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Samia visit: Addresses Frelimo's congress, rooting for Kiswahili

By Guardian Reporter

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan has asked Mozambican leader Filipe Nyusi to take up Kiswahili as one among medium of instruction languages in his country's education system.

Speaking at a televised session of the 12th congress of the neighbouring country's ruling party, the Front for the Liberation of Mozambique (Frelimo), she said the language can be used as a medium especially at primary school level, as its use can help unify people and promote peace.

The congress was being held in Matola suburb of the capital province of Maputo province, where the visiting Tanzanian leader said that relations between Tanzania and Mozambique are deep rooted, arising from early commitment of their national leaders.

Founder president Julius Nyerere invited fighters from various unliberated countries to set up camps to coordinate the armed struggle, which helped to ensure that Mozambique gains its independence, she stated.

The facilities included broadcasting where six liberation parties for various southern African countries aired mobilisation programmes to their respective countries and exiled communities, she elaborated.

"This history should be taught to Tanzania and Mozambican youth and the only medium of instruction that will make this a reality is Kiswahili," she further stated.

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Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa pays his last respects to former Chief Secretary Ambassador Paul Milyango Rupia in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Story on Page 3. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

By Henry Mwangonde, Dodoma

THE Universal Health Coverage bill was read for the first time in the National Assembly yesterday with proposals of imprisonment and a 5m/- to 100m/- fine for dishonesty in the use of health insurance schemes.

The bill also proposes moves to scrutinize private health service providers including adding National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) officials on the boards of private hospitals to facilitate accountability.

The fines relate to violation of rules of insurance cover in healthcare provision, imposed on a health service provider contracted to offer such services, upon conviction of issuing false information.

Nenelwa Mwihambi, the clerk to the National Assembly read the bill for the first time, with the speaker, Dr Tulia Jackson directing that the bill be handed to the respective committee for scrutiny and later brought back for debating on altered provisions.

The bill focuses on claiming payment from a health insurance scheme payment, where false billing will be chargeable in court for the accused to pay the scheme the amount claimed together with fines and other costs.

Anyone charged for violating the law will be accountable by paying 50m/- or serve 12 months imprisonment or both.

The bill provides that in case the laws are violated by an institution or organisation, the bill proposes that the director, manager or key shareholder will be held responsible.

On the sustainability of the health insurance fund, the bill proposes that a scheme should carry a sustainability analysis every three years.

Every employer in the public and private sector needs to contribute to the scheme up to six percent of an employee's salary in which the employer will pay half or more of the contributions while the remaining will be paid by the employee, it says.

Two weeks ago, President Samia Suluhu Hassan stated that a bill for universal health coverage will be tabled in the legislature in the coming days.

Gracing an event to mark 50 years of the Catholic Women of Tanzania Association she said the legislature would be handed the universal health coverage bill, urging all members of the public to register once it is operational.

The government has made considerable efforts to stem challenges that might rise in taking up universal coverage, to address them before the new arrangement starts.

'Environment precautions taken up in EACOP project'

By Henry Mwangonde, Dodoma

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has assured stakeholders that precautions have been taken to protect the environment in the construction of the East Africa Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP).

Talking up the dispute raised by the European Union Parliament's

negative vote on the project when winding up the latest meeting of the National Assembly yesterday, he said that some development partners had concerns over environment issues in the construction of the pipeline.

"Let assure them that assessments have been done to ensure the project was environmentally friendly,"

he said, highlighting that the project in Tanzania affects the lives of 9,513 people and a number of organisations, while 331 housing units will be moved.

Compensation for houses for those being moved was underway, with 37 houses out of the 309 being relocated have been completed, he stated.

"Let me assure development partners including the European Parliament that the project is being implemented in line with applicable Tanzanian laws and valid precautions on the environment and ecological conservation," he said.

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Vice President Dr Philip Mpango addresses the 77th Session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York on Thursday. Photo: VPO

Researchers seeking answers to witchcraft-based violent actions

By Francis Kajubi

RESEARCHERS at the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM) and human rights organisations are conducting a two-year study seeking scientific explanations enabling a reduction in harmful actions tied to witchcraft beliefs.

Dr Richard Sambaiga, senior lecturer and project coordinator at the Department of Sociology and Anthropology in the University

of Dar es Salaam said the work is being done in collaboration with the African-Caribbean Institute, a small research outfit linked with the department, based in Norwich, Vermont in eastern USA.

Titled, 'Reducing the harm caused by witchcraft beliefs and witch-hunting in Tanzania' the project that started October 2021 and set for completion in November next year,

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was profiled at a departmental seminar to discuss with stakeholders on the project's progress so far.

The research project is designed with the purpose of attracting results that will lead to reducing or containing social harm rising from witchcraft beliefs, the don affirmed, elaborating that the project shall facilitate the setting up of a database, library collections and a witchcraft resource website.

The research project is intended to contribute to national, regional and global initiatives towards addressing challenges associated with the phenomenon of witchcraft, he asserted.

Researchers will conduct critical reflections on conceptual and theoretical debates on witchcraft along with an assessment of legal, policy and programmatic interventions on societal violence tied to witchcraft beliefs in Tanzania and the East African region, he explained.

Prof Christine Noe Pallangyo, College of Social Sciences principal at UDSM, said that there is a shortage of scientific research on witchcraft, underlining that witchcraft "is said to be an obstacle in social economic activities such as businesses and sports where it is rumored to be rampant." The research upon its completion will provide scientific evidence about witchcraft that enables the formulation of policies to combat incidents of murder attributed to witchcraft suspicions, she stated.

Joseph Mbashia, the program manager for rights, policy and partnership at the country office for HelpAge International, said that killings related to witchcraft beliefs had decreased in recent years. Scientific researchers are needed in addressing the problems in the long run, he added.



Home Affairs Hamad Masauni (2nd-R); the Ambassador of Saudi Arabia to Tanzania, Abdullah Ali Alsheryan (2nd-L); and an official with the Saudi embassy cut a cake at an event held in Dar es Salaam on Thursday to mark the 92nd Saudi National Day. Left is Hemed Mgaza, a director in the Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation ministry. Photo: Ministry of Home Affairs

Samia addresses Frelimo's 12th congress, rooting for Kiswahili

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Reasons that made the language essential in the liberation of southern African was effective use of Kiswahili as lingua franca in training programmes during the armed struggle, she specified.

The founding president Nyerere energetically promoted Kiswahili

as the most important non-tribal language in East Africa and among non-tribal lingua franca in Africa, she said.

She told the congress that Kiswahili can be used as a tool to unite Africans because fighters used the language they communicated among themselves to discard tribal affini-

ties during the struggle for freedom. "Kiswahili can also unite the people of Mozambique. Recognizing Kiswahili as the language of development in southern Africa, UNESCO declared 7-7 each year as Kiswahili day in the world."

She pointedly asked President Nyusi and members of the party to

see how to make decisions to incorporate Kiswahili in the Mozambican education system, while congratulating Mozambique and its ruling party for the strides it has registered to take development to the people.

Mozambican youth can come to Tanzania and learn at the Mwalimu

Nyerere University College on development issues, she said. Mozambique and Frelimo must rest assured that Tanzania and its ruling party, are bent on cultivating deeper cooperation with Mozambique to speed up development in the two countries, she added.



Livestock and Fisheries minister Mashimba Ndaki (R) presents some documents on the Tanzania Livestock Research Institute (TALIRI) to the agency's board chairman, Prof Sebastian Chenyambuga, shortly after launching the board in Dodoma city on Thursday. Photo: Correspondent Paul Mabeja

UN agencies partner EABC to engage EA business support organisations on AfCFTA

By Guardian Reporter

THE International Trade Centre, UN Development Programme and UN Women, collaborated with the East African Business Council (EABC) to engage business support organisations (BSOs) in the region on the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).

Held from 20th to 22nd September 2022, the workshop brought over 70 representatives from the region's business ecosystem to learn about the AfCFTA and gain insight on the status of negotiations as well as the progress made on implementing the agreement.

It also provided BSOs with a comprehensive toolkit on how best to tailor their services to drive business competitiveness under a new liberalized African market. MSMEs, especially women and youth entrepreneurs will benefit when the institutions within Africa's business ecosystems are strengthened to respond to their emerging needs and advocate for their interests.

MSMEs from other regional economic trade blocs present

at the workshop aimed at fostering cross-regional networking among businesses took the opportunity to showcase their products at the event.

Speaking at the opening session, Director, Country Programmes ITC, Ashisha Shah said, "Women and youth are Africa's great resource. The AfCFTA is the silver bullet into the future and One Trade Africa, ITC's corporate programme is steadfast to unlock the USD.22 billion intra-Africa export potential and empower MSMEs, women and youth to access meaningful business opportunities under the AfCFTA."

Elsie Attafuah, UNDP Uganda Resident Representative underscored the need to build the capacity of women and youth-led enterprises to trade in African goods and services - produced in Africa, by Africans, for Africans. "...women and youth engaged in cross-border trade continue to face challenges and obstacles that limit their competitiveness and make their businesses less productive," said Elsie

Attafuah.

The Resident Representative emphasized on the need to understand the needs of women and youth and equipping them with the knowledge, skills, and information as this was incredibly important to empower them to participate in intra-African trade."

On behalf of UN Women, Adekemi Ndieli, the UN Women Deputy Country Representative said, "...we need to demystify the legal and policy context for women and youth. She said sub-Saharan Africa and particularly Uganda has the highest number of women entrepreneurs in the world."

Ndieli further called for more inclusive participation of women and youth in policy negotiations, ease access to finance, uptake of information technology for women traders, and take deliberate actions such as capacity building for SMEs on international and regional trade requirements and empowering women-owned firms to invest in trade opportunities under the AfCFTA.

'Environment precautions taken in EACOP project'

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He had earlier listed auxiliary strategies to contain road accidents and a wave of crimes committed by gangs of youths terrorizing people in the streets.

Tabling a motion to wind up the eighth meeting of the 12th National Assembly here yesterday, he said security agencies were on alert to combat the incidents and protect people and their properties.

The government was working with specific interest groups including religious leaders to

speak against, expose and control occurrences which put at risk public welfare, he said.

Motorists need to recognize the responsibility they have of protecting the lives of their passengers and other road users in order to avoid repeated accidents, he stated.

"Let me call upon the police to ensure it follows up on better road use to control accidents, with cooperation from the general public," he said, pointing at the need for public awareness campaigns exposing juvenile criminal gangs.

The police strengthen surveillance to

contain road accidents and check crime, with collaboration from local government authorities to promote good governance.

Public meetings at local level need to be convened so that the public can air their views on safety and security of their neighbourhoods, as this should be the most important issue to be taken up in public meetings, he urged.

The country obtained 17.4m tons of food crops in the 2021/22 harvest season where 9.4m tons were cereals and 7.9m tons were legumes, he said, elaborating that demand for cereal and non-cereal foods for 2022/23 is upwards of 15m

tons, with 9.5m tons cereals and 5.5m tons non-cereals.

Put together, the country has enough food equivalent at 115per cent of need by volume, implying a food surplus of 2.3m tons, with the government taking various initiatives to ensure the country was food secure.

This includes enabling the National Food Reserve Agency (NFRA) to store 147,142 tons of food crops while purchasing more food for reserve provisions, he stated.

He urged people to prudently use food for their upkeep in case there are drought

conditions and sparse rainfall patterns in the coming season.

The government has set aside 150bn/- to subsidise fertiliser to cushion farmers from higher prices fueled by the Covid-19 pandemic and the war in Ukraine, he told MPs.

Preparations for the 2022/23 season were underway with the government working to facilitate farmers with inputs to increase production while the use of fertilizer for the 2021/22 farming season stood at 49.6percent of the average fertilizer use among farmers as a whole, he added.



Victoria Mwakanjuki (C), Tasakhtaa Zanzibar Hospital's public relations officer, briefs journalists in Zanzibar yesterday on the arrival of specialist doctors from Turkey lined up to provide medical services at the hospital. She is with the hospital's cardiologist, Dr Adman Kaya (L), and Dr Sami Sokoco from Turkey. Photo: Rahma Suleiman

Residents urged to manage water resources sustainably

By Getrude Mbago

RESIDENTS living near rivers and dams have been urged to be patriotic and stop conducting activities that may destroy the sources so as to protect water flows and species for sustainable development.

This was said by the Mbarali District Commissioner Reuben Mfuno in Mbarali on Tuesday during the opening of the special training to scientists and water resource experts organized by the Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) with support from Western Indian Ocean Marine Science Association (WIOMSA).

In the workshop, at least 40 scientists and water resource experts from various countries in Africa were drilled on essential skills on environmental flow assessment (EFA).

Conducted in Mbarali district, Mbeya Region, the training brought together scientists, water managers, researchers, forest stakeholders and from various countries which include Tanzania, South Africa, Kenya, Mauritius, Mozambique, Seychelles, Somalia, Comoros, Madagascar and Réunion. The training included physical and online participants.

"As participants will receive skills on how to conduct water evaluations to the environment in the Western Indian Ocean region, I am sure that the knowledge which they will receive will help strengthen operations and protection of water in rivers, dams and ocean," he said.

He said the experts have a big role to play to ensure that there is sustainable flow of water from rivers, dams to the ocean throughout the year by supervising proper utilization of the water and protection of the water sources.

"Human activities such as livestock keeping, farming and deforestation along rivers and dams affect a lot the

flow of clean water to the ocean, so we need to ensure that we supervise to bar human activities because these are the major factors that make the river full of mud thus affecting flow of water but also species in river and oceans," he noted.

Prof Japhet Kashaigili, principal researcher of the project noted that rivers are an essential resource for food, employment, and energy.

He said the project dubbed "Guidelines for the Assessment of Environmental Flows in the Western Indian Ocean Region, the project aims to help communities and governments manage these water resources to sustain rivers and the ecosystems, wildlife, and the human livelihoods that depend on them.

"Harmful activities upstream such as dumping garbage in the river, livestock grazing on river banks, farming in wetlands and large scale water extraction for irrigation have changed the quality, quantity, and timing of the water flow in our rivers."

He said the environmental flows assessments will help determine the quantity and quality of water and sediment flows necessary to sustain freshwater and estuarine ecosystems and the human livelihoods and wellbeing that depend on them.

WIOMSA manager, Mathias Igulu said that there is a great relationship between the sea and rivers, something that hasn't been discussed much but has a huge impact on water flow.

"Ocean and river issues touched daily people's lives, it is a security issue and thus the society need to know that proper utilizations of water is essential for the country's sustainable development, this is why we brought together the experts to remind them on the importance of water flows and equip with right skills to able them assess the environmental flows," he explained.

PM showers praise on Tanzania's former top diplomat Paul Rupia

By Guardian Reporter

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has said that the government recognises the great contribution made by the late ambassador Paul Rupia during his service and even after his retirement.

"One of the things that will not be forgotten is his determination to establish the DCB Commercial Bank Plc. (DCB) of which he was the chairman and until he left the leadership he left the bank with eight branches, one of which was in Dodoma."

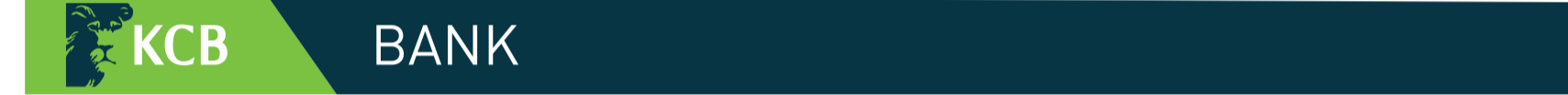
Majaliwa said yesterday when he represented President Samia Suluhu Hassan at the funeral of the late Ambassador Paul Rupia, at Karimjee grounds in Dar es Salaam.

"The Honorable President Samia has sent me to represent her in this tragedy, she has received with regret the news of the death of Ambassador Rupia; she could not attend because she is in Mozambique on a state visit. She has also expressed her condolences to the family and all the mourners."

Majaliwa urged Tanzanians to pray for the deceased and his family to God for eternal rest and for the family to be patient in this difficult period of grief.

Retired Prime Minister Judge Joseph Warioba said that the late Ambassador Rupia contributed significantly to the economic reform in the country and started the political reform of the multi-party system in the country.

Chairman of the Retired Ambassadors of Tanzania, Ambassador James Msekela said that the late Ambassador Rupia will remain in the history of Tanzania as a smart politician and a great diplomat.



Joint Press Release

KCB Group Shareholders Approve Proposed Trust Merchant Bank SA (TMB) Acquisition.

September 21, 2022

KCB Group Plc shareholders have approved the proposed acquisition of the DRC-based lender Trust Merchant Bank SA (TMB) during an Extra Ordinary General Meeting held today in Nairobi.

In August 2022, KCB Group Plc entered into a definitive agreement with shareholders of TMB to acquire the Bank. Under the terms of the transaction, KCB will acquire 85% of the shares in TMB while the existing shareholders will continue to hold the balance for a period of not less than 2 years after which KCB will have the right to acquire their shares.

The acquisition is part of KCB's ongoing strategy to expand its regional participation, accelerate growth and maintain sustainable long-term regional success while investing in and maximizing the returns from its existing businesses. It will give KCB the opportunity to conduct business in the DRC market, the newest member of the East African Community.

Speaking during the meeting, KCB Group Chairman Wambari Kairu said: "The shareholders' nod is a major milestone for us to accelerate the acquisition process which will allow us to scale up our balance sheet, revenue streams and contribute positively to KCB's growth and diversification objectives. In turn, KCB will be able to rapidly establish its presence within DRC by leveraging on TMB's 18-year operational history and vast branch network," Mr. Kairu said.

"In addition, the transaction will position KCB strongly with the resultant effect being enhancing its ability to compete with other financial service providers strongly and effectively in DRC and regionally. This will have long-term benefits for shareholders, customers and employees and enable KCB to realize its long-term vision and mission," he added.

TMB, a public company limited by shares, is one of DRC's largest banks, with US\$1.5 billion in total assets. TMB has a strong offering in Retail, SME, Corporate and Digital banking channels. It has 109 branches and numerous agency banking outlets spread across DRC. With an insurance subsidiary called Afrissur SA, the transaction will provide a good platform for KCB to diversify its offerings in the region.

"The approval of the transaction demonstrates the confidence our shareholders have in the financial and strategic benefits of the transaction and the value it provides our regional clients and communities," KCB Group CEO Paul Russo said. "Following the completion of the transaction, the combined organization will have immediate scale benefits to create extraordinary value with a shared customer-centric strategy and broader client capabilities in a rapidly growing market."

The transaction is expected to close before the end of the year, subject to regulatory approvals and other customary closing conditions. This acquisition is aligned with the Group's strategic focus of scaling its regional presence. Once completed, TMB will complement KCB Group's footprint with an asset base of KShs. 1.5 trillion (US\$ 12.6 billion) and is expected to strengthen the Group's retail and corporate banking franchises.



About KCB Group PLC

KCB Group Plc is East Africa's largest commercial Bank that was established in 1896. The Group is headquartered in Kenya, with the country serving as the lead market with two banking subsidiaries namely KCB Bank Kenya and National Bank of Kenya. Over the years, the Bank has grown and spread its wings into Tanzania, South Sudan, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi and Ethiopia (Rep). Today KCB has the largest branch network in the region with 495 branches, 1,172 ATMs and over 27,102 merchants and agents offering banking services on a 24/7 basis in East Africa. Additionally, KCB Group owns KCB Bancassurance Intermediary Limited, KCB Capital Limited, KCB Foundation and Kencom House Limited as non-banking businesses. This is complemented by mobile banking and internet banking services with 24-hour contact center services for our customers to get in touch with the Bank. KCB has a vast network of correspondent relationships totaling over 200 banks across the globe, and our customers are assured of a seamless facilitation of their international trade requirements wherever they are

About Trust Merchant Bank SA.

Established in 2004, TMB is today one of the leading financial services providers in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). A pioneer in financial inclusion, TMB is home to the largest client base of any bank operating in the DRC as well as the country's largest branch network. Widely recognized as an innovator in the Congolese banking sector, TMB was the first bank in the market to introduce mobile banking services, and more recently the first to launch lease financing. Additionally, TMB owns the life insurance company Afrissur SA, one of only three life insurance companies in the country.

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Construction experts to gather in Z'bar for PMI conference

By Getrude Mbago

OVER 200 experts and stakeholders in the construction sector and economy in general are set to take part in the forthcoming Project Management Institute (PMI) Annual Conference which will be held in Zanzibar from October 20 to 21st, this year.

To be graced by the Zanzibar's First President Othman Masoud Othman, the two-day event will draw participants from inside and out the country to discuss on the best ways to promote industrial development and blue economy in the country.

Addressing journalists in Dar es Salaam on Thursday, PMI Managing Director in Sub-Saharan Africa, George Asamani said the conference will shed light on the theme "Projects to drive Tanzania's industrial economy" and discussed various opportunities in the blue economy.

"This is an ideal opportunity for us as a community to reflect on both the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead and find effective strategies to leverage or overcome them. We have a lot to discuss to promote industrialization and the blue economy," he said.

He said many countries are now focusing on improving transport infrastructures to drive post Covid-19 pandemic economic recovery.

Ella Naiman, President of PMI- Tanzania Chapter, said the conference will be the platform to grow, learn and share best practice with one another and connect with like-minded project professionals from various disciplines and sectors.

"As project managers, we believe Tanzania is poised to tap into Pan-African markets, technologies and best practice and the PMI Tanzania conference seeks to highlight these opportunities and put Tanzanian project managers in the driving seat for national development," she stated.

She further added that PMI mission is to empower and build capacity of its members and Tanzanians at large through the application of professional project management practices

She said the conference will dive deep into three main topics, including embracing quality project management techniques, people powered projects - building project management capacity and human capital and charting the best course through harnessing strategic business capacity.

PMI Tanzania Board Member, Kheri Mbiro said PMI offers globally recognized standards, certifications, online courses, thought leadership tools, digital publications and most of all bringing together a community of like-minded individuals.

He said that lack of essential skills to the majority of project supervisors lead to many projects also failing to deliver required outcomes.

"This is why PMI is spending time and efforts to improve skills to the experts so as to facilitate effective execution of projects for sustainable development," he added.

VACANCY



ABOUT GEITA GOLD MINING LTD

Geita Gold Mining Ltd (GGML) is Tanzania's leading gold producer with a single operation in Geita Region. The company is a subsidiary of AngloGold Ashanti, an international gold producer headquartered in South Africa, with operations in more than ten countries, in four continents. The mine is situated in the Lake Victoria Gold fields of North Western Tanzania, only about 85 km's from Mwanza City and 20 km's South East of the nearest point of Lake Victoria. The company has its head office in Geita, only 5 Km's west of the fast-growing town of Geita, and also a supporting office in Dar es Salaam. Applications are invited from ambitious, energetic and performance driven individuals to fill in vacant position(s) mentioned below:

Position	: Specialist – Underground Mine Production
Contract type & Duration	: Unspecified time
Department	: Underground Mining
Reporting to	: Manager Underground Mine Production
Number of Positions	: One (1)

PURPOSE OF THE ROLE:

To support, develop and train an effective local team capable of delivering industry leading practices within an underground mine environment, particularly underground mine production activities related to planning & technical support functions.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Tertiary qualifications in Mining.
- Bachelor's Degree in mining engineering, a College Diploma in Mineral Technology or other related field, relevant experience may be considered equivalent.
- Competent to fulfill the statutory role as Explosives License holder.
- Demonstrated experience in an underground mining environment.
- Proven track record of managing and leading large teams.
- GGML is an equal opportunity employer: Female candidates are highly encouraged to apply.

EXPERIENCE:

- 10+ years' proven experience in mine production in underground mining environment of which at least three (3) years is at technical level within a production department.
- Experience working with International UG mining contractors who operate underground mechanized trackless equipment will be highly regarded.
- Proven experience and ability to create and manage budgets for a UG operation.
- High skill level with UG mine planning experience.
- Solid understanding of Underground mining operations.
- Good experience of working with and managing a diverse team.
- Hands on approach and service orientated outlook.
- Developing/Stopping Charging Explosive experience is highly desirable.

MAIN OR KEY ACCOUNTABILITIES:

Safety & Environment.

