant are overwhelmingly positive – a material increase in expected production of



Triton Executive Director, Andrew Frazer.

50 to 70 per cent, to 15,000 to 17,000 tpa of graphite concentrate for no additional capital expenditure than previously envisaged," Mr Frazer said.

"We are already speaking to potential offtake partners for this additional potential production, in addition to the significant 10,000 tpa binding offtake agreement executed with YXGC." He added that the company was aiming to complete its strategic review and desktop study of the

Mozambique project in early 2022. If all goes according to plan, this should "positively impact" discussions with potential debt providers for the financing of the pilot plant.

From here, Triton will finalise a definitive feasibility study (DFS) for the plant, with a final investment decision slated for the second quarter of 2022.

The pilot plant at the Ancuabe project is designed to produce commercially viable

quantities of graphite concentrate as a precursor to a large-scale 60,000-tpa project to be developed in the longer term. Shares in Triton Minerals were down 5 per cent to 3.8 cents each at 11:01 am AEDT. The company has a \$51 million market cap.

SYNERGY

Gricd partners with NPHCDA to deliver 4.2 million doses of Moderna vaccines

ABUJA

COLD chain technology company, Gricd, has collaborated with Nigeria's National Primary Health Care Development Agency (NPHCDA) to deliver 4.2 million doses of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine to all 36 states of the country and the Federal Capital Territory.

Gricd uses the Internet of Things to enable last-mile delivery of temperature-sensitive products.

This batch of the Moderna vaccines was donated by USAID to the Nigerian government through the COVAX initiative and required storage conditions between -15 degrees and -25 degrees Celsius. Using Gricd's MOTE, a data logger that transmits information about location, humidity, and temperature in real-time, the NPHCDA was able to track the vaccines' storage conditions and other relevant information from National Strategic Cold Store in Abuja to their final destinations to prevent wastage and ensure their potency.

The MOTE comes with a built-in GSM antenna to track its location and can last up to 30 days on a single charge.

It can be monitored and controlled from anywhere in the world with a mobile phone. Alerts can also be sent via SMS, email, or push notification to relevant parties to inform them and advise on the best next step if the tracked

product deviates from their intended route or exceeds the pre-set temperature range.

NPHCDA also had access to Gricd's enterprise monitoring dashboard which enabled it to track all the devices in one place, ensuring the vaccines arrived where they were intended and as they were intended. All vaccines were safely delivered and no cases of ineffectiveness have been recorded.

Commenting on the partnership, Oghenetega Iortim, CEO and co-founder of Gricd, said, "With 36 states and a landmass of more than 900,000 square kilometers to cover, the NPHCDA had its work cut out to ensure that the vaccines got to each state in the best condition.

There is still a lot of work to be done to protect Nigeria from COVID-19 but we are glad to have been able to support the government's efforts to ensure that more Nigerians have access to critical vaccines.

Many African countries have peculiar challenges that often limit access to vaccines and other life-saving medications, and we need to continue to innovate around these challenges to secure lives and livelihoods."

The lack of reliable cold storage and inefficient cold chain management results in high waste rates and poor vaccination coverage.

WORLD

WHO: Malaria deaths rise by 69,000 in 2020 over COVID-19

DAKAR

HEALTHCARE disruptions linked to the coronavirus pandemic helped malaria kill 69,000 more people in 2020 than the previous year, but a worst-case scenario was averted, the World Health Organization said on Monday.

In total over 627,000 people globally - most of them babies in the poorest parts of Africa - were killed by malaria last year compared with 558,000 in 2019, the WHO said in its annual malaria report.

The number eclipses the 224,000 people reported to have died from the coronavirus in Africa since the start of the pandemic.

About two thirds of the additional malaria deaths in 2020 were due to coronavirus restrictions disrupting prevention, diagnosis and treatment of malaria, the WHO said.

But efforts to maintain health services despite the challenges meant Sub-Saharan Africa did not see the doubling of malaria deaths in 2020 that the WHO had warned was a possibility.

Instead, the number of deaths in the region rose 12 percent compared with 2019, according to WHO data.

"Thanks to urgent and strenuous efforts we can claim that the world has succeeded in averting the worst-case scenario of malaria deaths," said Pedro Alonso, director



A child gets a malaria vaccination at Yala Sub-County hospital, in Yala, Kenya on Oct 7, 2021. AFP

of the WHO's global malaria program.

Experts hope the fight against malaria might gain considerable ground following the WHO's recommendation in October that RTS,S - or Mosquirix - a vaccine developed by British drug-maker GlaxoSmithKline should be widely given to children in Africa.

"With increased funding, access to life-saving tools, and robust innovation in new tools

to stay ahead of the evolving mosquito and parasite, we can accelerate transformative action and end malaria within a generation," said Abdourahmane Diallo, chief executive of the RBM Partnership to End Malaria advocacy group.

"We are now at a critical juncture, and I urge global leaders for renewed commitment and investment," he said in a statement.

Agencies

Think tank's report questions essence of US-style democracy

DEMOCRACY is the right of the people of all countries, not the patent of several countries, said a newly released report that targets the declaration of some countries claiming their own monopoly on the definition or model of "democracy".

In recent years, the United States, the world's only superpower and an early implementer of modern democracy, has witnessed a gradual metamorphosis of its democracy, according to a research report issued on Monday by the Chongyang Institute for Financial Studies of Renmin University of China, a Chinese think tank.

The 23,000-word report, available in five languages Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish is published at a time when US President Joe Biden is scheduled to host a "Summit for Democracy" on Thursday and Friday.

"Domestically, it has become a tool for a few people to seek personal gains, violating human rights, and tearing society apart. Internationally, it has become a front and excuse for the United States to maintain hegemony, interfere in the internal affairs of other coun-



File photo shows the White House and a stop sign in Washington DC, the United States. Xinhua

tries, and undermine the international order," the report said.

Based on US literature and articles, the document raised 10 questions related to the country's democracy, including whether democracy in the US is for the majority or the minority, whether it ensures checks and balanc-

es of power or leads to abuse of power, and whether it improves people's well-being or increases their suffering.

The report also pointed out that US-style democracy has brought "disaster and turmoil to other countries" and has undermined international order.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhao

Lijian reiterated on Monday that democracy is the common value of all mankind and the right of all peoples.

At a regular news briefing in Beijing, Zhao said the political system of each country should be decided by its people, and the US has no right to monopolize democratic standards to impose its own political system on others and to instigate division and confrontation under the guise of "democracy".

The think tank said it hopes the report will help the world "fully understand democracy and promote shared values for all humankind".

John Ross, former director of economic and business policy for the mayor of London, said China's framework and delivery on human rights and democracy is "far superior to the West's", as China focuses on real improvement of the real conditions of humanity.

"What is important for real human beings, and what best demonstrates whether 'rule by the people' exists, is the outcome in the conditions of life for real human beings," he said. "That is what has been demonstrated by China's history and real social and political development." Xinhua

South African official eyes on Chinese market for brandy export

CAPE TOWN

THE top agricultural official of South Africa's Western Cape Province, the main producing area of South African brandy, said the province is looking forward to new markets in China for its "world-class" brandy.

