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Autism units to be set up in all hospital levels

By Guardian Reporter

AUTISM and other brain disorders will soon be treated from the dispensary level to health centres and district hospitals, the government has declared.

Dr Godwin Mollel, the Health deputy minister, made this affirmation when wrapping up the two-day International Conference for Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders (ICAN), an event jointly organised by the Victorious Centre of Excellence and Autism Connect, independent learning outfits in Dar es Salaam.

He expressed government readiness to establish a specialized unit to address those challenges, to bring the services closer to the population and push for comprehension of the disease among communities.

The government is also set to incorporate inclusive education and sign language into the teacher training curriculum starting next year, to equip teachers with sufficient knowledge on how to assist students with various disabilities, he stated.

He urged the health professionals to prepare recommendations to help guide the government in implementing this commitment in an effective manner, noting that the conference had brought together experts from near and far.

There are those from countries that have made progress in the field of autism and brain disorders, such as India, he pointed out, expressing the hope that they will give valuable advice to the participants on how to successfully achieve national goals on autism and brain disorders.

The sixth phase government has so far allocated 6.7trn/- for the health sector, enabling the hospital system to observe planned health services without let up, he said.

He advised parents to refrain from hiding their children when they suffer from autism or brain disorders, and instead work to provide them with proper upbringing by focusing on their needs as children.

That includes receiving appropriate education, engaging in physical and mental exercises, without being hampered by any form of stigma.

Dr Magreth Matonya, the special education director at the Education, Science and Technology ministry said that arrangements for the programme have been completed, intended to equip teachers with sufficient knowledge on how to assist students with various disabilities in schools.

"We believe that through this kind of training, teachers will be equipped with the ability to identify and recognize children with disabilities and autism spectrum disorder (ASD)," she said, noting that they will be able to communicate with them and provide the needed assistance.

ASD statistics show that the country has 22,000 children with this condition,

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Mudflow death toll reaches 63

Govt takes up burial costs of mudflow victims

By Guardian Reporter



Gendabi villagers near Katesh town in Manyara Region searching for missing people yesterday at one of the houses swept away by mudflow following heavy rain on Sunday. Photo: Correspondent Jaliwason Jasson

SO far 63 people are recognised to have died in the Katesh town and surrounding villages' huge mudflow after a rainfall barrage at the weekend.

Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa who rushed to the area yesterday told mourners at an identification ceremony of the dead, where he stated that the government was bearing the costs of burial of those who lost their lives in the mudslides.

Katesh town in Hanang District, Manyara Region and surrounding villages caught the ears of the region and a section of international media following the mudflow from an extinct volcanic mountain.

The directorate of presidential communications at the State House said in earlier statement that President Samia Suluhu Hassan has issued the burial costs directive, asking the premier to ensure that all those injured are provided with medical care at government cost.

The president who was attending the global climate change conference in Dubai, in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) resolved to cut short her stay there to closely oversee rescue efforts and other logistical needs.

The statement noted that the death toll had already reached 50 while 80 people were admitted at various hospitals and health centres. Rescuers are experiencing a number of challenges as a substantial portion of the damaged town, its roads in particular were washed away or rendered unusable due to the mud.

Upwards of 1,500 households inhabited by a total of 5,600 people are believed to have been affected in the mudslides as a chunk of Mount Hanang slope drifted away in a rain pushed landslide.

The raging mudflow overpowered homes and anything that stood in its way, with more

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PMO: Generate motivation, skills growth for employees

By Francis Kajubi

PRIVATE sector employers have been urged to ensure a motivating environment for employees, to deliver beyond job descriptions.

Prof Joyce Ndalichako, the Labour, Youth, Employment and Disability state minister in the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) made this appeal at the Employer of the Year Award 2023 ceremony held in Dar es Salaam yesterday.

Organized by the Association of Tanzania Employers (ATE), the awards were initiated in 2005 to recognise contributions of employers to employees' welfare and to the national economy at large.

Standing in for the prime minister, she said that the government would like to see the private sector creating possibilities for their employees to deliver, by diminishing frustrations related to payments and working conditions.

The government was concerned that

employers submit their employees' monthly contributions to social security funds on time so that beneficiaries don't incur delays on payments upon retirement or upon losing their jobs.

"In case the monthly contribution submissions are delayed, employees are urged to top up such contributions with an interest charge as required by the law," she said.

She also raised the issue of employees'

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Six killed in lightning strike

Every year, lightning strikes damage property, kill or injure scores of people in the southern regions and in the proximity of Lake Victoria, observers affirm

By Guardian Correspondent, Masasi

SIX people died in a lightning incident at Maparagwe village, Chikukwe ward in Masasi District, Mtwara Region on Sun-

day evening.

Loutery Kanoni, the district commissioner, said at a press conference yesterday that the incident occurred after six in the evening, leaving five other people

severely injured, as the villagers participated in a traditional ceremony.

In his condolences, the DC expressed sadness at that event, promising government cover for costs of burying the deceased like coffin purchases, along with provision of medical treatment for the injured. Villagers need to avoid gatherings during the rains as part of precautions against such incidents, he declared.

Bodies of the deceased are being preserved at the Ndanda Mission Hospital, he said, noting that those who died include five women and a man. Three

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than 750 acres of farm crops devastated, the statement indicated.

The president demanded that the Disaster Department in the Prime Minister's Office provide shelter for the mudslide victims, asking security organs to cooperate with the regional authorities in extending emergency services.

Similarly, President Samia directed that an in-depth evaluation be conducted on the causes of the landslide to stem similar happenings in the area or similar geological areas. Public agencies need to work day and night to make sure the situ-

ation returns to normal, the statement underlined.

Apart from Katesh town, affected villages include Jorodom, Ganana, Dumbeta, Gendabi, Sarijandu, Arukushay and Sebas.

Queen Sendiga, the regional commissioner, told reporters that injured people were rushed to Tumaini District Hospital, the regional referral hospital and Marara hospital in Babati.

Rescue work led by military units dispatched to the area was in need of additional support, with the situation worsening in Gendabi ward near Mount Hanang where the mudslide began, she added.

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skills development obligations for employers, noting that the PMO is concerned with how far employers adhere to those requirements.

The skills development levy was reduced to 3.5 percent from six percent of company earnings in budget estimates for the current financial year, the minister noted, affirming that the government wishes that employers contribute to the development of their employees' skills and knowledge base.

Suzanne Ndomba-Doran, the ATE chief executive officer, said that nearly 1,500 companies and organisations showed interest in taking part in this year's award contest.

By end of July 93 companies had complied with the participation criteria, with 14 different categories featured in this year's awards, namely human resources management excellence, diversity and inclusion, governance and leadership, along with talent management and development.

Other listed categories are corporate social responsibility (CSR), employees' engagement, performance management, apprenticeship and internship plus local content.

Yet others are quality, productivity and innovation, climate change and environment management, crisis management, public service and SME size award, she added.

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in which case introducing the programme will greatly help the children to aim better in life, she said.

Sarah Laiser, the VCE director and chairperson of the meeting, said that the conference was successful in providing participants with the opportunity to exchange ideas and projections of medical outcomes, along with bringing together parents of children with ASD.

"The challenges arising from ASD are largely due to a lack of understanding and traditional beliefs associated with the disorder," she stated, elaborating that the conference has elevated the level of hope for children.

The conference will be a catalyst for change, as the government is making various commitments that will have an impact on the welfare of all people with ASD, she asserted.

Research shows that out of 157 girl children, one is diagnosed with ASD,

while boy children are four times more likely than girl children to be affected by this condition. "This is a call to take action, a call to respond with compassion, understanding and effective measures," the director intoned.

Dolly Thakkar, the Autism Connect chief operating officer, said that through the conference, parents of children with special needs from East Africa had the opportunity to learn about the significant progress made in their countries and internationally regarding this disorder. Research developments and new treatments for ASD were discussed in the conference, she stated.

"We have had two successful days where keynote speakers from various countries, including Tanzania, Kenya, India, the United States, South Africa, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates (UAE), had the opportunity to discuss various topics and find common solutions regarding the ASD condition," she added.

Man (75) narrates his Hanang ordeal

By Guardian Correspondent, Hanang

A RESIDENT of Gendabi village in Hanang District, Manyara Region, Petro Mjeni (75), has sadly narrated his ordeal how he witnessed mudflow from Mount Hanang, surrounding his house and killing his four grandchildren and their mother.

Explaining the ordeal, Mjeni said the tragedy has left a deep gap in his family which he said will not be filled.

"I have nothing to say other than to leave everything to God's hands. My four boys' children, all of them and his wife are missing, are dead, but my one boy saved himself and is in critical condition in the hospital," he said.

He said "I live on the other side of the top of Mt. Hanang. These floods found me when I was up there, I heard people shouting and I came out and came here to my boy's house, it was around 12:00 in the morning

"When I got here, I was surprised, I said my God, now I don't even have contact," he said.

It was a never-seen calamity on

the normally restive but highly populated slopes of Mt Hanang.

Residents of Katesh, the largest township, woke up to a rude shock on Sunday to find the entire town under siege from the raging waters.

Water gushing from the mountain after an all-night downpour rudely swept downstream people, livestock, buildings and other properties.



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Global Education Partnership (GPE) board of directors chairman former President Dr Jakaya Kikwete holds a child of one of the parents of the children studying at Kikaangoni kindergarten school in Magharibi District in Unguja yesterday. Right is his vice-chairman Susan Liautaud

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women and two men suffered injuries, he elaborated.

Cristiani Kihando, the acting doctor in charge at the hospital, confirmed receiving six bodies of villagers killed by lightning, with those admitted in good conditions, progressing well with medication.

Nicodemus Katembo, the acting regional police commander, had

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earlier in March confirmed that two fishermen from the same family died after being hit by lightning at around ten in the morning as they were fishing on the shoreline at Mtandi village in Msimbati ward.

Every year, lightning strikes damage property, kill or injure scores of

people in the southern regions and in the proximity of Lake Victoria, observers affirm.

Many of those involved in such accidents are fishermen or people conducting other trades along the lake shore, with experts saying that fatalities in such situations arise

from lack of awareness of lightning safety measures.

Some chroniclers say East African lightning ground flash density is high, so people are often affected by lightning as they take shelter at unsafe structures or work outdoors during thunderstorms.



Dr Ellen Mkondya who was awarded the Honorary Degree of Science (honoris causa) by the Hubert Kairuki Memorial University during the 21st graduation ceremony over the weekend Mikochei Dar es Salaam displays her degree. Photo Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

Cop28 president says there is no science that oil phase-out will fix climate change

DUBAI

The UAE's COP28 president says there is no science to show that phasing out fossil fuels would achieve the world's climate goals, but acknowledge that it is "inevitable", a report said on Sunday.

Sultan Al Jaber -- who also heads state oil giant ADNOC -- made the comments during a testy exchange with former Irish leader Mary Robinson during an online forum, video published by The Guardian showed.

The 50-year-old, who is also the United Arab Emirates' climate envoy, added that removing fossil fuels would take the world "back into caves".

"I'm not in any way signing up to a discussion that is alarmist," Jaber told the SHE Changes Climate on-

line conference on November 21.

"I am factual and I respect the science, and there is no science out there, or no scenario out there, that says that the phase-out of fossil fuels is what's going to achieve 1.5."

The landmark 2015 Paris climate conference outlined the goal of restricting global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels to avoid catastrophic environmental fallout.

A United Nations assessment of climate pledges released last month found the world was way off-track in hitting this target.

"1.5 is my North Star and a phase-down and a phase-out of fossil fuels in my mind is inevitable, it's essential," Jaber told the forum on women leading climate action.

"But we need to be real, serious

and pragmatic about it."

He added: "Show me a roadmap for a phase-out of fossil fuels that will allow for sustainable socio-economic development, unless you want to take the world back into caves."

Specifying a "phase-out" or weaker "phase-down" of fossil fuels is one of the main battles facing negotiators at COP28 in Dubai, where they will try to reach a new agreement to deal with global warming.