- Execute AGA Safety practices required for the task.
- Identify, understand, and address safety hazards and risks related to the task.
- Determine what could go wrong and what needs to be done to work safely before starting a task and help others to work safely.
- Continually look for new hazards in the workplace and report them to Supervisor.
- Demonstrate work behaviors consistent with the company Safety Vision & Values and work within prescribed boundaries.
- Promptly report all injuries, illnesses, and incidents.
- Suggest ways of improving Safety performance within Mining department.
- Speak up if he/she thinks that the task cannot be done safely and courage to talk to Supervisor he/she thinks of being unable to work at his/her best.
- Establish and maintain processes to ensure that all environmental risks and emerging issues are identified, and mitigation plans to put in place

Training & Skills Transfer.

- Identify and develop emerging talents within a multi-discipline team.
- Build and lead the Operation Mining support teams and assist in the development of local.
- Provide specialist support in key processes and systems to drive the best performance from all team members.
- Analyze and identify key skills & knowledge required by all team members in order to carry out their roles effectively and safely.

Technical / Production/Development.

- Demonstrate advanced application of Underground Mining Production Processes & Practices.
- Provide specialist support in key underground mining processes and performance optimization.
- Establish and maintain processes to ensure the technical aspects of the operations which include mine planning, survey, fleet management, drill & blast, and have the required resources in place to support the mining operations.
- Demonstrate advanced application of principles of underground mine design including production and development using highly mechanised underground trackless equipment, ventilation systems, production techniques.
- Work to support underground development, production management, surveying, geology, and contract management.
- Demonstrate advanced understanding of appropriate underground geotechnical evaluation methods. Advise the best practice drilling & blasting techniques to reduce blast damage and dilution in an underground mine environment.
- Proactively identify impacts, issues and opportunities associated with changes in other disciplines/ process (and vice versa). Lead minor to medium projects and interact with test work and engineering consultant service providers

Cost Management & Continuous Improvement.

- Identify areas for improvement in operational blueprints (systems, processes, procedures & tasks) to ensure adherence to plan, reduce variation and maximize cost effective utilization.
- Interpret data to initiate and drive the operational improvements as required.
- Use cost-benefit thinking to set priorities and identify cost-effective approaches.
- Actively look for ways to manage costs without impacting on planned outcomes using the OE approach.
- Provide support in generating annual mine budget that link into ore reserve calculations.
- Establish and maintain processes to ensure the development of optimised short term, medium- and long-term plans that ensure delivery of the budget requirements and the operations strategy.
- Generate innovative solutions, which continuously improve the performance of existing assets, products, services, or processes.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

- 1 to 2 years' experience working with the P500 and Operational Excellence (OE) initiatives or equivalent.
- Worked in highly mechanized Underground operations.
- Advanced knowledge in contract management practices, technical consultants and operational mining contracts.
- Advanced understanding of project management standards and has applied them in a minor - medium project to conceptual level.
- Demonstrate advanced level of knowledge of planning systems and practices from long term to short term mine planning.
- The ability to work across all disciplines, where rigorous engagement and interaction is expected.
- The ability to handle conflict resolution.
- The ability to utilize equipment, office software -MS Office (Excel, Word, PowerPoint) to prepare correspondence, reports, forms, mailings.
- The ability to communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing with good presentation and facilitation skills.
- The ability to use statistical methods to analyse, validate & verify analytical data with a strong attention to detail.
- The ability to work and communicate with people at all levels/good interpersonal skills.

MODE OF APPLICATION:

- Please apply through our recruitment portal by following the link below. Please click the link or type the URL address on a website browser to access the application portal.
- On the portal you will be required to upload your detailed CV, copies of relevant certificates, e-mail and telephone contacts, names and addresses of three referees. Please do not attach certificates that are not related to the qualifications stated above.
- You will also be required to upload a cover / application letter addressed to "Senior Manager Human Resources" Geita Gold Mining Ltd". Subject should be "Specialist – Underground Mine Production"

Application Link:

<https://career5.successfactors.eu/sfcareer/jobreqcareer?jobId=19943&company=AGAprd>

- If you struggle to apply via the link provided, please head over to our website <https://www.geitamine.com/en/people/> for a step-by-step guide on how to apply for jobs on our recruitment portal (SuccessFactors).
- You will be required to present original certificates if you are contacted for interviews.
- Internal Applicants (those currently employed by AngloGold Ashanti) must have their application letter endorsed by their Head of Department (HOD) or Manager once Removed (MoR).

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

- Applications should reach the above on or before **3rd October 2022 at 5:30 Pm**
- Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for interviews.

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Envoy hails Tanzania-Saudi Arabia bilateral relations

By Correspondent Felix Andrew

SAUDI Arabia's ambassador to Tanzania Abdullah bin Ali Alsheryan has hailed President Samia Suluhu Hassan for her commitment and efforts in strengthening the bilateral relations between the two countries.

Speaking yesterday in Dar es Salaam during the 92nd anniversary of National Day to commemorate the unification of the Kingdom, ambassador A-Isheryan said Tanzanian government has done well to cement the long lasting relations between the two nations.

He said during her recent visit to Saudi, the Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African cooperation, Amb. Liberata Mulamula affirmed that President Samia had vowed that the strong relations between the two countries will be promoted and cemented.

He said the visit was part of President Samia's efforts to

push the wheel of cooperation between the two countries in line with the visions of the two leaderships.

He said: "On this day, we celebrate the 92nd Anniversary of the unification of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia by His Majesty the late King/Abdulaziz bin Abdulrahman Al Saud, who set out to restore the Kingdom of his fathers and grandfathers in 1902 AD, and he and those with him from the people of the Arabian Peninsula continued to unify the great entity for 30 years."

He added striking examples of courage and chivalry, adhering to a correct moderate Islamic faith and authentic Arab values and morals, which today have a great impact on the renaissance and prosperity of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia at all levels.

The envoy further said the government's vision aims at making the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia occupy an advanced po-

sition in the world until it has become one of the G-20 countries today.

Ambassador A-Isheryan said the Kingdom was also looking forward to organising Expo 2030, which will embody the Kingdom's progress and development.

"It is worth noting the achievements made in the past few years, as several giant development projects were launched based on economic, social, and cultural diversity, including the NEOM and the LINE city projects which consolidate modern concepts in urban development, as well as renewable energy projects, economic cities, and green Saudi Arabia," he explained.

Other achievements include the expansion that has been achieved in the Two Holy Mosques and the applications of artificial intelligence that have been employed in order to serve the pilgrims in the highest levels of modern technology standards.



Projest Massawe (L), Mwanga Hakika Bank head of corporate banking, pictured in Dodoma city yesterday briefing Works and Transport Prof Makame Mbarawa (R) at the bank's pavilion at an exhibition held in the national capital on the sidelines of the two-day (Sept 22 & 23) Annual Engineers Day organised by the Engineers Registration Board and sponsored by the bank. The theme of the event is "Innovation and Skills Development in Enhancing National Sustainable Economic Development: Engineering Perspective". Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Govt starts preparation to develop National Action Plan on women, peace and security

By Getrude Mbagu

THE government has commenced preparation to develop a National Action Plan (NAP) for women, peace and security, which will soon be entering the drafting phase.

Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Community Development, Women and Special Groups Amon Manju said this in Dar es Salaam on Wednesday during the opening of the three-day High-Level Eastern and Southern Africa Regional Workshop on Women and Peace and Security.

Manju said the government formed a special team in 2020 to conduct research and thus come up with a draft of the Action Plan to help strengthen women participation in peace promotion and security matters.

"We expect that the first draft will be ready by December and see how we can go to promote women participation in peace and security matters. The action plan is aimed to recognise the role and contribution of women in peace promotion as well as in security issues," he said. He said that Tanzania has made significant progress in ensuring women are included in decision-making at all levels, and remains committed to the process of the development of the NAP on Women, Peace and Security.

The ministry is leading the National Taskforce for the development of the country's National Action Plan, which will be supporting efforts to translate the women, peace and security agenda from policy to practice," he said. The development of the national action plan, which is supported by the governments of Denmark, Norway and Ireland, has ensured that it includes the voices of women and girls, men and boys at the community level, in close consultation with civil society partners, women's rights organisations, Youth-based organisations, networks such as the African Women Leaders Network in Tanzania. "UN Women and its partners are using the opportunity of this day, and its theme, to renew our focus on the importance of the global framework for women, peace, and security," said Jebbeh Forster, on behalf of the UN Women Eastern and Southern Africa Regional Director, Maxime Houinato.

She said that the workshop aimed to highlight best practices that have been identified, in other countries, particularly in Eastern and Southern Africa, to enhance the impact of these plans and shape sustainable peace across the region. The event brought together key stakeholders from Eastern and Southern Africa to discuss how the region can enhance the impact of National Action Plans on the UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on the Women, Peace and Security Agenda.

Govt allots 100bn/- to build 62 VETA colleges in 2022/23 FY

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

THE government plans to construct a Vocational Training College in each region and district in the country, and has allocated 100bn/- in the FY 2022/23 for the purpose.

The money will be spent to start building VETA colleges in 62 districts which were yet to have the colleges, with Manyoni District being one in the government's plan in the current financial year.

This was disclosed here in the National Assembly yesterday by the Minister for Education, Science and Technology, Prof Adolf Mkenda as he was responding to a question from Manyoni Member of Parliament, Dr Pius Stephen Chaya who sought to know the plan for a VETA College in Manyoni District.

Prof Mkenda (pictured) said in FY 2022/23 the government has allocated the stated sum of money for the construction of VETA colleges in the districts that were yet to have them, Manyoni district being one of them.

He called on Manyoni district residents including those of Manyoni East Constituency to continue using nearby colleges in Singida and Ikungi District as well as other VETA colleges already existing in the country.





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Govt reviews Education and Training Policy 2014 to meet current education demand

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

TANZANIA is reviewing its Education and Training Policy (ETP) 2014 to meet the current and future education demand, with the first proposed draft expected to come out by December, this year.

The new document seeks, among other issues, to see if there is any possibility to make secondary education compulsory for all, after receiving views from stakeholders, Deputy Minister for Education; Omary Kipanga told the parliament yesterday.

Kipanga was responding to a question posed by Special Seats MP, Husna Sekiboko (CCM) who had demanded to know what the government was doing to make secondary education compulsory. In his response, the deputy minister said that currently, the government was receiving and assessing views provided by stakeholders regarding the proposed policy.

"The decision to make secondary education compulsory will depend on views from stakeholders and the current demand," he said, insisting that the first proposed draft was expected to be released in December this year.

The current policy has been criticized by different

education stakeholders for its inability to address challenges related to access to educational opportunities and quality of education and training in the country while at the same time developing adequate and competent human resources to transform and sustain the country's development.

These criticisms, among others, were well received by the government, which resulted in the decision to review the policy.

This review, therefore, comes as a contribution to the review process. With education stakeholders insisting that ETP of 2014 was outdated, is among reasons that prompted President Samia Suluhu Hassan to direct a review of the education policy and curricula to strengthen the quality of education in the country.

The process of reviewing the policy and curricula follows directives issued by President Samia during her maiden speech in Parliament last year.

The ministry of Education, Science and Technology formed a team of experts led by Prof Joseph Semboja to review the policy, while reminding of the report by Makweta commission in which the main information is contained in the 2014 education policy.

Work on water supply challenges, water and sanitation authorities managers told

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

MANAGING Directors of water and sanitation authorities in the country have been directed to make sure they are accountable in regard to proficiency by working together with other officials in the authorities in order to solve water supply challenges, as well as to complete all water projects in the country.

The remarks were given here early this week by the Director of Administration and Human Resources in the Water ministry, Barnabas Ndunguru at a meeting that discussed on better ways to provide water services in the country.

Ndunguru stressed on the water and sanitation authorities'

directors the importance of good governance in order to ensure the authorities' targets are realised.

"A big challenge facing us lies in customer service, how do we supply water to every customer, how are the water bills, therefore all in all the priority is better service to the consumer, we should lead them to make them accountable," he added.

Meanwhile, the ministry's Environmental Sanitation Director, Joyce Msiru stressed on the directors to adhere to better service and the importance of completing in time of the yet to be completed water projects.

She also advised the people to make sure they report to the appropriate authorities whenever they identify water leakages in

the water supply networks.

The Managing Director of Dodoma Urban Water and Sanitation Authority (DUWASA) Eng Aron Joseph and his Morogoro counterpart from MORUWASA, Eng Tamim Katakweba said various strategies are going on to improve water supply services.

They appealed, at different times, for collaboration among various stakeholders including members of the public to take care of and protect water sources.

"In regard to the Mtera Dam water project, already the World Bank has shown its interest to sponsor the USD 140 million projects including the Lake Victoria Water project that will link with other regions outside Dodoma from Mwanza," said the DUWASA director.



Automobile Association of Tanzania president Nizar Jivani (R) pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday explaining to visitors to the on-going three-day 23rd AutoExpo Africa 2022 on what drivers interested in motor sports need to do to gainfully participate in competitive rallies. Photo: Correspondent Miraj Msala

Agriculture stakeholders urged to take part in Global Fertiliser Day in Mbozi

By Guardian Reporter

AGRICULTURE stakeholders have been urged to take part and gain new skills in the commemoration of the Global Fertiliser Day on October 13, which will be held at national level in Kimondo grounds in Mlowo town, Mbozi District in Songwe Region.

Dr Stephen Ngailo Tanzania Fertiliser Regulatory Authority (TFRA) executive director said in a statement that at the celebration participants will learn more on the importance of fertiliser which includes education on the correct use of the input as well as regulation of the industry and soil health.

Dr Ngailo stated that presentations that will be made at the global event include opportunities available at financial institutions in access to fertilizers and agricultural inputs in general and the contribution of technology to development of the fertiliser industry.

"There will also be registration of fertiliser traders, applications for import and export permits, advice to stakeholders of fertilisers, and information about investment opportunities in the fertiliser industry in the country," TFRA chief stated.

Dr Ngailo said that the celebration will be preceded by the exhibition of two days from October 11 to October 12, this year, asking the public to chip in and take part in the annual event, which will come up with a solution on issues related to fertiliser.

This year's event is themed: "Proper use of fertiliser is the best grant for productive agriculture". Global Fertiliser Day is celebrated globally on October 13 every year to commemorate the Haber-Bosch patent on synthesis of ammonia from air in 1908 which laid the foundation of the modern fertilisers industry to save lives.

According to the International Fertilisation Association (IFA), the rate of growth in all fertiliser demand is expected to slow to 0.9 percent in 2021-22.

The forecasts on the global fertiliser used to reach 199.9 mmt. Nitrogen experienced a 4.1percent increase in demand to 110 mmt in 2020-21. Annual growth in global fertiliser demand will be around 1percent from the year 2021/22 to 2025/26.

Tanzanians challenged to maintain peace and justice

By Correspondent Theresia Victor

TANZANIANS have been urged to continue promoting and maintaining peace and justice for the country to achieve people-centered development goals.

Speaking to reporters in Dar es Salaam yesterday on the climax of the Global Week of Action 2022, Sophia Komba, vice chairman of Global Call to Action Against Poverty (GCAP) said that every citizen in the country is responsible in creating and maintain peace so as to promote stable society.

The Global Week to #Act4SDGs is a global mobilisation taking place during the high-level week of the UN General Assembly in September, to show world leaders that people all around the world are committed, dedicated, and inspired to take action on the SDGs.

"We should seek to participate in advancing development initiatives that are based on the values of justice, peace, good governance, human rights, gender equality and equity, and sustainable human development," noted Komba.

She further noted that this week of action in the world will be evaluating the goals according to the agreement of the members and this year GCAP focus will be





on Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's)13-Action on Environment and goal 16 (peace, justice and strong institutions).

"As we mark the climax of global week of action we focus on the SGD goal on Climate Action, in this goal except Somalia and South Sudan almost all the East African Countries (EAC) Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, Ethiopia, Djibouti, Burundi, DRC Congo, Eritrea have attained its implementation so far by 90 percent and here in Tanzania by 98.4 percent," he said.

She noted that on SDG16- Peace, Justice and Strong institutions for EAC Djibouti has implemented it by 59.9 percent, followed by Tanzania which as implemented by 57.5 percent in all matters of managing peace, justice, and having strong institutions administratively, followed by Kenya 55.3 percent and Rwanda 55.1 percent, she added.

"Even though we are the second, we are still at a very low stage on implementing the goal considering we have only eight years left before 2030," she noted.

She commended President Samia Suluhu Hassan for her decision to resume the new constitution process where she will be able to lay the foundation of a strong administrative system in the country.

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Govt gives factory two months to build sewage treatment plant

By Guardian Reporter

DEPUTY Minister in the Vice President's Office (Union and Environment) Khamis Hamza Khamis has given Arusha-based A to Z Textile Mills two months to complete construction of the sewage treatment plant.

A statement released yesterday by the Vice President's Office said the ultimatum followed a series of complaints by people living near the factory that they endure foul odour from sewage flowing into their homes from the factory.

The advisory said Khamis visited the factory recently and gave the directive after various efforts by environment authorities in the north ended in futility.

"We don't know the effects of the bad smell of sewage coming from this factory and flowing into people's homes; I am giving you two months to complete this plant," he said.

Also, he has directed the National Environment Management Council (NEMC) in the Northern Zone to work together to ensure that the instructions are implemented.

The deputy minister said that for a long time residents living near the factory have been complaining to authorities over environmental pollution, specifically discharging sewage into citizens' residences.

Therefore, due to the situation, the government has been taking various measures by giving instructions to the management of the factory to build a sewage treatment plant before going to the environment.

Inspecting the construction of the plant, the deputy minister was satisfied with the implementation of the project and asked the management of the plant to complete the plant immediately.

He said that the government loves investors but at the same time it protects the health of its citizens as well as protecting the environment but the factory has been complained by the citizens about polluting the environment.

NEMC Northern Zonal Manager Lewis Nzali said the council has been giving various instructions, including

fining the factory for environmental damage.

The manager said that due to these measures, the A to Z factory has been able to start building a sewage treatment plant before going to the environment.

Nzali added by saying that the move has brought success in the investment sector in the country by being able to comply with the Environmental Law of 2004.

Meanwhile, the A to Z factory manager Sylvester Kazi promised the completion of the construction of the plant to protect the health of the people around the area.

The plant has cost an amount of sh. 1 billion where its completion will eliminate the problem of sewage flowing into people's residences and spreading bad smells.

He said that after the completion of the plant, all sewage will be connected with the sewage disposal project of the Arusha Urban Water and Sanitation (AUWSA) and will no longer flow through the tunnel that is currently in use.



Stakeholders pictured in Dar es Salaam earlier this week attending a Health ministry meeting called to devise a work plan to promote public participation in voluntary blood donations through the national Safe Blood Programme. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

FTA launching second edition of Tanzania Kombe la Dhahabu Coffee Quality Contest

By Correspondent James Lanka, Moshi

THE Fairtrade Africa (FTA) has launched the second edition of the Tanzania Kombe la Dhahabu Coffee Quality Contest calling on certified producers to participate.

The contest, in which the submission of the applications is scheduled from September 26 to 28, this year, aims to encourage the production of high-quality coffees by Fairtrade producers.

Senior Programme Officer of FTA-Tanzania, Tumaini Minja said coffee producer organisations may participate with samples of their smallholder producers individually or in groups, indicating names of the participants.

"The second edition is open to all Fairtrade certified coffee producer organisations in Tanzania who can enroll by submitting three samples of their coffees alongside a filled application form, according to the organisers," he said.

He said: "Coffee samples submitted to participate in the contest must weigh 2kgs in exportable gold European standards, prepared at a minimum humidity of 9.5 and a maximum of 12." He added that the threshing and selection of this gold sample is the responsibility of the producer and that the sample should be sent in sealed and labeled bags.

"The filled application form and producer profile should be sent along with the sample, where two types of coffees-Arabica and Robusta will be accepted," Minja enlightened. He further urged the Tanzania coffee producers to come forward with viable proposals for promoting domestic consumption of coffee so that to promote the internal coffee market instead of depending only on the foreign market.

FTA-Tanzania's senior programme officer explained that, by promoting local consumption of coffee, Tanzania coffee producers will increase their income by having a well-built coffee market within and outside the country.

He said the contest further seeks to grow markets for these coffees nationally and internationally by promoting winning coffees at key international marketing events.

"Local consumption of coffee in Tanzania is estimated to be 7 percent while in Ethiopia domestic consumption of coffee is more than 60 percent, so we have to promote it to at least 15 percent," Minja pointed out.

Minja further explained that, coffee is the first number one drink in the world after water, adding that though Tanzania is among the countries worldwide that produces high quality varieties of coffees, more efforts are needed to promote its local market instead of depending on foreign markets whereby if any pandemic like Covid-19 occur, the foreign market does not exist.

Minja appealed to Tanzanians to have a tendency of drinking coffee for their health and promote a sustainable local market.

Rising cereal prices in Mwanza Region force customers to change eating habits

By Guardian Reporters, Mbeya

CEREALS prices in various areas of the city of Mwanza continue to rise with some consumers failing to afford, forcing sellers to close businesses and some consumers changing their eating habits.

Some buyers of cereals said the price rise began in June this year and have been going up each day.

This paper visited various markets in the city and found out that at Kisesa Market in Magu District the wholesale price for a 100kg bag of maize was 120,000/-, up from 90,000/- two months before.

The price of rice depends on quality and the lowest price at the market was 2,500/- per kilo, and beans from 2,600/- to 3,000/- per kilo.

At Mirongo market in the city of Mwanza a kilo of rice currently sells at 2,888/-, up from 1,800/- in June this year while beans are sold at 2,800/- to 3,000/- per kilo up from 2,400/- two months ago.

Martha Paulo, a Mabatini resident in the City of Mwanza said earlier she used to be a food vendor at the market, but due to rising prices of cereals, she decided to close the business and opted to sell fried cassava instead.

Meanwhile, Juma Meeda, resident of Ihayabuyaga Village in Magu District said the price hike of maize also impacts those eating in restaurants and at food vendors.

"We who eat at food vendors (popularly known as 'mama mtiles') and in restaurants, the prices have gone up, but sellers now also opt to reduce the quantities of the foods they sell," he added.

Speaking to this paper, the Chairman of Mirongo Market in the City of Mwanza, Hamada Nchola said the price of commodities has forced buyers to reduce the quantities of the commodities they buy.

"A person who used to buy two kilos, is now buying a kilo or 1.5 kilo due to the price rise, for example we used to sell 'super' grade 1 rice at 1,800/- per kilo, but now we sell up to 2,800/-," Nchola says and added that the number of customers has gone down.

He explained that the reason for the price rises is shortage of rains during the previous season that resulted in small crop harvest in many areas of the country.

He appealed to the government to look into areas where they sell cereals at lower prices to enable them to buy and distribute to areas in need.

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- Assist in compiling and issuing of mapping release updates.

Slope design Evaluation.

- Undertake slope stability assessment using the recommended techniques or methodologies.
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- Assist in completion of performance analysis, using various geotechnical engineering software or otherwise for sub-surface excavations and open pit mine structures.

Open Pit Support and Fall of Ground Risk Mitigation.

- Undertake assessment of the risks posed by poor ground conditions and presence of adverse geological structures to the working bench levels.
- Assist in developing slope stabilization systems using engineered rock mechanic principles.
- Assist in generating and timely communicating slope stabilization requirements and safe access controls in the affected areas.
- Assist in monitoring the implementation of the mitigation measures to ensure compliance to required standards.

Open Pit Excavation Monitoring.

- Conducting open pit inspections, ensuring slope stability control management programmes are in place and maintained in line with geotechnical best practice and standards.
- Cooperate and work effectively with team members as well as other departments to address ground stability control issues and provide solutions to mitigate risks.

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- Assist in preparation of requested data for the assigned open pit mine(s) and answering queries that may arise from the data.
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Combating drug resistance set to redefine medical surveillance

TRADITIONALLY one visits a hospital when a malady breaks out, and as the malady is likely to have a remedy in place if it is a commonplace ailment, the treatment will not be a big problem. And even if it needs some additional equipment like an operation, still its remedy is well known and when carried out it suffices for treatment. That used to be the case until drug resistance came up, essentially tied up with antibiotics, to become a widespread medical phenomenon. A recent report related to caring for people living with HIV/Aids in the county says that in a situation where one among 10 people living with HIV is drug resistant, the government is advised to take measures to change the type of ARVs administered to patients.