China has a large population, and many Chinese people like strong alcohol, including brandy, Provincial Minister of Agriculture Ivan Meyer, who is also

Leader of Government Business in the Western Cape, told Xinhua on the sidelines of the awarding ceremony of a brandy competition in Cape Town, the legislative capital of South Africa.

He said the Western Cape has established a relationship with the Chinese counterpart at the provincial level as well as the export relationship with China that has a long history.

"We are ready to enter into the market of China," said the

official.

Meyer also said the province, which accounts for 53 percent of South Africa's agriculture exports, has already exported table grapes, citrus fruits and other agricultural products to China, and China has a "very critical" role in the agricultural aspect in Western Cape's economic recovery following the impact of COVID-19.

The competition, namely Brandy Innovation Challenge, called on brandy blending enthusiasts to create their own innovative brand and business plan in supporting economic recovery. The top three entrants received prize money at the ceremony and will be mentored by brandy industry stalwarts to launch their own brandy business.

The ceremony is held by the South African Brandy Foundation in partnership with Western Cape Premier Alan Winde and took place at his official resi-



A bartender serves drink during the awarding ceremony of a brandy competition, namely Brandy Innovation Challenge, in Cape Town, South Africa, on Monday. The top agricultural official of South Africa's Western Cape Province, the main producing area of South African brandy, said the province is looking forward to new markets in China for its "world-class" brandy. Xinhua

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South African brandy is acknowledged to be one of the

world's finest. It won 15 times the title of Worldwide Best Brandy at the International Wine and

Spirits Competition in the past 20 years, according to the foundation. Xinhua

WELLINGTON

IN the world's oldest nation Japan, less than one person a day is dying from COVID-19.

The six confirmed deaths in Japan over the past week is the lowest it's been in the country since July 2020, before the second wave of pandemic fatalities.

That slump parallels the collapse in reported cases, which are down from more than 25,000 a day in August to fewer than 200 a day every day for the past three weeks.

It's unclear exactly why the wave of cases and deaths Japan faced in late summer and early

Less than 1 COVID death a day in Japan as new cases plummet

fall has receded so dramatically. A comprehensive vaccination campaign is at least partly responsible for the drop, with more than 77 percent of the nation's 126 million residents fully inoculated as of Monday.

The vaccination rate among the vulnerable elderly is even higher, with 92 percent of those 65 years and older having received two shots.

Australia

Australia's New South Wales state said genome sequencing

has confirmed an additional six Omicron cases contracted from an outbreak in Sydney's western suburbs, bringing the number of locally acquired infections to 20. Including international arrivals, the state has found 31 cases of the variant, none of whom have been admitted to hospital, health officials said in a statement Tuesday.

The source of the Western Sydney outbreak is believed to be a returning traveler who spent time in Nigeria and arrived on a flight from Doha on

Nov 23, the statement said.

Brunei

Brunei began the administration of second dose of COVID-19 vaccine for adolescents aged 12 to 17 on Monday.

According to Minister of Health Haji Mohd Isham, the youngsters should have no quarantine orders or self-isolation notices. If they recently recovered from COVID-19, they should wait no less than four weeks after recovery.

Brunei has said COVID-19

vaccines from Pfizer BioNTech, Moderna, AstraZeneca, China's Sinopharm, and Johnson and Johnson would be administered in the country.

The country reported 16 new confirmed cases of COVID-19 on Monday, bringing the total tally to 15,202 with 100 deaths.

India

India reported 6,822 new infections Tuesday, the lowest daily tally in more than 18 months, as the outbreak eases across the South Asian nation. Total infec-

NGO: At least 48 people killed in tribal conflict in Sudan

KHARTOUM

AT least 48 people were killed in a tribal conflict in Sudan's West Darfur state, the Central Committee of Sudanese Doctors, a non-governmental organization, said in a statement on Monday.

"Initial reports indicated that there have been 48 deaths from live ammunition and a large number of injuries, some critical, as a result of the bloody conflict in Kirainik area in West Darfur state," read the statement.

In a separate report, the General Coordination for Refugees and Displaced People in Darfur, also a non-governmental organization, confirmed dozens of people were killed or wounded as a result of an attack by armed men on Kirainik area in West Darfur state.

"Violence erupted in the area after armed militias killed and wounded a number of internally displaced people, and burned the IDP camp and the market of Kirainik area in West Darfur state," it noted.

Sudanese authorities have not released details on the number of people who were killed or injured in those events.

Meanwhile, Governor of Darfur Region Arko Minni Minnawi said work was underway to put in place decisive measures to prevent tribal mobilization and division, which would result in the burning of villages and escalation of conflict.

Sudan's Transitional Sovereign Council, in the meantime, held a regular meeting at the Republican Palace in Khartoum on Monday and reviewed the unfortunate events in Darfur and Kordofan states which resulted in victims and destruction of properties.

"The council expressed regret over the occurrence of such events which led to bloodshed and loss of property," Salma Abdul-Jabbar Al-Mubarak, the council's spokesperson, said in a statement.

The council further stressed the need to confront the groups which seek to create a state of instability and spark panic among the citizens, according to the spokesperson.

The council instructed for ensuring more control over the situation in those areas in order to impose the rule of law, limit the flow of arms from crisis-hit neighboring countries, and stop illegal trade.

Sudan's Darfur region has been witnessing a civil war since 2003 during the rule of former President Omar al-Bashir, who was ousted from power in April 2019.

The transitional government in Sudan sought to end the armed conflict in the Darfur region through an agreement reached on Oct. 3, 2020, but some armed groups have not yet signed the agreement.

For years, efforts failed to end the tribal conflicts, which have become a nagging concern for the local population and the authorities of the troubled region.

Many factors have contributed to the growing violence in Darfur including security disturbances and the tribes' access to weapons, while many parts of the region have no effective governance.

Russia, ASEAN want to adopt updated plan on combating terrorism in 2022, envoy says

BANGKOK

RUSSIA and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) intend to adopt an updated strategy on fighting terrorism next year, Russian Permanent Representative to ASEAN Alexander Ivanov told reporters.

"We are working together with the association to update a work plan to counter transnational crime and combat terrorism," he said, adding: "We hope to adopt it next year." Ivanov also pointed to the launch of consultations on security issues involving high-level experts from ASEAN nations and Russia. The first round of consultations took place this year, he specified.

"The Russian Interior Ministry and the Federal Security Service arrange training courses for ASEAN specialists every fall," the envoy noted.

"This year, they particularly concerned the joint fight against drug trafficking, on which the leaders of Russia and ASEAN adopted a statement on October 28," Ivanov said.

"Cooperation got underway following the launch of Russia's initiative on consultations and dialogue between experts from Russia and ASEAN countries on the safe use of information and communication technologies," he pointed out. "We have already held the first round of this dialogue," Ivanov added.

"Our cooperation has been progressing at quite a rapid pace and for a reason, because ASEAN nations view Russia as a constructive partner who has no dual agenda or double standards, unlike what they see in their relations with Western countries," the envoy stressed.