Jaber has repeated since June that phasing out hydrocarbons is inevitable, but that it cannot happen before viable alternatives are in place -- and that developed nations must lead the way.

A COP28 spokesperson said the report was "just another attempt to undermine the presidency's

agenda, which has been clear and transparent and backed by tangible achievements by the COP president and his team.

"The COP president was unwavering in saying reaching 1.5C involves action across a number of areas and sectors. The COP president is clear that phasing down and out of fossil fuels is inevitable and that we must keep 1.5C within reach."

Joeri Rogelj, professor of climate science and policy at Imperial College London, said last month's report by the UN's IPCC climate change panel backed a phase-out.

"I strongly recommend (Jaber) asking around for the latest IPCC report," he said.

"That report, approved unanimously by 195 countries including the UAE, shows a variety of ways to limit warming to 1.5C -- all of which indicate a de facto phase-out of fossil fuels in the first half of the century."

AGENCIES



Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) manager at the Julius Nyerere International Airport (JNIA) Ali Ame (R) presents the best tax payment award to Kandida Ngido, a representative of Vodacom Tanzania, where Vodacom emerged as the best tax payer during the Taxpayers Appreciation Awards ceremony in Dar es Salaam over the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Kilimanjaro launches campaign to preserve the region's history

By Guardian Reporter, Moshi

LACK of a special organisation to protect the heritage of people of Kilimanjaro has prompted stakeholders to team up to preserve the region's history, traditions and practices, which are at risk of eroding due to various reasons including migration.

Through the Kilimanjaro Cultural Festival (KCF), the group has embarked on a campaign against gender based violence, same sex marriage and special ethical training classes to all tribes in the region.

KCF chairman Ansi Mmasi said in Moshi Municipality over the weekend that they have decided to launch the campaign because there is no special organisation that works on addressing the matter.

He said it is difficult to learn, inherit customs or find the context of a particular activity of the Kilimanjaro community and its origin because most of the people in the region have migrated to other parts of the country and the world.

"Without deliberate efforts to revive, preserve, promote cultural and traditional values, culture and its heritage, those things will be in danger of disappearing."

According to Mmasi, KCF will be used to teach the traditions and culture of Kilimanjaro, using clan leaders. The institution also aims to provide education of moral erosion

for the youth and provide economic opportunities, tourism to the communities and clans of the tribes of Kilimanjaro.

Among other things, he said KCF expects to hold a cultural festival of Kilimanjaro, December 27 and 28 this year, which will be led by the Minister of Natural Resources and Tourism, Angellah Kairuki.

According to Mmasi, participants of the festival will have the opportunity to visit the tourist attractions in the region as well as traditional food recipes.

"We are expecting more than 1,000 people from various clans of the Kilimanjaro region who will show their respective cultures and traditions with the aim of educating the community of this region which is almost losing its identity," explained Mmasi.

The participants will have economic and tourism opportunities, where they will visit the Marangu Caves, the Nubi Caves and the waterfalls of various places in the region.

Chairman of the ruling Chama cha Mapinduzi (CCM) in Kilimanjaro Patrick Boisafi said they see the move as a step forward, saying culture plays a key role in development.

Boisafi, said the existence of the institution, will help provide economic education and encourage the community to visit tourist attractions, especially in December, when Kilimanjaro residents visit the region for the end of the year holidays.

By Guardian Reporter

Africans called upon to work tirelessly to achieve desired development goals

DEPUTY Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Ambassador Said Mussa Shaib has called upon Africans to work tirelessly to achieve the desired development goals.

He made the statement in Dar es Salaam when opening a high-level seminar to discuss attainment of development in Africa whereas he noted that Tanzania is committed to implement the Agenda 2063 and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals agenda by incorporating them into national development plans and translating them into actions through development initiatives.

Shaibu highlighted Tanzania's progress in realising the goals of the African Union's Agenda 2063 and the SDGs, noting the country's growth rate is expected to exceed 5 per cent by 2024 and beyond due to implementation of large-scale infrastructure projects and investments in the real sectors such as the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR), road, and the Mwalimu Nyerere Hydropower Project.

He said the government is also investing in modernisation and re-

habilitation of ports and airport infrastructure.

He said Tanzania will continue to invest heavily in agriculture to increase production and eradicate hunger, adding several initiatives have also been taken to enhance access and equity in technical and vocational education and training (TVET) as well as higher education.

"Tanzania has also managed to reduce maternal, neonatal, and under-five mortality rates while continuing to enjoy peace and stability

underpinned by the existence of a relatively favourable social, political, and economic environment, as well as making significant efforts to improve democracy, good governance, human rights, and the rule of law," he said.

He said the African continent is facing numerous challenges including poverty, lack of development, unemployment, peace and security issues, and a lack of a unified voice on the international stage, urging governments to continue their ef-

forts to ensure the desired Africa is achieved.

Amb Said acknowledged challenges faced by member countries in implementing Agenda 2063 and Agenda 2030, citing weak governance, ineffective management systems, and insufficient resources as some of the contributing factors.

He expressed gratitude to the United Nations in Tanzania for its continued collaboration with Tanzania and pledged the country's commitment to working closely

with the UN in Tanzania to achieve the Millennium Development Goals.

The seminar, organised by the African Union Commission in collaboration with the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), focused on the implementation of agendas 2063 and 2030.

It also addressed strategic areas for joint implementation at national level, and the 10-year implementation plan for agenda 2063, outlining the continent's transformation over the next decade, as approved by the African Union Ministers in October 2023.

The seminar's theme was "Towards an Integrated Africa: Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's) and Agenda 2063 for the Continent That We Want."



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GENDABI VILLAGERS, MOST AFFECTED AREA IN HANANG MUDFLOW DISASTER, INSPECT THE DAMAGE



Gendabi villagers at Katesh town in Manyara Region remove mud covering the road.



Part of road infrastructure disfigured by stones.



Gendabi residents amazed by debris piled up on roads after mudslides, yesterday.



Gendabi villagers look at a house where the family had to be rescued from the raging mudflow outside.



Village leaders inspect the scene of a mud swept house, seeking out signs of people swept into the mud.



Gendabi villagers search for missing people in the debris as houses were overpowered by the mudflow with people inside.



A giant tree uprooted in the torrential rain and mudflow.



Gendabi village residents at a street mechanic work to restore orderly surroundings after the mudflow waylaid the trading area. All photos: Correspondent Jaliwason Jasson



Namthamani campaign coordinator Millicent Lema (L) presents a certificate of appreciation to The Guardian Limited Finance Manager Samwel Organes who received it on behalf of the General Manager Srinivas Chintaluri for their sanitary pads donation to help 872 school girls in Mara Region. The schools which benefited included Mwisenge school for children with disabilities and Kyanyari secondary school in Butiama District. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Majaliwa receives report on state of affairs in Hanang, Manyara Region

By Guardian Reporter

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa yesterday received a report on the state of affairs in Hanang, Manyara Region following a devastating weather incident which has claimed more than 50 lives so far.

The PM delivered a condolence message in a meeting which was attended by several government officials namely Regional Commissioners, head of security agencies among others.

The PM said the incident is similar to another incident that happened in 1990 at Ndanda area in Mtwara Region where a mountain collapsed and washed away houses and roads, which caused deaths and injuries.

The PM hailed district and regional disaster committees that started taking rescue measures when the incident occurred.

He said that treatment continues to be given to the injured where a team of specialist doctors from Dodoma, Singida and Arusha have joined together and started providing surgical services to three patients with broken bones. He said coffins have been ordered

from Babati and Singida so that burial services can be held.

The PM later joined some ministers to inspect the area of Mount Hanang using a helicopter. The area is where the landslide started. He later took part in paying last respects to those who have succumbed to the incident.

At Least 1,150 households and 5,600 people were affected in the disaster and an estimated 750 hectares of farmland destroyed.

The worst affected areas, according to the State House statement, are Katesh, Jorodom, Ganana, Dumbeta, Gendabi, Sarijandu, Arukushuay and Sebasi.

President Samia Suluhu Hassan has directed that a detailed assessment be carried out and that all the relevant government departments should be represented in the affected areas and work around the clock to ensure that the situation returns to normal.

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Cholera kills four in Kagera Region

By Guardian Correspondent, Bukoba

CHOLERA has claimed four lives in Kagera Region since the outbreak was officially announced on November 29th, 2023.

Kagera Regional Commissioner Fatma Mwasa said yesterday that four cholera patients have been hospitalised at St Theresa hospital. She called upon the residents to continue taking precautions as the disease spreads quickly.

She said the first cases were reported on November 29, at Buchurago village, Bugorora ward in Missenyi District, adding that out of the four people who have died, three belong to one family.

Mwasa said that doctors in the region have successfully treated three patients who have been discharged. She said doctors have already taken samples of 18 suspected patients for further investigations.

The RC noted that there are suspected cholera patients at the Goziba island in Muleba District, saying doctors have already camped at the island and medications are on-going.

"Experts are camping at the island for investigations; we want to be sure if the disease outbreak has spread to the areas. You should avoid gatherings and you should wash your hands regularly," said Mwasa urging them to make sure they drink boiled water.

Mwasa called on residents to provide information whenever they see someone with cholera symptoms, a move which she said would help to prevent the disease from spreading all over the region.

She said they have already received all the required equipment for medication and that they have set aside special areas for patients' treatment.

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Faida Romadhani Chamubilo
For: CITY DIRECTOR
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TCRA in drive to scale up digital licensing education

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

THE Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) in the southern highland zone is spearheading a robust education campaign, dubbed: "Digital Licensing", aimed at fostering compliance and enhancing communication services in the region.

Eng. Asajile John, TCRA manager for the southern highland zone said in an interview over the weekend that the authority's move is to increase awareness among potential service providers, encouraging them to obtain licenses digitally through TCRA.

As part of the initiative, TCRA is taking the message directly to the people through live radio studio interviews in key regions, including Njombe, Mbeya, Songwe, Rukwa, Katavi, Ruvuma, and Iringa. The campaign covers various aspects, urging communication sector players to apply for and renew essential licenses, such as courier licenses, online news and current affairs content licenses, and licenses for importing and distributing communication equipment, all through TCRA's digital licensing platform known as Tanzanite portal.

According to Eng. John, the streamlined process of acquiring licenses is now easily accessible for every aspiring communication services licensee. He emphasized, "You no longer need to visit our offices; simply apply for or renew a communication license from wherever you are."

John stressed the legal requirement for all communication service providers to adhere to licensing regulations, noting that providing communication services without the necessary licenses is not permissible by law.

Robin Ulikaye, TCRA's Communication Officer emphasized the importance of citizens selecting registered service providers to safeguard their consumer rights and experience.

Ulikaye outlined various verification methods that will enable service users to verify if their selected service providers are registered with the authority.

Ulikaye encouraged already registered communication service providers, including those involved in online news and current affairs, parcel posting, broadcasting, mobile phone

technicians and communication equipment installers, importers, and distributors, to utilize the Tanzanite portal for the renewal of their licenses.

"Apparently, we don't issue licenses to sellers of communication equipment, but we urge them to ensure when buying such equipment for their retail businesses they make sure they buy it from importers and distributors of communication equipment who possess TCRA's license", added Ulikaye.

Asajile previously highlighted the range of communication services available to licensees through the online license portal. The platform facilitates a streamlined process for individuals, including active communication services operators, enabling them to register, make payments, receive feedback, and acquire or renew operating licenses—all without the necessity for physical visits to multiple TCRA offices.

TCRA, celebrating its 20th year of existence since its establishment in 2003, has adapted its regulatory systems to align with technological trends in the digital era. As part of its commitment to efficiency, the regulator has established an active customer and consumer help desk to address challenges faced by consumers and service providers, emphasizing instant assistance for those encountering issues with the online license system.



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Deputy Minister urges IFM to turn to competence-based curriculum

By Correspondent James Kandoya

DEPUTY Minister for Finance Hamadi Chande has challenged the Institute of Finance Management (IFM) to produce competent graduates who meet international standards.