This is an observation from a well-placed medical agency that can be described as quasi-governmental, as the Management Department for Health (MDH) is a voluntary agency backed by the Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), a federal agency in the United States. It supervised the study.

A top MDH expert was contributing to discussion on widespread transmission of HIV from mother to child while drugs to stop such situations are commonly available, and the answer was drug resistance among pregnant women. Those already on HIV treatments reach 79.2 percent while pre-treatment drug resistance among pregnant women just is diagnosed with HIV reaches 27.5 percent. Usually a mother and child test, to figure out the conditions of pregnancy,

includes testing for HIV; it is a vital area to include or exclude in pre-natal care generally.

Other reviewers of the study findings focused on gaps in disease control among adolescent mothers, late care seekers and women with advanced HIV. The medic said they remain vulnerable to poor HIV treatment outcomes, urging that strengthened male involvement and peer mother engagement are needed. This would help to further improve outcomes of lifelong HIV treatment in routine healthcare than when care providers seek out patients simply on their own.

It is unclear whether these findings and diversity of recommendations or lessons obtained therefrom alter the MDH focus or image of its effectiveness as tied to implementing health information system (HIS) projects. The study, 'towards epidemic control: HIV prevention and treatment in pregnancy and breastfeeding' has been making the rounds among experts. They are still debating the findings.

The study was definitely on the right track in assessing the prevalence, patterns and risk factors of pre-treatment drug resistance and acquired drug resistance among pregnant women living with HIV. Put simply, one seeks out what factors contribute to drug resistance, where a portion of experts find fault in the social environment of treatment and care giving in pre-natal situations, while others see drug efficacy as a problem as well. They point at the possibility of different therapeutic combinations or array of drugs, but that isn't easy as a programme.

EALA members need an East African ethos as well in taking up their duties

NEWLY elected Tanzanian members of the East African Legislative Assembly (EALA) who will serve there for the next four years have just been reminded to put Tanzania's interest ahead of their own agenda when they take up their duties. It was solemn advice delivered by Madam Speaker, guiding the poll, in questioning candidates to the voting. Those elected were eight from the ruling party and one from the Civic United Front (CUF) which enlivens the multiparty environment somewhat. It was like appointing a regional commissioner from the Alliance for Democratic Change (ADC) who had in the 2020 polls been a presidential candidate.

This intuitive reminder upon those elected, that those that the House elected will be there for the people of Tanzania and their participation in the EALA should prioritise Tanzania's interests was obvious. That said, it is interesting to figure out if there is another quality, mental disposition that EALA members need to take up so that they conduct their duties, or assume their roles, in a balanced way. It is even a problem to set out if being mindful of the country's interests is adequate for an EALA member and if there is an auxiliary quality, also relevant to the country.

Those discerning these guiding remarks from the parliamentary leadership will be aware that fronting Tanzania - or any other EAC partner state for that matter - is a vital aspect of the work of EALA members but not the solution to challenges they face. Were

it that national interest encompasses the entire spirit of EAC work as a whole, in the secretariat and in its legislative aspect, such institutions would hardly be needed, as national institutions would be adequate. EALA members are an arm of the national legislature as the national interest reminder intoned, but not just its extension, as there is an East African ethos, way of thinking and doing things, too.

In that case the House leadership would have been alluding to the tendency of EALA members taking common viewpoints reflecting exigencies of East African integration protocols. That isn't always the case, and at times- their disputes are far removed from either national interest or commonly perceived regional interests, but a 'third sphere' of influence peddling and settling political accounts. It may substantially have been this aspect that the EALA members were being reminded.

To be fair, it hasn't usually been from the Tanzanian side that personal interest situations and clashes have occurred at EALA but singularly from across the northwestern border. But the current leader of parliamentary business is acutely aware of an incident in the Pan-African Parliament (based in South Africa) where a Tanzanian MP there clashed with either colleagues or superiors. Plenty of institutional prerogatives had to be perused to figure out what to do in that situation, an incident that was altogether unfortunate and ought to be avoided.

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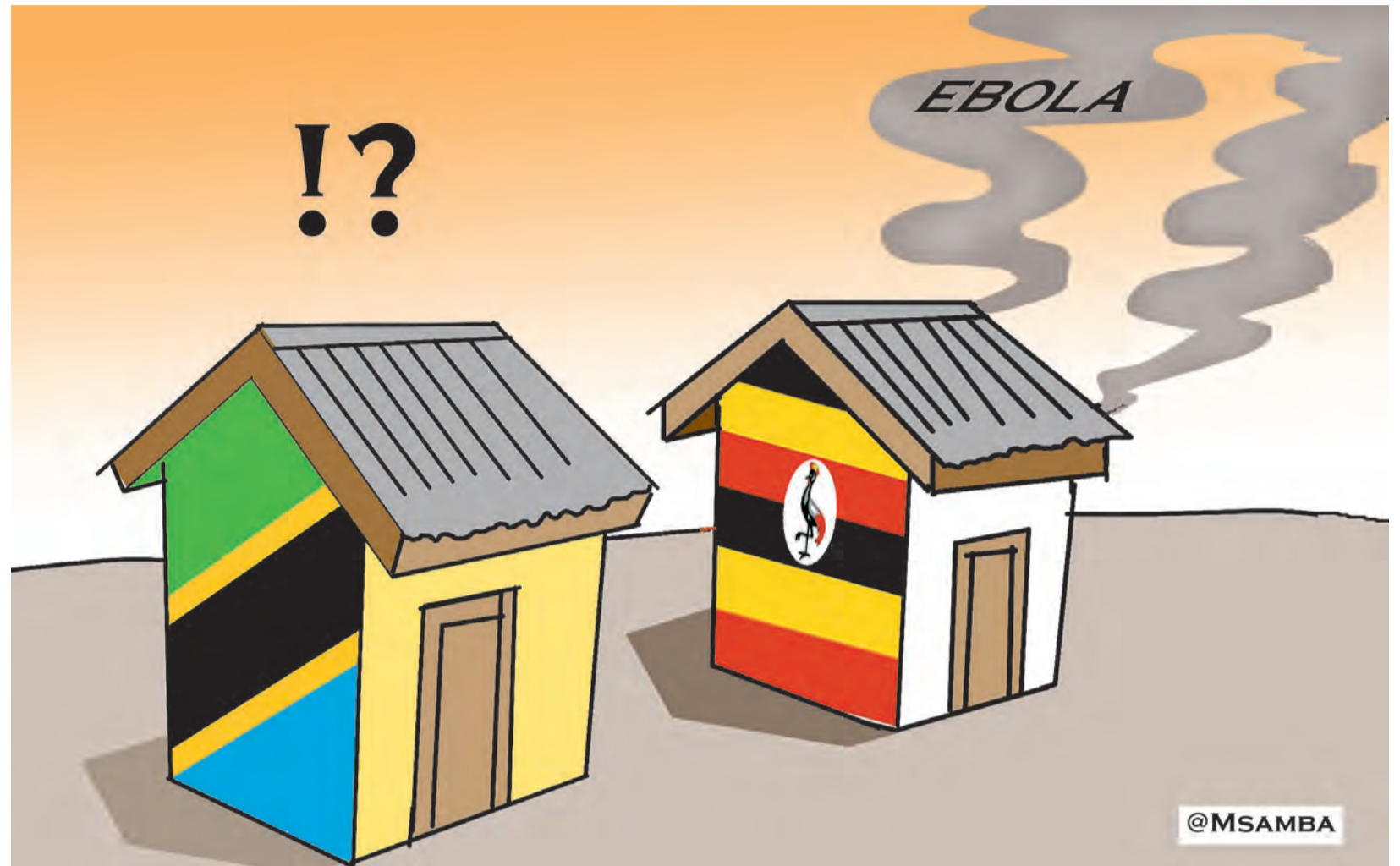
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Understanding how corruption impacted Nigeria's COVID-19 response

By Uche Igwe

THE details of how billions of naira donated under the Nigerian Private Sector Relief Fund Against COVID 19 (CACOVID) were spent remain hazy and unaccounted for till date.

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The outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic took the world unaware, tested the resilience of global health systems, and almost brought countries with ill-equipped health systems to collapse. It brought unprecedented disruptions in the worldwide supply chain that precipitated upheavals in society. As of early September, about 605 million persons have been infected by the virus, leading to about 6.5 million deaths globally. The coronavirus was novel, as well as the interventions to contain it. Even as the virus was raging, many citizens were very doubtful of the sincerity of government efforts due to the low public trust in government institutions. For a country like Nigeria, where government corruption is rampant, public distrust is deep, fueled by past experiences of decades of failed promises. Declining trust was one of the critical factors that affected the country's overall response to the pandemic.

Just Like Ebola, Containment Measures Did Not Produce the Expected Results

Although the pandemic has been devastating to the health and economy of the world, corruption worsened it. There were reported cases of artificial inflation, the proliferation of fake and counterfeit goods and wastage of public resources under several guises in the name of COVID responses. This is in addition to the fact that corruption in the health sector already costs the world an estimated \$500 billion per year, with severe consequences on access, quality and efficiency of health services. Governments made rapid policy decisions and incurred huge public expenditures to fight the pandemic. Just like the case of the Ebola crisis in 2013, where about \$1 billion in international public and private funds were disbursed to contain the pandemic, corruption contributed to the mismanagement of funds and diversion of relief supplies compromised containment measures.

COVID-19 has left a legacy of rising poverty and widening inequality. According to estimates from the World Bank, 97 more people will be living on less than \$1.90 in 2021 due



to the pandemic. Documented corrupt practices during the COVID-19 pandemic include grand corruption schemes involving highly placed political actors, petty corruption involving service delivery personnel and corruption in procurement and contracting processes. Many emergency scenarios are characterised by fast responses and lax checks and balances. The government loosened the regulatory environment to expedite responses.

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Hastened Procurement and Waived Processes Provided Fertile Ground For Corruption

In many countries with weak institutions, the response to the virus provided new opportunities to exploit the weaknesses in the system to divert funds and food supplies away from the ordinary people who need them most. In the bid to hasten procurement, the usual processes, such as open competition and scrutiny, were waived to obtain essential supplies quickly. Justifiably, many governments had to act in haste without verifying suppliers or determining fair prizes. This allowed dishonest merchants and collaborators to bring in faulty products. There were cases of informal payments, favouritism and nepotism.

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identified in more than thirty countries. The sense of urgency, increase in demand, and shortage of essential supplies like ventilators and personal protection equipment (PPE) necessitated the relaxation of checks and balances. It caused a strain on the global supply chain, making them vulnerable to corruption. Many contracts were issued without competitive bids.

Details of expenditure of resources mobilised remain sketchy amidst many blunders

Massive resources were mobilised nationally and globally to address both what was a health crisis and its economic side effects. For instance, Nigeria received \$3.4 billion in emergency support to address the COVID-19 pandemic from the International Monetary Fund (IMF). Furthermore, a total of \$6 billion was raised by other donors as complementary support to the Nigerian government. The World Bank approved an additional \$400 million credit as additional financing to support vaccine acquisition. Official sources said that N20,000 each was distributed to 2.6 million households between January and April 2020 under the conditional cash transfer programme. The details of how the billions of naira donated under the Nigerian Private Sector Relief Fund Against COVID 19 (CACOVID) was spent remain hazy and unaccounted for till date. The Nigerian government's claim that it paid N5 billion worth of palliatives to the transportation sector is still surrounded by controversy. Another N56 billion was allegedly disbursed to small and medium-scale enterprises as a survival fund. The distribution of cash grants and food support to food-insecure communities was wrought with irregularities.

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plementation of the N1 trillion meant to be disbursed to manufacturers fell short of expectations.

Palliatives Were Diverted for Partisan Purposes Away from those Who Needed Them Most

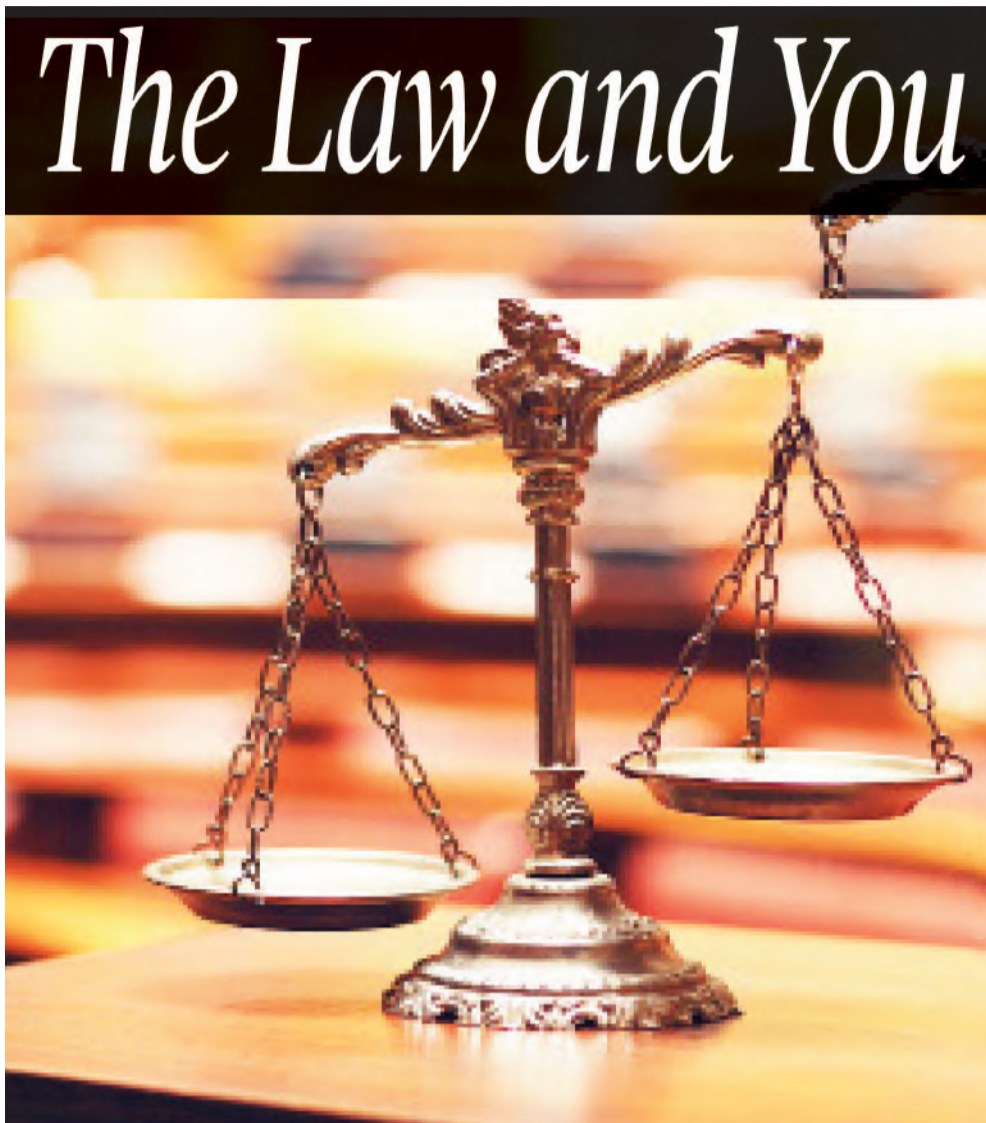
Civil society organisations like BudgIT revealed how palliatives meant for the public were hijacked by politicians and distributed only among party loyalists. Although a six-month expiry date is required for imported vaccines, the story of how about one million doses of vaccines were procured by the Nigerian government just before their expiration still remains a mystery. Although official sources confirmed that N500 billion was injected into the budget to fund emergency expenditure during the pandemic, there were no detailed disclosures about the processes undertaken to procure the items mentioned. The Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) confirmed discrepancies and infractions in the procurements and payments made by government agencies after the disbursement of COVID-19 funds.

Anecdotal Evidence of Corruption Points To the Need for More Scrutiny

Anecdotal evidence indicates that corruption affected the response to the pandemic, but the extent must be determined. Prominent human rights lawyer Femi Falana decried the hoarding of palliatives and accused the Nigerian government of being neither transparent nor accountable in their management of the pandemic. Media reports indicate how the disbursement of the N50 billion COVID-19 loan to small businesses was negatively affected by a lack of transparency and inefficiency. Stakeholders further complained that the implementation of the N1 trillion meant to be disbursed to manufacturers fell short of expectations. All of these point to the need to comprehensively interrogate and evaluate the response to the pandemic to bring out lessons for the future. Civil society groups have pushed for this in the past, and one had gone to court seeking relief to compel the Central Bank of Nigeria to account for how donations received were spent. Many people remain concerned, while others have called for either a probe or a comprehensive audit. Either way, it is clear that new investments should be made to strengthen our institutions and enhance relevant anti-corruption policies. For instance, Nigeria's whistleblower protection policy needs to be more robust and citizen-friendly. Specific multi-stakeholder initiatives that include civil society and the searchlight of transparency in the health sector could be potentially helpful.

By Telesphor Magobe

It's possible to have peaceful world free of nuclear weapons



The Law and You

ON September 21, Tanzania joined other countries across the world to mark an International Day of Peace. And on September 26, the world will mark International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons. These two international days are interrelated. The theme for International Day of Peace was "End racism. Build peace".

The day was devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace through observance of non-violence and ceasefire. Member states, organisations of the United Nations system, regional and nongovernmental organisations and individuals were invited to mark in a special way International Day of Peace through education and public awareness, and cooperation in the establishment of global ceasefire, which is still a big challenge across the world.

According to the Global Peace Index 2022, between 2008 and 2022, among the 163 surveyed countries and territories, 84 countries became less peaceful, while 77 countries became more peaceful. This means peace has declined by 3.18 per cent since 2008. Another report called Positive Peace Report 2022 analyses factors that build, predict and sustain peace in 163 surveyed countries and territories.

In this report, positive peace is defined as the attitudes, institutions and structures that create and sustain peaceful societies, while negative peace is defined as the absence of violence or fear of violence.

The report says that peace (meaning positive peace) has eight attributes: equitable distribution of resources, free flow of information, good relations with neighbours, high levels of human capital, acceptance of the rights of others, low levels of corruption, sound business environment and a well-functioning government.

High levels of positive peace are associated with higher per capita income, resilience, better environmental outcomes, higher measures of wellbeing and better performance on sustainable development goals (SDGs).

The report says that positive peace has improved by 2.4 per cent globally in the past 10 years. That is 126 countries have become more peaceful, while 37 countries have deteriorated. While improvements have been driven by free flow of information, good relations with neighbours and equitable distribution of resources, deterioration has been driven by changes in the attitudes domain and low levels of corruption.

True peace implies more than just laying down arms, but the building of nations where all persons across the world feel that they can flourish - that is creating a world in which all persons are treated equally, regardless of their race. This requires a

change of attitude and behaviour towards the way we see or treat each other. Deep down in our heart do we really see each other as good friends and neighbours (global citizens) or as threats and troublemakers?

"Racism continues to poison institutions, social structures and everyday life in every

society. It continues to be a driver of persistent inequality. And it continues to deny people their fundamental human rights. It destabilises societies, undermines democracies, erodes the legitimacy of governments, and... the linkages between racism and gender inequality are unmistakable," UN Secretary-Gen-

eral António Guterres is quoted to have said in relation to International Day of Peace.

Each country and each person and nongovernmental and governmental organisation is invited to work towards "a world free of racism and racial discrimination, where compassion and empathy overcome suspicion and hatred and where we can truly be proud of each other". There are no peace prospects in a country which is characterised by discrimination, division, distrust, intolerance and hate and there is no winner, but we are all losers in the absence of peace.

International Day of Peace was established in 1981 by the United Nations General Assembly, which in 2001 unanimously voted to designate it as an occasion of non-violence and cease-fire. Are we ready to promote peace today through our change of attitude and behaviour towards each other and the countries we come from? Any meaningful change towards a better world starts with you and me. So, let us from now onwards be agents of peace.

On Monday, the world will mark International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons. Tanzania has been a state party to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) since 1991. The objective of the treaty is to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons and weapons technology, promote cooperation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy and further the goal of achieving nuclear disarmament and general and complete disarmament.

To date, there are 191 states parties and 93 signatory states to the treaty, including the five nuclear-weapon states, "making NPT the most widely adhered to multilateral disarmament agreement".

International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons provides an occasion for states parties across the world to reaffirm their commitment to global nuclear disarmament as a priority through education about the real benefits of eliminating the weapons of mass destruction and the social and economic costs of perpetuating them.

The idea is to achieve the peace and security of the world without nuclear weapons - that is a nuclear-weapon-free world. How happy and peaceful we will be if we find ourselves in a world in which there is peaceful coexistence and there is no threat to any person or country!

Technological advances should help us to be better persons and countries and not to be threats to each other. The strongest person, leader or country in the world should be the most peaceful and not the most threatening person, leader or country. Posing a threat to others has no value in itself. So, we can change the world to be a better place to live in if we change first to become better persons.

Today's proverb: "Where there's a will there's a way."

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Africa's battle with election riggers amid political power in perpetuity and regressive democracy

By Peter Fabricius

CAN the political opposition win elections even when the incumbent government is determined to remain in power at all costs? This is a challenge for Africa where many leaders or political parties seem to have staked claims to power in perpetuity.

Elections have proliferated in Africa as they have across the world. Three decades ago, there were very few on the continent. Today almost every country in Africa holds them. Yet in Africa, as globally, democracy appears to be retreating. Freedom House assesses only 37 of Africa's 54 nations to be electoral democracies, and of those, only eight receive its highest accolade of being 'free' both in civil liberties and political rights.

The anomaly of increasing elections and regressive democracy is explained by the depressing fact that "authoritarian leaders have learnt how to manipulate elections to stay in power," said Nic Cheeseman, Professor of Democracy at the University of Birmingham, at a webinar held by The Resistance Bureau this week.

These leaders are "using regular polls as a device to merely legitimate their illiberal and often highly oppressive regimes," he said. The event on "How to (Not) Rig an Election: Protecting democracy through the ballot box", gathered opposition politicians and activists from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Angola, Uganda and Zambia.

The discussion focused on how to defend electoral democracy and aired some difficult questions, such as: is it worth contesting elections when defeat-by-rigging is certain? And how do you react when yet another poll has been stolen from you, as Angolan activist Áurea Mouzinho asked about last month's elections in her country. Mouzinho is global policy advocacy and campaigns coordinator at the Global Alliance for Tax Justice.

The People's Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA), in power since independence in 1975, was officially declared the winner. This de-



Silhouettes of people queueing for the opening of a polling station appear on a wall where the word 'vote' has been spraypainted outside the Matero secondary school in Lusaka on 12 August 2021. AFP

spite losing 10% of the vote since 2017 and scraping home with just over 51% against the almost 44% of the opposition coalition led by the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (Unita).

Unita's parallel voter tabulation showed it had beaten the MPLA, Mouzinho said. Yet its court challenge was summarily dismissed without an independent examination. Unita took up its seats in Parliament to the dissatisfaction of many Angolans who expected to be called for mass protests, especially in Luanda where Unita won by a landslide. But that would probably have provoked a bloodbath, said Mouzinho. "And a country that has suffered so much war shouldn't lose one more life."

So what now? Some believe the MPLA might respond to its near defeat by tackling corruption, poor governance and poverty. Mouzinho suspected not

and that it would lose even more heavily in 2027, at which point it might abandon even the pretence of democracy. The only hope for the opposition is to increase its parallel voter tabulation to make it even harder for the MPLA to claim victory.

Martin Fayulu - widely believed to have won the DRC's 2018 elections, which were given to Félix Tshisekedi - similarly told the webinar how the opposition feared protesting would have provoked a bloody government reaction. He described how the Congolese people were betrayed by the African Union (AU) and other regional African organisations that he tried to persuade to push for new elections 18 months later.

Fayulu, still the opposition leader, suggested only Africa - particularly democratic countries like South Africa - and the wider international commu-

nity could ensure the polls next year were impartial. A weighty burden rested on the United States, he said, as it had pledged \$235-million towards the elections, thereby putting its reputation on the line.