"Cooperation with the ten-member states is underway in many fields, from politics, security, economy, trade, and agriculture to humanitarian contacts," he said.

Agencies

nounced new travel rules for arrivals in Lebanon to curb the spread of COVID-19, the National News Agency reported.

The directorate said that from Dec 15, passengers coming to Lebanon must register on a platform of the Ministry of Public Health, take a PCR test at a certified lab in the country of departure and upload the test result on the platform.

It added that all passengers arriving in Lebanon except for children and the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon members must take a PCR test upon arrival in Beirut Rafic Hariri International Airport.

Lebanon

Lebanon's General Directorate of Aviation on Monday an-

African countries should emulate Rwanda's recent development success by crafting country-specific governance system

ADDIS ABABA

RWANDA'S recent development success showcases the need for African countries to craft country-specific models of governance structure, an Ethiopian scholar has said.

Costantinos Bt. Costantinos, a professor of public policy at the Addis Ababa University in Ethiopia, told Xinhua in a recent interview that African countries should analyze their overall situation before rolling out an administrative and governance model that can best suit their comprehensive trajectory.

"In Africa, we have to have our own (governance) models and this needs a situation analysis, addressing issues such as where is any given country in Africa? What is its trajectory for development? What is its colonial and post-colonial history? What do the people really want?"

Costantinos said. The scholar, who served as an economic advisor to the African Union Commission and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, singled out Rwanda as a positive example in crafting a country-specific system that drives the country's socioeconomic development.

"Rwanda has been one of the most tormented countries in history. Several genocides in history, in which the 1994 genocide completely changed Rwanda," Costan-



In May 2018, Rwanda signed a £30m shirt sponsorship deal with Arsenal F.C to promote Rwandan tourism.

tininos said. According to the scholar, the ruling Rwandan Patriotic Front (RPF) party, under the leadership of the country's President Paul Kagame, was able to heal the country after it carefully analyzed the country's overall situation after the 1994 Rwandan genocide against Tutsi.

"The RPF, under President Kagame, was there to heal Rwanda from the genocide; and there after the main purpose of the government was to be able to reestablish the country as a peaceful country and as an economically developing

country," said Costantinos.

He argued that Rwandan authorities, by eliminating ethnicity and galvanizing the people to work in tandem with the government toward creating a united country, were able to bring the previously highly-divided nation into a development path with a unity of purpose among its populace.

The progressive nature of Rwanda's leaders in terms of economic development has been effective in terms of transforming Rwanda into becoming the center of Africa's recent development trajectory, the scholar emphasized. What Rwanda has done "is to focus on development entirely and also to look into a very strong Rwanda that can protect itself from a myriad of conflicts that we have around the region," Costantinos said.

According to the scholar, for African countries to replicate the recent success of Rwanda, they need to set their core national priorities going forward in the form of ensuring health security, education and protection of citizens, among others. He suggested that African coun-

Kremlin slams potential US sanctions against Putin's inner circle as media hysteria

MOSCOW

tries should emulate Rwanda's success in terms of creating an intelligent state, which is able to effectively engage its society as the mainstay for development.

Rwanda "has created an intelligent state, in a sense a state that responds to people's needs; a state that responds to investors' needs; a state that looks into the 21st century in terms of ICT, general telecommunications development, artificial intelligence to some degree and the training of young people," he argued.

The scholar, however, stressed that African countries should stabilize their socioeconomic and political systems as well as build strong institutions before rushing into fulfilling calls in urgently practicing democracy.

"The West demands that we have elections as soon as any change comes. So, we are really parachuting democracy into the population," he said. Costantinos believed that Rwanda's success in this regard was effectively going through a political and cultural process of development with strong trust between the people and its leaders, ultimately facilitating gradual transformation of the country toward inclusive development.

"Creating this kind of society, an economic society, would result in the development of more plural democracy," he said.

Xinhua

THE Kremlin considers reports about potential sanctions against Russian President Vladimir Putin's inner circle and other restrictions over the situation in Ukraine to be a media hysteria, Kremlin Spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Monday.

"This is not news, but rather a continuation of the media hysteria that we have witnessed recently," the spokesman said, answering a question about whether the publication may negatively affect the upcoming December 7 talks between the presidents of Russia and the US.

Earlier on Monday, CNN reported that the potential new US sanctions may affect the Russian president's close associates and also include the disconnection of Russia from the SWIFT system (the international payment and data transfer system).

The Putin-Biden online summit is planned for December 7. The Russian leader will contact his US counterpart from Sochi. Previously, Peskov told journalists that the two leaders will discuss tensions around Ukraine, NATO's advance towards the Russian border and Putin's initiative on the guarantees of security.

Recently, claims of a potential Russian "invasion" of Ukraine have become increasingly frequent in the West and in Ukraine. Russia calls such claims empty and groundless. **Agencies**

School-enterprise cooperation enriches curriculum, boosts employment

By Shao Yuqi

THE war epic film "The Battle at Lake Changjin," which maintains a top spot in the Chinese mainland box office in 2021, has impressed moviegoers with its amazing special effects.

Zhangjiakou Saishang Culture Media Co. Ltd. based in Zhangjiakou, north China's Hebei province, produced quite a lot of the special effects. "We completed 800 post-production special effects in the movie," said Wang Xiqing, head of the company.

Wang was among the first batch of students graduating from the Zhangjiakou Vocational and Technical Education Center with a degree in animation (post-production).

The 50 team members who took part in post-production of "The Battle at Lake Changjin" are all graduates from the school, having a shared identity as "animation experts in Zhangjiakou."

Since the Zhangjiakou Vocational and Technical Education Center launched the major of animation in 2001, it has cultivated over 3,000 high-quality talents specializing in cartoon, games, design and post-production of movies for more than 100 domestic enterprises, building a distinctive labor service brand in the locality.

The secret for the success of the labor service brand lies in the strategy which focuses on cooperation between school and enterprises and integration between industry and education, according to Wang Zhidong, vice principal of the Zhangjiakou Vocational and Technical Education Center.

"The courses are solidly designed and the teaching content perfectly meets the requirements of the industry that I want to be in after I graduate," said 21-year-old Jia Yuting, a student of game arts. After two years of learning of the professional



Students majoring in animation listen to their teacher during a class at the Zhangjiakou Vocational and Technical Education Center. File photo

knowledge, Jia has become well-versed in games design.

Nowadays, animation has become a popular major among the students because what the school teaches is job-oriented. However, at the beginning, animation was not as popular as it is now due to difficulties such as a lack of teachers and an incomplete curriculum system.

"We take the demands of the enterprises as educational standards," said Wang Zhidong, who added that by carrying out investigations and surveys multiple times, they found that the key to break the bottleneck was to conduct in-depth exchanges with enterprises, knowing about their needs, and establishing a cooperation mechanism with them.

Before the first animation class opened in 2001, the school sent some backbone teachers to Beijing to take part in a training program that lasted nearly three months. It also cooperated with enterprises by inviting best technicians from the latter to give lectures to the students and work with the school's teachers on curriculum development.