Chande threw the challenge over the weekend in Dar es Salaam at the 49th IFM graduation ceremony to confer degree, masters and PhD to students.

He said the institute must embark on training students how to overcome emerging challenges including cyber security.

He commended IFM for introducing cyber security courses to produce graduates who can deal with emerging threats.

"Changes in technology are inevitable, therefore, as an institute you are obliged to play your role of producing graduates who can bridge the gap," he said.

Chande said changes in education are inevitable and important, adding there must be strong systems especially in higher education.

"The government is ready to work out on challenges facing the institute to create a conducive environment for students to learn," he said, tasking the institute to self-evaluate to know its contribution to the country's development.

IFM Rector, Prof Josephat Lotto said the institute has recorded remarkable success since its inception whereas it has awarded bachelors, master degrees and PhD to 44,060 graduates.

Prof Lotto said the institute has

15,000 students and enrolls over 4,000 students every academic year.

Despite recorded successes, the institute faces a shortage of lecture halls and hostels for students, he said, calling upon the government to allow the institute to use nearby buildings to facilitate learning.

He said the introduced cyber security aims to control emerging threats in the technology especially at the moment where Artificial Intelligence (AI) is at its peak.

"We have established new campuses in Geita and Mwanza regions; the move is aimed at bringing education services closer to the people," said Prof Lotto.

Prof Godwin Mjema, IFM Governing Council Chairperson said the institute is now reviewing its curriculum to meet the market demand. He commended the government for its readiness to support training to its lectures and staff.



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Resident Director for Amref Health Africa Tanzania, Dr Florence Temu (centre) offers an explanation to the coordinator of US President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) Tanzania, Jessica Greene (2nd L) and Resident Director of Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Dr Mahesh Swaminathan (3rd R) during their visit at the Amref exhibition showcasing the works done by the stakeholders in combating AIDS at Morogoro secondary school grounds in Morogoro Region, recently. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

World Bank Group President Ajay Banga to visit Tanzania

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

THE World Bank Group President, Ajay Banga, will visit Tanzania from December 5-6, 2023.

In a statement issued yesterday, World Bank said during his visit Banga is scheduled to engage in high-level discussions with President Samia Suluhu Hassan and President Dr Hussein Mwinyi, alongside various key government ministers and officials.

Samia, Dr Mwinyi and Banga will together preside over the opening ceremony of the International Development Association (IDA) Midterm Review meeting on Wednesday, December 6.

Banga will visit Muungoni village seaweed farms and Jangombe hub secondary school, both in Zanzibar, to meet with project beneficiaries and witness firsthand

the transformational impact of IDA support. Muungoni village was supported under the South-West Indian Ocean Fisheries Governance and Shared Growth Project (SWIOFish) which has benefited over 15,000 seaweed farmers in the country, with 74 per cent of these being women. The project provided resources for seaweed farming, transportation, and training, resulting in reduced costs, increased production, and improved access to markets. This increased incomes and enhanced community resilience against climate challenges.

Jangombe is one of 24 hub schools for enhanced Math, Science, and English learning (MSE) supported under the Zanzibar Improving Student Prospects (ZISP) Project.

Through the project, the school like all the others targeted, was

equipped with modern learning facilities including an ICT lab, an English/Language lab, a library, and a toilet block as well as a teacher preparation room, it was provided with furniture and all the needed equipment in addition to training of teaching staff. Overall results of the ZISP project include construction of an additional 206 classrooms and learning facilities which are all provided with up-to-date teaching and learning materials.

As of November 2023, the IDA-financed portfolio in Tanzania amounts to \$8.3 billion, comprised of 23 national projects totaling \$7.26 billion in commitments and six regional projects totaling \$1.05 billion in commitments. Key sectors in the national portfolio include transport, education, water, urban resilience, energy, and social protection. Other projects cover

governance, digital development, human development, and poverty. Tanzania's regional projects are focused on agriculture, energy, education, and poverty and equity.

IDA is the global solidarity fund of the World Bank Group that supports low-income countries. IDA works to create a world free of poverty on a livable planet. Since 1960, IDA has provided \$533 billion in funding to 115 countries, transforming the lives of hundreds of millions of people including in Tanzania. The Midterm Review meeting will discuss the implementation and delivery of the 20th IDA financing round (IDA20), which is the largest replenishment to date, with \$93 billion raised to support poor countries. IDA20 concludes in 2025 and the Midterm Review will also set the stage for the IDA21 replenishment.



Vivo Energy Tanzania Director Mohamed Bougriba (R) hands over part of school's items to one of the students with special needs Sikujua Selestine at Jangwani secondary school. The event was held on Sunday. The items donated included sanitary pads, artificial limbs. Left is the school's deputy head mistress Paulina Aweda. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Ulega urges financiers: Invest in Lake Victoria zone tourism

By Guardian Correspondent, Chato

MINISTER for Livestock and Fisheries Abdallah Ulega has encouraged investors to tap innumerable tourism investment opportunities in the lake zone including Chato District to massively promote tourism in the area.

Ulega made the call yesterday here when speaking at the inauguration of the 'Chato Utalii Festival 2023' which aims at promoting tourism and marketing investment opportunities available in Geita region.

He said that there lots of tourism potentials in the lake zone and Geita Region in particular that are yet to be tapped "that's why I'm encouraging investors from all corners of the world to come and in tourism value chain."

He said that the region boasts an array of natural wonders including forests, waterfalls, mountains and savannahs which are home to various species such as elephants, lions, zebras and giraffes.

Apart from Burigi Chato National Park, Ulega also mentioned one of the most popular tourist-relevant sights in Geita as Rubondo Island National Park.

He stated that the festival carries various investment concepts, especially in terms of agriculture, livestock and fishing, tourism, culture and sports.

Ulega further mentioned various sectors that have investment opportunities in the region noting that the government has injected 1.7bn/- for the construction of a storage facility and a large modern fish market in Chato district which will provide commercial opportunities and increase the value of fish and seafood products.

He added that the government has also injected 1.8bn/- for construction of a large facility to process fish at Rubambagwe located in Chato district which will enable fishermen to fish in cages in Lake Victoria.

Ulega also said the ministry has built a modern livestock auction in Buzirayombo, which provides an opportunity for livestock keepers to conduct their livestock businesses.

He stated that the presence of a good number of livestock provides another opportunity to build a meat processing plant.

The minister mentioned other areas with opportunities as the construction of hotels of three-to-five-star status, saying plots are available in Chato district.

According to him, the government also intends to practice irrigation, since a large part of the Chato district is surrounded by Lake Victoria and the construction of textile factories due to the presence of cotton.



Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority Services Director Teophory Mbilinyi (C) receives a certificate of best taxpayer in Ilala Tax Region from TRA Deputy Commissioner of Internal Revenue Edmond Kawamala at a prize giving ceremony in Dar es Salaam held over the weekend. Right is TCAA accountant Jacqueline Mkonyi. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

TRA offers medical items worth 6m/- to Nyamagana hospital

By Correspondent Wilhelm Mulinda, Mwanza

TANZANIA Revenue Authority (TRA) in Mwanza Region has donated various equipment worth over 6m/- to Nyamagana district hospital in Mwanza city as part of commemorations of taxpayers' week.

The equipment include 128 bed sheets and nets, 2 wheel chairs, 50 thermometers, soap, tooth pastes and baby diapers to mention just a few.

Donating the equipment, Mwanza regional TRA manager, Ernest Dundee said that authority is committed to support the community, calling for people to pay tax accordingly to enable it to continue giving donations.

"We have come here to visit our patients who are also tax payers and give them a little we have as we commemorate tax payers' week", Dundee noted.

Receiving the donation on behalf of the hospital's Doctor In-Charge, Doctor Massama Lugwisha thanked TRA for giving them the equipment

, noting that they will significantly help to deliver good medical treatment at the hospital.

Doctor Lugwisha pointed out that the hospital has capacity to admit between 80 and 100 patients daily therefore the equipment has solved the shortage of bed sheets and nets, a problem that existed before.

The hospital also receives between 300 and 400 out patients daily therefore the donation is a big support and will help to improve medical services at the health facility, he said.

He has called upon people to develop a tendency of paying tax voluntarily to enable the authority to have the ability to collect more and support development of the nation.

Speaking at the occasion, Amisa Hamadi whose baby is admitted at the hospital thanked TRA for giving the donation, saying that her baby will sleep in a net and benefit from other equipment donated.

She said that people should pay tax, noting that will help the nation to have the ability to meet costs on social services which is a good development.

By Correspondent Theresia Victor

LEADERS in the corporate world have been urged to invest heavily in developing human capital for their companies to reap more benefits.

Zanlink managing director Sanjay Raja made the remarks over the weekend soon after receiving an award as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the year by the CEO Round Table (CEOrt).

He said the success of an organization can be achieved only when an organization invests in its people and their capabilities.

Invest heavily in developing human capital, corporate world challenged

"In a world where adaptability and innovation are paramount, leaders who recognize and act on the value of their people position their organisation for long term success", noted Raja.

He said investing in people promotes skills development and adaptability which are crucial

factors in today's rapidly evolving business landscape because as technology advances and industry undergoes constant changes employees need to undergo different skills to stay relevant.

"Business leaders who prioritise training and development of their people empower their team to

navigate these changes, are likely to make their organisation remain competitive," he said.

He said focus on people development contributes to diversity and inclusion as leaders who invest in creating equal opportunities for all employees regardless of background or

demographic foster a more inclusive workplace and this inclusivity not only reflects positively on a company's reputation but also bring diverse perspectives to problem solving ultimately driving innovation and creativity, he said.

"I wholeheartedly dedicated the award to my exceptional team and

liquid intelligent technology group for their immense contribution to the achievement as we understood the belief that no business school education can compare to the invaluable lessons a leader learns from the team they lead," he noted.

He further said that ethical leaders have responsibility to contribute to the personal and professional development of their team members and beyond the business benefits, investing in people aligns with a broader societal commitment to fostering growth and progress.

'Tanzania to strengthen weather prediction early warning systems using technology'

By Guardian Reporter

DR Selemeni Jafo, Minister of State, Office of the Vice President (Union and Environment) has reiterated Tanzania's desire to prioritise investment into strengthening weather prediction and early warning systems using technology.

The minister made the sentiments when speaking during an African minister's symposium on strengthening early warnings for all which was held on the sidelines of the ongoing United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP28) in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE).

He said the government ensures that it reduces effects of climate change as a development strategy because leaving them as they are affecting economic growth.

"It is important to invest in early warning systems which can help save lives and Tanzania has prepared a national climate change adaptation strategy 2021-2026," he said.

In addition, minister Jafo said that the government enacted the Tanzania Meteorological Authority (TMA) Act No. 2 of 2019, which empowers the authority to provide early warning services.

He added that the government also came up with the National Weather Service Systems (NFCS), which was launched in August 2018 in conjunction with the installation of seven weather radars.

However, Dr. Jafo added that the government also introduced the provision of education on climate change in which the University of Dar es Salaam started issuing

degrees in weather and climate change issues, to help strengthen the development of human resources in the country, especially for employees of the Tanzania Meteorological Authority (TMA).

Due to accurate weather information from TMA, he said Tanzania through the Prime Minister's Office and relevant stakeholders prepared the National Emergency Plan for El Nino and expected action in August, 2023 which has contributed to reducing the impact of those rains.

"I take this opportunity to confirm Tanzania's commitment to work with the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) and stakeholders in improving the capacity of our Climate Authorities for the benefit of our people and our nations," said Jafo.



Dar Police Academy instructor ASP Sinasudi Serungwa talks about sexual violence to students of Mugulani primary school in Temeke District yesterday as a continuation of the 16-day of activism against gender-based violence. The police departments continues to provide education to students in various primary and secondary schools in Dar es Salaam Region. Global 16 Days campaign is a worldwide initiative to call for the elimination of gender-based violence. This campaign is run annually from November 25th (International Day Against Violence Against Women) to December 10th (International Human Rights Day). Photo: Guardian Correspondent.