David Lewis Rubongoya, Secretary-General of Uganda's main pro-democracy opposition movement the National Unity Platform (NUP), bluntly told the webinar audience that "there are no elections in Uganda; it's just a façade."

Other leaders might tamper with the results, but president Yoweri Museveni simply stole them wholesale, he said. He noted how often the NUP's presidential candidate Bobi Wine had been arrested and how many of its supporters had been persecuted or disappeared during the January 2021 campaign.

Where other opposition groups might conduct parallel voter tabulations, Museveni's forces assaulted and arrested

anyone found with an election results form. "It's very hard to imagine you can beat Museveni in an election. So we participate just to rally people," he said. Like Fayulu, he believed the international community's intervention was Uganda's only hope.

Zambia seemed the one bright star in this gloomy firmament. In August last year, Hakainde Hichilema and his United Party for National Development (UPND) pulled off the rare feat - at their sixth attempt - of defeating the incumbent, Edgar Lungu, and his Patriotic Front.

However Zambian commentator and activist Laura Miti cautioned that circumstances differed from the DRC, Uganda and Angola. Zambia's "stars had aligned," she said. The main difference was that Lungu had been an "incompetent dictator who never learnt the ropes." Yes, oppositionists were sometimes jailed but emerged "with bones intact." Furthermore, Zambians had 'muscle memory' of removing incumbent governments; they had done it before and believed they could do it again.

Miti highlighted the importance of an active civil society, which she said was critical to winning the elections. Zambia's civil society realised in 2016 that youth would be critical to success in 2021, and mobilised young people in vast numbers. This had overwhelmed Lungu's capacity to rig the result.

She however noted that between elections, Zambians were bad at holding the government to account. So civil society was pushing for amendments to the constitution and the repeal of oppressive laws such as the Public Order Act.

The overall sense of this debate was that oppositionists simply had to keep knocking their heads against the gates of power until the gates cracked, hopefully before their heads did. Even more worrying, though, it suggested real electoral democracy was only possible when incumbent governments allowed it.

So perhaps another reason that authoritarian leaders hold elections is to hoodwink their people with the illusion of democracy - thereby blunting their risk of removal by force. Fayulu and Rubongoya rebuked the international community for not doing enough to ensure elections were free and fair. That's also true in many other countries, notably Zimbabwe, where the ruling party continues to cheat or beat the opposition into submission with impunity.

The AU is using sanctions more robustly and consistently to deter coups and unconstitutional changes of government, says Andrews Atta-Asamoah, Africa Peace and Security Governance head for the Institute for Security Studies. What is needed now is for the AU to define election rigging also as an unconstitutional manoeuvre to cling to power, making it punishable. This would also require AU election monitoring to be more robust, consistent and scientific than it has been.

A new age dawns for the ANC leadership battles – one of greater openness and transparent ambitions

By Stephen Grootes

WITH ANC branches now in the middle of their nominations processes, there are some indications that this race could be different to what we have become used to in the past. In particular, the candidates in previous years who would refuse to even confirm they were in the running are now actually answering some questions about their campaigns.

Will this December 2022 contest be more open, more transparent than in the past? Will the candidates actually explain why they should be elected, rather than their opponents. There are signs that people like President Cyril Ramaphosa and Dr Zweli Mkhize may be more open than in the past. Even Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs Minister Dr Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma is saying on camera that she is running for the top job. This may mark the beginning of a change in the culture of the ANC, and in how it really conducts leadership contests.

Within ANC politics, it is almost unknown for candidates who are contesting against each other to make direct and public comments about their opponents. This is not that different from other internal party contests in other places. No one wants to necessarily damage their own party by attacking someone from among their own, even if they are their opponents or they genuinely dislike them.

But in our governing party there has also been a culture where people almost won't even confirm that they are running at all. This is why, in 2007, it was so strange for Tokyo Sexwale to openly say he was running. It was such a contrast to the public statements made by then president Thabo Mbeki and then future president Jacob Zuma.

Now things seem to be slightly different.

While Ramaphosa has not said much about the leadership race, both of the other main contenders, Dlamini Zuma and Mkhize, have confirmed, on camera, that they are contesting.



President Cyril Ramaphosa and Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs Minister Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma at the ANC's 54th national conference in Johannesburg on 18 December 2017. File photo

This is possibly because of the way the ANC has changed the rules of the game. Under the new elections committee run by former president Kgalema Motlanthe, candidates have to adjust their campaign tactics to adhere to a set of rules that includes deliberate changes, including the fact that there will be two leadership ballots designed to attempt to break up the slate system.

But even at this point, the main contenders have said very little about each other. Despite that, it may be that, in fact, Ramaphosa has been much more aggressive than the others, without anyone necessarily noticing.

The party president made his comment at the ANC's policy conference, long before the nominations process opened. During his opening address (from the 1:06 mark) he spoke about local government, and about how the number of councils under administration had increased.

There he said this:

"Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, who has the responsibility of cooperative governance, always says to us, President, the problem with the state of local government is us. The African National Congress. We are the problem. We are the ones who are causing the problems. And as a result communities protest, and when they protest for service delivery and many other problems,

they are protesting against us."

It appears Ramaphosa was making many points with this statement.

He was lamenting the ANC's role in local government, he was literally blaming his own party for it. On live television.

And he was absolving himself from the comment, because he was quoting someone else. Who he may well have already known would challenge him again for the position of ANC leader.

In one move he appeared to have been able to both accept responsibility for the ANC's role in the collapse of local government, and put some of the blame on Dlamini Zuma.

For a politician who is often accused of not moving against his enemies, it sounded pretty aggressive.

Read more in Daily Maverick: "The ANC young guns and veterans vying for the top six in hotly contested party leadership race"

Dlamini Zuma has said very little about Ramaphosa, although this week she attended a seminar in Durban. As TimesLIVE reported, when asked about Stage 6 load shedding, she said:

"Something has got to give. I mean stage 6? We need to think about that and treat it as a crisis. What is happening at Eskom fits the definition of a real crisis. I'm glad the president said he will come back because there is a crisis, but

then what happens next is going to be what is important."

It does not appear that she offered any substantive solutions to the problem.

It is interesting that she gave this response. In strictly internal ANC political terms, it would have been a golden opportunity for her to explain what she believed should be done to fix the problems at Eskom. If she had chosen, she could have explained what she would have done if she were in charge of the ANC and the country.

But she chose not to, perhaps because it would have been her commenting outside of her political authority because she is the Cogta minister and not the minister of energy or public enterprises.

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But she has also not shied away from any media interactions. Television reporters have been able to ask her questions about her candidacy. As she told Newzroom Afrika in response to a question about her being nominated for the position of ANC leader:

"Yes, of course, I have welcomed it, the basic unit of the ANC is the branch so it's the branches that must pronounce what they think should happen and it's the branches that nominate, so yes, I welcome it."

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plete & sustained failure to deliver electricity will be punished at the polls"

"To stand a chance in fight against corruption, ANC must empower its integrity commission, or else"

However, she did not give any substantive answers as to who would be backing her or what kind of campaign team would be behind her.

Mkhize more open

Strangely, the one person who has perhaps answered more questions than Ramaphosa and Dlamini Zuma, is Mkhize.

He has explained how he believes he will still be eligible, and given much more in-depth answers.

This may be simply because he has a much longer track record as someone happy to talk to the media. But it may also be because he has much more explaining to do, because of the Digital Vibes claims against him.

He has also not made any direct comments about the people he is running against. Should he decide to do so it could be interesting to see whether he criticises Ramaphosa or Dlamini Zuma. The person he attacks first may indicate who he is most afraid of, the person who is a bigger threat to him.

Underneath the race for the top leadership position, there are other indications that the ANC's culture may be changing.

Read more in Daily Maverick: "R1.88m from Digital Vibes deal funnelled to May Mkhize's farm loan - family's 'cut' climbs to R8.7m"

Finance Minister Enoch Godongwana has told Business Day he wants to campaign for the position of ANC treasurer, even though that would require the party's constitution to be changed.

There are public conversations around the age of the party's leadership and other statements in the public domain.

All of this suggests real change to the party's management of elections, that the process will be much more open.

For the moment, the main leaders are still choosing their words carefully. As December comes closer, the strain may start to tell, and it may be tempting for some to go on the attack. And that may mark the beginning of a real change for the party.

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African countries on alert following Uganda's rare Ebola virus strain disease

AFRICAN countries are on alert, strengthening screening and surveillance after an outbreak linked to a relatively rare strain of Ebola virus broke out earlier this week in Uganda. The central African country has reported seven confirmed cases, including one death.

The strain detected is a relatively rare strain, called the Sudan strain, which doesn't have an approved vaccine that can prevent its spread. It's been a decade since this strain was reported globally.

RARE EBOLA STRAIN

Uganda has reported seven confirmed cases, including one death, amid the latest outbreak of the relatively rare Sudan strain of Ebola

virus, announced Thursday by Henry Kyobe, incidence commander with Uganda's Ministry of Health. Kyobe announced at an online press briefing held by the World Health Organization Regional Office for Africa, based in Brazzaville, capital of Congo, adding that the epidemic "appears to have started around the beginning of September." So far, seven cases, including one death, have been confirmed to have contracted one of the six species of the Ebola virus genus. Forty-three contacts have been identified and 10 people suspected to have caught the virus are receiving treatment at the Mubende Regional Referral Hospital in the town of Mubende, where the disease was confirmed earlier this week. It is the first time Uganda has detected the Sudan Ebolavirus since 2012.

Ebola is a severe, often fatal illness affecting humans and other primates. It has six different strains, three of which, Bundibugyo, Sudan, and

Zaire, have previously caused large outbreaks. Case fatality rates of the Sudan strain have varied from 41 percent to 100 percent in past outbreaks, according to the WHO. Current evidence shows that the ERVEBO vaccine, which is highly effective against the Zaire Ebola virus, doesn't provide cross-protection against the Sudan Ebolavirus.

POSSIBLE SPILLOVER

Mubende is in the central region of Uganda and is about a two-hour drive from the capital of Kampala. It sits along a busy road leading to the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), which has been long plagued by the virus. There are gold mines in the area, which attract people from different parts of Uganda, as well as other countries. The mobile nature of the population in Mubende increases the risk of the possible spread of the virus, warned the WHO. The WHO has deployed a technical team to the Mubende district. In addition,

five international experts will be deployed, with numbers increasing if needed, according to the WHO. "Africa's stronger homegrown emergency readiness is proving ever more crucial in tackling outbreaks such as Ebola," said Abdou Salam Gueye, the regional emergency director with the WHO Regional Office for Africa.

NEIGHBORS ON ALERT

Due to Uganda's previous outbreaks and the threat of importation of cases from the neighboring DRC which has fought several outbreaks, other neighboring countries have intensified their surveillance to prevent transmission of the Ebola virus.

Mutahi Kagwe, cabinet secretary in the Kenyan Ministry of Health, said Wednesday at a briefing in Nairobi, the Kenyan capital, that critical personnel had been deployed at the Ugandan border in western Kenya to help identify potential

cases. Tanzanian health authorities on Wednesday claimed to have activated surveillance teams in high-risk regions of Kagera, Mwanza, Arusha, Mara, Kigoma, and Dar es Salaam. Aifello Sichelwe, the chief medical officer in the Ministry of Health, told Xinhua over the phone.

The South Sudanese government said Tuesday it is stepping up vigilance along its borders following an outbreak of the Ebola-Sudan strain in neighboring Uganda. Victoria Anib Majur, the undersecretary in the South Sudanese Ministry of Health, advised communities living along the border with Uganda and the DRC to report any suspicious case of Ebola to health authorities. The Africa CDC on Wednesday also urged neighboring and affected districts to enhance their disease surveillance and laboratory testing, and implement appropriate infection prevention and control measures.

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Stakeholders want government to stand for campaign of land

By Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

LAND experts, academicians and other stakeholders have urged policy and decision makers to look at how women and smallholder producers will benefit first when providing land for the local and foreign investors.

They were speaking at a recent ended validation meeting organised by Landesa Tanzania in Morogoro Region, saying that experience shows that when the investors are given land and sometimes under controversial circumstances, it is the women and smallholder producers who suffer most.

The validation meeting brought together land experts, academicians, land and natural resource specialists, media and other stakeholders with the theme: "Stand for her Land Campaign".

Land Tenure Specialist Masalu Luhula from Landesa said land is the source for shelter, livelihood, and climate resilience. Land is a key for survival and fundamental for gender justice as such policy and decision makers should ensure women's equal legal rights to land wherever they are.

The policy and decision makers should carefully analyse and review land tenure in the investment sector to promote women and the agro-activities of smallholder farmers in Tanzania.

"There is a need for the government to put in place friendly systems for investors including patent protection for small producers (farmers and ranchers) who have been major producers of food and raw materials to feed markets and industries.

They also asked the government to strengthen monitoring systems in the investment sector as there have been many foreign investors who are basically not investors but interested in doing other activities for personal interest and end up taking people's land without any development. Investigation conducted in many regions and districts has revealed that many communities have been left without land to carry out their agricultural and pastoral activities.

"The government must look at what kind of investor we need. In my experience most of the areas in different parts of the country taken by investors but today there is nothing continuing. Therefore, before continuing dishing out more land to investors, there is a need to look at the type of investors we need," said Luhula.

"I advice the government to put in place system that will enable the investor to invest without disturbing the people and in the event the investor fails to continue with his investment, review of investment should be conducted to return the land to the ordinary citizens," he said.



Land experts, academicians and other stakeholders at a recent validation meeting organised by Landesa Tanzania in Morogoro Region recently. Photo: Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

He also advised the government to look at the challenge of climate change in the investment sector especially when establishing various industrial and manufacturing construction projects. He said the law should make it clear how the investor would be coming to invest in the country to ensure he uses the right methods to address the effects of climate change and agriculture in particular.

"This is a big challenge. The government should take immediate steps to strengthen investment systems by conducting feasibility studies on local and foreign investors before investing to help citizens avoid losing their land to rescue them from facing abject poverty

Alfonse Zenus from Tanzania natural resource forum (TNRF) the Land use planning Act, 2007 and the revised (2013 and 2020) guide-

lines require effective participation of communities in their land use planning process. The law also gives planning powers to the village authorities on village land.

District planning team support as technical advisers in the process and decisions are made by the villagers through Village Council and Village Assembly. The law and its guidelines require the land use planning reports be owned by the community and implemented by the village council. For villagers being not aware of whether a review was done in 2019 and also having no information of the reports leave many questions unanswered if the process was integrative and participatory as a legal requirement.

It is also a constitutional right for villagers to decide on their matters which they are either directly or indirectly affected. Land Use planning affects all villagers and their future generations if they do not agree freely and with prior information.

Landesa believes that around the world, people experiencing poverty often share three traits: they live in rural areas, rely on agriculture and forests to survive, and don't have legal control over the land on which they depend. We offer the tools to help people lift themselves out of poverty. Stronger rights to land have the power to reduce poverty and conflict, increase economic activity, empower women, strengthen food security, and improve environmental stewardship – for an individual, a family, a community, and an entire country.

Dr Mpango rallies world nations to contribute to Global Fund

By Guardian Reporter

VICE President, Dr Philip Mpango has called on world nations to unite in contributing to the Global Fund against HIV/Aids, Tuberculosis (TB) and malaria to enable it attain its USD 18 billion target that will be used to eradicate the diseases in the next three years.

The Vice President (pictured) issued the call in his speech to the 7th Conference to boost the Global fund held in New York, USA.

He said current conflicts

in the world has reduced efforts in restoring economies of many countries affected by the Covid-19 pandemic thereby initiating a new challenge in attaining sustainable development, hence, he added all nations should see the importance of supporting the good work of the Global Fund in the fight against HIV/Aids, Tuberculosis (TB) and malaria.

Dr Mpango said Tanzania values the historic relations with the Fund that has had positive results that saw the reduction of deaths from the



three diseases.

He also thanked the Global Fund Board for its many years support to Tanzania and also praised all world governments, various institutions and individual persons for their contribution to the Global Fund in the past 20 years.

He said Tanzania has offered to attain the global goal in eradicating HIV/Aids by 2030 by using new technologies and cre-

ative strategies.

He said apart from the achievements realised against HIV/Aids, TB and malaria, Tanzania still faces a challenge in regard to new HIV infections to the youth aged 15-24 years.

At the meeting, Tanzania pledged to contribute USD 1 million to the Fund to enable it perform well.

Yesterday, Dr Mpango was expected to give his speech to the UN General Assembly (UNGA) representing President Samia Suluhu Hassan.

UNCDF in new mechanism supporting Tanzania's climate change curbing bids

THE United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) is implementing the Local Climate Adaptive Living Facility (LoCAL) initiative that among other functions is designed to support Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS). Our Staff Writer Francis Kajubi recently interviewed Sophie De Coninck, UNCDF Global Climate Facility Manager and here are the excerpts:

QUESTION: Tanzania is one of the two countries covered by the LoCAL mechanism in the East African region. How the initiative helps the government to achieve climate-related sustainable development goals (SDGs)?

ANSWER: The LoCAL mechanism targets building climate change-resilient communities by increasing investments in climate change adaptation programs at the local government level and this is the UNCDF's contribution to the achievement of the Paris Agreement and Poverty Eradication (SDG 1), Zero Hunger (SDG 2), and Climate Action (SDG 13). We're organizing this initiative with support from the European Union (EU) and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA).

In Tanzania, the LoCAL mechanism contributes to the achievement of national development priorities stipulated in the National Five-Year Development Plan 2021/22 to 2025/26 (FYDP III), Tanzania Development Vision 2025, Zanzibar Development Plan 2021/26, and Zanzibar Development Vision 2050.

In a nutshell, the mechanism aligns with the national climate change resilience efforts including the National Climate Change Response Strategy

2021-2026 (NCCRS 2021/26).

Implemented through the President's Office - Regional Administration and Local Government (PO-RALG) in collaboration with the Institute of Rural Development Planning (IRDP) and Local Government Training Institute (LGTI), LoCAL has developed a user manual for the LGAs staff to mainstream climate change issues in the Local Government Authorities (LGAs) budgeting and planning processes.

Through the Performance-Based Climate Resilience Grant (PBCRG) system; LoCAL builds the capacity of LGAs to access and effectively use climate finance; focusing on sustainable climate investments not only projects.

Q: What regions and districts are the LoCAL initiative being executed in Tanzania?

A: LoCAL mechanism is currently being piloted in Chamwino, Mpwawa and Kondoa districts in Dodoma Region. The mechanism is implemented in three phases. With good performance it will be extended to more districts as an up-scaling phase. At the worldwide level LoCAL mechanism covers 322 LGAs by 2021 from 17 countries.

The mechanism combines performance-based climate resilience grants (PBCRGs) in the form of financial top ups to cover the additional costs of climate change adaptation which ensure programming and verification of climate change expenditures at the local level.

This goes in line with offering strong incentives for performance improvements in enhanced resilience with technical and capacity building support.



Sophie De Coninck, Global Climate Facility manager, Local Climate Adaptive Living (LoCAL).

Q: Does the initiative target pastoralists and farmers? If yes, how are they benefiting?

A: LoCAL targets at promoting climate resilience and supporting individual economies by increasing access to climate finance for LGAs—investments in adaptation. In this case, our main focus is on local communities through the LGAs.

LoCAL investments are guided by

an investment menu which provides an indicative list of avenues for engagement depending on the priorities of the identified LGAs and informed by climate impacts or risks.

Different community groups benefit with LoCAL as long as their requirements fall within the LGA's mandate and are related to climate change adaptation priorities of the identified LGA.

Q: How much has UNCDF invest-

ed in this mechanism as of July 2022?

A: With support from the EU and SIDA, in Tanzania the investment is about \$450,000 (1.05bn/-).

Globally, about \$125million (291.55bn/-), has been mobilized and disbursed to LoCAL countries, supporting more than 2,000 climate adaptation interventions.

Q: How many beneficiaries does LoCAL target by 2025/2026?

A: Currently, LoCAL estimates to benefit about 800,000 people in Tanzania. As the mechanism is expanded to additional districts in Tanzania, which will be about 12 districts in the next phase, it is expected that about 2.9 million people will benefit from LoCAL investments and capacity building of which 51 percent should be women.

As the mechanism matures it is expected to be rolled out nationally, and potentially benefiting an increasing number of Tanzanian families.

Globally, LoCAL is reaching about 12.5 million people, with the potential to reach more than 600 million people as the mechanism is nationally rolled out.

Q: The LoCAL aims at introducing a system of performance-based climate resilience grants (PBCRGs). What is the system all about?

A: PBCRGs system is aligned

with the government system and aims to provide supplementary capital to finance local public climate change resilient investments in LoCAL targeted districts. It ensures programming and verification of climate change expenditures at the local level while offering strong incentives for performance improvements in enhanced resilience.

PBCRGs aim at ensuring the LGA has capacity, operates transparently and with enhanced accountability and promotes the effective use of the government fiscal system and supports LGAs to improve performance in areas such as participatory and inclusive planning, considerations of gender sensitive aspects in local decision-making processes and investments and in climate risk informed local plans.

Q: What values does PBCRGs add to LoCAL implementation?

A: Through the PBCRGs system, districts have accessed climate finance, through the existing inter-governmental fiscal transfer system, to support the identified climate adaptation investments including:

Completion of a 100-acre Chiboli Solar Powered Irrigation Scheme in Chiboli Village Chamwino District, rehabilitation of Kisesa Dissa Water Catchment, Dissa Village, Kondoa District, and construction of a climate-resilient Borehole, Kisisi Village, Mpwawa District.

By Zhang Yunhe, Zhu Jiaqi

Encouraging results realised at 19th China-ASEAN Expo

THE 19th China-ASEAN Expo and China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit concluded in Nanning, capital of south China's Guangxi Zhuang autonomous region, on Sept. 19.

The four-day event, themed "Sharing RCEP (Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership) New Opportunities, Building a Version 3.0 China-ASEAN Free Trade Area," expanded the circle of friends for open cooperation under the RCEP framework and made positive contributions towards building a closer China-ASEAN community with a shared future.

The expo featured 88 economic and trade events held in-person and virtually. They facilitated more than 3,500 trade and project cooperation matches, and around 1,000 were made online.

The exhibition area reached 102,000 square meters this year, where a total of 5,400 exhibition booths were set up by 1,653 enterprises. Besides, over 2,000 enterprises joined the event online.

"Many foreign merchants took interpreters to the expo to enquire about sewage purifiers and relevant technologies. We saw broad market prospects given the emphasis placed by ASEAN countries on environmental protection," said Xue Dongning, manager of the administrative department of an environmental protection investment company based in Guangxi Zhuang autonomous region that has joined the expo for seven consecutive years.

Xue believes that the China-ASEAN Expo not only provides a platform for economic and trade cooperation but also facilitates intercompany exchanges.



A mid-range unmanned aerial vehicle developed by China Aerospace Science and Technology Corporation is exhibited at the 19th China-ASEAN Expo, September, 2022.

Duk-geun.

"Since the RCEP took effect this January, it has been joined by more and more countries. Our circle of friends is getting larger and larger," said Zhang Shaogang, vice chairman of the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade.

China's trade with ASEAN countries surged 13 percent year on year in the first seven months of this year, accounting for 15 percent of China's total foreign trade during the period, according to the vice chairman.

During this year's China-ASEAN Expo, 267 international and domestic cooperation projects were signed, with a total investment of over 400 billion yuan (\$56.4 billion), up 37 percent from the previous year. About 76 percent of the volume came from enterprises in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, the Yangtze River Economic Belt, the Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region and other major areas. Besides, the expo witnessed a new record in the number of provinces signing cooperation projects.

"The expo fully demonstrated the strong resilience of China-ASEAN economic ties. It has offered firm support for and made great contributions to the economic recovery of the region," said Wei Zhaohui, secretary-general of the expo's secretariat and deputy director-general of the Guangxi International Expo Affairs Bureau.

China-Malaysia bilateral trade surged 34.5 percent year on year to \$176.8 billion last year. As the Country of Honor of the 19th China-ASEAN Expo, Malaysia sent 34 enterprises to the event. Twenty-three of them attended the event in-person, while 11 joined it online. Most of these enterprises are in food and beverage, healthcare, as well as petroleum and gas industries.