The cooperation yielded results quickly. To better meet the demand of the market, the school expanded the animation major from covering only the subject of animation to covering six subjects including game design and production, and post-production of movies, establishing a complete set of curriculum system for each subject.

"The animation market is constantly changing, and the enterprises are also upgrading technologies they adopt," said Wang Zhidong, explaining the reason why the school chose to cooperate with enterprises in talent cultivation. "In the first two academic years, the students will be taught drawing and sketching, as well as other basic courses, by their teachers, and in the third academic year they will study core courses while taking part in projects launched by the enterprises.

The school will also invite the enterprises to take part in its teaching program, with the latter sending some of their best technicians to come to the school and help the

students access knowledge from the latest trends of the industry," Wang Zhidong introduced.

To improve the efficiency of the market-oriented education program, the school built full-size workshops of the enterprises on campus and the two sides jointly established a practice base for the program of the integration of industry and education that covers 860 square meters.

"At the base, the students can know what the experience will be like to work as an employee and take part in projects operated by the enterprises," said Wang Zhidong.

So far, the students and their teachers have taken part in and completed more than 300 projects operated by the enterprises. Moreover, they've also contributed their efforts in the post-production of 140 animated cartoons, including the well-known Chinese cartoons "The Monkey King" and "Pleasant Goat and Big Big Wolf," and more than 60 hit movies including "Transformers 3" and "Wolf Warrior II."

"We kept the passageway through which the students moving from finding internship positions to getting employed unimpeded, enabling them to get a full-time job offer from their internship," said Wang Zhidong.

Wang also disclosed that each subject under the animation major has a designated teacher in charge of dealing with matters associated with internship, who will first learn about the needs of the enterprises and the market and then work out a list of companies that can provide suitable job openings. Under the concerted efforts of the school, the enterprises, and all other relevant parties, the school has established close partnerships with more than 40 top-notch companies in Beijing, Shanghai and other places in the country, providing a wider range of choices for the students to find the most suitable jobs.

People's Daily

Japan stands for dialogue with Russia on joint activities on Kuril Islands, says top diplomat



Japanese Foreign Minister Yoshimasa Hayashi

TOKYO

TOKYO expects to continue a constructive dialogue with Moscow on joint economic activities on the southern Kuril Islands, Japanese Foreign Minister Yoshimasa Hayashi said at a press conference yesterday.

"We expect to continue constructive consultations with Russia on the matter," he pointed out. At the same time, Hayashi stressed that Russia's plans to establish a custom-free zone on the islands and "active calls on Japanese companies and companies from third countries to take part in the economic development" of those territories ran counter to the Japanese government's position on "the four northern islands" (which is what the southern Kuril islands are called in Japan).

"In particular, [they run counter] to the agreements that the two countries' leaders reached on the joint economic activities on the four northern islands," the Japanese top diplomat said, adding that Tokyo had repeatedly conveyed its position to Moscow.

Earlier, Russian President Vladimir Putin handed down instructions to prepare amendments on a package of benefits and incentives

for businesses active on the Kuril Islands, including exemption from profit, property, land, and transport taxes. The amendments are planned to be adopted by August 1, 2022.

For decades, Moscow and Tokyo have been holding consultations in order to clinch a peace treaty as a follow-up to World War II. The southern Kuril Islands issue remains the key sticking point. In 1945, the whole archipelago was handed over to the Soviet Union. Tokyo laid claims to Iturup, Kunashir, Shikotan and a group of uninhabited islands. The Russian Foreign Ministry has repeatedly stated that Moscow's sovereignty over the islands is enshrined in international law and cannot be called into question.

After Putin's visit to Japan in December 2016 and his meetings with then Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, a joint statement was adopted saying that the launch of consultations on joint economic activities on the southern Kuril Islands might be an important step towards concluding a peace treaty. The two countries continue consultations on joint economic activities on five tracks, including aquaculture, greenhouse farming, tourism, wind energy and waste management. **Agencies**

Israel delays major settlement plan for East Jerusalem

JERUSALEM

AN Israeli state planning committee on Monday delayed granting further approval of a major settlement project in East Jerusalem that has drawn US and Palestinian concern.

The proposal that envisages building up to 9,000 homes for Jewish settlers, a move that would cement more occupied West Bank lands within Israel's municipal boundaries for Jerusalem, received preliminary approval last month. A Jerusalem district planning

and building committee has now decided against moving forward, citing the need for an environmental study, according to a statement from Israel's Planning Administration. No timeline for further discussion was given.

Critics contend that the proposed construction between East Jerusalem and the Palestinian city of Ramallah in the West Bank would further dim any Palestinian hopes for a future state.

"We hope the government takes advantage of the time to reexam-



ine the damage the plan has on the chance for peace, the development of Jerusalem, and Israel's relations with the United States," said Israel's Peace Now organization, which monitors and opposes Jewish settlement on occupied land.

The site once housed an airport and is known to Israelis as Atarot. The Palestinian Foreign Ministry condemned the settlement plan as a bid to finalize "the separation of Jerusalem from our outlying Palestinian area". The Jerusalem municipal com-

mittee approved the project on Nov 24, drawing Israeli media speculation that Prime Minister Naftali Bennett (pictured) could move slowly towards final approval to avoid friction with Washington over settlement issues.

Israel captured the West Bank and East Jerusalem in the 1967 Middle East war. Palestinians seek a state in the West Bank and Gaza, with East Jerusalem as its capital.

Most world powers deem Israeli settlements in occupied territory as illegal. Israel, citing historical, bibli-

cal and political links to the West Bank and East Jerusalem, disputes this. On Sunday, the Atarot project was discussed in a call between Bennett and US Secretary of State Antony Blinken, an Israeli statement said, without giving details.

A State Department spokesperson said Blinken urged Israel and the Palestinians to refrain from any unilateral steps and noted that "advancing settlement activity" could undercut any efforts to negotiate a two-state solution to their conflict. **Agencies**

SPORT



Tanzania's national amputee football team 'Tembo Warriors' player, Frank Nkailo (L), dribbles past the Sierra Leone team's player when they faced off in the quarterfinals of this year's Cup of African Nations for Amputee Football (CANAF) in Dar es Salaam last month. Tanzania won 1-0. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

Amputee football players set sight early preps for 2022 Amputee Football World Cup

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA's national amputee football team 'Tembo Warriors' says it plans to start preparations for next year's Amputee Football World Cup which will be hosted by Turkey.

'Tembo Warriors' finished fourth in the just ended Cup of African Nations for Amputee Football (CANAF) which took place in Dar es Salaam.

Peter Sarungi, Tanzania Amputee Football Federation (TAFF) Chairman, said they need to start the preparations in January for the World Cup which will take place in October.

"We finished fourth in the CANAF which we hosted, this is the second time that we are finishing fourth, this is bad for us we need to start preparations early," he said.

He also said TAFF Technical Committee will meet this month to meet 'Tembo Warriors' head coach, Salvatory Edward, and his staff to plan the way forward.