ST. JOSEPH UNIVERSITY IN TANZANIA



16th GRADUATION CEREMONY

The St. Joseph University In Tanzania is pleased to inform all graduands, stakeholders and members of the general public that the 16th graduation ceremony of the St. Joseph University In Tanzania will be held on Wednesday, 13th December, 2023 at the University ceremony grounds, at Mbezi Campus located at Mbezi-Luguruni along Morogoro Road in Dar es Salaam starting at 09:00 a.m. During the ceremony, the University Chancellor of St. Joseph University In Tanzania shall confer Degree, Diploma and Certificate awards in Health, Engineering and Science and Maths Education to the graduands.

To participate in the graduation ceremony, graduands should observe the following:

1. Confirm to the DVC-ARPE by registering online through online registration form available in the university website (www.sjuit.ac.tz) by Friday 08th December 2023. Only those who confirm their participation on time shall be considered for hiring graduation gowns.
2. Pay a total of TZS 130,000/= i.e. a non-refundable fee of TZS 50,000/= and a refundable deposit of TZS 80,000/= at the time of submission of application for the graduation gown. The TZS 80,000/= deposit shall be refunded on returning the gown. Alternatively, graduands may make use of part of their caution money for the purpose. All payments shall be made into the "DMI and Collaborators Trust, Account Number: 20510018688" at NMB (for graduands of St. Joseph College of Engineering and Technology) and "St. Joseph College of Health and Allied Sciences, Account Number: 20510018691" at NMB (for graduands of St. Joseph College of Health and Allied Sciences), not later than 08th December, 2023.
3. Collect and sign agreement form in the respective Department for hiring graduation gown. Gowns shall be collected on Tuesday 12th December, 2023 from 2.00 - 4.00 p.m at Mbezi Campus located at Mbezi-Luguruni along Morogoro Road in Dar es salaam. Gowns shall be returned on Monday 18th December, 2023 starting at 09.00 a.m to 4.00 p.m. A daily penalty of TZS 20,000/= shall be charged per person for a gown returned late.
4. Attend rehearsal which shall be held on Tuesday 12th December, 2023 from 02.00-04.00 p.m at the University ceremony grounds at Mbezi Campus. For more information, please visit www.sjuit.ac.tz.

Vice Chancellor
ST. JOSEPH UNIVERSITY IN TANZANIA

Clean energy gender aspect vital, yet it is prices that win

EFFORTS at popularising cleaner cooking energy in Africa took a new turn at the weekend with the launching of a wide ranging continental initiative, initiated by President Samia Suluhu Hassan with backing from the CRDB Bank Foundation, among others. The African women clean energy support programme seeks to lay emphasis on environmental and health aspects of using cleaner energy, as excess exposure to smoke damages bodies of those who cook daily. It is acutely evident.

Top bank officials accompanying the president in the global climate change conference in Dubai, were upbeat about their disposition to support the new effort, pointing at its track record in funding green energy projects. The bank floated the first green energy bond in the sub-Saharan region and collected 171.82bn/-, with which plenty can be done as the green transition gets underway. The conference was a moment of networking and boosting resources to buttress that orientation.

It is not altogether easy to distinguish between empowering women as a whole and facilitating changes in the energy mix in households, as different from food vending in particular. An effort in that direction was noticeable when a gas firm issued 900 free gas cylinders for food vendors in Rufiji District, where they clearly have an option of using them at home or on their trading places. There are numerous spots in the roadside food services sub-sector where both charcoal and gas are used, with distinctions on the use depending on price, volume strategies.

What has been missing from the energy shift campaign, where the African networking is an added pivot, is that global accords need to be reached on cleaner energy pricing, as different from generalised calls for financing climate change effects. There is need for instance to bring gas prices down to levels where charcoal becomes unusable due to its price, as it is above the gas cylinder price if taken up per month. The difference is that poor people purchase in bits and portions to cook for any particular day, hence the need for much lower gas prices.

When for instance there are free cylinders and gas prices not above 10,000/- per smaller cylinder, people will make an effort to collect such cash in reasonable time, as with purchases of electricity. When that amount is doubled, those conferencing or networking from upper floor offices of charity businesses may not quite notice the difference, but in the street 20,000/- each week or two depending on the use can't be collected each time it is needed. So they make do with bits of charcoal, etc.

In that case the marketing drive, the whole idea of -popularisation of cleaner energy sources need to be accompanied by practical strategies to heavily subsidise gas use, not from government coffers as such but regional and multilateral arrangements. Without such a situation, heavy subsidies for gas use will entice smuggling to fetch higher prices and profits across borders, with accusations of involvement of state bodies, detrimental to cohesion and political harmony. Thus a purely marketing approach can't end charcoal, while unilateral big subsidy is risky.

Central bank could ease regulations on agency for cash, currency transactions

DIFFERENCES have surfaced between financial sector entrepreneurs and administrators at the Bank of Tanzania as to the scope of financial advisory agencies, especially as to enabling registration to conduct agency and other transaction services. The Bank of Tanzania issued an alert over the weekend that agents or empowered advisers providing services to those seeking licenses or registering as service providers for small amounts of cash transactions that intermediary services are not legal. They ought to register for recognition or seek licenses from the central bank, as this function has not been deregulated as yet.

It is not clear what prompted the rise of advisers in cash transaction work such that the central bank has to caution about it, and it is also unclear if such agency is used in other regulated processes like customs, tax payment, purchasing of goods, etc. It is apparent that this is likely to be the case as for instance most people who need houses or rooms seek out agents of those having space to rent, not seek out such spaces themselves. The difference is that the central bank is a single organisation or operational centre which everyone needing its services can identify, to go there.

Yet there are areas where agency in financial services is feasible and logical, but is not recognized or it takes time to be recognized, simply for reasons of habit. There were instances in the past where the central bank issued statements to bus operators and other members of the public in need of coins, especially the 100/- and 200/-. The bank said the coins are provided free of charge at BoT while those selling them on the streets place a 10 per cent charge, and therefore it violates regulations.

It is not difficult to see that the charge isn't in view of regulations or contempt for the same but a wage element for those selling those coins. If a coins vendor gets 10 bus conductors changing just one banknote (say 1,000/-) for the coins and one banknote for the 2,000/- that means he would get 1,000/- and 2,000/- for his entire day's labour as a coins vendor. It isn't the sort of trade to attract an alert from BoT that the coins are free, for obtaining them demands time, which has to be extracted from other useful activities. Similarly renewing license or other permit costs time.

That is why it would be helpful if such agency is seen as an aspect of financial sector initiatives, just like there are numerous types of lending agencies, not just commercial banks. There are at present thousands of money transaction agents of all sorts, and tying up their daily regulatory responsibilities is becoming an industry in itself, which attracts financial advisory work. There is no reason why this area of specialization look intolerable for regulators, preferring that each one present themselves at the regulators' offices, or apply personally online. The knack about a market economy is to see an opportunity and use it, thus create a few jobs.

As often these advisors or financial transactions auxiliary agencies have to be people known to the person seeking such advice, as dealing always works on the basis of trust, it implies that many suburbs will have such advisors, freeing their clients to do other things. Agency work is often tied with other sorts of services depending on an applicant, thus wishing for paid assistance in that context is not strange or exploitative. It is to part with a percentage of daily earnings for predictability of a service -provider when regular customers turn up, habitually.

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By Agnes Kalibata and Amath Pathe

December 1 - the world convened in Dubai for COP28, developing countries looking out for opportunities to massively scale up action against the "loss and damage" arising from climate change.

The principle of "Loss and Damage" acknowledges the irreversible adverse impacts and economic losses already underway as a result of years of denial and lack of attention to climate change issues.

Unfortunately, the most vulnerable countries are least equipped to fight climate change. For these countries, a functional Loss and Damage Fund will go a long way in accelerating their recovery and development of resilience.

In this regard, we expect Africa to be among the priority beneficiaries, given that the continent has contributed the least to the global climate crisis, estimated at 3%, yet suffers the most significant losses due to its limited adaptive capacities.

Climate change disproportionately affects vulnerable African communities, particularly smallholder farmers, who constitute 60% of the continent's workforce and are responsible for 70-80% of its food production.

Agriculture in Africa, heavily reliant on rainfall, bears the brunt of climate-related damages, impacting energy production, water resources, the environment, and infrastructure. These challenges lead to suppressed GDP, forcing governments to redirect resources to food imports, social protection, and aid.

In countries heavily reliant on agriculture, constituting over 43% of GDP in 2018, these impacts can slash national GDP by up to 4% annually. From 1990 to 2019, floods and droughts notably hampered African economies. In the 1880s, CSR was mainly looked at as the rich individually giving back to the communities they lived in. The billionaires of the time like D. Rockefeller and Frederick Goff are well remembered in American history as philanthropists that dished out millions to better the communities around them.

CSR has since come a long way in connecting both global and home-grown bands and the communities they operate in. Global companies have invested heavily to influence social issues and cause positive impact through CSR.

For example, Lego invested \$400million over the last 3 years, to phase out their single use of plastic

The loss and damage fund must work for the most vulnerable

countries' GDP per capita. COVID-19 and global security issues h per cent

The situation is more dire in the highly vulnerable regions of the Sahel, the Horn of Africa, and the countries along the Equator, which continue to suffer inter-annual and longer-term changes in rainfall patterns, extreme temperatures, recurring droughts, floods, dust storms, and heatwaves, among others.

These adverse conditions and more frequent extreme climate events make it difficult for farmers to produce, store, and market food, leading to increased food shortages that cause price volatility. In turn, this fuels poverty and social and political marginalization, leaving a growing class of young people at risk and prone to violent extremism.

African countries have increased debt levels, and this, combined with the severe climate shocks, is likely to impede growth and threaten decades of developmental progress. Increased debt has diminished African countries' ability to withstand climate shocks and handle resulting losses. According to the IMF-World Bank Debt Sustainability Framework for Low-Income Countries (LIC-DSF), seven African nations are in debt distress, 18 face high risk, and 13 moderate risk.

Mozambique, for example, suffered the biggest impact of cyclones Idai and Kenneth in 2019, compounded by the soaring of its public debt to nearly 110% of GDP. Other countries are grappling with the aftermath of recent crises, such as the Russia-Ukraine and Israel-Palestine conflicts, along with rising dollar interest rates, hindering

developing nations' efforts to achieve crucial Sustainable Development Goals, particularly those related to poverty alleviation and ensuring adequate nutrition.

At COP27 in Egypt last year, the decision to create the Loss and Damage Fund represented a historical breakthrough, recognizing the injustices in distributing the burden of responsibility. The Fund aims to finance developing countries in dealing with the negative consequences of climate change and help them rebuild the necessary physical and social infrastructure.

So far, negotiations have been underway to address the many considerations required to operationalize the Fund. We appreciate the consensus to host the Fund at the World Bank for a trial period of four years.

However, recognizing the urgent need for a coordinated response, it is the hope and expectation of many that leaders at COP28 will raise the financial resources required to activate the Fund, and establish a clear timeframe for its operationalization.

From an African perspective, critical considerations for COP28 regarding the Loss and Damage Fund encompass various crucial aspects. These include the urgency of speed and urgent action to address severe and irreversible climate consequences, underlining the historical context of climate funds that took years to become effective. Paramount is the need for sufficient funding, emphasizing the urgency of fulfilling prior commitments like the Paris 2015 US\$100 billion per year

pledge, given the current resources fall below expectations.

Additionally, Africa advocates for strong, robust, and flexible compensation mechanisms, highlighting the importance of clear criteria, transparency, fairness, and accountability. Direct country access is deemed crucial for the effectiveness of the Fund. Integrated climate risk management is considered essential to minimize losses and damages, allocating resources to vulnerable countries for preparedness, reduction, and transfer mechanisms.

The Fund's replenishment involves targets for regular replenishment from high-emission countries, international donors, development agencies, and philanthropic organizations, aligning with its vision for effective operation. Private sector involvement is encouraged through public-private partnerships, climate bonds, insurance, and corporate social responsibility initiatives.