Malaysian Prime Minister Ismail Sabri Yaakob said the China-ASEAN Expo is an important platform for driving regional economic recovery and enhancing China-ASEAN trade exchanges. He said Malaysia hopes to further strengthen its trade ties with China and elevate the ties to a new level through multiple initiatives and measures.

People's Daily

Pung Kheav Se, president of the Federation of Khmer Chinese in Cambodia, said that more and more ASEAN countries have become desirable investment destinations for Chinese enterprises.

"The 19th China-ASEAN Expo helped ASEAN countries and China grasp the new opportunities brought about by the implementation of the RCEP, and made positive contributions to promoting bilateral and multilateral economic cooperation," said Kheav Se.

South Korea participated in the expo as a specially invited partner this year, and an investigation tour to Guangxi was paid by a delegation of representatives from South Korean companies.

It is hoped that South Korea, China and ASEAN countries, as close neighbors, could push for closer cooperation in economy, culture and social affairs to jointly respond to global challenges, said South Korean Trade Minister Ahn

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In this puzzle you have no clues, only a list of words that all fit into the grid. The Guardian have given you a head start

3 LETTERS: ADO ROE ANI
4 LETTERS: YEAR, GAIN, ACID, AMID, DODO, POND, DOOR (7 WORDS)
5 LETTERS: DILMA, NOTED, EMAIL, MOTET, DOORS (5 WORDS)
6 LETTERS: DEARIE, IMMUNE, COLOUR, ESTATE, CLINGY (5 WORDS)
7 LETTERS: COLOMBO
8 LETTERS: ABROGATE
10 LETTERS: YUGOSLAVIA

CLUES: Across
1 citations
5 said at the end of a prayer
7 God in Kiswahili
8 consumed
10 no longer young
11 a strong request
13 a handle in the shape of a round hump
15 a thing that takes place
17 afflicted
19 a mountain or hill in South Africa
20 Opposition female Mp from Mara

Down:
1 absolute
2 Independent
3 identify class of people, places
4 to flow over and enclose
6 a fool
7 Interfere
9 adolescent
12 an inlet
14 Former president of Malawi
16 a North America woodland thrush with a brown back and speckled breast
17 Syrian cloth
18 a spherical object

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Oil prices slowing down as recession fears back in focus

SINGAPORE

Oil prices fell on Friday amid recession fears and a stronger US dollar, though losses were capped by supply concerns after Moscow's new mobilization campaign in its war with Ukraine and an apparent deadlock in talks on reviving the Iran nuclear deal.

Brent crude futures fell 41 cents, or 0.5pct, to \$90.05 per barrel at 0325 GMT, while US West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude futures were down 30 cents, or 0.4pct, to \$83.19.

Front-month Brent and TWI contracts were down 1.5pct and 2.3pct, respectively, for the week so far.

"In the wake of accelerating rate hikes by the major central banks, the risk of a global economic recession overshadows supply issues in the oil markets, despite the recent escalation in the Russia-Ukraine war," said CMC Markets analyst Tina Teng.

"However, a sharp fall in the US SPR and drawdown in inventories may still keep oil prices supported at some point as there is still an inevitable undersupply issues in the physical markets, while Iran's nuclear deal is in stalemate," she said, referring to crude oil in the US Strategic Petroleum Reserve which dropped last week to its lowest since 1984.

Following the US Federal Reserve's hefty 75 basis point increase on Wednesday for a third time, central banks around the world also followed suit in hiking interest rates, raising the risk of economic slowdowns.

"Crude prices remain volatile as energy traders grapple with a deteriorating demand outlook that is still vulner-

able to shortages," said Edward Moya, senior market analysts at OANDA, in a note.

"Supply risks and tight market conditions should give oil some support above the \$80 level, but a quicker tumble to a global recession will keep prices heavy."

A senior US State Department official said that efforts to revive the 2015 Iran nuclear deal have stalled due to Tehran's insistence on the closure of the UN nuclear watchdog's investigations, easing expectations of a resurgence of Iranian crude oil.

OPEC+ heavyweights Saudi Arabia and Russia, with their +11 million bpd quotas, are looking at \$100 oil as a fair price good for all, anonymous Reuters sources familiar with both Russian and Saudi Arabian government thinking said.

Russia and Saudi Arabia, who together make up more than half of OPEC+'s total quota, are widely considered the leaders of the OPEC+ group, and a \$100 preference could lead to an active defense of this desired floor price.

OPEC has long decried the accusation that it targets specific oil prices—rather, as OPEC says, it looks to keep the oil market in balance. However, oil prices still have a role to play in maintaining that balance.

The OPEC+ officials, who wish to remain anonymous, said that OPEC+ has sent out signals that it prefers a price around \$90 or \$100 per Brent barrel—higher, as Reuters points out, than some in the industry had previously thought.

Russia-Ukraine war sees higher demand for coal from Tanzania

By Guardian Reporter & Agencies

The ongoing Russia-Ukraine war, which has led into global energy crisis, has increased demands for Tanzanian coal, as many countries, including European are now going back into thermal power.

The Tanzanian coal trade was primarily regional, as the country traded coal to its neighboring countries and domestic market.

Europe which is typically dependent on Russia for its thermal coal and natural gas has had to look elsewhere for this energy source, due to the sanctions imposed to the soviet nation.

According to the Brussels-based think-tank Bruegel, Russia typically supplies about 70 percent and 40 percent of the bloc's natural gas. The war has affected this supply chain, prompting an energy crisis all across Europe.

The continent while in search of alternatives stumbled across the Tanzanian port of Mtwara which mainly dealt in cashew nuts until late last year. Coal in Tanzania has become essential in transforming energy production. Tanzania coal reserves at estimated to be 1.9 billion tonnes.

The current energy gap has



Coal in Tanzania has become essential in transforming energy production. Tanzania coal reserves at estimated to be 1.9 billion tonnes FILE PHOTO

created a window of opportunity for other African coal-producing nations.

South Africa's coal exports raised 11 folds in the months following the war, according to a report by Reuters. Botswana has also projected growth in its coal market that would last into next year.

Tanzania's Mining Commission told Reuters that coal exports are projected to double this year to around 696,773 tonnes, while pro-

duction is expected to increase by 50 percent to about 1,364,707 tonnes.

The government is considering building a railway that would link the coal-producing Ruvuma region to Mtwara, according to the acting executive secretary of the Mining Commission, Yahya Semamba.

Tanzania-based miner Ruvuma Coal has so far, exported at least 400,000 tonnes of coal via a trader to countries including the Neth-

erlands, France, and India since November, as per trade data reviewed by Reuters.

Since November when Mtwara launched its first ever coal shipment, up to 13 vessels of coal have been loaded up.

According to a port official, a bulk carrier with a 34,529-tonne capacity, docked last week, loaded up, and set out for France.

The demand for coal and the introduction of the European buyers has doubled profit margins for coal miners in Africa as Europeans are willing to pay twice the price quoted by Asian buyers.

President of Cargill's ocean transportation division, Jan Dieleman, noted, "Europe is competing with other buyers and the alternative is more expensive, which is gas. Europe should be able to source coal and we will see very strong flows into Europe from Colombia, South Africa and even further away."

It is interesting to note that a lot of these European nations have temporarily set aside their sustainability goals, and opted for a more frowned upon source of energy. Germany is delaying planned shutdowns of some coal plants in order to ensure the security of power supply.

"Strong incentives have pushed coal and lignite generation 25% above year-ago levels, despite a whole host of plant closures over the past three years," an analyst at Bank of America said about Europe.

DSE market capitalisation drops by 381.2 billion/- in three weeks

By Guardian Reporter

The Dares Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) market capitalization decreased by 381.2bn/- over the last three weeks.

The market report shows the market capitalization closed at 15.49trn/- on Thursday this week from 15.87trn/- closed on 31st August this year.

During the reviewed period only two companies including TOL Gases Limited and Tanzania Portland Cement Company (TPCCL) recorded the increased share prices, as the report shows their prices increased to 700/- from 650/- for TOL and to 3,880/- from 3,860/- for the cement company.

The reports show the decrease of total market capitalization resulted into drop of share prices among local and cross listed companies including East African Breweries Limited (EABL), Jubilee Holdings Limited (JHL), Mwalimu Commercial Bank (MBC) and CRDB Bank Plc.

Other companies experienced the decrease of share prices were Nicol, NMB Bank Plc, Nation Media Group (NMG) and Tanga Cement Company Limited (TCCL).

According to DSE market reports, EABL share price went down to 2,720/- from 2,900/-, JHL to 4,700/- from 4,960/-, KCB to 750/- from 790/-, MCB to 320/- from 395/- and CRDB to 390/- from 405/-



Tanzania Breweries Limited remains the largest listed company with 3.2trn/- market capitalisation FILE PHOTO

respectively.

NICO share price decreased to 350/- from 360/-, NMB Bank Plc to 2,800/- from 2,900/-, NMG to 330/- from 355/- and TCCL to 1,520/- from 1,620 respectively.

The decrease of some local companies share prices also pushed down the domestic market capitalization to 10.25trn/- from 10.35trn/- respectively.

The report shows only two market indices increased including Commercial Services (CS), which closed at 2,196.63 points from 2,172 points and Industries and Allied (IA) to

5,075.41 points from 5,075.32 points respectively.

All Shares Index (DSEI) closed at 1,858.96 points on Thursday this week lower from 1,904.70 points recorded on 31st August close while Tanzania Share Index (TSI) closed at 3,879.34 points from 3,915.85 points respectively.

Other shares index which experienced the decrease during the reviewed period was Banking, Finance and Investment (BF) which closed at 3,254.43 points from 3,372.98 points respectively.

Tanzania Breweries Limited (TBL) remains the largest listed

company with 3.2trn/- market capitalization, followed by KBC with 2.2trn/- and EABL with 2.1trn/- while Tanzania Cigarette Company remains the company with largest share price amounting 17,000/-, followed by TBL with 10,900/-.

The smallest listed company is Uchumi Supermarket Limited (USL) with the market capitalization of 1.82bn/- and a smallest share price of 5/-, followed by JATU with 56bn/- and Yetu Microfinance Limited with the market capitalization of 6.1bn/-.

Boeing to pay \$200mn for misleading investors

WASHINGTON

Boeing Co will pay \$200 million to settle civil charges by the US Securities and Exchange Commission that it misled investors about its 737 MAX, which was grounded for 20 months after two fatal crashes killed 346 people, the agency has said.

Boeing knew after the first crash that a flight control system posed a safety issue, but

assured the public that the 737 MAX airplane was "as safe as any that has ever flown the skies," the SEC said in announcing the settlement.

The SEC also said former Boeing Chief Executive Dennis Muilenburg had agreed to pay \$1 million to settle charges.

Both Boeing and Muilenburg did not admit or deny the SEC's findings, the agency said. A fund will be established for the

benefit of harmed investors, it said.

Boeing shares rose 0.4% in after-hours trading.

"In times of crisis and tragedy, it is especially important that public companies and executives provide full, fair, and truthful disclosures to the markets," SEC Chair Gary Gensler said in a statement. Boeing and Muilenburg "failed in this most basic obligation," he said.

The SEC charged Boeing and Muilenburg "with making materially misleading public statements following crashes of Boeing airplanes in 2018 and 2019."

Boeing, which noted that it did not admit or deny wrongdoing in the settlement agreement, said it had made "fundamental changes that have strengthened our safety processes" and said the "settle-

ment is part of the company's broader effort to responsibly resolve outstanding legal matters related to the 737 MAX accidents."

The crashes were linked to a flight control system called the Maneuvering Characteristics Augmentation System (MCAS). The SEC said "after the first crash, Boeing and Muilenburg knew that MCAS posed an ongoing airplane safety issue, but

nevertheless assured the public that the 737 MAX airplane was 'as safe as any that has ever flown the skies.'"

The first crash, of a Lion Air flight in Indonesia, occurred in October 2018.

After the second crash, in Ethiopia in March 2019, the SEC said, "Boeing and Muilenburg assured the public that there were no slips or gaps in the certification process with

respect to MCAS, despite being aware of contrary information." Boeing has resolved most claims from the two fatal crashes. Last year it acknowledged liability for compensatory damages in lawsuits filed by families of the 157 people killed in the 2019 Ethiopian Airlines 737 MAX crash. A small number of trials are expected to begin in 2023 to help resolve claims.

Gold risks collapse into bear market

NEW YORK

Gold fell to near a two-year low after Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell pledged to crush inflation and the dollar surged to a record, with the precious metal on the cusp of sinking into a bear market.

The Fed raised interest rates by 75 basis points, and lifted forecasts on where borrowing costs would be at year-end.

Bullion closed up 0.5% on Wednesday on a combination of relief that the US central bank didn't raise rates even more, and haven flows after Vladimir Putin escalated the war in Ukraine.

"Gold's biggest struggle in the last few months have been the persistent strength in the US dollar," said Madhavi Mehta, a senior analyst at Kotak Securities Ltd. "Un-



less we see a significant correction in the US dollar, gold may struggle to recover," she said.

Gold has had a tumultuous year, rallying close to a record in March after Moscow invaded its smaller

neighbor, then slumping as the Fed toughened its approach to quelling the fastest inflation in decades.

That pivot has lifted a Bloomberg gauge of the US currency to an all-time high and driven Treasury yields upward, dulling the allure of the non-interest bearing metal.

Bullion's extended retreat -- with prices on course for a sixth consecutive monthly drop in September -- has driven prices close to bear-market territory, typically defined as a slump of 20% from a closing high. For bullion, that would be a finish below \$1,650.83 an ounce, or 20% below its record close in 2020.

"Gold will remain vulnerable to selling pressure if inflation does not continue to ease, but it could start to stabilize," said Ed Moya, senior market analyst at Oanda. The hawkish Fed projections point to a "rather grim outlook for the economy," which could trigger a return of haven demand, he said.

Spot gold was 0.8% lower at \$1,659.82 an ounce at 12:15 p.m. in Singapore as the Bloomberg Dollar Spot Index advanced to an all-time high. Silver, palladium and platinum all declined.

Global stocks hit 2-year low as central banks fight inflation

LONDON/SYDNEY

Stocks hit two-year lows on Friday and bonds faced an eighth weekly loss, as investors digested the prospect of a far more aggressive rise in U.S. interest rates, while currency markets remained volatile after Japan's intervention to prop up the yen.

Interest rates rose sharply this week in the United States, Britain, Sweden, Switzerland and Norway - among other places - but it was Federal Reserve's signal that it expects high U.S. rates to last through 2023 that set off the latest sell-off.

MSCI's world stocks index fell to its lowest since mid-2020 on Friday, having lost about 12% in the month or so since Fed Chair Jerome Powell made clear that bringing down inflation would hurt.

The euro fell for a fourth straight day after data showed the downturn in the German economy has worsened in September, as consumers and businesses face an unprecedented energy crunch and spiralling inflation.

European stocks were a sea of red for a second day, under pressure from losses in everything from bank stocks to natural resources and technology shares.

The pan-regional STOXX 600 was down about 0.5% in early trade, while Frankfurt's DAX lost 0.6%, ranking it as one of Europe's worst-performing indices. London's FTSE lost 0.1%, against a backdrop of the pound tumbling to another 37-year low.

"Pretty much anything besides inflation data and central bank policy decisions is just noise at the moment, with the market firmly, and almost solely, focused on how high rates will rise across developed markets, and how long they will remain at those peaks," CaxtonFX chief strategist Michael Brown said.

"The Fed's message on Wednesday was clear, that rates are going higher than the market was pricing, and policy will remain restrictive for a prolonged time to come, likely throughout 2023 - in that environment, it's almost impossible to be long stocks, or to want to buy Treasuries, hence the sell-off in both is no surprise, and should continue."

S&P emini futures fell 0.3%, suggesting a weaker start on Wall Street later.

With U.S. rates set to rise faster and stay high for longer, the dollar hit its highest in two decades this week, while yields on the benchmark 10-year US Treasury have soared as investors have ditched inflation-sensitive assets like bonds.

The 10-year yield was trading down 2 basis points on the day at 3.68%, but has risen by almost a quarter of a percentage point this week alone and is on course for its eighth consecutive weekly increase.

"The 10-year was playing catch up to the newly calibrated cash rate," said Westpac's head of rates strategy, Damien McColough, in Sydney.

"If you believe the front-end is going to peak at 4.60% can you really sustain 10-year bond yields at 3.70%?" he said.

"It's very skittish price action ... I think that this volatility continues in all markets in the near term (until) the rates market settles."

Britain bets all on historic tax cuts and borrowing

LONDON

Britain's new finance minister Kwasi Kwarteng (pictured) unleashed historic tax cuts and huge increases in borrowing on Friday in an economic agenda that floored financial markets, with sterling and British government bonds in freefall.

Kwarteng scrapped the country's top rate of income tax, cancelled a planned rise in corporate taxes and for the first time put a price tag on the spending plans of Prime Minister Liz Truss, who wants to double Britain's rate of economic growth.

Investors unloaded short-dated British government bonds as fast as they could, with the cost of borrowing over 5 years seeing its biggest one-day rise since 1991, as Britain raised its debt issuance plans for the current financial year by 72.4 billion pounds (\$81 billion). The pound slid below \$1.11 for the first time in 37 years.

Kwarteng's announcement marked a step change in British economic policy, harking back to the Thatcherite and Reaganomics doctrines of the 1980s that critics have derided as a return to "trickle down" economics.

"Our plan is to expand the supply side of the economy through tax incentives and reform," Kwarteng said.

"That is how we will compete successfully with dynamic economies around the world. That is how we will turn the vicious cycle of stagnation into a virtuous cycle of growth."

A plan to subsidise energy bills will cost 60 billion pounds just for the next six months, Kwarteng said. The government has promised households support for two years as Europe wrestles with an energy crisis.

Tax cuts - including an immediate reduction in the Stamp Duty property purchase tax plus a reversal of a planned rise in corporation tax - would cost a further 45 billion pounds by 2026/27, he said.

The government said raising Britain's annual economic growth rate by 1 percentage point over five years - a feat most economists think unlikely - would increase tax receipts by around the same amount.

Britain also will accelerate moves to bol-



ster the City of London's competitiveness as a global financial centre by scrapping the cap on banker bonuses ahead of an "ambitious deregulatory" package later in the year, Kwarteng said.

The opposition Labour Party said the plans were a "desperate gamble".

"Never has a government borrowed so much and explained so little... this is no way to build

confidence, this is no way to build economic growth," said Labour's finance spokeswoman Rachel Reeves.

The Institute for Fiscal Studies said the tax cuts were the largest since the budget of 1972 - which is widely remembered as ending in disaster because of its inflationary effect.

The market backdrop could barely be more hostile for Kwarteng, with the pound per-

forming worse against the dollar than almost any other major currency.

Much of the decline reflects the U.S. Federal Reserve's rapid interest rate rises to tame inflation - which have sent markets into a tailspin - but some investors have taken fright at Truss's willingness to borrow big to fund growth.

"In 25 years of analysing budgets this must be the most

dramatic, risky and unfounded mini-budget," said Caroline Le Jeune, head of tax at accountants Blick Rothenberg.

"Truss and her new government are taking a huge gamble."

A Reuters poll this week showed 55% of the international banks and economic consultancies that were polled judged British assets were at a high risk of a sharp loss of confidence.

Kenya, S. Sudan largest importers of Uganda's goods

KAMPALA

Uganda exported more goods to Kenya and South Sudan in August compared to any other country, according to Ministry of Finance data.

During the period, the Ministry of Finance Performance of the Economy report, indicates that 86 percent of exports went to East African member states, which was a growth from 57.7 percent registered in July.

Exports worth \$64.67m went to Kenya while \$61.28m and \$64.07m worth of exports went to DR Congo and South Sudan, respectively.

East Africa was followed by the European Union (EU) and

the Rest of Africa, which accounted for 17.9 percent and 11.3 percent, respectively.

During the period, export receipts increased by 3.8 percent from \$365.13m in June to \$379.16m in July, signaling a pickup in commodity exports despite economic shocks across the globe.

The Ministry of Finance also reported an increase in receipts from maize, simsim, vanilla, hides and skins.

The increase indicates a 23.5 percent rise in export receipts from \$306.97m in July 2021 to \$379.16m, which was largely on account of higher receipts from coffee, sugar and fish.

During the month coffee exports grew by 19.4 percent from \$69.93m in July last year to \$83.52m recorded in July 2022 on account of a higher increase in Arabica coffee exports, which more than offset the decrease in Robusta exports.

Increase in Arabica exports was due to on-year characteristic of Arabica coffee production while lower yields from Robusta was due to drought, which led to a shorter main harvest season in central and eastern Uganda.

However, during the month merchandise worth \$667.64m was imported in July due to drop in import prices.

The Ministry of Finance also

reported a drop in value by 7.9 percent due to a decline in international oil prices, which saw the oil price index decline by 9.3 percent.

During the month, merchandise imported by government declined in the first month of the financial year, contributing to the overall decline in imports.

Asia remained the biggest source of imports, accounting for 42 percent of the total imports. It was followed by the Middle East and EAC that accounted for 27 percent and 13 percent, respectively. Kenya, Tanzania and DR Congo contributed 97 percent of the total imports from the EAC.



LNG exporters face risk of stranded assets

DOHA

Desperately scrambling for non-Russian gas supply to keep the lights and heating on this winter, Europe is driving a surge in liquefied natural gas (LNG) imports and prices.

The near-term economics of LNG projects are appealing. But if the EU is set to achieve its target to reduce overall gas consumption by 30 percent by the end of this decade, some LNG infrastructure—both in importing and exporting countries—could become stranded assets.

Instead of providing LNG for decades to come, some projects may not be needed anymore, especially if the LNG market turns into a surplus after 2026, as some analysts expect, when several major export facilities currently under construction in top

exporters Qatar and the United States come online.

High prices, energy conservation, and industries shutting plants or production lines are all set to drive Europe's gas demand lower this winter compared to the five-year average.

The decline in demand could help prevent European gas storage levels from being totally drained by the end of the coming winter, analysts at Wood Mackenzie said earlier this month.

Lower gas consumption in Europe, due to demand destruction and energy saving—and the growing possibility of energy rationing—would help gas storage this winter and next, Wood Mackenzie says.

Still, reduced demand alone cannot ensure adequate supply. European economies, including the



LNG plant in Saudi Arabia

largest—Germany—are already reeling from the worsening energy crisis, especially after Russia's Gazprom shut down the Nord Stream pipeline indefinitely.

However, gas is still a key part of the EU en-

ergy mix, both in heating homes, generating electricity, and fueling industrial processes. That's why Europe is racing to build LNG import terminals to receive more gas from sources other than Russia. Currently, the faster

and cheaper option to have more LNG import facilities is the hiring of floating storage regasification units (FSRUs), Kaushal Ramesh, Senior Gas & LNG Analyst at Rystad Energy, told Financial Times' Alan Livsey.

"There are few use cases better suited to FSRUs than Europe's situation right now," Ramesh told FT. Onshore LNG import facilities are much more expensive, take years to build, and ultimately, they could remain stranded assets if (a big 'if') Europe reaches its goal to cut gas consumption by 30% by 2030 and greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55% by 2030, as an interim target on the road to net-zero emissions by 2050.

So countries in northern Europe are now looking to charter FSRUs for LNG imports to secure gas supply for the next few winters until the EU makes meaningful progress in cutting gas consumption through energy efficiency measures and boosting hydrogen and renewable gas use.

For example, on the day in May on which Gazprom said it would cut off all gas supply to Finland ef-

fective immediately, Finland's transmission network company Gasgrid Finland Oy and U.S.-based Accelerate Energy signed a ten-year lease agreement for the LNG terminal ship Exemplar to ensure sufficient gas supply in Finland.

"Leasing an LNG terminal vessel is extremely important, as it ensures security of supply for gas supplies in both Finland and Estonia," Gasgrid CEO Olli Sipilä said at the time.

In the Netherlands, gas provider Gasunie is building a floating LNG terminal in the Eemshaven in the Groningen area and this terminal is expected to be operating at full capacity by late November or early December. Gasunie says that in the long term, this terminal can be repurposed for green hydrogen storage.

Germany, for its part, has already chartered five FSRUs since May, with

two of those, at Wilhelmshaven and at Brunsbüttel, expected to begin operations as early as the end of this year.