The TAFF leader pointed out the federation expects the coach to present a postmortem of the team performance at the CANAF.

"The coach has not submitted to us the postmortem of the team performance at the championship, but we will meet him soon to discuss the way forward," he said.

The last weekend's CANAF clash, which was played to decide third and fourth-placed teams, witnessed Angolans dominated it. 'Tembo Warriors' found the going tough.

Ghana won this year's edition of Cup of African Nations for Amputee Football after beating Liberia 3-2 in the final held at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium.

Simba SC to opt for new signings during mini registration window

By Correspondent Faustine Feliciane

Simba SC leadership has said it will continue to strengthen the team by registering players in the mini registration window that will open on December 15.

The Msimbazi Street outfit has progressed to the Group Stage of this season's CAF Confederation Cup, knocking Zamia's Red Arrows FC out of additional second preliminary round with 4-2 aggregate win.

Simba SC's Chief Executive Officer, Barbara Gonzalez, pointed out they are waiting for a report from head coach, Pablo Martin Franco, to see what they should do to strengthen the club.

Barbara said they aim to defend the NBC Premier League title as well as do well in CAF Confederation Cup this season so they must have a competitive squad.

"The domestic league has been tough and competitive, but internationally there is a lot of competition, we want to see Simba excel, we have to admit there are some shortcomings in the team."

"We are waiting for our coach's report. Martin will present it this week so we can see what we should do to strengthen our team, we must make

tough decisions," Barbara noted.

The official said coach Martin has promised to submit his report this week including suggestions on what can be done to strengthen the team's squad.

The leader revealed after witnessing the team qualify for the Group Stage of the CAF Confederation Cup, they are now focusing on their next Premier League game against Yanga.

Simba SC will host Yanga in the match which will be played on Saturday at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam.

The game is expected to be a highly contested affair considering the teams are only two points adrift of each other in the league standings.

The clash winners will be guaranteed to take the first place.

The NBC Premier League defending champions' progression to CAF Confederation Cup Group Stage had the squad cruising to 4-2 aggregate win over Zambia's Red Arrows FC.

The first game played at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium ended with Simba SC walloping Red Arrows FC 3-0.

Simba thereafter conceded a 2-1 defeat in Sunday's rematch in Lusaka.



Simba SC's Chief Executive Officer, Barbara Gonzalez

SPORTS

Hard work pays off for Simba SC midfielder

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

SPANIARD tactician, Pablo Franco Martin, now coaching Simba SC, fielded Tanzanian midfielder, Hassan Dilunga, on right wing when the outfit locked horns with Zambian side, Red Arrows FC, in this season's CAF Confederation Cup Additional Second Preliminary Round's first leg match which took place in Dar es Salaam November 28.

At the moment it is not surprising to see Dilunga's name in Simba SC's first team.

The situation was different six months ago, if he could be on the field, several Simba SC followers would oppose the coach's decision believing the midfielder did not deserve to be part of the starting line-up.

Tanzania soccer fans allegedly understand the game way better than coaches and professionals who have paid college fees to study football. This is outrageous!

Martin joins a series of Simba SC coaches who improved Dilunga's confidence, this trend begun with coach Didier Gomes at the start of the season, then came Thierry Hitimana.

They have all seen Dilunga deserves to be part of their first team, this could be the answer for those who question the legitimacy of the midfielder's first team position.

This has not happened by chance, all three coaches have given him a chance, there must be something different they either see or get from Dilunga, that is why they give him a chance.

If only one coach would trust the footballer, it would have been a questionable move, but three coaches did the same.

Often players like Dilunga are the most tactical players, they are the kind of players that fans are not attracted to because they do not see them either score or dribble.

It takes more technical eyes to understand them.

Simba SC midfielder Mzamiru Yassin is another person of this kind, in Yanga there is midfielder Deus Kaseke.

Players of this type are loved by coaches because of their performance on the field, they are players that perform effi-

ciently once they get opportunity.

You may not get many things from him but you can get one thing for sure.

Midfielder Bernad Morrison can give you exciting dribbles, pin point passes and stylish goals but he cannot give you a point of grip. He will need a hard working Mzamiru to find him a ball.

But someone else might ask you why Dilunga hardly got a first-team place last season?

Does it mean Dilunga has suddenly changed from an unknown performer to a tactical player?

The simple answer is that last season he faced stiff opposition from Mozamican, Luis Miquisone, who is currently struggling in Egypt.

But despite the fierce competition for position within Simba, Dilunga managed to force his way into the squad.

Last season if Dilunga's name would be the first to hit your head it was only a day the side was going to play a tough match outside Dar es Salaam.

While we are there, you can imagine something very painful that Simba officials and fans will not want to hear.

Maybe they did not do their signings very well to find Miquisone's replacement, which is why a player who was not considered for the chance to play today has managed to make the first team and become one of the most dependable players.

During the transfer market, Simba SC registered



Simba SC midfielder, Hassan Dilunga (L), speeds past Red Arrows FC midfielder, Alassane Diarra, when the clubs faced off in 2021/22 CAF Confederation Cup pre-group stage playoffs' first leg in Dar es Salaam on November 28. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBA SC

more wingers, signing Peter Banda, Yusuph Mhili, Duncan Nyoni, Kibu Dennis and Pape Ousmane Sakho. All of them have not made it to the first team.

It is a joy to see Tanzania's footballers get a chance, restricting foreign professionals who have been followed and brought to the country for a lot of money, to the end.

Simba SC has not become a safe haven for Tanzania's footballers in recent years, the midfield and forward line are dominated by foreign professionals.

So far forward John Bocco and midfielder Jonas Mkude managed to regularly make their way through the squad, so when we find someone else to represent us, we should be happy.

Simba SC lovers are the only people who find it difficult to understand their emotional state.

When Miquisone left Simba SC the outfit was set to find a player with the same ability as the Mozamican.

They did not expect Dilunga to be Miquisone replacement despite his hard work and dedication.

Dilunga has been deemed to have not reached Simba SC expectations.

If a football fan hardly agrees with this, the enthusiast has to check Dilunga's statistics.

So far Dilunga has not either scored or assisted any goal, I do not think Simba SC fans are happy with this.

Now come the questions I asked earlier, are Tanzania's football lovers happy to see Dilunga in Simba SC first team?

Do Simba SC fans showcase dismay watching a player of Dilunga's caliber make it to the first team?



Hip Hop artist, Boniventure Kabongo 'Stamina'.

Harmonize, Stamina to grace university students' festival

By Correspondent Faustine Feliciane

PROMINENT Bongo Flava artists, Rajab Abdul 'Harmonize', and Boniventure Kabongo 'Stamina', are among domestic musicians who will be entertaining revelers at the university students' festival, known as 'Freshers Bash', to be held at the Posta grounds in Dar es Salaam on Friday.

The festival is organized by the Tanzania Higher Learning Institutions Students' Organization (TAHLISO) aiming at bringing university students together.

Speaking to reporters yesterday, TAHLISO vice chairman, Hijja Milambo, said that prominent new genre singers, Esterlina Sanga 'Linah', 'Young Lunya', and Abdallah Ahmed 'Dullah Makabila', will also perform in the festival.