Ultimately, stakeholders must work together for the development of an independent oversight body for the Fund, as the governance and administration of the Fund by the World Bank is temporary.

We must remember that the potential move to the African Development Bank would align with the Fund's vision, and benefit the nations, and continent, most affected by climate change. In this critical juncture, global leaders must unite to ensure the Loss and Damage Fund becomes a catalyst for resilience, recovery, and sustainable development in the face of climate-related adversities.

with brands that advocate for positive change by paying attention to the issues that affect us and our communities.

The morale boosting and comradery that comes with the planning sessions that go into organizing the CSR activities is an added bonus.

At Roke Telkom, we believe that CSR is one of the best ways of building important brand connections for our staff, community and customers. We continuously identify communities that are in dire need of assistance and where possible, extend as much help as possible.

This year, we reached out to over 800 children and adults at Bless A Child Foundation in Mbarara City, Gulu Primary School (Blind section) in Gulu City and Kosovo slum in Kampala City.

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By Timothy Mugeny

FROM the advent of time, businesses have leaned into communities not only for growth but also for dependence. The dependence on people for sales, for staffing and even for manufacturing. Without community, businesses would cease to exist as they so seem.

However, the major question is the role of businesses and the communities they operate in beyond employment and the provision of goods and services.

Key to this is to consider the need for businesses to give back to and ensure that the communities they operate in thrive and are operating efficiently hence the term CSR or corporate social responsibility.

The birth of CSR as we came to know it began in the 18th Century wealthy businessman and philanthropist Andrew Carnegie, fronted the Gospel of Wealth, urging the rich to support social causes, by

Leveraging corporate social responsibility to build lasting stakeholder relationships

lifting up and protecting those less fortunate, according to an article titled Wealth in the North American Review No. CCCXCI, June 1889.

In the 1880s, CSR was mainly looked at as the rich individually giving back to the communities they lived in. The billionaires of the time like D. Rockefeller and Frederick Goff are well remembered in American history as philanthropists that dished out millions to better the communities around them.

CSR has since come a long way in connecting both global and home-grown bands and the communities they operate in. Global companies have invested heavily to influence social issues and cause positive impact through CSR.

For example, Lego invested \$400million over the last 3 years, to phase out their single use of plastic

packaging for their bricks, in an environmental sustainability drive.

With the ever-changing global needs, companies and brands are now addressing different community needs, ranging from environmental, to social, to cultural and economic.

When a company gets out of its comfort zone to help at the grassroots level, people stop looking at it as only a business, but rather a group of people who care about their well-being and are humane enough to extend a helping hand.

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Liberia: Reflection - Part Two

By Hun-Bu Tulay

Liberia started as a multi-party system when it thought about applying the tenets of the modern form of governance with its accompanying rules and regulations. The two pioneer parties that participated in the first presidential election were the Pro-Administration Party of Joseph Jenkins Robert and Anti-Administration Party of Samuel Benedict. The president was determined by the people through a process called "ELECTION".

This process is called the Democratic Process. Article 1 of the Liberian Constitution reads, "All power is inherent in the people. All free governments are instituted by their authority and for their benefits and they have the right to alter and reform the same when their safety and happiness so require. In order to ensure democratic government which responds to the wishes of the governed, the people shall have the right at such a period; and in such a manner as provided for under the constitution, to cause their public servants to leave office and to fill vacancies by regular elections and appointments."

Article 1 of the Liberian Constitution is couched in accordance with the doctrine of the French Philosopher Voltaire, who said the people have the Right to change the leadership of the government if their happiness and safety are threatened, for all good governments are constituted for the happiness and security of the people. That security includes the protection of their properties.

If they are not happy with the government's leadership, they change the leadership at regular elections not by the muzzle of the gun but by their inherent democratic power. However, if they are happy and protected, they have the right to maintain the leadership. Voltaire's philosophical thoughts about government influenced Thomas Jefferson, the father of American Democracy, and Benjamin Franklin who is another great American scientist and Politician. Voltaire also advocated for Free Speech, separation of state and religion and fought against slavery.

Unfortunately, the multi-party system in Liberia was destroyed by our late President William V. S. Tubman after the fake assassination attempt on him in 1955. It took Liberia thirty years to restore the multi-party system after the sacrifices of many lives and properties in 1985. Many past Presidents of Liberia have tried to return the country to a one-party system but have failed and called on all Liberians to continue to resist.

Liberia is a very rich country with vast resources. Geographers, Mining Engineers, and Geologists tell us that Liberia is the fifth richest country on the continent. The countries that are richer than Liberia are South Africa, Namibia, Nigeria, and Guinea Conakry.

If any sound-minded Liberian were to be elected as President of this country, this would give that person the right and privilege to manage these colossal resources. It would also give him/her enormous power and glory, as well as access to the country's financial vault. Certainly, every son and daughter of this country wishes to be the leader of Liberia.

The country's democratic process for the election of the President takes place every six years. Because of the lack of opportunities in the country, children of Liberia, who dream of a better quality of life and improved conditions, travel to many other countries for greener pastures.

Some of these sons and daughters often return to the country to participate in these elections with the hope of strengthening the country's infrastructure, energy, healthcare, transportation, rule of law, security, education, entertainment, etc. The people of Liberia have suffered too long because of the lack of these facilities and services. The people's life dangled in the balance, and they are looking for good leadership. Many of their sons and daughters have failed them, including the so-called "Iron Lady".

Even the current boy from Gibraltar has not done enough for them. The roads remain deplorable, the health system remains a mess, educational system at its lowest in the history, energy, water and sanitation, solid waste management poorly managed, and the people live in abject poverty. Drug cartels have taken over the country, all functionaries of the country have become incurably corrupt.

This is not to say that the country never had some good leaders. Take for example, the country's President called



Dr. William Richard Tolbert Jr. He had a positive vision and plan for the country; he was called "SPEEDY" by many Liberians. Under his reign, a lot of good things happened but he came too late; the people wanted a change and it happened with him being a victim of circumstances.

Today the country has retrograded 50 years in everything and at every level. Those who came after him were even worse in terms of managing the country's resources. Many of the country's leaders mismanaged the country's resources and squandered many opportunities.

As rich as Liberia is, it remains one of the poorest countries in the West African Region. Many of those sons and daughters who were given leadership were carried away by personal glorification and greed. These actions of past leaders caused the civil crisis, which caused the death of 250,000 of the country's citizens and the destruction of many of the basic services, as well as a massive brain drain.

People of the country continue to have faith in their sons and daughters and pray that one day they will elect one that will change their lives for the better.

In the 2011, General and Presidential Elections, one of the country's sons, Rev. Kennedy Gbleyah Sandy returned and participated in the Democratic Process for the second time. The first time, he got 13, 611 votes or a mere 1.13%, and the second time, he got 5, 343 votes or 0.34%. The Revered retired from the country's politics. Many years later another son, Mr. Alexander Benedict Cummings after spending over 30 years in well-developed kingdoms, returned and participated in two of the country's elections.

During the first election he received a little over 100,000 votes amounting to 7.2%. Six years later, he participated again and this time, received less than 30,000 votes amounting to 1.62%. This son and his supporters believed their votes were not counted because they spent a lot of resources and time for Mr. Cummings to be so massively rejected.

He and his supporters forgot to understand that when he contested for the first time, the second face on the ballot contesting with him was a popular individual from a vote rich county, someone who was a former instructor at Cuttington University College in Suacoco, Bong County, one of country prestigious universities of the country. He also served as Minister and Ambassador in government. He had a base, unlike the second face with him on the ballot for the 2023 election.

The faces of individuals on the ballots matter. In its recent history, two faces from a minority group on the same ticket could never win an election in the country for a very long time to come, no matter how competent they are and how much money they spend. Just look at the performance of the banker's (Mill Jones) ticket in 2017 (Jones & Reeves). The banker provided Micro-Loan to nearly all market women and the Liberia Business Association.

The banker's ticket was rejected because of the faces. This is something that future political aspirant should take note of. The political advisers of

Cummings ill-advised him on the selection of a Brumskine.

It seems the people of the country are getting wiser. They are angry and now understand that many of those who were returning from the advanced country and wanting leadership are children or grandchildren of those who looted the country's resources during an earlier era in the country. They have the economic power, but they need the political power to protect their economic interest. One good example is the case of Nigeria. To win a presidential election in Nigeria now-a-days, the tickets must carry a Christian-Muslim or Muslim-Christian composition.

With reference to this October 10, 2023, presidential elections, no candidate received the required votes to be elected as leader of the country and there will be a RUN-OFF because the law requires that to be elected requires 50% plus one vote. The issues on the ballots are many and history is about to repeat itself in Liberia. It is not new. All historical events repeat themselves. This is just a prologue of the feature "reflection - part two (a kingdom at a crossroad).

In 1943 the country went to a very important election, one political leader (Edwin J. Barclay) made a very fundamental blunder by supporting the candidacy of (William V. S. Tubman Sr.) a 48-year-old candidate for the leadership because he did not want to manipulate the constitution.

He supported him despite his obvious acute qualification deficit for leadership. He felt that the 48-year-old candidate would not do as much as he did as a leader and therefore created an appetite for the return of the politician to the leadership. This leader underestimated the 48-year-old candidate. Academically, he was no match to the other candidates (Coleman, Simpson, Dennis, and the list goes on) but he was 'street smart'.

Because of his intent to come back, he recommended the amendment of the requirements for the leaders in the constitution.

During the elections, the proposition for the amendment was on the ballot. The election results indicated that the 48-year-old young candidate won the election and the referendum passed, giving the leader an opportunity to contest for additional four years. Meaning, the leader would be elected for the first term and would contest for another term. When he was elected and began to experience the glamour, power, luxury, and associated benefits enjoyed by the leader, he found it difficult to leave power.

He used the country's resources to buy over the security, lawmakers, and the judiciary. When contested for the third term on the True Whig Party Ticket, there were two other candidates for the presidency (Edwin James Barclay of the Independent True Whig Party, former president and the man that sponsored Tubman presidency and William O. Davis Bright, an Independent Candidate).

Tubman saw this as a big threat. And by the end of the second term, all potential sons and daughters were either in jail or became his supporters.

He established and ran a TOTALITAR-

IAN REGIME. He became a Tyrant. He could not see himself living in the country as an ordinary citizen. He held on to power up to his demise. To hold on to power, he became corrupt, nepotistic, imperialistic, and a demi-god in the country. Anyone that questioned his authority was arrested and later jailed or killed. Many good sons and daughters of the country were victims of his autocratic rule. Even three sons, who were appointed as regional heads from the northern, central and western regions were arrested and jailed including Liberia's Ambassador to Kenya.

As Liberians prepare for the run-off, they should be mindful of whom they elect. Should they elect a young man or an older man? This is the million-dollar question for all Liberians. If you re-elect someone who has realized the personal benefits associated with the position of President, will this person leave easily if defeated? Our answer is a big NO.

He will find it difficult to leave these personal glorifications characterized in the ill-gotten properties and vaunting fame. Would he maintain the lifestyle he has been used to? For example, travelling on a chartered plane or spending 48 days in a five-star hotel, and wasting money while the country's pending and looming issues such as the Security, Rule of Law, Corruption, Extra Judicial Killing, Bad Roads, Poor Healthcare, Poor Education, High Unemployment, Food insecurity, Energy, Water and Sanitation, Solid Waste Collection (Environment), Wasteful Spending, and other troubling matters are negatively impacting the lives of the people. All of the above are very critical for their survival as a people and country.

Liberians should be mindful that there are people who rather see the country in FLAME than honor the democratic process. It is alleged that such people have started looting public offices, and the recent fire incident at the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning is a case in point. Liberians should prepare for the worse in the next few weeks.

Considering what has been happening, do you think the current leader can provide or deliver on all that is required to stabilize the socio-economic status of the country? Is there a possibility that an amendment to the constitution of the country would be made to enable him to continue though he cunningly espoused on many occasions at many international conferences that this should not be the case in Africa?