For the EU and its members, it looks like it currently makes sense to cater to the short-term needs for gas, while working to reduce gas consumption and rely more on renewable gas, hydrogen, and replacing gas in heating and power generation.

Therefore, most are opting for chartering the cheaper FSRU terminals than spending billions of dollars and years on planning, designing, permitting, and constructing the more expensive onshore LNG import terminals.

The same goes for LNG export terminals, too. The top exporters—the U.S. and Qatar—have announced major capacity expansions that are set to become operational after 2026.

Shanghai passes regulation for promoting AI industry

SHANGHAI

The local legislature in Shanghai on Thursday passed a regulation on boosting the development of the artificial intelligence (AI) industry.

The regulation, China's first provincial-level one in the AI sector, is to go into effect on Oct. 1. AI is one of the three leading industries that Shanghai seeks to develop through the concentration of resources.

Local authorities will promote the building and use of public computing resource platforms and provide public computing power support for AI technology and industrial development, according to the regulation.

The regulation seeks to

promote overall innovation and breakthroughs in the AI industry by supporting the development of the AI core industries and strengthening the agglomeration of AI enterprises.

The city will explore grading management and sandbox supervision, a flexible supervision system for technological innovation, to stimulate the innovation capacity of various entities and expand the development space for the AI industry, it said.

The regulation also stipulates that an expert committee on AI-related ethics should be established and the protection of user groups, including the elderly, the disabled, women and minors, should be strengthened.

ECB seeks to cut subsidy to banks

FRANKFURT

The European Central Bank is studying ways of cutting a subsidy to banks that stands to cost it tens of billions of euros in interest, four sources told Reuters, in a move that is likely to attract a backlash from lenders.

To fight runaway inflation, the ECB has raised the rate it pays on the 4.6 trillion euros (\$4.5 trillion) worth of banks' reserves that exceed requirements from -0.5% to 0.75% in less than two months.

This leaves the ECB on the hook for tens of billions of euros in annual interest on those reserves and threatens to burn a hole in the capital of the central banks in countries where most of the those reserves sit, with the Netherlands and Belgium already warning about imminent losses.

It also puts the ECB in the politically uncomfortable position of subsidising banks at a time when the public is struggling amid high inflation.

Banks in particular stand to make a guaranteed profit on three-year loans they have taken out from the ECB itself because the average interest they pay on those Targeted Longer-Term Refinancing Operations (TLTRO) is lower than what they can earn by depositing that same cash at the central bank.

For these reasons ECB staff are examining ways to pay less, such as not paying interest on any cash that banks have borrowed from the central bank itself, the sources close to the matter told Reuters.

The ECB might also change the terms of TLTRO loans, although this would potentially damage the credibility of future programmes and invite legal challenges, the

sources added.

Other proposals include only remunerating excess reserves below or above a threshold or scrapping interest on minimum reserves - those that banks have to keep at the ECB and which currently yield 1.25% a year, the sources said.

A spokesperson for the ECB declined to comment.

Any such move is likely to displease banks and might even land the ECB in court.

But ECB policymakers feel justified in taking action if that is needed to preserve capital, the sources said, noting that lenders had benefited from the ultra-cheap loans in the past.

Policymakers only briefly discussed this topic at their Sept. 8 meeting and are expected to revisit it at a retreat in Cyprus on Oct. 5 or at their policy gathering on Oct. 23 - when the ECB is set to raise rates again.

The Swiss National Bank said on Thursday it would only pay interest on reserves "up to a certain threshold" and French central bank governor Francois Villeroy de Galhau has also championed a similar plan.

One issue for the ECB is that different options would affect member countries in different ways.

Italian banks, for instance, have borrowed more from the ECB than they have deposited there in excess reserves, while the opposite is true for most other countries and especially for Germany, France and the Netherlands.

Dutch bank ING saw "disrupting effects on Italian money markets" if the ECB stopped remunerating part of the money borrowed by Italian banks under TLTRO.



ITV

SATURDAY 24 Sept

5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:00 Habari
8:00 Al Jazeera
9:00 Watoto wetu
10:00 Kipindi Maalum: FAO
10:02 Shika Bamba 5
10:30 Mjue Zaidi rpt
11:10 Chetu ni chetu rpt
11:50 Hawavumi lakini wamo
12:40 Usafiri Wako rpt
13:10 Korean: Jumong rpt
13:50 Soap: I Plead Guilty rpt
16:10 Igizo: Mizengwe
16:30 Soap: Rebeca
17:00 Shamsam za Pwani
18:00 Jiji Letu
18:15 Korean: Jumong
19:00 Jungu Kuu
19:30 Shika Bamba
20:00 Habari
21:05 Kipindi Maalum: Tatu Mzuka
19:30 Igizo: Rebeca
21:40 Art and Lifestyle
22:10 ITV TOP 10
22:50 Hawavumi lakini wamo
23:40 Soap: Uzalo rpt
01:15 DWTW

SUNDAY 25 Sept

5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:00 Habari
8:00 Al Jazeera
9:00 Watoto Wetu
10:00 Soap: I Plead Guilty rpt
11:50 Bongo Movie rpt
14:00 Tamasha la Michezo
15:30 Mwangaza
16:30 ITV Top 10
17:20 Kipindi cha kikristo
18:00 Jiji Letu
18:15 Mapishi
18:30 Matukio ya wiki
19:30 Igizo: Rebeca
20:00 Habari
21:05 Kipindi maalum: Biko
21:10 Kipindi maalum: Reflexology
21:15 Igizo: Mizengwe
21:30 Mjue Zaidi
22:15 Bongo movie:
23:30 Soap: Uzalo rpt
02:05 Al Jazeera

MONDAY 26 Sept

5:30 Igizo rpt: Uzalo
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:30 HABARI
8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
8:55 Habari za saa
9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo
9:30 Soap rpt: I Plead Guilty
9:55 Habari za saa
10:00 Watoto wetu
10:55 Habari za saa
11:00 ITV Top Ten
11:55 Habari za saa
12:00 Al Jazeera
12:30 Jungu kuu

12:55 Habari za saa
13:00 Mjue Zaidi
13:40 Art and Lifestyle rpt
13:55 Habari za saa
14:10 Soap rpt: Rebeca
14:40 Mapishi
14:55 Habari za saa
15:00 Meza Huru:
16:30 Watoto Wetu
17:00 The Base
18:00 Jiji Letu
18:10 Albu yako rpt
18:15 Igizo: Mizengwe
18:30 DWTW: Kesho leo
19:00 Alya ya Jamii
19:30 Soap: I Plead Guilty
20:00 Habari
21:05 Dakika 45
22:00 Bundesliga na DW
22:30 Soap: Uzalo
23:00 Habari
23:30 The Base
00:30 Al Jazeera
02:00 DWTW

TUESDAY 27 Sept

5:00 Igizo rpt: Uzalo
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:30 HABARI
8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
8:55 Habari za saa
9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo
9:30 Soap rpt: I Plead Guilty
10:00 Watoto wetu
10:25 Jagina rpt
10:55 Habari za saa
11:00 The Base rpt
11:55 Habari za saa
12:00 Al Jazeera
12:30 Alya ya jamii
12:55 Habari za saa
13:00 Kipindi maalum rpt: Benki ya Ushinika
13:40 Shikabamba
13:55 Habari za saa
14:00 Shikabamba
14:15 Igizo rpt: Rebeca
14:40 Igizo: Mizengwe
14:55 Habari za saa
15:00 Meza Huru
16:30 Watoto wetu
17:00 The Base
18:00 Jiji Letu
18:15 Mapishi
18:30 Kipindi Maalum: Sema na Mahakama ya TZ - Live
19:30 Soap: I Plead Guilty
20:00 Habari
21:05 Kipindi Maalum: Maisha ni Nyumba
21:30 Kipindi Maalum: NSSF
21:45 Chetu ni chetu
22:30 Soap: Uzalo
23:00 Habari
23:30 The Base
00:30 Al Jazeera
02:00 DWTW

WEDNESDAY 28 Sept

5:00 Igizo rpt: Uzalo
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:30 HABARI
8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
8:55 Habari za saa
9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo

9:30 Soap: I Plead Guilty
9:55 Habari za saa
10:00 Watoto wetu
10:25 Uchumi wetu
10:55 Habari za saa
11:00 The Base rpt
11:55 Habari za saa
12:00 Al Jazeera
12:30 Bundesliga rpt
12:55 Habari za saa
13:00 Dakika 45 rpt
13:55 Habari za saa
14:00 Chetu ni chetu rpt
14:40 Mapishi
14:55 Habari za saa
15:00 Meza huru
16:30 Watoto Wetu
17:00 The Base
18:00 Jiji Letu
18:15 Korean: Jumong
19:00 Jarida la wanawake
19:30 Soap: I Plead Guilty
20:00 Habari
21:05 Albu Yako
21:10 Kipindi Maalum: Tanesco
21:40 Kipindi maalum: Watumishi Housing
22:30 Ripoti maalum
22:50 Soap: Uzalo
23:00 Habari
23:30 The Base
00:30 Al Jazeera
02:00 DWTW

THURSDAY 29 Sept

5:00 Igizo rpt: Uzalo
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:30 HABARI
8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
8:55 Habari za saa
9:00 Kumekucha kishindo
9:30 Soap rpt: I Plead Guilty
9:55 Habari za saa
10:00 Watoto wetu
10:30 Shamba lulu
10:55 Habari za saa
11:00 The Base
11:55 Habari za saa
12:00 Al Jazeera
12:30 Jarida la wanawake rpt
12:55 Habari za saa
13:00 Shamsam za pwani rpt
13:55 Habari za saa
14:00 Kipindi maalum rpt: NSSF
14:15 Igizo rpt: Rebeca
14:40 Igizo: Mizengwe
14:55 Habari za saa
15:00 Meza Huru:
16:30 Watoto Wetu
17:00 The Base
18:00 Jiji Letu
18:15 Mapishi
18:30 Jagina
19:00 Usafiri Wako
19:30 Soap: I Plead Guilty
20:00 Habari
21:05 Malumbano ya hoja
23:00 Habari
23:30 The Base
00:30 Al Jazeera
02:00 DWTW

FRIDAY 30 Sept

5:00 Igizo rpt: Uzalo
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI

6:40 Kumekucha
7:30 HABARI
8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
8:55 Habari za saa
9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo
9:30 Soap rpt: I Plead Guilty
9:55 Habari za saa
10:00 Watoto wetu
10:30 Usafiri Wako
10:55 Habari za saa
11:00 The Base rpt
11:55 Habari za saa
12:00 Al Jazeera
12:30 Kipindi Maalum rpt: Tanesco
12:55 Habari za saa
13:00 Kipindi Maalum: Maisha ni Nyumba rpt
13:30 Kipindi Maalum rpt: Sema na Mahakama ya TZ
13:55 Habari za saa
14:00 Kipindi Maalum rpt: Sema na Mahakama ya TZ
14:30 DWTW rpt: Kesho leo
14:55 Habari za saa
15:00 Meza Huru
16:30 Watoto Wetu
17:00 The Base (DJ Show)
17:30 Kisiam
18:00 Jiji Letu
18:15 Igizo: Mizengwe
18:30 Uchumi wetu
19:00 Shamba lulu
19:30 Soap: I Plead Guilty
20:00 Habari
21:05 Kipima Joto
23:00 Habari
23:30 The Base
00:30 Al Jazeera
02:00 DWTW

SATURDAY 1 Oct

5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:00 Habari
8:00 Al Jazeera
9:00 Watoto wetu
10:00 Kipindi Maalum: FAO
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SUNDAY 2 Oct

5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:00 Habari
8:00 Al Jazeera
09:00 Watoto Wetu

10:00 Soap: I Plead Guilty rpt
11:50 Bongo Movie rpt:
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21:15 Igizo: Mizengwe
21:30 Mjue Zaidi
22:15 Bongo movie:
23:30 Soap: Uzalo rpt
02:05 Al Jazeera

CAPITAL

Sat 24 Sept

08:00 Al Jazeera
09:00 Rev rpt
09:30 Turning the Spotlight rpt
10:00 Culinary delight rpt
10:30 Innovation rpt
11:00 Out n'about rpt
11:30 Sports Gazette rpt
12:00 Shamba Lulu rpt
12:30 Our Earth rpt
13:00 Business edition rpt
13:30 Korean Drama rpt: Hwarang 14:30
Telenovela rpt: Laws Of love 17:15
Eco@Africa
17:45 Bundesliga kick off
18:15 Capchat rpt
18:15 Mizengwe
19:30 The Decor
20:00 Korean Drama: Hwarang 21:00
Out n'About
21:30 Music: Club 101 rpt
23:00 Series rpt: Lies that Bind
01:00 Al Jazeera

Sun 25 Sept

08:00 Al Jazeera
09:00 In good shape
10:00 Capchat rpt
11:00 Sports Gazette rpt
11:30 Korean Drama rpt: Hwarang 12:00
Jagina rpt
12:30 Bundesliga Kick Off rpt
13:00 In good shape rpt
13:30 Series rpt: Lies that Bind
15:15 Albu yako
15:30 Rev rpt
16:00 Dakika 45 rpt
16:45 Mizengwe rpt
17:00 The Decor rpt
17:30 Meza huru
19:00 Turning the Spotlight rpt
19:30 Cookery pgm: Culinary Delights
20:00 Korean Drama: Hwarang 21:00
Dw News Africa
21:30 Capchat live
22:15 Telenovela rpt: Laws Of love
00:00 Al Jazeera

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06:00 Al Jazeera

University of Cambridge says it gained from slave trade

LONDON

BRITAIN'S University of Cambridge said on Thursday it had benefited from the proceeds of slavery over its history, and promised to expand scholarships for Black students and fund more research into the murderous trade.

The acknowledgement comes as a string of leading institutions - from the Bank of England to the Church of England - have been re-evaluating the central role that slavery had in enriching Britain and how they benefited from its injustices.

Cambridge said an investigation it commissioned had found no evidence that the university itself ever owned slaves or plantations directly. But the findings showed it had received "significant benefits" from slavery.

Those came from university benefactors who had made their money from the slave trade, the university's investments in companies that participated in it, and fees from plantation-owning families, according to the investigation's report.

Researchers found that fellows from Cambridge colleges were involved with the East India Company, while invest-

ors in the Royal African Company also had links to Cambridge - two companies both active in the slave trade.

The university also received donations from investors in both companies, and also directly invested in another company active in the slave trade, the South Sea Company, according to the paper, which was produced by a group of Cambridge academics.

"Such financial involvement both helped to facilitate the slave trade and brought very significant financial benefits to Cambridge," the Legacies of Enslavement report said.

It also said that while notable abolitionists such as William Wilberforce were educated at Cambridge and developed their campaigns there, their full legacy needed to be examined further, while prominent members of the university also defended the intellectual underpinnings of the slave trade.

Historic wrongs

Several people are also memorialized at the university without reference to their involvement, the report said.

A statue to William Pitt the Younger, a member of parliament for the university who was prime minister at the end



A man closes his eyes as he receives the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine in Miami Beach, Florida, on Aug 4, 2021. AP

of the 18th century, makes no reference to his efforts to stall abolitionism or to restore slavery in Haiti after the revolution there.

Meanwhile the Fitzwilliam Museum was founded with money and artwork inherited from a governor of the South Sea Company.

In response to the report, the university said the museum would hold an exhibition on slavery and power in 2023, while Cambridge's Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology had recommended that its Benin Bronzes, taken in a violent military campaign in the 19th century from a territory that later became part of modern-day Nigeria, are returned.

One Cambridge college handed back another Benin Bronze last year, as did Aberdeen university in Scotland.

Other British institutions are also looking at their collections. The Bank of England said in August it was taking down art depicting former governors with links to slavery.

Cambridge will also set up a dedicated center to research the legacies of enslavement, deepen ties with universities in the Caribbean and Africa and increase postgraduate scholarships for Black British students as well as those from Africa and the Caribbean, the university said.

It builds on a scholarship set up by rapper Stormzy, who in 2018 said he would fund places for Black British students after criticism that the university did not do enough to ensure diversity.

The university said it had also received a donation to commission a Black British artist to memorialize Black Cambridge scholars, and will install explanatory plaques to contextualize older statues of those associated with the slave trade.

"It is not in our gift to right historic wrongs, but we can begin by acknowledging them," Vice-Chancellor Stephen Toope said in response to the report.

"Having unearthed our university's links to an appalling history of abuse, the report encourages us to work even harder to address current inequalities - particularly those related to the experiences of Black communities."

Agencies

Report: Poorer nations face rising debt service costs in 2024

LONDON

SOME of the nations most vulnerable to climate change face a sharp rise in debt service payments in the coming two years, hampering their ability to invest in climate proofing and shoring up their economies, a research report found.

The Vulnerable Group of Twenty - a group of 55 economies exposed to the fallout from climate change - expect debt service payments to rise to \$69 billion by 2024 - the highest level in the current decade, according to calculations from the V20 and the Boston University Global Development Policy Centre.

Debt service payments in 2022 are at \$61.5 billion and are set to be a touch above that in 2023, the authors said.

Emerging market and developing countries are struggling with the COVID-19 pandemic, Russia's special military operation in Ukraine, the climate crisis and interest rate increases in advanced economies, wrote Luma Ramos in the report published

yesterday.

A number of debt relief schemes for the world's poorest nations were launched after the pandemic roiled global financial markets and hammered economies around the world.

However, progress has been slow and some of the schemes - such as the Debt Service Suspension Initiative - have expired.

"Without debt relief and other complementary measures such as grants, V20 countries will postpone their ability to reap the benefits of climate investments, such as improved resilience and enhanced power generation through renewables," the report added.

Adding to the complexity was a change in creditor structure across the \$686.3 billion in external public debt owed by V20 nations. Private creditors were now the biggest group, holding over a third of the debt while the World Bank and other multilateral institutions held a fifth each, the report found. V20 nations owed 13% to Paris Club wealthy creditors.



Local government workers gather dead fish for disposal after being washed overnight along the coastline at the reclaimed "Freedom Island" on Oct 11, 2019 in suburban Las Pinas city south Manila, Philippines. AP

The authors also urged the International Monetary Fund to upgrade its Debt Sustainability Analysis to account for climate risks faced by vulnerable nations.

"Given that climate impacts are increasing the cost of capital increase for vulnerable countries, the close association between climate change and debt sustainability needs to be captured

and should inform the discussion on the countries needing debt relief," the report found.

The V20 economies include Barbados, Cambodia, Costa Rica, Ethiopia, Honduras, Lebanon, Morocco, Nepal, the Philippines, Rwanda, Senegal, Sudan, Tanzania, Tunisia, Tuvalu and Vietnam.

Agencies

Japan PM says to ease COVID border restrictions next month

JAPAN

JAPANESE Prime Minister Fumio Kishida said on Thursday his country will ease COVID-19 border control requirements next month, a key step in fostering a recovery in Japan's tourism sector, which is eager to take advantage of the yen's slide to a 24-year low.

Japan has maintained some of the strictest border measures among major economies

since the pandemic's onset, having effectively blocked entry to visitors for two years until it began a gradual reopening in June.

Kishida's announcement, made during a speech at the New York Stock Exchange, follows a pledge he made in May that Japan would bring its border controls more in line with other Group of Seven nations.

"We are a nation that has flourished through the free

flow of people, goods and capital," Kishida said on Thursday.

"COVID-19, of course, interrupted all of these benefits, but from October 11, Japan will relax border control measures to be on par with the U.S., as well as resume visa-free travel and individual travel," he said.

Japan's insistence that visitors obtain visas to enter the country and then adhere to planned, package tours has been a major sticking point.

Prior to the pandemic, Japan had visa waiver agreements with nearly 70 countries and regions, including the United States, the European Union, and many Asian neighbors.

Business lobbies and travel companies have urged Japan to relax its border controls more swiftly, saying they were out of step with major trading partners and could cause the nation to fall behind economically.

From Oct 11, Japan will restore individual tourism and visa-waiver travel to people from certain countries as long as they are vaccinated.

At the same time, it will also scrap a daily cap on arrivals, currently set at 50,000, and may revise regulations on hotels, allowing them to refuse guests who don't abide by infection controls, such as mask wearing, during an outbreak, domestic media reported.

West openly blanks out truth about Ukraine - Russian top diplomat

UNITED NATIONS

WESTERN nations have been concealing, and sometimes openly blanking out, the truth about military crimes committed by pro-Kiev forces, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov told on Thursday's Ukraine-themed ministerial session of the UN Security Council.

"Inconvenient truths that contradict Ukraine's image of a victim of a so-called aggression are being actively hushed up, and in some cases even openly blanked out," he said.

"Even Amnesty International, a Western human rights organization that can hardly be suspected of being on Russia's side, was criticized harshly and labeled a Kremlin agent for its report that confirmed the widely known facts about the Kiev government's tactics of setting up shooting emplacements and deploying heavy weaponry in civilian facilities."

International rights organization Amnesty International published a report about the conflict in Ukraine on August 4, which, among other things accused the Kiev government of employing fighting tactics that put civilians at risks, including deployment of weapons and military equipment in schools and hospitals.

The report stirred a negative reaction of the Ukrainian side. Thus, aide to the presidential office chief Mikhail Podolyak called for a probe to see whether Amnesty International is deriving any "profits" from Russia and head of Amnesty International's office in Ukraine Oksana Pokachuk said she was leaving her post.

Later on, the organization apologized for its report, saying its only goal was to protect civilians.



Trump family sued for fraud over a decade

WASHINGTON

FORMER US president Donald Trump, three of his children and executives at his family business lied to banks and insurers for more than a decade about property valuations to pad his net worth by billions of dollars and reduce their tax liability, according to a lawsuit filed on Wednesday.

The 222-page civil complaint filed by New York Attorney General Letitia James alleges fraud and misrepresentations that gave false impressions to banks and insurers about how Trump's financial statements were prepared.

It seeks to recover more than \$250 million in what James' office said are ill-gotten gains received through alleged deceptive practices. The lawsuit itself is not a criminal prosecution, but James said she has referred possible violations of law to the Justice Department and the Internal Revenue Service.

"This investigation revealed that Donald Trump engaged in years of illegal conduct to inflate his net worth, to deceive banks and the people of the great state of New York," James said at a news conference. "Claiming you have money that you do not have does not amount to the art of the deal. It's the art of the steal."

Trump: The Art of the Deal is a 1987 book credited to Trump and a journalist that is part memoir and part business advice.

James' lawsuit, filed in state court in New York, is the culmination of a three-year civil investigation of Trump and The Trump Organization. Trump's three eldest children, Donald Jr, Ivanka and Eric, were also named as defendants, along with two longtime company executives Allen Weisselberg and Jeffrey McConney.

James said her office filed the case after rejecting settlement offers made by lawyers for the defendants.

The alleged scheme was intended to burnish Trump's billionaire image and the value of his properties when doing so gave him an advantage, such as obtaining favorable loan terms, while playing down the value of assets at other times for tax purposes, James' office said.

The suit asks the court to bar Trump and the three adult children from serving as executives at any company in New York and bar The Trump Organization from acquiring any commercial real estate or receiving loans from any New York-registered financial institution for five years.

In a statement posted on his Truth Social platform, Trump called the lawsuit "another Witch Hunt by a racist attorney general".

Trump lawyer Alina Habba said the lawsuit "is neither focused on the facts nor the law - rather, it is solely focused on advancing the attorney general's political agenda".

Agencies

CHINA'S Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security recently unveiled a new version of an occupational classification list, which designates 133 jobs as green professions, up from 127 in a 2015 version.

The green professions include energy consumption instructor, heat engineering technician of metallurgy, environmental sanitation engineering technician, among others.

Guided by the "dual carbon" goals, green professions are emerging batches after batches in China, creating massive new employment and development opportunities.

Green professions are jobs related to environmentally friendly, low-carbon and circular activities. They emphasize the sustainability of production and environment.

These professions are mainly engaged in

Green professions thrive as green economy develops

environmental monitoring, protection and treatment, new energy production, waste recycling and utilization, as well as scientific researches, technological development and planning related to these areas.

The prospering development of these professions mirror the broadly recognized vision that lucid waters and lush mountains are invaluable assets. They are a result of China's fast-developing green economy and growing new business models.

Green development is a critical element of modernizing an economy; it is also a fundamental solution to pollution.