'Linah' is a prominent female Bongo Flava singer. 'Young Lunya' is a fast rising Hip Hop artist, and 'Dullah Makabila' is holding sway in 'Singeli'.

"There will be a variety of activities at the festival, students will

have the opportunity to meet and exchange ideas, there will also be leaders and celebrities," Milambo stated.

He said the festival, despite being organized for students, is open to other people.

Milambo stressed that entertainment lovers are free to turn up and get entertainment from the mentioned musicians.

"The mentioned musicians are some of artists for the festival, there are many others who will take the stage to entertain students who will be participating in this festival."

"We have set an entrance fee of 10,000/-, prioritising students," Milambo revealed.

The TAHLISO Sports and Entertainment Commissioner, Muba Abdul, said the festival would also be used to welcome first-year students to various colleges.

He also said that from now on they have banned institutions from organizing a student festival without permission from TAHLISO.

In and outside court, Smollett fights for reputation, career

CHICAGO

OUTSIDE the courtroom where former "Empire" actor Jussie Smollett is fighting charges accusing him of lying to Chicago police about being the victim of an anti-gay, racist attack, his publicist has introduced a roster of supporters to the assembled TV cameras.

Renowned opera singer Lauren Michelle, who also appeared on "Empire," spoke of how one of her best friends from high school has maintained his humanity despite the attacks on his character. Smollett's pastor from New York, Damon Marks, said the person prosecutors are portraying in court is not "the Jussie I know."

And activist Bella BAHHS, who met Smollett while protesting the police murder of a 16-year-old, said she doesn't trust Chicago police not to make things up – including the allegations against her friend.

The daily turns at the microphone are part of a broader strategy underway since Smollett's trial started at the Chicago courthouse roughly one week ago: trying to ensure the 39-year-old emerges from this scandal and legal troubles with his reputation and career intact, or at least having suffered as little damage as possible, whatever the outcome.

The charges against Smollett – six counts of disorderly conduct for lying to police about the January 2019 attack – are low-level felonies and carry a possible sentence of three years in prison. Legal experts say if convicted he would most likely get probation and be ordered to perform community service.

The impact on his livelihood could be far more serious. Taking the witness stand Monday, Smollett testified that "I've lost my livelihood." His media relations team, which is led by a former Chicago TV reporter, released a statement to The Associated Press from family friend Fania Davis, who said Smollett already has lost income and "many professional opportunities" due to a "character assassination and disinformation campaign" by Chicago police.

"This is an injury to his personal reputation, to his career and his soul," said Davis, whose sister is civil rights activist Angela Davis. "He could easily have copped a plea, with a slap on the wrist and then moved on with his life. But he chose instead to stand up to injustice."

Publicist Danny Deraney, who works with entertainment figures and often takes on crisis PR clients but is not working with Smollett, said the performer will be hurt in any attempt to return to his career because he was far from a household name before, and so many learned his identity because of the alleged attack and charges against him.

"Nobody really knew who he was, unless you watched the show," Deraney said. "For the time being, I don't see any other way of people seeing him and not knowing him for this."

The atypical accusations, the absurdity of his alleged crime and his tendency to be fodder for comedians may hurt him more than accusations, even of serious crimes.

"Being in the public eye as far as being on television or film or whatever it is, that's going to be hard for him. I don't think people are going to take him seriously," Deraney said. "People who become the butt of jokes, of doing things as ridiculous and absurd as what allegedly happened, have a harder time working."

Some of the Smollett strategy is playing out in the court proceedings, where Smollett testified he was a victim of a hate crime after

two brothers said the actor recruited them to carry out the attack on him so he could publicize it via social media. Police testified they were able to corroborate the siblings' accounts.

Smollett's defense attorneys have argued that the brothers committed the attack because they are homophobic and don't like Smollett, who is gay. They say the men told police it was all staged by the actor so they could shake him down for \$1 million each to not testify.

Smollett's legal team also has said Judge James Linn is biased against them, at one point asking for a mistrial – which Linn denied – after he cut off her questioning of one of the brothers about homophobic language he used, calling it "collateral" material. A defense attorney also claimed Linn "lunged" at her – all of which they could use as grounds for appeal if Smollett is convicted, and to argue in the court of public opinion that the legal system unfairly wronged him.

And separate from the trial, Smollett's team and his family – which includes five siblings, most of whom are also actors and a mother who was active in fighting for civil rights – have been promoting both the man and his talents.

On the first day of his trial, Smollett directed that a film he wrote, learned and produced, "B-Boy Blues," won the "fan favorite narrative feature" award in the American Black Film Festival Awards. His publicist blasted the news out to journalists, along with a link to a 2016 New York Times article about the Smollett family's acting chops and activism – supporting causes like HIV/AIDS and the Black Lives Matter movement – and a letter of support from activist and artists, including Davis and Danny Glover.

On Monday, his team sent out a photograph of Smollett and his family meeting with civil rights leader the Rev. Jesse Jackson over the weekend.

Early in his acting career, Smollett starred along with his brothers and sisters in the TV series "On Our Own," about a group of orphaned siblings, that aired for one season. He had other roles in TV and movies, including playing Langston Hughes in "Marshall," about Thurgood Marshall, the first Black Supreme Court justice.

His biggest role was on "Empire," a musical drama about an entertainment company that was filmed in Chicago. Smollett starred on the program for four years starting in 2015. Producers renewed his contract for the sixth and final season in 2019, but he never appeared in an episode.

Deraney said it can be difficult to predict who will be accepted back into public life. A supportive family in the entertainment industry like Smollett has – sister Jurnee's acting career is thriving – might not be a huge career advantage initially, but if they get into prominent positions and can hire him for roles, it might.

"If you've got people behind you that are financially secure, this whole industry is built on nepotism, it's all about who you know. If his family stands behind him, that's going to be fine for him," Deraney said.

Fania Davis said in her statement to AP that Smollett comes from "a family of justice warriors" like her family and her sister's family.

"We are very proud that even in this difficult period, Jussie has persevered and created art at the highest level and we are confident he will continue to do so," she said.

AP

Premier League riches sow fear among Champions League rivals

LONDON

AS Barcelona and Spanish champions Atletico Madrid scrap for a place in the Champions League last 16 this week, the Premier League's four participants can take it easy knowing their places in the knockout stages are already guaranteed.

Liverpool, Manchester City and Manchester United have all secured top spot in their groups with a game to spare, while defending champions Chelsea will join them with victory over Zenit Saint Petersburg.

The success of English clubs this season continues a worrying trend for the rest of Europe.

Two of the past three Champions League finals have been all-English affairs, contested by four different clubs.

If results on the field were not galling enough for the rest of Europe, the Premier League's ability to attract record-breaking television rights deals from around the globe has fuelled fears the gap between the top English clubs and the rest will only grow in coming years.

The English top-flight has long enjoyed its position as the wealthiest league in the world on the back of bumper TV deals for the domestic market.