Historical events can repeat themselves; and we would be surprised if they do not because the young leader in question cannot maintain the current lifestyle on his pension and savings from loots.

Following his records, no cabinet members dare say the truth to him. In fact, he tells them what to do. We saw this from the Executive Governor of the Central Bank of Liberia many years ago when the governor said,

"I will follow the leader's directive, even if it means putting aside the Act of the Central Bank and doing his will. This is the only opportunity we have to prevent another leader to rule us for 27 years. We cannot miss this opportunity. We need to rally all the registered votes to turn out for the run-off in order to

avoid a repeat of what happened in the country 68 years ago. Political Historians are fully aware of what happened 68 years ago.

We were once in conversation with a friend who wanted to be leader of this kingdom. We asked him why he wanted to be in Liberia. He said to us "in this country, the leader can make the country pay for the oxygen the leader BREATHE." The leader controls everything. He is a demi-god".

We have spoken to some friends; they are worried about the influence of one individual, who they think might influence many decisions. We agreed with them, but that individual will not be the leader of the country.

The individual of concern will not control the security and the judiciary and the legislature. He can easily be put to check. It is easier to check-mate one individual than to check-mate a leader that controls the security and has established a private militia with manpower of 1,500 men and his militia is better equipped. A monster is growing under our noses and expanding its tentacles in the country.

Currently, the monster's tentacles were felt in three regions where citizens were injured and some killed. Right now, we the people and our functionaries are more powerful than the monster and his tentacles and we should be ready to act now without asking questions for a peaceful and DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY. We cannot afford to be ruled by an autocratic government. The country has a leader, who sees himself as an EMPEROR of the country.

Nobody says no to him. He gets what he wants (any amount of money, women, any car, etc.). This RUN-OFF is about protecting DEMOCRACY or electing an individual that will be Emperor-TYRANT; the CHOICE IS YOURS.

If they can achieve one of the above plans and ensure that NO ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE up to three weeks in January of 2024, they will ask for an INTERIM GOVERNMENT. Some social media political pundits are already propagating this idea.

We would like to close with a verse from the holy book - the bible, matthew 6:33: "but seek ye first the kingdom of god and his righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you." As we go to the run-off, we would equally say to you, you will be voting for your future and those of your children and grandchildren.

You will be voting for security, good governance, good education, good healthcare, good roads, tourism, corruption-free society, clean environment, employment, energy, water and sanitation, food security, rule of law and transparent justice system. But if these are not possible, if the monster and its tentacles are not voted out, you already voted out some of the tentacles of the monster. This run-off is about voting him out.

If the opposition group do not join forces there will no future for them in 2029 because by then the monster and its tentacles would have spread in all political subdivisions of the country. unite now or say goodbye to multi-party system.

a word to the wise is quite sufficient!!!

COP28 Pacific leaders announce largest conservation effort in history



Fund, Andrew Steer, praised the Pacific Community for “dreaming big, aiming high, and working together”—a quote he attributed to Whipps, as he praised the Pacific community for what will be the biggest conservation effort in history of 1 billion hectares

“This is nowhere enough, but it is important to all of us. If there was ever a time for multilateralism, this is it,” he said.

Tonga’s Prime Minister, Hu’akavameiliku Siaosi Sovaleni, agreed, saying the Pacific region needed genuine cooperation from world leaders in the prevention of natural resources.

“We do not need reports to tell us where we are. We know where we are standing, and that is the reason that we are here. There are initiatives being taken, but more is needed.”

The United States Special Presidential Envoy for Climate, John Kerry, termed the launch of extreme importance and stated that no prosperity in the Pacific is possible unless concrete measures are taken for its preservation.

He highlighted how putting an immediate ban on illegal fishing is crucial and should be stopped without delay.

Minister of State of the United Kingdom for Development and Africa, Andrew Mitchell, termed climate change a primary threat and said that the UK is keen to combat this threat without delay.

“We need to accelerate global action in terms of our agreements related to climate policy, and we want a genuine partnership in the Pacific for the greater common good,” Mitchell said.

Pertinently, Pacific leaders have been calling for a transformative shift for the Blue Pacific Continent for the objective of what they call ‘2050 Strategy and Unlocking Blue Pacific Prosperity (UBPP).’

The UBPP proposal invites collaboration from partners and investors, under the leadership of Pacific leaders, to forge groundbreaking partnerships facilitating the realization of this paradigm shift within the current decade.

Pacific leaders committed to an ambitious action plan designed to swiftly access new and additional funding tailored to the specific needs of the region. This plan empowers nations to take charge of their collective development and conservation agendas.

It involves the creation of a coalition platform to attract and coordinate diverse funders, supporting long-term development plans. Additionally, it harnesses the power to convene, access, and leverage funds through existing modalities or establish new ones, bringing catalytic and innovative financing to Pacific communities and organizations.

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DUBAI

Unlocking Blue Pacific Prosperity plans to mobilize high-impact investment for this continent-wide transformation, including the largest conservation effort globally. Credit: Pacific Community

PACIFIC people live at the nexus of oceans, climate, and food systems, and the interaction of climate and ocean is raising sea temperatures and threatening habitats and resources vital to the region’s sustenance, Palau’s President Surangel Whipps, Jr., said at the launch of an effort to protect and rejuvenate the region’s ecosystems and empower communities through to the year 2050—in what is considered to be the biggest single conservation effort in history—Unlocking Blue Pacific Prosperity.

At the event at COP28 on Sunday, the project received a 100-million USD pledge to protect and rejuvenate the region’s ecosystems and empower communities through 2050.

Several world leaders and politicians attended the launch at an event titled ‘Unlocking Blue Pacific Prosperity: Pacific Leaders Commitment to a Sustainable and Prosperous Blue Pacific: For Our Pacific and for the World.’

Whipps told the audience, “No one knows better than us about what works and what hasn’t worked in the Blue Pacific... Despite major efforts by our Pacific communities and long-standing international partners, development and environmental outcomes in the Pacific are not happening at the pace or scale needed to protect the planet or meet our regional

needs. The world is not on track to meet any of the 17 sustainable development goals or climate goals by 2030. The Blue

Pacific has a pivotal role in correcting the global course by achieving urgent global environmental commitments, including 30 by 30.”

Announcing the \$100 million donation, CEO and President of Bezos Earth



Coastal Community builds a seawall. The Pacific Community’s Unlocking Blue Pacific Prosperity aims to conserve 1 billion hectares. Credit: Pacific Community

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Moshi MC in tree planting campaign to mitigate the climate change effects

By Beatrice Philemon

ENVIRONMENTAL stakeholders in Moshi Municipality have embarked on a new tree planting campaign aimed at mitigating the effects of climate change in their localities. Dr Elibahati Kimario, senior construction technician at the Moshi Municipal Council said yesterday that the campaign was officially in-

augurated by Manoj Verma, head of chancery at the India High Commission to Tanzania who visited the municipality over the weekend. The Indian envoy also launched a book titled: 'Living creatures are in danger of extinction in the world and how to be preserved for the future generations' authored by Dr Kimario. The tree planting campaign and

book launch was officially inaugurated by Verma at Mwereni Nursery and Primary School on November 25th this year. To start with, during the event a total of 200 tree species comprising fruit seedlings were planted at Mwereni Nursery and Primary School while a total of 300 tree species were planted at Moshi Technical Secondary School.

More than 950 government officials, students and local communities were gathered at Mwereni Nursery and Primary School for a book launch and tree planting campaign. "We have decided to launch the book at the school grounds to educate students about the benefits of environmental conservation, how they can use fruit trees to improve their health and earn cash", he said.

He said the campaign was also aimed to show them how trees are located within their school grounds to address climate change, which has very serious implications for humans, animals, peace, and security around the world. Directors of various organizations, teachers, parents and students in different Schools also attended the event.

He named seedlings that were planted at the school as avocado tree seedlings, pawpaw, orange, mango and guava tree seedlings. "Mwereni is a day and boarding school that takes care of children with special needs that includes blindness, albinism, hearing impairment/deafness and Xeroderma illness."

£40m awarded to innovators for clean energy access in Africa, Asia, Pacific

LONDON

INNOVATE UK's Energy Catalyst program has awarded over £40 million in grant funding to a range of innovative projects with plans to harness clean energy and enable a just and inclusive energy transition.

The funding award was announced today by the UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak as part of a £316m package of announcements in support of an inclusive and just transition at the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP28) in Dubai.

The £40m is part of the Ayrton Fund for clean energy innovation, with this funding provided by the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) through the Transforming Energy Access (TEA) platform, and the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT).

It underscores the UK Government's continued commitment to support the research development and demonstration of innovative technologies and business models necessary to foster affordable and clean energy for all.

This latest cohort of Energy Catalyst innovators has the potential to make a significant impact on communities across sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia, and the Indo-Pacific region.

As part of Round 10, 64 pioneering projects with activities spanning 24 countries will work to advance innovation in areas including next-generation solar, smart green grids, hydrogen, clean

cooling, and renewable-based alternatives to fossil fuel generators.

Projects to receive grant funding and business support include Achelous Energy, which will demonstrate a floating oceanic solar farm in Indonesia, and ion Venture's project which will develop an automatic battery swapping cabinet to help scale e-mobility in Uganda. Energy Catalyst will also support its first projects in Cambodia, Eswatini, Fiji, Malaysia, and South Sudan.

This includes SDG Changemakers, a project focusing on a feasibility study to increase access and affordability of clean energy on Fiji's Kioa Island.

Energy Catalyst, running since 2014, is today the largest open call within the Ayrton Fund and aims to bolster sustainable energy solutions to reduce reliance on fossil fuels in targeted regions.

This latest round of funding brings the total value of grants provided by Energy Catalyst to over £160m in Overseas Development Assistance, driving impact across 46 countries through 320 supported projects partnering with over 600 organizations. Previously supported projects have continued to make a significant impact in the sector, having secured an additional £200m in further funding.

Mobile Power, a leading technology developer is transforming energy and transport through innovative and affordable, clean energy solutions. Its MOPO Hubs, powered by solar energy, allow customers to access energy with-



out upfront costs. They offer secure pay-per-use MOPO batteries distributed by local Mobile Power agents. Previous Energy Catalyst grant funding and business support enabled the company to demonstrate its business model to investors and partners, contributing to a successful Series A investment round.

Funding from Energy Catalyst enabled the company to demonstrate its solution, focused on increasing access to energy through improved

battery life and performance in Nigeria. Alongside Energy Catalyst's Round 8 grant funding, enee.io has successfully secured further equity funding and a follow-up project as part of Energy Catalyst Round 10.

Alice Goodbrook, Energy Catalyst Lead at Innovate UK said: "We are proud to see Energy Catalyst scale effectively to meet this increasingly urgent challenge and we look forward to working collaboratively with all the innovators being support-

ed through this latest round. The breadth of technologies and regions represented signifies a crucial step towards achieving a more sustainable and equitable future, extending the benefits of clean energy for all."

Energy Catalyst's distinctive approach comprises three main elements; grant funding, collaboration building through brokerage activities to build partnerships, and acceleration support which is provided by a Carbon Trust-led consortium,

including Mercy Corps Energy 4 Impact, Intelcap, Open Capital, Eigen Ventures, and a range of specialist partners.

Through the provision of both financial and advisory support to innovators, Energy Catalyst plays a pivotal role in creating strategic partnerships, channeling commercialized knowledge and insights, and developing business models that will commercialize solutions that improve lives.



Dr Nkundwe Mwasaga, ICT Commission director general

ICT Commission to take part at this year's African startup conference

By Guardian Reporter

THE Information and Communication Technologies Commission (ICTC) is set to take part at this year's African startup conference that kicks off today in Algiers, Algeria.

Dr Nkundwe Mwasaga, ICT Commission director general said in a statement yesterday that the three-day African Startup Conference is the most inspiring entrepreneurial event on the continent which drives the race towards technological excellence in Africa.