Green industries and talents are the pillar of green development. China ranks first glob-

ally in terms of the development and utilization of renewable energy, and the world's largest carbon trading market was launched in the country last year.

Driven by market demands, green professions are emerging, such as carbon sink appraiser and coal upgrading technician. Incorporating new businesses and professions, the new-version occupational classification list is of important significance for enhancing social identity of relevant jobholders, promoting employment and entrepreneurship, guiding the reform of vocational education and driving high-quality economic development.

New professions always bring more new

opportunities. During the 14th Five-Year Plan period (2021-2025), China's efforts for eco-environmental protection have entered a critical stage.

Reducing carbon emissions is a major strategy during this stage, so the country is promoting reductions in both pollutants and carbon emissions, encouraging the green transformation of every aspect of economic and social development, and striving to reach the tipping point from quantitative to qualitative environmental improvements.

According to statistics, China needs 550,000 to a million professionals during the 14th Five-Year Plan period to work for its "dual carbon" goals. To achieve the goals and

build a beautiful China calls for continuously expanding green industries and constant efforts to enhance technological innovation, which will help green talents build successful careers and realize their dreams.

The emerging occupations offer laborers with more choices on the job market and mirror a change in people's attitude toward employment. A survey showed that most of the new professions are taken by young people - those born in 1980s and 1990s account for over 90 percent of the total jobholders. All the new professions mean to the young people an opportunity to realize their self-worth.

People's Daily

New biodiversity commitments announced at UNGA sidelines

NEW YORK

New commitments aimed at catalyzing biodiversity finance and conservation were unveiled in New York at a high-level event convened Tuesday on the sidelines of the general debate of the 77th session of the UN General Assembly, Xinhua learned on Thursday.

According to a press release issued by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), the new initiatives announced include 870 million euros of new funding from the German government, a 10-point plan for financing biodiversity, and the next phase of the High Ambition Coalition for Nature and People. An accelerator for action on biodiversity was also announced.

German Chancellor Olaf Scholz said that "Germany resolutely supports the idea of an ambitious global framework on biodiversity. Such a framework needs a strong implementation mechanism that sets us on a path to saving and restoring our ecosystems."

"Protecting at least 30 percent of our land and oceans plays a crucial role in this," said Scholz.

The second phase of the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the UN Convention on Biological Diversity (COP15) will be held in Montreal, Canada from Dec 5 to 17 this year.

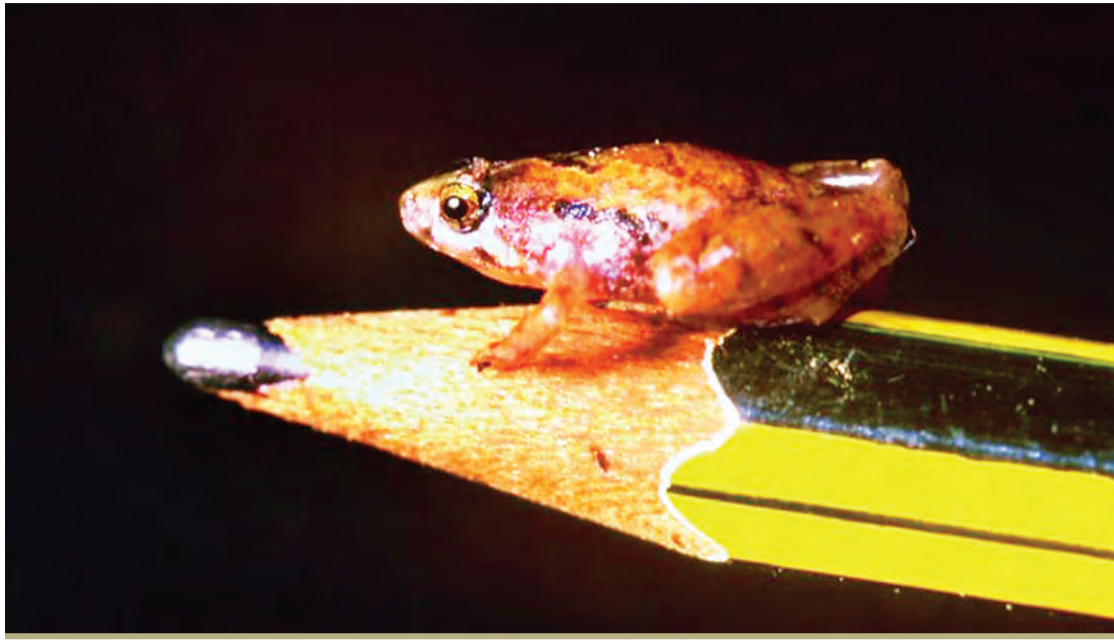
Countdown to COP15: Landmark

Leaders' Event for a Nature-Positive World saw world leaders declare the success of COP15 a priority for their governments and call for all countries to work together to secure an ambitious global biodiversity agreement in Montreal in the face of an escalating nature crisis that is threatening health, food security, and livelihoods, while undermining climate action and sustainable development, according to the release.

Attending leaders reaffirmed their commitment to reverse biodiversity loss and secure a nature-positive world by 2030, including through adopting a transformative biodiversity agreement at COP15 in Montreal.

Leaders reaffirmed their commitments to protect and conserve at least 30 percent of land and ocean by 2030, transform production and consumption to be well within planetary boundaries, and ensure an equitable transition to nature-positive economies.

Commenting on the leaders' statements, Director General of WWF International Marco Lambertini said that "the new biodiversity finance and conservation initiatives announced today provide critical momentum ahead of the COP15 biodiversity conference in December." "These pledges must be fulfilled over the next few months



This undated handout picture released by the Universiti Malaysia Sarawak's Institute of Biodiversity and Environmental Conservation (IBEC) on August 26, 2010 shows the frog *Microhyla nepenthicola*, Asia's smallest frog, sitting on the tip of a pencil in Kuching, Sarawak state. File photo

as nature cannot survive on stagnant or forgotten promises - change must be delivered," Lambertini said.

Meanwhile, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said Thursday that the upcoming UN Climate Change Conference in Egypt (COP27) must make broad progress. "COP27 must demonstrate that the world is making progress on all pillars of the Paris Agreement. We urgently need to address loss

and damage in a meaningful and credible way," he said in a video message for the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) leaders' breakfast.

Loss and damage are happening now -- at 1.1 degrees of warming. The floods in Pakistan have inundated a third of the country, he said. "We can only imagine the fate of small islands if we go beyond 1.5 degrees. Two degrees of warming is unthinkable and must be avoided at all costs." **Agencies**

Russia's outgoing envoy to EU says EU officials seek to continue communication with Russia

MOSCOW

RUSSIA'S envoy to the EU Vladimir Chizhov said EU officials told him as he left Brussels that they want to keep open the communications lines with Russia.

"This doesn't mean that relations with the EU ended with my departure. No. Even during my final contacts in Brussels, I heard officials express the desire to keep the lines of communication open," he said at a news conference.

"Somehow, apparently, they will go on, although almost every day, they come up with new sanctions or some stupid announcement," the diplomat said.

According to Chizhov, given today's realities, it would be "naive" to expect new talks with the EU.

"Regarding the current situation, while the period of a slow ascent, with difficulties and obstacles, unfolded until 2014, an equally slow descent began. But since FEBRUARY of this year, the EU has sent our relations into a free fall. It was the EU, because we, Russia, did not close a single door and did not abandon a single trek of interaction," Chizhov said.

The envoy said that Russia and the EU had a dozen and a half sectoral dialogues and today they are all put on hold.

Cholera outbreak kills 10 in northern Nigeria, says official

ABUJA

AUTHORITIES in Nigeria's northeastern state of Gombe on Thursday declared an outbreak of cholera after recording at least 10 deaths arising from the disease.

A total of 236 cases of cholera were recorded as of Tuesday, Habu Dahiru, the commissioner for health in Gombe, told reporters in Gombe city, the state's capital, while declaring an outbreak of the disease in at least eight wards of the Balanga local government area. Cholera is a highly virulent disease characterized in its most severe form by a sudden onset of acute watery diarrhea that can lead to death by severe dehydration.

New UK finance minister seeks end to 'cycle of stagnation'

LONDON

NEW British finance minister Kwasi Kwarteng will detail close to 200 billion pounds (\$225 billion) of tax cuts, energy subsidies and reform plans on Friday, as part of Prime Minister Liz Truss's bid to end "Treasury orthodoxy" and spur growth.

Truss beat former finance minister Rishi Sunak to the leadership of the Conservative Party - and with it, the job of prime minister - in large part by campaigning against tax rises which Sunak announced in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

After a delay caused by the death of Queen Elizabeth - which came just hours after Truss set out a costly programme of subsidies to tackle

soaring energy costs - Kwarteng will present parliament with the new government's programme around 9.30 a.m./ 0830 GMT.

Financial markets will also receive an initial price tag for the proposals, as the United Kingdom Debt Management Office will publish new borrowing plans after Kwarteng finishes his speech.

The market backdrop could barely be more hostile for Kwarteng. Sterling fell to its lowest against the dollar since 1985 on Thursday, while British government bonds recorded their biggest one-day fall since the start of the pandemic.

Much of the decline reflects the US Federal Reserve's rapid interest rate rises to tame inflation - which have sent



markets into a tailspin - but some investors are also wary about Truss's willingness to borrow big to fund growth.

A Reuters poll this week showed 55% of the international banks and economic consultancies that were polled judged British assets were at a high risk of a sharp loss of confidence.

On Thursday the Bank of

England said Truss's energy price cap would limit inflation in the short term but that government stimulus was likely to boost inflation pressures further out, at a time when it is battling inflation near a 40-year high.

Paul Johnson, director of the Institute for Fiscal Studies think tank, said Truss and Kwarteng's tax cuts could be the largest since 1988, and risked putting Britain's public debt on an unsustainable path.

The IFS, together with US bank Citi, estimate household energy subsidies will cost about 120 billion pounds over two years, while six months of business energy subsidies will cost 40 billion pounds.

These are a one-off, and the

bigger concern for the IFS is around 30 billion pounds of permanent tax cuts - starting with 14 billion pounds in reduced payroll taxes, confirmed on Thursday, and 15 billion pounds of cuts to corporation tax.

A cut to stamp duty land tax on house purchases is also likely, according to The Times.

However, despite the extensive tax and spending measures, the government had decided against publishing new growth and borrowing forecasts from the Office for Budget Responsibility, a government watchdog, until a formal budget later this year.

For Kwarteng, tax cuts and deregulation are a way to end what he calls "a cycle of stag-

nation" that led to tax rates being on course for their highest level since the 1940s.

"We are determined to break that cycle. We need a new approach for a new era focused on growth," he is expected to tell parliament, according to speech extracts released by his office.

One measure he plans to announce are "investment zones" that offer businesses generous but temporary tax breaks, as well as relaxed planning rules, to encourage the construction of shopping centers, apartment blocks and offices.

"We will liberalize planning rules in specified agreed sites, releasing land and accelerating development," Kwarteng is expected to say.

Agencies

German economy sees signs of recession

RISING energy prices and expenses have driven Germany's economy to the brink of recession, and the engine of Europe losing its economic momentum means more uncertainties for the continent's economy.

With energy prices through the roof, inflation in Germany could exceed 10 percent this year with the economy heading into recession, said the country's central bank Bundesbank in a report on Monday.

"There are increasing signs of a recession of the German economy in the sense of a clear, broad-based and prolonged decline in economic output," the monthly report said.

The institution's researchers expect the German economy to shrink markedly in the fourth quarter of this year and the first quarter of next year.

High inflation has been the main driver of the economic downturn. The surging energy prices are weighing on the country's energy-intensive industries, eroding private consumption and affecting service providers, the report said.

Chen Fengying, senior researcher on the global economy at the China Institutes of Contemporary International Relations, said Germany's economy has been hit more severely by the impact of the Russia-Ukraine conflict than some other European countries, as it has a heavier energy reliance on Russia.

"Russia, which accounts for more than 50 percent of Germany's imports of natural gas, suspended its supply to Europe via the Nord Stream 1 pipeline recently," she said. "The Nord Stream 2, which Germany has invested a lot into ... has been suspended. Thus, Germany's energy



A person carries shopping bags in Hanover. File photo

prices have already seen a sharp increase, and the situation would be worse as winter is on the way."

Energy shortage

To ease the energy shortage, Germany has restored the use of coal-fired power plants and is keeping the option of reactivating two nuclear power plants that were scheduled to be shut down this year.

This comes after Germany recorded its first foreign trade deficit in May in more than three decades, pointing to structural challenges and a grim economic outlook.

"As the engine of European economic development, Germany's weakening growth is bound to drag the whole European economy down," Chen said. She added that in the earlier European debt crisis, Germany's economy was still robust and became a stabiliz-

er for the eurozone. But this time, Europe could be on the brink of recession.

According to Eurostat, inflation in the 19-nation eurozone hit a record of 9.1 percent in August, with food and energy prices continuing to soar. To reduce inflation in the eurozone, the European Central Bank has already increased its key interest rates twice this year, with further hikes likely.

Zheng Chunrong, head of the Germany Research Institute at Tongji University in Shanghai, said the COVID-19 pandemic has damaged the global economy and supply chain, and Germany's export-oriented economy has been greatly affected by the global economic environment. The economic recovery through green and digital transformation is much slower than expected, he said.

"Germany has participated in the sanctions on Russia, which has caused damage to its own economy, especially the energy supply," he said, adding that sharp increases in rising energy prices will push up costs of German companies and weaken their competitiveness.

"There are discussions in Germany that the country may fall into economic recession, which is possible," he said.

Thousands of people gathered on Wednesday in the Belgian capital Brussels for "a national day of action" to protest against skyrocketing electricity, natural gas and food prices. A Belgian media poll this week showed that 64 percent of people questioned are concerned that they might not be able to afford their electricity and gas bills, which have more than doubled over the last year.

Agencies

Meloni and Berlusconi take the stage as Italy's right eyes victory

ROME

THE leaders of Italy's right-wing alliance put on a show of unity on Thursday and promised a new era of stable government at a closing rally three days before an election which they are on course to win.

Giorgia Meloni of the Brothers of Italy (Fdi), Matteo Salvini of the League and former premier Silvio Berlusconi of Forza Italia, aged 85, appeared before thousands of supporters in Rome.

They spoke from a stage bearing the slogan "Together, for Italy" in their first joint event in a campaign that has seen them lead in polls but also quarrel over foreign and economic policy.

"We will build a solid, cohesive government with a strong popular mandate, which will remain in power for five years", said Meloni, who could become Italy's first female premier and the most right-wing one since World War II.

Rome-born Meloni, whose party traces its roots to post-fascism but now presents itself as a mainstream conservative force, was playing to a home crowd overwhelmingly dominated by Fdi fans.

"I will vote for Meloni because I believe that immigration and taxes are the main issues that need to be addressed," 21-year-old Margherita Conti told Reuters.

"But I will also do it because I am happy that we will have a female prime minister and that it will be Georgia."

Daunting challenges

In office, Meloni would face daunting challenges including the threat of recession, inflation and spiking energy costs, on top of Italy's historically high public debt.

She has pledged prudent fiscal policies and to maintain unity with European Union and NATO partners in supporting Ukraine against Russia. But this has caused friction with allies.

Salvini, a past admirer of Russian President Vladimir Putin, has openly criticized sanctions on Moscow, though he sees eye-to-eye with Meloni on tough migration and border policies.

The League leader has also questioned Meloni's fiscal caution, calling for an extra 30 billion euros (US\$29.6 billion) in public borrowing to fund measures against the energy crisis.

"The first act of the new government ... will be an energy decree to immediately block increases in electricity and gas bills," he said.



(From left) The League's Matteo Salvini, Forza Italia's Silvio Berlusconi, Brothers of Italy's Giorgia Meloni, and Noi Con l'Italia's Maurizio Lupi, attend a rally of Italy's right-wing parties in Rome, on Thursday. AP

Is Karim Mandonga an underappreciated character in boxing growth in Tanzania? -2

By Correspondent Ernest Mwanwaja, Morogoro

ALI was only aged 22 at the time and this simple phrase would go on to brand his legacy for his entire career.

Ali was a boxer that took the oratorical asset to an unprecedented level.

He was probably the only fighter who would go on to verbally torment an opponent in the middle of the fight.

This was his way of inflicting a deep sense of humiliation on his rivals. For this, all boxing fanatics remember what happened to Ernie Terrell back in 1967 when he refused to address Ali by his new name, Muhammad Ali, at a press conference.

Ali would later taunt Terrell to call out his name in the middle of a fight as he continued to outpunch him. Because of this, the fight would later be dubbed 'what's my name fight'.

Perhaps the most memorable antic showcased by Ali came into view when he fought George Foreman 'Big George' back in 1974 in the then Zaire in an epic fight dubbed 'Rumble in the Jungle'.

After Foreman had exhibited all his best, Ali told the former: "George, you were a kid in high school when I fought Liston, you don't belong in here." Ali meant the two are not on the same professional level.

Later in the interview, Foreman amusingly said: "I nearly laughed because I never went to high school!"

In the pressers before the fight Ali would leave everybody in the room bursting in laughter as he poetically recited some of his memorable quotes: "Only last week I murdered a rock, injured a brick, I am so mean I make medicine sick." When it comes to eloquence, Ali was a true master artist.

Naseem Hamed, alias 'Prince', is a former world Featherweight champion from Great Britain.

As a boxer, Hamed liked to transform boxing arenas into circus shows. While he outboxed almost all his opponents using his outstanding boxing skills, his memorable form of intimidation was a lavish ring entry.

Perhaps the most talked about is the flying carpet stunt that he put to perfection in his fight against South African, Vuyani

Bungu, in March 2000 at Olympia arena in London.

While this may look like a harmless act of flamboyance, its sheer scale is enough to psychologically overwhelm the toughest of opponents.

Mike Tyson, best known as 'Iron Mike', is one such fighter that used multiple forms of intimidation.

Although he could trash talk his opponents, he had the most intimidating ring walks in boxing history.

He would not only walk in with an excessive entourage, but he also knew how to pick the kind of music that matched.

When he was facing the then Heavyweight champion Michael Spinks back in June 1988, in the US, his bare chest ring walk made him look like a caged tiger (the animal he loved to keep as a pet).

And at his entrance, the speakers played a track that sounded nothing short of terror.

This was probably enough to scare Spinks to a knockout submission within 91 seconds of the fight.

To Tyson intimidation played another role that was hardly obvious to many. While he is highly rated for a pure intimidation factor, he used fear of facing a fight to conquer his fear.

When he was recently asked to describe how he approached his fights, his answer was what many of us hardly expected.

He said it is not only that he approached every fight with fear, he liked the fear that comes with it.

In simpler words, a sense of self-intimidation helped him prepare for a full-scale scenario of a fight. In turn, this was his way of turning fear into psychological strength.

Intimidation also exists in a form of a physical scuffle as often seen during pre-fight press conferences.

Although we assume these to be designed by promoters to spark up the intensity of fights, they have a more serious function in boxers' game plans.

One of the recent epic fights was a Lightweight title fight between the two best boxers in the division, Gervonta Davis and Rolando Romero.

Romero excessively used a trash talk technique, which was often seen as personal, but Davis was the one to later use scuffle to his advantage.

When Davis was later



Tanzania's professional Middleweight boxer Karim Said, alias 'Mandonga'.

asked why he physically pushed Romero off the stage, at the press conference, he simply said: "I just wanted to beat him in his own game!"

While displaying the highest class of boxing skills, Davis went on to score a technical knockout in the sixth round.

The intimidation factor remains to be one of the key variables in modern-day boxing dynamics, it is still effective in shaping boxers' mindsets when facing a life-defining fight.

Intimidation, in all its forms, does not only help instill a sense of fear in opponents, but it is also an important ingredient in boxers' psychological fitness.

This could be an untested dimension explaining the defeat Antony Joshua, alias 'AJ', had in a bout against Usyk in their rematch fight in Riyadh on August 20 this year.

After branding him almost exclusively for his gentle and humble persona, 'AJ' team finally realized that they needed to exploit the merits of intimidation.

This is what explains a switch in 'AJ' personality image in the dying hours. The only problem was, it was too little too late, of an effort.

Those of my age mates will remember the time when we skipped sleep so that we do not miss a minute of the Tyson fights, during his prime.

This is probably not because we knew the fight would end up in a knockout, but the question was how quickly and dramatic will it be.

Like Ali before him, Tyson was a character when it came to verbal intimidation. When he told the press at a build-up to his fight against Tyrell Biggs in 1987: "If I don't kill him, it doesn't count", then one knew he was in for a special treat and there is no way he could blink.

The intimidation factor is also in the DNA of boxers' nicknames. To every boxer, a nickname doubles as branding as

well as a marketing tool.

And for that reason, boxers' nicknames always sound dramatic and terrifying. After all, this is boxing, not a beauty contest.

Boxing enthusiasts usually love boxers for the image or brands encapsulated in the pugilists' stage identities.

So, in the sport's local followers' minds, Karim Said and 'Mandonga' are hardly necessarily the same person.

There have been many boxers in the history of the sport whose nicknames still resonate with boxing fanatics today.

Pugilists' nicknames that were best known include the likes of 'The Easton Assassin' (Larry Holmes), 'Bad Intentions' (Jermain Tylor), 'The Executioner' (Bernard Hopkins), 'Body Snatcher' (Mike McCallum), 'The Nigerian Nightmare' (Samuel Peter), 'Bone Crusher' (James Smith), 'The Hitman' (Thomas Hearns), 'Smoking Joe' (Joe Frazier), 'Bronze Bomber' (Joe Luis), 'Hands of Stone' (Roberto Duran), 'Lights Out' (James Toney), and many more.

Tanzania also has a good share of boxers with hand-crafted nicknames. Apart from the currently most trending 'Mtu Kazi' there are the likes of 'Mlingoti Chuma Benda Chuma' - translated as 'A metal flag, a metal flagpole' used by Twaha Kiduku, 'Dulla Mbabe', a nickname for Abdallah Pazi, 'Tanzania Tornado' for Hassan Mwakinyo, and many more.

Technically, intimidation, trash talk, scuffles, and cockiness are additional but effective weapons in boxers' arsenal.

Acts of intimidation are not as chaotic as they seem on the surface, they are rather skillfully choreographed antics woven firmly in the fabrics of a game plan.

Their main function is to psychologically topple the defenses of an opponent. The aim here is to let a boxer caught in his anger and frustrations

while leaving himself vulnerable to a well-calibrated offense.

Trash talks and on-stage scuffles are also a tool for building intensity in fights, which is what the fans want to see.

But while they amplify the anticipation, it is also important to note that unlike what is portrayed in the media there are usually no ill feelings between the two fighters.

As boxing fanatics always see in 'Mandonga' in his post-fight interviews, boxers would always display a great sense of professionalism during and after the fights. Irrespective of the results, they would give each other a hug of respect.

So, 'Mandongalism' (as my localization of the term intimidation) is basically what has fueled the popularity of boxing in its entire history.

What 'Mandonga' has achieved for local boxing today is probably the same as what Tyson and Ali achieved in their prime.

His signature stunts of crushing trees with bare hands, running with heavy logs on his back, hard stare-downs, and overconfidence are helping to pull crowds to the sport.

Despite his two consecutive knockout losses in Morogoro against Magambo Christopher (in March) and later in Songea against Shabani Kaoneka (in August), 'Mandonga' was still fans' favorite.

And with a considerable following on his social media accounts, it is easy to know why businesses find him irresistible.

He is even featured in Bongo Flava and Singeli music genres lyrics, and much more. He was also one of the popular celebrities in the country who were commissioned to sensitize the public in the recent census exercise.

Well, despite his promotional contribution to the sport, 'Mandonga' still looks at himself as a boxer in his prime.

Following his impressive Knockout victory against Sotii Mdudu in Kigoma in August, he told the press that, in addition to the two non-title fights scheduled for this year (one in Mtwara that is slated for today) and the other in Morogoro in November), he is in line for a title fight soon.



Tanzania Youth Athletics Championships' founder, Juliana Mwamsuva.

TAYAC to organize Junior Athletics Championships next month

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

MORE than 300 junior athletes are expected to take part in the maiden championship involving athletes aged between 15-20 which is slated for next month at Sheikh Amri Abeid Stadium.