But even as the value of those rights has stalled over the past two tenders, the international market has ensured there is still steady growth.

Last month, the Premier League secured a reported \$2.7 billion (£2 billion) renewal with US broadcaster NBC for a six-year rights deal.

That followed another £2 billion overseas six-year deal for the Nordic countries, starting in 2022.

By comparison, Spain's La Liga celebrated a \$1.4 billion deal in May with ESPN for US rights that runs for the



Defending champions Chelsea are one of four English clubs already qualified for the Champions League last 16 (AFP)

next eight years.

The relative size of those deals means the impact of the coronavirus pandemic has been felt very differently across the continent.

- Transfer cash -

In the most recent transfer window, Premier League clubs' net spend of £560 million was more than 10 times that of La Liga (£55 million), Serie A (£50 million) and Ligue 1 (£15 million), while Bundesliga clubs made a net profit of an estimated £35 million thanks to Jadon Sancho's £73 million move from Borussia Dortmund to Manchester United.

Sancho followed Kai Havertz and Timo Werner in swapping Germany for England with another Dortmund

pair, Jude Bellingham and Erling Haaland, tipped to make the same move next year.

Bayer Leverkusen CEO Fernando Carro told AFP the Bundesliga risked becoming merely a development league for the Premier League if the current trend continued.

"We tried to buy a player in the summer and in the end a promoted side from the Premier League was able to pay more money and a higher salary than us, a top-four side in Germany," said Carro.

"The Premier League has so much more money and resources than any other country. This is not good for us."

Spanish clubs have suffered from the talent drain. Between 2013 and 2020 La Liga boasted the best UEFA

coefficient for performance in European competition.

This week financially stricken Barca, Atletico, Sevilla and Villarreal are all in serious peril of bowing out at the group stage of the Champions League. Exits would deal another heavy economic blow to a league that has already mortgaged a share of future TV rights to private equity firm CVC for a cash injection.

Leverkusen's Carro warned differences were becoming stark.

"We could double or triple our TV income and we still wouldn't close the gap," he warned.

The failed European Super League project was designed to bring the superpowers of Spanish and Italian football back on a level playing field.

Alternative free agent options to superstars like Mbappe, Pogba, Dybala

LONDON

THERE are a host of top players set to become free agents in July 2022, including Kylian Mbappe, Paul Pogba, Antonio Rudiger and Paulo Dybala – enough even to fill a pretty good XI. But these stars will still end up costing their future clubs a lot in wages and signing-on fees.

Outside these superstars, clubs have some intriguing options for players who can be picked up for nothing if they can sort out a pre-contract agreement when the January transfer window opens in just under a month.

Here, we break down some of the players who may have slipped under the radar of the top clubs, but who could certainly be relied upon to do a decent job if signed.

*Andrea Belotti, 27, Torino

One of the most respected Serie A centre-forwards in recent years, Belotti has netted an impressive 94 goals from 204 league appearances for Torino. Though the club haven't given up on extending the Italy international's deal, there's bound to be interest from Champions League-level clubs once he recovers from a two-month absence due to a hamstring injury.

Belotti is a physically strong player and there's little fuss about him; what you see is pretty much what you get. At Torino since 2015, he tends to attract fouls and goes for power rather than precision when it comes to finishing. He can strike the ball equally well with either foot, especially from outside the box, while his stamina means he usually lasts the duration of games and his level doesn't drop in the second half.

*Federico Bernardeschi, 27, Juventus

With Juventus' austere new regime trying to balance the books following years of being one of the wage leaders in European football, the Italy winger could be one of the first players to be allowed to leave. Signed from Fiorentina for €40m with great fanfare in 2017, Bernardeschi was widely expected to become Italy's outstanding creative player but, though his contribution has been valued, his impact on matches tends to come in occasional bursts.

Equipped with brilliant technical ability and a wonderful left foot, he can beat opponents for fun and engage in free-flowing combinations from a variety of attacking positions



Axel Witsel

when in top form, yet he can look ordinary in the next game. He reportedly needs to take a serious drop in wages if he wants to stay at Juventus, but has plenty of suitors.

*Axel Witsel, 32, Borussia Dortmund

Witsel was tipped for superstardom when he broke through at Standard Liege as a box-to-box midfielder more than 10 years ago. With over 100 caps for one of the best national sides in the world (Belgium) it's hard to say that he hasn't really lived up to the billing, but injuries and a move to China at his peak means his club career never quite reached illustrious heights.

These days Witsel doesn't cover

as much ground as he used to in his twenties and is neither as diligent nor efficient in his defensive work. Yet, the Belgian is still a skilled playmaker who is able to control the pace of the game and lead from a deeper role in midfield. Any team in need of leadership should be looking closely at him.

*Eddie Nketiah, 22, Arsenal

Nketiah looks set to leave Arsenal in January (or next summer at the latest) after turning down a number of new contract offers. Having been used sparingly in the Premier League this season, partly due to injuries but also because of competition and his contractual situation, the striker has been in impressive form in the Carabao Cup and got on the scoresheet in both matches. He has also impressed for England's under-21 team and was named captain at the 2021 UEFA European Under-21 Championships.

A quick, sharp centre-forward with fine movement off the ball, Nketiah first turned heads with his lightning pace and knack for goal scoring. It's fair to say that he didn't progress at the same rate as Arsenal's other established academy products such as Bukayo Saka and Emile Smith Rowe, but he does seem to be turning into a well-rounded attacker with the ability to pick up the ball from deep. Wherever he ends up, his next club will land a forward whose career is on the up.

*Boubacar Kamara, 22, Marseille

Despite making several attempts, Marseille have not yet succeeded in getting one of their best players to sign a new contract and look set to lose out on at least €30m if the France U-21 midfielder departs for free next summer.

Capable of playing in the middle of

the defensive line or just in front of it, Kamara, who always moves around the pitch with ease, is predominantly recognised for his destructive abilities. He's excellent at winning the ball high up the pitch, wins nearly 75% of his headers (despite being only 5-foot-10) and has a first-class positional sense. Whoever gets Kamara's signature may have landed the bargain of the year.

*Matthias Ginter, 27, Borussia Mönchengladbach

The Germany international is approaching the ideal age for a centre-back as he starts to make use of his experience. He can deputise at right-back – as he did for Germany during Euro 2020 in the summer – is well versed in playing with a high line and has decent enough pace over longer distances to chase down an opponent's runs in behind.

Though he could be even more assertive in defensive challenges, Ginter dominates in the air and tends to perform on the big occasions (he has excelled against both Bayern Munich and Borussia Dortmund in recent games.) After missing out on Champions League football this season, he is said to be unhappy with the new terms offered by his club and could move on.

*Thomas Strakosha, 26, Lazio

Being kept out of the team by former Liverpool goalkeeper Pepe Reina, the Athens-born Albania No. 1 was an undisputed regular for Lazio from 2017-2020. He has been in talks over a new contract over the past months but, unless he's allowed more playing time by manager Maurizio Sarri, there's little point in remaining in the Italian capital.