Dr Mwasaga said that the event is attracting more than 500 exhibitors, 10,000 visitors, 50 ministries, 30 conferences, 100 experts, 200 investors, 50 countries, and Republic of South Africa as the guest of honour of the event.

According to the instrument of the ICTC, one of the key results areas of the ICTC is to ensure ICT entrepreneurship, innovation, research and development including Local Digital Content, Software develop-

ment centers and ICT parks facilitated in Tanzania.

In line with the promotion of ICT entrepreneurship in Tanzania, ICTC is attending the African Startup Conference 2023 in Algiers, Algeria with the partner CRDB Foundation.

According to him, ICTC is also expected to promote seven Tanzanian startups to attend the African Startup Conference 2023. The startups are Ngasmake (Lipa kwa Uhakika), Nijiri, Neuro-Sarufi AI, Simplitech, Mipango App, Scancode, and Settlo.

The African Startup Conference provides a unique platform for startups to expand their horizons through valuable networking opportunities, access to potential investors, and insights from industry experts.

He said that ICTC expects the attendance of our startups in African Startup Conference to help our startups to grow by offering a vibrant ecosystem where our startups can connect with fellow entrepreneurs, mentors, and industry leaders.

Build meaningful relationships, exchange ideas, and collaborate to accelerate your startups growth.

Unlocking funding possibilities to our startups by showcasing our innovative ideas to a diverse range of investors at African Startup Conference. As the event provides a stage to captivate potential investors and secure crucial financial backing as well as gaining firsthand knowledge from seasoned experts who have navigated the startup landscape.

"As we know that the event hosts insightful sessions, workshops, and panels, offering valuable insights into market trends, growth strategies, and best practices, all to enhance your startups trajectory," the statement reads in part.

Some of the key panel discussions include fostering access to African market: breaking down barriers for startups, investing in Africa's startup ecosystem: local financing solutions, keeping innovation at home: strategies to retain African startup head-

quarters, talent retention and brain gain: overcoming Africa's brain drain, and harmonizing policies for African startups: A continent-wide approach.

It also aimed at unlocking talent mobility for a thriving African startup ecosystem, global trends in women's entrepreneurship, impact of incubators/accelerators on local and regional economy, funding innovation: unlocking Africa's investment potential, the role of governments in nurturing startup ecosystems, corporate policies promoting female entrepreneurship, empower local innovation by strengthening the role of universities and research, expansion and market entry strategies in Africa and startup unicorns and case studies from Africa.

In recent years, Algeria has emerged as an undeniable destination on the global stage of innovation by hosting significant international events celebrating entrepreneurship and innovation.

UN volunteers - and their over reaching mission

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If there is an agency or program within the UN that I really admire and wish the best for, this is the United Nations Volunteers or UNV. Its overarching mission, mandate and key objectives are paramount for humanity.

Unfortunately, volunteerism is neglected worldwide and its transformative importance never fully understood. There are no single issues affecting our planet and the whole humanity that does not require volunteerism.

That's why UNV that is technically part of UNDP, has a big role to play. Yet, to some extent, UNV is missing into action as it has been unable to raise to the challenges. It can be an issue of lack of availability of resources or it could be the complex red tape system bogging down the whole UN System.

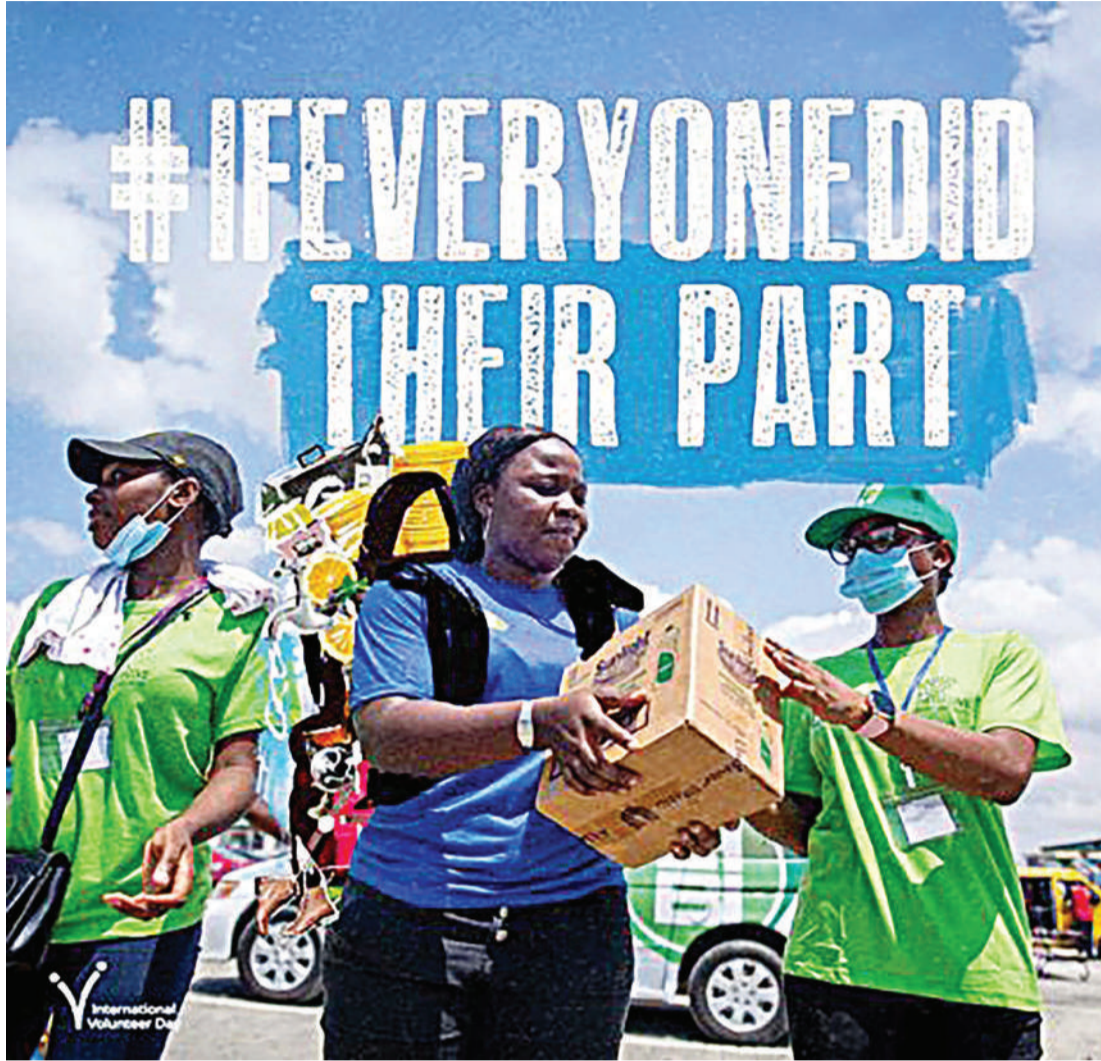
It can be simply the fact that each agency and program within this galaxy of UN entities is simply not too adept at mainstreaming and embed volunteerism in their operations. For sure, UNV does not lack expertise nor very passionate and capable persons, some of whom I have been able to collaborate with in the past.

They really believe in the cause, in the promotion of volunteerism and they really want to push hard so that development can fully leverage its power. But somehow, considering its expertise, UNV is underperforming.

Probably one of the biggest challenges for an organization like UNV is the difficulty in engaging and involving stakeholders on continuous basis. There are actually some big success stories for UNV on this regard.

For example, the Global Technical Meeting held in July 2020 after months of preparations was a truly, groundbreaking initiative.

The end result was an important blueprint to embed volunteerism



UN Volunteers Day is commemorated annually on December 5.

in the global development agenda, ensuring that volunteerism could really placed at the center of the pursuing the Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals.

Getting the Global Technical Meeting in place took months of preparation and several online discussion groups were created where stakeholders, practitioners and citizens passionate about volunteerism, could contribute. Enabling such forums was remarkable and a true achievement

for UNV.

Yet after more than three years since then, no real follow up mechanism has been established. The initial excitement that a new level of global discussion on volunteerism had been achieved, then rapidly declined.

Now I am wondering why in the recently held SDG Summit, to my best knowledge, there was no serious debate on what volunteerism can do to support the implementation of the Agenda 2030.

It is not surprising,

therefore, that there has not any apparent and inclusive exercise to revise the implementation of The Plan of Action to Integrate Volunteerism into the 2030 Agenda.

Another example is the organization of the International Volunteer Day (IVD) that is celebrated December 5. This can be a great opportunity not only to raise awareness but should also be seen as a key platform to engage and mobilize people throughout the year.

So far, the practice, at

countries level, has been to have a sort of coordination mechanism one or at the most two months before the celebrations. While it is important to bring practitioners and stakeholders together for IVD and while I always considered these engagements meaningful, I always felt that we were missing an opportunity.

I always believed that IVD should be not only a big carnival, a moment of joys where local volunteering champions are recognized and duly acknowledged. This component is essential and always needs to be on the front.

At the same time, the day should be used to talk about the less glorious and yet important gritty of policy making. Many might not think of this aspect as strategic.

Yet, if we really want to elevate volunteerism at the center of the Agenda 2030, it is essential to discuss about policies and legislations that can truly empower volunteering efforts for social change.

Think for example about the process of localizing the SDGs? Can't it be a phenomenal way of engaging and involving citizens? Participation is also a key aspect of volunteerism and a key tenant of the broader concept of civic engagement.

Yet the most important function for IVD is to rally together the whole "movement", all those love volunteerism: academicians, practitioners, experts, representative of national and international NGOs, donors but also students and any citizens passionate about it.

This means coming forward with extensive planning and collective capacity to execute them, a process that requires months and months of preparation. By my own observation, it was way too late, towards the end of November, when UNV started sharing information about today's main message.

Even deciding on the theme of IVD could become an exercise of participation with rounds of consultations, ideas contests to provide the best and more meaningful ideas for it. In a way, IVD, in the way I see it, should be seen as the pinnacle of a whole year coordination exercise, not only an end in itself but a catalytic event that stirs the movement to action through-

out the year.

UNV has a unique role to help shape this whole dynamic. Conductive to it would be the creation of coordination mechanisms that bring together all the stakeholders. These could take different shapes and forms, from informal working groups to more formal networks and forums.

Based on my own experience, it is wise to start small and then build momentum gradually, step by step. These mechanisms would not only work as info sharing and coordinating platforms but also as groups that plan and execute joint events and activities all year long.

For example, running two or three of such activities, like discussion forums, or awareness trainings at school levels could precede and build excitement around the final big event, IVD. There is no other player that has the mandate and convening power like UNV to bring together such collaborations.

At the same time, I am fully aware that resources at disposal for UNV are not endless especially in times of crises and UNV local country offices have to balance many competing priorities.

That's why better and more strategic coordination at local level could tremendously help UNV pursue its mission. Another one that deserves attention is the mobilization of UNV Volunteers.

I always felt something odd about such programs. In reality, the program, even if admirable, is basically a full-time paid job. If you compare its stipends or allowances with formal UN jobs, it is clear that a member of UNV just receives a decent remuneration.

Yet the reality is different and more complex. Compared with many local jobs offered by local NGOs, that same package disbursed to an UNV volunteer looks like an awesome salary.

But the compensation aspect is only one problematic side of the equation. The other is the fact that this form of full-time volunteerism promoted by UNV risks to create further confusion about some of the key tenants that are enshrined into it.

I am referring to the cooperative, solidarity driven and generosity filled self-conscious decision of

helping, even in very organized forms, others. By no means, I am implying that full time volunteering is intrinsically and necessarily wrong.

It is one of the many ways to support a cause and act selflessly. Yet there are several other experiences of it that are better enabling positive change at grassroots levels, closer to the beneficiaries that can, more easily, become true partners in advancing social justice.

In these examples, international full-time volunteers do get some allowances that provide for their basic expenses and live safely and with dignity. Yet these "privileges" are not too detached from the reality of the hosting countries.