The championships are organized by Tanzania Youth Athletic Championships (TAYAC).

One of the organizing body's directors, Juliana Mwamsuva, said they will be held from October 15-16 and preparations for the showdown are going on smoothly.

She said in the past three years TAYAC has been organizing the championships with emphasis on the age category of 6-14 but this time around they sought it wise to have the event targeting the age group of 15-20.

The leader stated: "TAYAC deals with organizing sports competitions in track and field for both local and regional levels, in the past three years we have been organizing athletics events for juniors aged between six to 14, and most of the athletes who competed in the past three years are now mature."

"This coming event is aimed at welcoming them to another age group, we hardly want to leave them behind," she said.

She, however, could not mention the awards to be handed over to top winners in each category, saying discussions on the issue are taking place.

The official said she believes that talented athletes should be nurtured at a tender age and the junior

championships serve as a better platform for transition.

The leader said: "We aim to see that many junior athletes are graduating to the senior team so that they can represent the country at both local and international events."

Juliana noted: "We always make follow up on talented athletes and offer some athletic coaching lessons, we were pleased to see that some of the athletes who have been competing at our events were selected to represent Arusha at the last year's National Athletics Championships which were held in Arusha."

"We hope that this year many of our athletes will make it in their regional teams," she noted.

She said TAYAC programs focus on promoting youths' participation in sports, health development in youths, and increasing youths' access to health care.

The leader revealed that TAYAC also creates a market place for young athletes by introducing training sessions with international coaches and clubs.

Juliana noted: "We provide youths in community with an opportunity to a continuous athletics professional training, we expose hidden talents among youths to quality fields, coaching and standard competition, then the youths participate in sports competitions, get recognized, and awarded for their talents."

"Our programs are also aimed at reducing of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) as chances of cardiovascular, respiratory, diabetes and cancer are reduced," she said.

2022 National Open Swimming Championships attract 12 outfits

By Guardian Correspondent

TWELVE clubs have confirmed participation in the 2022 National Open Swimming Championships scheduled to take place at the International School of Tanganyika (IST) swimming pool in Dar es Salaam on Saturday and Sunday.

The clubs are Taliss-IST, Bluefins, Morogoro International School (MIS) Piranhas, Mwanza Swimming Club, Dar es Salaam Swimming Club, and FK Blue Marlins.

Others are Champion Rise, Braeburn Arusha, Pigeon, Lake Swimming Club, and two Ugandan clubs namely Flash and Starling.

The competition will feature more than 200 swimmers from various clubs in Mainland Tanzania, according to Tanzania Swimming Association organizing committee chairperson Hadija Shebe.

Hadija said due to the importance of the competition and swimming development, they will use the world swimming governing body (FINA) rules and regulations to pick the winners.

According to the leader, they have decided to apply the rules to gauge the swimmers' skills before competing in international events including the African swimming compe-

tion (CANA).

She urged coaches to consider the competition and select their swimmers for the showdown.

She said preps are going on smoothly and they expect to see a thrilling event due to the standards of the swimmers in the country.

The leader added so far Pepsi, Knight Support, IST, Rap&Roll, and Delhi Darbaaar DSM Restaurant are the sponsors for the event.

"We are still trying to find other sponsors to support the event that will also be used to gauge our swimmers' standards before competing inter-

nationally. Our committee is struggling to make the competition attractive and promote the game in the country," the official said.

The swimmers will compete in five different styles and relays including Backstrokes, Butterflies, Individual Medleys, Breaststrokes, and Free-styles.

The leader clarified that the swimmers who have attained qualifying times in TSA's organized competitions from January to this year are allowed to compete in the event.

"Swimmers who do not have qualifying times are not allowed to compete in the

event. Qualified swimmers are allowed to compete in up to eight individual events and two relay events," she insisted.

The age groups for the event are nine to 10, 11-12, 13-14, and 15 and above. A swimmer finishing in the first position of the event will be awarded 20 points while a second and third will be awarded 16 points and 14 points.

The fourth-placed swimmer will garner 12 points while fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, and 10th-placed swimmers in individual events will be awarded 10, eight, six, four, two, and one point respectively.



Dar es Salaam's Taliss-IST outfit swimmer Natalia Ladha competes in a past event that was held in the city.

Federer to AP: Tennis will withstand big-name retirements

LONDON

ROGER Federer was paying attention right along with everybody else when Serena Williams played what is expected to be her last match three weeks ago at the U.S. Open.

"Not surprised. Just very similar to me, in many ways. We were expecting it to come at some point," Federer told The Associated Press. "You don't ever want players like Serena to ever retire. ... I just thought, 'What a great career.'"

He recognizes that their back-to-back exits after about a quarter-century each in tennis — he is 41 and leaves with 20 Grand Slam titles and she turns 41 on Monday and has 23 major singles championships — will spur some fans to move on from the sport.

Federer insists, though, that plenty will stick around.

"I mean, look, it's going to leave some fans with not the same taste for the game. We might lose some, because they say, 'OK, well that chapter for me closes, and I'll move on to another sport or another athlete,'" Federer said in an interview Wednesday at the Laver Cup, where the final match of his stellar career will be in doubles alongside rival Rafael Nadal for Team Europe on Friday night.

"And some will stay with the game forever, because tennis is just a sport (that), once you're in it, you're normally in it. That's why I don't believe a lot of people will leave," he continued. "But they will not maybe wake up at 3 in the morning anymore for the Australian Open. Or they might not use their vacation time to go travel to a place. Maybe they say for a few years, 'OK, let me go with a friend of mine and do a good adventure trip somewhere,' until they find their way back in."

He and Williams — along with Nadal, a 36-year-old who has a men's-record 22 Slam titles, and Novak Djokovic, a 35-year-old with 21 titles — helped create a golden era in the sport, drawing new viewers and inspiring new players.

"Serena and Roger probably have more fans than anybody in tennis," said Taylor Fritz, a 24-year-old Californian who is the highest-ranked American man at No. 12 and a part of Team World in London. "It's tough to replace two people as iconic as them, but I still think there is a lot of exciting times ahead."

Still, what happens after they leave?

"These two players are irreplaceable. I don't think there is any question about that," said John McEnroe, who won seven major trophies from 1979 to 1984. He added this caveat: "The sport goes on, no matter what, and we have witnessed that in every sport over time."

Which is why Federer is among those optimistic about the future.

AP

New twist in Pogba extortion probe, with brother's videos

PARIS

A POLICE investigation into allegations that France soccer star Paul Pogba was targeted by extortionists took a bizarre new twist Friday with the release by one of the suspects, his elder brother Mathias, of a long string of videos taking aim at the 2018 World Cup winner, his entourage and wealthy lifestyle.

More than 30 videos of Mathias Pogba reading face-to-camera from a statement many pages long were posted on Twitter.

It wasn't clear exactly when the videos were filmed. But it may have been before Mathias Pogba turned himself in for police questioning last week. He has reportedly been held in custody since. Recording the videos appears to have been a time-consuming exercise, because he wore three different T-shirts.

"If you are watching this video that will be because my brother Paul Pogba has found a way to silence me," Mathias Pogba said in the first of the series. "I record this video so that whatever happens, everything is revealed."

The words "insurance video, held in a safe place" were written on top of many of the videos. They followed through on previous social media posts where Mathias Pogba had threatened to make explosive revelations about his brother, who plays for Juventus.

Mathias Pogba and four others were handed preliminary charges last Saturday and jailed in the extortion probe, French prosecutors have said. In the latest series of recordings, Mathias Pogba accused his multi-millionaire brother of having abandoned members of their family, leaving them in poverty. He also claimed that the midfielder mixed with criminals and he repeated claims that Paul Pogba employed a witch doctor.

The videos were also accompanied by a series of Twitter posts and a statement addressed to Paul Pogba. The first post in the long thread said it had been sent automatically by "my bot."

"That also means that I am no longer free," the message read.

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Mbappe stars for France; wins for Croats, Dutch and Belgians

PARIS

KYLIAN Mbappe added another fine solo goal to his collection and Olivier Giroud moved closer to France's scoring record as the defending World Cup champions beat Austria 2-0 in the Nations League on Thursday.

Mbappe skipped past three defenders before drilling in his 28th international goal in the 56th minute, before Giroud celebrated his recall by heading powerfully in from Antoine Griezmann's cross 10 minutes later to move onto 49 goals — two behind Thierry Henry's national record.

France already lost its Nations League title but Croatia, the Netherlands and Belgium — also playing their penultimate matches before the World Cup in Qatar — all won on Thursday to stay in contention for the Nations League's Final Four next June.

France's victory also saved it from relegation from the top tier of the Nations League, sending



Belgium's Michy Batshuayi, left, scores his sides second goal during the Nations League soccer match between Belgium and Wales at the King Baudouin Stadium in Brussels, Thursday, Sept. 22, 2022. (AP Photo)

Austria into last place with one game left but with only one point between them.

Croatia leapfrogged Denmark at the top of Group 1 by one point after beating the Danes 2-1 in Zagreb with goals from left back Borna Sosa in the 49th minute and midfielder Lovro Majer in the 79th, two minutes after Christian Eriksen's equalizer.

The Group 1 winner and relegation will be decided on Sunday when France travels to play Denmark in Copen-

hagen and the Austrians host Croatia in Vienna.

The same goes for Group 4, although the Netherlands is heavy favorite since it leads Belgium by three points and has a better goal difference. The Belgians need to win by three goals in Amsterdam on Sunday.

The Netherlands won 2-0 in Poland with Cody Gakpo putting the Dutch ahead in the 13th minute and fellow forward Steven Bergwijn curling the second home in the 60th.

Belgium beat Wales 2-1 at home with standout midfielder Kevin De Bruyne and forward Michy Batshuayi scoring in the first half. Striker Kieffer Moore pulled a goal back shortly after the break for Wales, which is in last place and three points behind Poland before their meeting in Cardiff. At Stade de France, defender Benoit Badiashile made his France debut alongside Monaco teammate Youssef Fofana, who lined up in central midfield alongside

Real Madrid's Aurelien Tchouameni — their former Monaco teammate.

Mbappe's early curler into top right corner was disallowed for offside and he then fluffed a chance after a slick one-touch combination with Giroud. Tchouameni hit the crossbar with a superb overhead kick late in the first half.

Mbappe missed a great chance to score a second goal when he went clean through and shot wide.

Earlier, Spain-based winger Awer Mabil scored his eighth goal in 29 appearances for Australia and the Socceroos beat New Zealand 1-0 Thursday at Suncorp Stadium in Brisbane.

In the 32nd minute, Australia midfielder Jackson Irvine poached the ball in New Zealand's half and fed Mabil, who stepped around a defender and sent a long-range strike into the bottom corner of the net. Mabil plays for Spanish club Cádiz.

"Far from satisfied, to be honest," Irvine said. "There's a lot of things we could have done better, but at the end of the day, a win is a win."

It was Australia's last home match before the World Cup in Qatar. The teams play again on Sunday in Auckland. New Zealand did not qualify for the World Cup.

Australia advanced to its fifth consecutive World Cup in the final phase of qualifying after a penalty shootout win over Peru in Qatar in June. The Socceroos are in Group D and play France, Tunisia and Denmark.

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The rise and fall of Phil Jones for Man United and England

Rob Dawson, ESPN Correspondent

Phil Jones was one of only five players picked to represent England at both the 2014 and 2018 World Cups, but when Gareth Southgate sits down to select his squad for Qatar 2022, he won't be anywhere near the conversation.

The 30-year-old defender can't play for Manchester United in the Premier League at the moment either, having been left out of the registered squad. He could be added in January, but that would require him to prove his fitness first, and he hasn't started back-to-back league games since May 2019.

Out of the contract at Old Trafford in the summer, it's possible that Jones has played his last game for the club he joined as a teenager in 2011. United hold an option to extend his deal by another 12 months, but after more than two years of injuries and setbacks that Jones has described privately as "hell," it's likely that a player once hailed by such managers as Sir Alex Ferguson, Fabio Capello and Southgate will be allowed to quietly leave.

Back in 2011, Ferguson was so keen to sign Jones from Blackburn Rovers that he flew him out to join a family holiday in the south of France. The sales pitch worked, and despite competition from Liverpool, Chelsea and Arsenal, United agreed a deal worth more than £16 million.

Jones had first caught Ferguson's attention 18 months earlier when Blackburn beat United's under-18s — a team which included a young Paul Pogba — in the fifth round of the



Phil Jones

FA Youth Cup. However, Ferguson was convinced about the transfer while he watched Jones play for Blackburn's first team during a 7-1 defeat at Old Trafford.

It's a day Jones, even now, says he prefers to forget, but Ferguson watched the 18-year-old scream and shout at teammates more than 10 years his senior. One of them was Michael Salgado, a veteran defender who had played more than 300 games for Real Madrid and twice won the Champions League. If Jones was confident enough to berate Salgado, Ferguson decided, he would be fine walking into a United dressing room that boasted the likes of Rio Ferdinand, Ryan Giggs and Wayne Rooney. He was right.

Jones played 41 games in his first season and the following year was part of the team which won the Premier League title. By late 2013 he was considered so important that an injury to his ankle dominated the build-up to the Champions League round-of-16 tie with Real Madrid. Fantastic during a 1-1 draw at the Bernabeu, he was ruled out of the return

leg in Manchester — most remembered for Nani's controversial red card for a high challenge — and United went out in a 2-1 defeat.

Injuries were never far away, but between 2011 and 2019, Jones made 216 appearances at an average of nearly 30 games a season. He played wherever he was asked, usually at centre-back but also at right-back and in midfield.

In 2011, still only 19, he played in the centre of midfield for England against a Spain team which included Xavi, Andres Iniesta, Sergio Busquets and

Xabi Alonso. England won 1-0. Ferguson once predicted that Jones' ability on the ball, physical attributes and versatility could one day see him placed among United's greatest-ever players; Capello, England manager between 2007 and 2012, likened him to legendary Italy defender Franco Baresi.

Southgate is also a big fan, saying in 2017: "He's got very good composure on the ball. He's got the reading of the game, he's aggressive in his defending, which I like, and I think he has got fantastic experience. He organises well and he

competes well."

But despite endorsements from almost every manager he's worked under, Jones' career is in danger of being remembered for the game he's missed rather than the ones he's played.

When Louis van Gaal took over as United manager in 2014, the Dutchman wanted to sign Mats Hummels from Borussia Dortmund, in part because there were concerns that Jones had come off a season during which he had endured three separate injury layoffs because of problems with his head, knee and shoulder. But after a series of tests run over the summer, United's medical staff reported back to Van Gaal and executive vice-chairman Ed Woodward that Jones, then 22, was in peak physical condition and that barring any freak injuries he was expected to be available for the entire campaign.

He started the first three league games, but by early September had suffered a hamstring strain which ruled him out for nearly a month. Back to full fitness and in the team for a 2-2 draw with West Brom in late October, he didn't start another game until mid-

December because of a shin injury.

It's the story of Jones' career in a nutshell: a manager who likes him, a run of promising performances and then another injury setback. It's a recurring theme.

After Ole Gunnar Solskjaer was appointed caretaker manager in December 2018, Jones started eight of the Norwegian's first 11 games in charge. It prompted United to offer him a new four-year contract, but since it was signed in February 2019, he has only been able to start 16 games. A knee injury suffered in February 2020 ruled him out for nearly a year and there was a point during the COVID-19 pandemic that he was close to hanging up his boots.

Jones' injury problems have led to online abuse, and he hasn't posted to his 2.1 million Twitter followers since May 2017. Posts to his 1.3 million followers on Instagram also stopped soon afterward. Worse still, he has suffered personal abuse while he's been out with his wife and two young daughters, something that has added to the toll taken on his mental health over the last two years.

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Wheelchair tennis player set for Africa Junior Tennis Camp

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA'S wheelchair tennis player Monica William left for South Africa on Thursday to attend the Africa Junior Wheelchair Tennis Camp.

The three-day event got underway yesterday and the player was accompanied by coach Riziki Salum.

Tanzania Tennis Association (TTA) president Dennis Makoi on Wednesday disclosed he expects the player to perform well in the training which has attracted top players from across the continent.

He said the duo's trip to South Africa has been facilitated by International Tennis Federation (ITF) and CPS Zanzibar Limited.

Makoi thanked ITF and CPS Zanzibar Limited for the support which he described as timely and vital to wheelchair tennis development in the country.

"Our player Monica and coach Salum left the country yesterday (Thursday) and she will tomorrow be in action, the two will be in South Africa for three days and we hope our player will do well, it will also help coach Salum to learn new tactics of the game, I must also thank ITF and CPS Zanzibar Limited for their support, we ask others to emulate the gesture," he said.

Monica said she will work hard to hoist the nation's flag high, stressing: "I thank CPS Zanzibar Limited for the continued support to us and ITF for their support, I promise that I will work hard and hopefully bring home medals," she said.

K'njaro Connection band to stage show in Dodoma

By Correspondent Sabato Kasika

TANZANIA'S oldest dance music band Kilimanjaro Connection, alias 'Wana Njenje', is set to start staging performances in Dodoma today.

The well-known troupe has been quiet for a long time since the death of its prominent pianist, Waziri Ally.

The band's spokesman, John Kitime, revealed that the first show will be held in the capital city and then the troupe will return to Dar es Salaam to prepare for other shows.

"Since last year we have been silent after the death of our leader, Ally, who was also a pianist, but now we have reorganized and we have found his successor on the piano," Kitime disclosed.

He explained that it is now more than a year since the death of Ally, adding they decided to rest for some time and get time to organize themselves, and finally they are returning to the entertainment scene.

Kitime mentioned the new pianist as Geoffrey Kumburu and explained that the latter has worked for many popular bands in and outside the country. The veteran vocalist said he is sure Kumburu will display the virtuosity akin to Ally's.

"We have also added three new young artists including one female singer, Martha, Faisal who is being taught to sing by 'Babu Njenje', and Suleiman Abdullah," he said.

He added that the young female singer is under veteran female artist, Nyota Abdallah, who has been training the budding artist to match 'Wana Njenje's' approach.

Kitime explained that they are looking at the possibility of staging two shows a week the same way they have been doing since the band was founded 48 years ago.

"Let me also inform Tanzanians that the show in Dodoma will also be the first for the band since it was founded 48 years ago, as we have never done a show in the city," the popular musician revealed.

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I&M Aurobindo Aga Khan SC in pursuit of top honour in 2022 Petrofuel DC Caravans T20 Cup



I&M Aurobindo Aga Khan SC's Harsheed Chohan (2nd L) displays his batting prowess as his outfit came up against All Season Lions in this year's Petrofuel Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Caravans T20 Cup clash played at Leaders Club ground in the city on August 27. PHOTO: COURTESY OF CARAVANS CRICKET CLUB

By Guardian Reporter

I&M Aurobindo Aga Khan SC will be seeking to prove it is the most successful side in Tanzania's cricket showpieces in recent years, as it plays in the 2022 Petrofuel Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Caravans T20 Cup final at Leaders Club venue in the city tomorrow.

The side will face the winners of a second semi-final between DTB Gymkhana and Alliance Caravans, termed 'Qualifier 2', which is set to take place at the same facility this afternoon.

Batting depth has always turned out to be I&M Aurobindo Aga Khan SC's strength, which is expected to be in view when the club takes on its opponent in the final.

The likes of Vinu Kumar, Arsalan Premji, Sadiki Iddi, and

Vipin Abraham that have impressively propelled I&M Aurobindo Aga Khan SC to win group stage ties and the semi-final are highly expected to make their presence felt.

They are expected to secure a timely boost from the club's other competent cricketers, Riziki Kiseto and Abhik Patwa, who were some of the national cricket squad's players that battled it out in the 2022 African Cricket Association (ACA) T20 Cup played in South Africa.

I&M Aurobindo Aga Khan SC booked a place in this season's Petrofuel DC Caravans T20 Cup showdown

final in style, walloping Alliance Caravans by 28 runs in the first of the last-four clashes, termed 'Qualifier 1', which took place on September 11.

A pulsating tie is more over on the cards as DTB Gymkhana and Alliance Caravans face each other in another semi-final today.

With Alliance Caravans' efforts to secure qualification for the final hitting snag in the first attempt because of the loss to I&M Aurobindo Aga Khan SC, the former is set to come out with all guns blazing in pursuit of a win over DTB Gymkhana.

Petrofuel Limited is the title sponsor of the tournament, while co-sponsors of the showdown include Alliance Insurance, Colourflex, and Pepsi.

Other sponsors are Aruti, Pigabet, Black and Decker, Harab Motors, All Season Hotels, Novum Energy, Diamond Trust Bank, I&M Bank, Aurobindo Pharmacy, Azania Bank, and Horizon Teleports.

Jiuzhou, Flashnet, Ashton Media, Rotana, Aura Suites, Bank of India, Datamanics, Samaki Samaki, A One Bottlers, Africarriers, and GI Security complete the showdown sponsors' list.

The Petrofuel DC Caravans T20 Cup tournament, which has participating outfits locking horns in 20-over formatted duels, brings together the country's best cricket teams.

It is the only cricket competition organized by a private entity under the affiliation of the Tanzania Cricket Association (TCA) and the DC.

The showdown is regarded as the country's biggest T20 tournament and it is usually held during the last quarter of the year.

The competition is backed by several companies in the country which support the initiative as part of their Corporate Social Responsibilities.

Previous editions of the tournament have been graced by government officials and foreign envoys.

They include former Minister for Information, Culture, Arts and Sports Harrison Mwakymbe, his deputy Juliana Shonza, and former Director of Sports in the Ministry of Culture, Arts and Sports, Yusuph Singo.

Former India's High Commissioner to Tanzania, Sandeep Arya, and top officials from various firms are other dignitaries that have graced the competition's previous editions.

Switzerland, Royal Norwegian Embassy back arts promotion in Tanzania

By Correspondent Theresia Victor

DAR ES SALAAM'S Nafasi Arts Space yesterday signed a new multi-year funding agreement worth 3bn/- with the Embassy of Switzerland in Tanzania and the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Tanzania to support arts and cultural activities in the country.

Speaking yesterday during the funding agreement announcement, which was accompanied by the launching of the Feel Free cultural funding program for 2022, Nafasi Arts Space's Executive Director Rebecca Corey said that the four-year funding aims to make sure that arts and cultural activities in the country prevail.

"Nafasi Arts Space aims to foster an artistic community for all people across the country through artistic development, audience engagement, building national and international partnerships and networks as well as enhancing the sustainability and resilience of the arts sector, with this funding will help them to do so," Rebecca disclosed.

She further noted that the signed agreement targets contributing to meaningful, long-term support to improve access and outreach through annual open calls, capacitating cultural managers and spaces in other regions in the country which align with the long-term Nafasi Arts Space strategic plan spanning from 2021 to 2026.

Rebecca pointed out: "The country's arts and cultural scenes have evolved over the past few decades with music and dance remaining as the most popular art forms, while

the sector has made good progress it faces many challenges such as insufficient arts, cultural education, shortage of qualified cultural managers, and lack of cultural infrastructure."

The official added: "They are some of the challenges that we are looking to address thanks to the funding provided by these partners."

A significant portion of the funding provided to Nafasi Arts Space will be sub-

granted every year to other arts and cultural practitioners including individual artists and organizations, she noted.

The official revealed nearly 1bn/- has been specifically earmarked to, over four years, be shared with other organizations to incubate and accelerate their growth and the vibrancy of the cultural sector overall.

She further noted that yesterday the center opened

the 2022 open call for funding and the live application is now open and can be found on the center's website.

"Six grantees will be chosen for this round of funding and each grantee will receive between 10m/- and 50m/- depending on the nature of the project," she noted.

Head of Corporation from Switzerland's Embassy in Tanzania Leo Nascher said it

is an honour for the embassy to be part of the progress of art and cultural project through Nafasi Arts Space that helps to empower artists to make full use of their talent.

"I congratulate the Nafasi Arts Space team for offering a good space and platform where various young artists can meet and exchange ideas for the betterment of Tanzania's arts and culture," he noted



Tanzanian singer, Angel Magoti, sings when mourners paid last respect to the late Ambassador Paul Rupia's body at Karimjee grounds in Dar es Salaam yesterday. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

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