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Nobody really knew who he was, unless you watched the show," Deraney said. "For the time being, I don't see any other way of people seeing him and not knowing him for this."

SPORT

Premier League riches sow fear among Champions League rivals



Twenzetu Kilimanjaro Festival Coordinator, Irene Lyimo (R), Race Director of Capital Mountain Run to be featured in the event, Joshua Kayombo (C), and the representative of the event stakeholders, Cassandra James from A1 Outdoor (L), show the medals and special T-shirts that will be presented to the participants of the race slated for December 26 at the College of African Wildlife Management (CAWM), Mweka and Marangu Hotel in Kilimanjaro, aimed at promoting local tourism. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

Tigo calls for early registration for 2022 Kilimanjaro Marathon

By Guardian Reporter

TELECOMMS Company, Tigo, the sponsor of the 2022 Kilimanjaro Marathon's 21km race, has called on participants to register in numbers as there are barely two and half months before the race happens in Moshi.



Speaking in Dar es Salaam, the Tigo Corporate Communications Manager, Woinde Shisael (pictured), called on participants to take advantage of the early discounting period as currently there is an ongoing 20% discount.

She said according to the organizers, the discount period will run up to January 7, 2022, after which the prices will go up.

"Preparations for the marathon are in top gear and we are urging participants to register through Tigo Pesa by dialing *149*20# then they will be asked a few questions that will enable registration after payment is completed," Woinde disclosed.

She said Tigo is gearing up to providing a unique experience to the participants as they use the 4G network to communicate and send pictures and videos to their loved ones and friends during the marathon as the event marks 20 years.

"This is our seventh year since we started sponsoring the Kilimanjaro Marathon and our biggest push is that the event promotes tourism, environmental conservation around Mt Kilimanjaro to conserve the snow, nurturing talent, and boosting business within Kilimanjaro region and neighbouring regions," she said.

She further noted that Tigo will carry on with its campaign, dubbed "Tigo Green for Kili", to ensure more trees are planted.

Sponsors of the Kili Marathon 2022 include Kilimanjaro Premium Lager - 42km, Grand Malt - 5km water table sponsors, Absa, Unilever, TPC Sugar, Simba Cement, Kilimanjaro Water, Kilimanjaro Leather Industries Company Limited and official suppliers, GardaWorld Security, Keys Hotel, Kibo Palace Hotel, and CMC Automobiles.

Next year's event will be held at the Moshi Cooperative University (MOCU) ground on February 27, 2022. The Kilimanjaro Premium Lager Marathon is organized by Kilimanjaro Marathon Company Limited and locally coordinated by Executive Solutions Limited.

Simba SC trades mind games with Yanga



Yanga midfielder, Farid Mussa (C), negotiates his way past Simba SC center back, Pascal Wawa, when the outfits locked horns in the 2021/22 Community Shield match, which took place in Dar es Salaam on September 25. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

AS the countdown to the most sought-after fixture, NBC Premier League duel pitting Simba SC against Yanga, is going on, mind games have started as both outfits have promised to win the game.

Simba SC is the NBC Premier League encounter's host, with the clash set to be played at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam on Saturday.

The Msimbazi Street side's Chairman, Murtaza Mangungu, said they are treating the Yanga clash like any other domestic league game.

He said Simba SC is the biggest football club in the country and it cannot have special preparations against a local team.

"We are the biggest football club in the country, we can have normal preparations against a local team, recently our Saturday opponents through their spokesman, Haji Manara, told the press that the game between Yanga and Azam FC is a derby, that is true."

"It's true because they are teams of the same size...in the past four years they have been exchanging spots in league log."

"This year one could finish second, the other will finish third while we remain on our number one position... that means we are the biggest on the land," he said.

Salim Abdallah, Simba SC Board of Directors' Chairman, also said the same.

"The Saturday game is like any other local game, we cannot give it any special attention, we give special attention to big matches which involve us and other top teams, I mean CAF club tournaments fixtures, not local games," he said.

Hassan Bumbuli, Yanga Information Officer, said they are well prepared for the match and they hope to collect all three points.

"We have a squad which is made up of top players, players who can rise at any occasion, I'm sure we will beat them on Saturday, come rain come sunshine."

"We will beat them... the squad is ready and the only player we will miss is David Bryson who is coming from an operation," he said.

Haji Manara, the Yanga spokesman, also said they have assembled a squad that no local club can stop.

Apart from the pride that comes with the age-old rivalry dating back to the 1960s, this will also be a grudge match as both teams will be on a revenge mission

Despite not winning the Premier League top honour in the past four years, Yanga has beaten Simba SC many times.

But the painful thing which will encourage Yanga players to win the Saturday game in the past season's Azam Sports Federation Cup final 1-0 defeat to Simba SC.

Yanga was hoping to win the showpiece's title but lost it to the rivals.

The revenge purpose for Simba SC is the recent defeats they have been suffering to Yanga in the past four years.

TOC annual general meeting pushed back to next week

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA Olympic Committee (TOC) annual general meeting which was scheduled for Saturday in Dodoma has been pushed back to next weekend.

TOC Assistant Secretary, Suleiman Jabil, yesterday said they decided to push it to next week due to circumstances beyond their control.

He said the committee has communicated to all delegates of the annual meeting on the changes.

"Our annual general meeting which was to be held in Dodoma on Sunday, now will be held next week in the same region, we did this due to reasons which are beyond our control and all delegates have been communicated on the changes," he said.

He said the annual general meeting will, among other issues, discuss activities which were undertaken in the just-ended year and plans for next year. Jabil said after the annual general meeting, TOC will host a three-day seminar that will involve delegates from all local sports associations affiliated with it and government sports officials from both Zanzibar and Mainland Tanzania.

He said at the seminar they will use a participatory approach and instructors are TOC National Course Directors, Jabil and Henry Tandau.

"Among other issues at the three-day seminar we will discuss the importance of sports to development, sports management the way forward to competing in 2024 Paris Olympic Games," he said. Jabil also said the seminar will clarify ways used to select athletes to represent the country in the All Africa Games, Commonwealth Games, and Olympic Games.

"You will agree with me that of late there have been complaints from sports stakeholders, government and national sports associations on how the teams which represent the country at All Africa Games, Commonwealth Games and Olympics are selected, so at the end of the seminar people will know which format is used." "It has now become a tendency that everyone blames TOC when the country is represented by few athletes at All Africa Games, Commonwealth, and Olympic Games, you know during the time ahead of those games we work closely with national sports associations and they know what to do for them to have many athletes at those games.

"But after the athletes are selected and the government comes in the final stages leaders of sports associations start siding with the government, accusing us of selecting few athletes, we know why this happens," he said.

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- 14:00 Planet Bongo (r)
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- 15:00 Funguka
- 15:30 Nirvana (r)
- 16:00 Skongata
- 16:30 #HASHTAG
- 17:00 5SELEKT
- 17:55 Kurasa
- 18:00 eNewz
- 18:30 Music/Soap
- 19:00 EATV SAA 1
- 19:45 MJADALA
- 20:00 DADAZ (r)
- 21:00 Kiblashara Zaidi

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