National and International UNV Volunteers are on many ways promoters of positive development outcomes and should be praised for their commitment. Yet there is something wrong when many join the UNV volunteer program, either nationally and internationally, because they know that this is a great launchpad to full fledged careers with the UN.

I have no doubt that UNV is uniquely positioned to enable systemic social and economic progress. Its mandate and mission are more important than ever. Yet from engaging in the global discussions to achieve the Agenda 2030 to rethinking the role of citizens in the delivery of essential services, including ways people can participate in the decision making, volunteerism is the hidden gem of the global development agenda.

In this International Volunteer Day, let's praise the accomplishments so far realized by UNV. At the same time, let's work together to ensure that a more agile, proactive organization can turn itself into a much stronger hub of activism, social change and dynamic discussions.

Volunteerism is a too important aspect of our humanity. Only a revamped UNV can leverage it and help it truly become indispensable dimension of our lives, not only in the South but also the North as well.

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THE GUARDIAN CROSSWORDS AND WORD FIT - 38 -

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ACROSS:

- Capital city of Angola
- arrive
- Nairobi is her mother city
- a glossy black long-tailed bird of the cuckoo family found in Central America
- a person's sense of self-esteem

DOWN:

- a large area of water surrounded by land
- make slightly angry
- radical and extreme
- of a great distance
- pursuing a profession
- mealie
- a way out
- leave out or exclude
- a small brooch
- a long and distinct period of history
- a barrier constructed to hold back water

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.

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Climate-smart cows to become game changer for Tanzanian farmers

By Deborah Gertz

A team of animal scientists from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign is set to deliver a potential game changer for subsistence farmers in Tanzania: cows that produce up to 20 times the milk of indigenous breeds.

The effort, published in *Animal Frontiers*, marries the milk-producing prowess of Holsteins and Jerseys with the heat, drought and disease-resistance of Gyrs, an indigenous cattle breed common in tropical countries. Five generations of crosses result in cattle capable of producing 10 liters of milk per day under typical Tanzanian management, blasting past the half-liter average yield of indigenous cattle.

After breeding the first of these calves in the US, project leader Matt Wheeler, professor in the Department of Animal Sciences in the Colleges of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, is ready to bring embryos to Tanzania.

"High-yield Girolandos – Holstein-Gyr crosses – are common

in Brazil, but because of endemic diseases there, those cattle can't be exported to most other countries," Wheeler said. "We wanted to develop a high health-status herd in the US so we could export their genetics anywhere in the world."

Wheeler's team plans to implant 100 half-blood Holstein-Gyr or Jersey-Gyr embryos into indigenous cattle in two Tanzanian locations this March. The resulting calves will be inseminated through successive generations to create "pure synthetic" cattle with five-eighths Holstein or Jersey and three-eighths Gyr genetics.

"The whole idea is to keep the disease and pest resistance linked together with the milk production so that as you breed, those traits don't separate," Wheeler said. "That's going to be the challenge in developing countries. Until you get to the pure synthetic generation, there will always be the temptation to breed to the bull down the road, losing the effect."

The team's work extends beyond developing the embryos. It hosted its first online course on bovine as-



sisted reproduction technology last summer, including 12 participants from Tanzania.

"It was important to start training the first group of veterinarians and graduate students to adopt the technology, so when we get there, it's not a foreign thing," Wheeler said. "The Tanzanian government wants this training and student exchanges. We're going to continue investing in this program for as long as it takes."

Missouri aquaculture A statewide project funded by the Missouri Agricultural and Small Business Development Authority explored the landscape of Missouri's aquaculture industry and opportunities for growth.

According to the 2018 Census of Aquaculture, Missouri saw \$767 million in total sales of aquaculture products.

The Next Generation Aquaculture in Missouri project has developed resources that take an inventory of the industry at a state and national level, as well as the feasibility of aquaculture enterprises for new operations. Members of the University of Missouri Agricultural Business and Policy Extension group completed the project.

"This project has given us new insights into aquaculture demand and production capabilities for Missouri farmers," said Lane Howard, associate director of market development with the Missouri Corn Merchandising Council. "We hope to share these findings and resources with Missouri producers in our efforts to build demand for corn through innovative markets."

Findings from the project

suggest that for Missouri farmers seeking to diversify their income, aquaculture could offer a new revenue stream. Business models can help individuals understand the profitability of enterprises based on desired markets, fish species produced and enterprise infrastructure.

"Achieving profitability on a small scale and seeking opportunities around niche markets are important for Missouri's aquaculture startups," said Ryan Milhollin, MU Extension agricultural economist and study organizer. "With the Next Generation Aquaculture in Missouri project, our team has developed a host of resources to help interested operators better understand major factors when considering an aquaculture business venture."

New Chinese-built commercial centre spurs job creation, economic growth

By Guardian Correspondent

A Chinese-built commercial and logistics center set to commence trial operations in July 2024 in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania's commercial hub, has created thousands of jobs for the local people and is anticipated to drive the economic growth of the East African nation, the executive of a Chinese company has said.

The East Africa Commercial and Logistics Center project which encompasses a combined floor space of 75,000 square meters for 2,000 shops and parking yards is funded by the East Africa Commercial and Logistics Center (EALCLC) Limited, a Chinese firm involved in international trade, and jointly constructed by the China Civil Engineering Construction Corporation (CCECC).

Cathy Wang, the director general of EALCLC, revealed that the project has already generated 1,200 direct jobs and over 2,000 indirect jobs for Tanzanians. "The establishment of this commercial complex and logistics center will create employment opportunities for various professionals, including engineers, technicians, project managers, and others involved indirectly," she said, noting that the project will bring more than 15,600 new jobs during both construction and operational phases.

Wang underscored the significance of this employment boost for the local community and its contribution to Tanzania's economic growth, saying she believed that the success of the project would enhance confidence among foreign investors, attracting more international businesses to invest in Tanzania.

Caroline Amor, a mother of two residing in the Mbezi-Malamba suburb on the outskirts, said she has no worries about providing for her family after working as a sales team leader with the EALCLC. "I allocate my salary towards my children's school fees, food expenses, as well as electricity and water bills," Amor said.

Amor said that apart from providing employment to numerous Tanzanians, Chinese investments in Tanzania are crucial in transferring skills and technology to the local people.

The EALCLC project aims to enhance trade connectivity between China and Tanzania, fostering industrial growth and stimulating regional economic development.

Wang said that Tanzania could leverage its geographical advantage to become a significant logistics hub in East Africa, attracting more foreign investment and fostering high-value-added industries. She expressed her hope that this project would symbolize the enduring friendship and mutual benefits between China and Tanzania, as well as between China and Africa. So far, about 85 percent of the construction has been completed, with an anticipated finish by the year's end, followed by decoration work.

Earlier this year, Tanzanian Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa pledged full support for the construction of the modern commercial and logistics center by the EALCLC after inspecting the project's progress.

CRDB signs mortgage financing arrangement in Zanzibar

By Guardian Reporter

Zanzibar residents will now be able to buy houses constructed by the Zanzibar Housing Corporation, after the developer signed a mortgage financing agreement with CRDB Bank, which is currently holding 34.15 percent of the mortgage market share in Tanzania.

Speaking after signing of the agreement held at the bank's Michenzani Mall branch, head of retail banking Steven Adili said the deal is expected to benefit various customers by enabling to secure mortgage financing of up to 1bn/-.

He said the targeted groups include employees of corporations and institutions, members of social security funds, Tanzanians living in diaspora and Tanzanians living abroad, who hold non-Tanzanian passports.

"This agreement is continuation of our efforts to enable more Tanzanians to own quality residents," he said.

He informed that CRDB Bank is currently leading lender, as has issued loans amounting to 1977bn/- out of the country's total outstanding mortgage loans of 593bn/-.



The Zanzibar Housing Corporation director general Mwanaisa Ali Said (seated L) and Steven Adili, the head of retail banking, CRDB Bank (seated R) sign the cooperation agreement on mortgage financing in Unguja yesterday. (Photo: Guardian Correspondent)

He said the bank will continue to collaborate with ZHC through working together and he congratulated them for the good work in ensuring better shelter among isles resident.

"I would also like to congratulate the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar

for enabling the implementation of these projects, specifically the eighth phase government led by Dr Hussein Mwinyi in its effort to improve the welfare of the people of Zanzibar," he said.

"We at CRDB Bank join his efforts to ensure that we enable people of

Zanzibar and other around the world to own affordable quality residents."

Mwanaisa Ali Said, the ZHC director General congratulated the bank by saying the signed agreement will enable her organization to complete the projects in time.

She said the agreement will also enable ZHC to start new housing projects because will enable customers to pay in cash, installment and mortgage.

"The mortgage arrangement was not working, and I believe that this agreement will enable our customers to buy houses through three the third option," she further said.

According to the director general, the corporation is planning to start a new project at Nyamanzi, while calling for residents of Zanzibar and elsewhere in the world to apply for purchasing houses at Mfikwa project in Zanzibar.

The CRDB Bank manager, Zanzibar Zone Abdalla Duchi said the bank will continue to work with the government to implement various projects to improve the welfare of people of the isles.

US gov't funded project changes lives of women, girls in Iringa

By Correspondent

Beatrice Philemon

Women and adolescent girls in Iringa region have something to smile, after the Meeting Targets and Maintaining Epidemic Control (EpiC) project enabled them to change their lives through equipping them with various skills, ranging from budget planning, entrepreneurship and market research.

According to 22 year old Rehema Musogoya, a young woman in Mkwawa Ward, Iringa Municipal, who is among of 18,338 beneficiaries, the project has trained them on savings and shares buying from the group, gender

equality and reproductive health, Good Agricultural Practices (GAP), HIV testing, and searching for business opportunities.

Implemented by FHI 360-Tanzania with funding from the US President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the project started to be implemented in April this year.

Through the knowledge and skills gained from EpiC project, Musogoya said she is currently engaged in green bell pepper farming at Bwawani ward on a quarter acre land.

She describes the project as an eye-opener by linking her with extension



Craig Hart's, USAID Mission director, speaks to adolescent women who have benefited from EpiC project through DREAMS programme during his visit to beneficiaries to see the impact of the project as part of commemorating 20th of the U.S President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) achievement and success in the fight against HIV/AIDS in Iringa Region

officer to train them good agricultural practices.

"I could not reach where I am today, I can earn 140,000/- per week

from selling bell pepper. I can now afford to pay electricity bills, school fees and supplies for my two children, purchase

agricultural equipment," she said.

She said her dream is to become a big horticulture farmer and she will trans-

form knowledge gained to other adolescent girls who will be ready to engage in farming.

Bernard Ogwang, EpiC project director said the five-year project is being implemented in 58 district councils in 11 regions in Tanzania mainland.

He said EpiC project is dedicated to achieving and maintaining HIV epidemic control in Tanzania.

This is through the provision of strategic technical assistance and direct service delivery to break through barriers to 95-95-95 goals and promote self-reliant management of national HIV program by improving HIV case-finding, prevention and treatment programming.

Through EpiC project, he said, FHI 360-Tanzania introduced a new program dubbed: 'Determined, Resilient, Empowered AIDS-free, Mentored and Safe' (DREAMS) for adolescent girls and young women aged 15-24 years to reduce rates of HIV among adolescent girls and young women in the highest HIV burden regions, provide economic strengthening and empowerment through social and behavior change interventions.

Elaborating on the impact of EpiC project, he said 123 adolescent girls and young women have been reached with HIV prevention, 1294 tested HIV positive, of which

1207 have been linked to Care and Treatment Centers (CTCs).

Also 126 groups in Iringa Region have been registered and two groups received a government loan of 6mn/- while others have established 16 Economic Strengthening Hubs, two of them are in Mufindi district.

Apart from that, 128 have graduated from Economic Strengthening Hubs, among of them, 78 are attending tailoring courses, 50 computer courses, 25 were supported in vocational training in Mufindi and provided startup kits include electricity, catering, tailoring, plumbing, computer and cattle.

DIGITAL MARKETING: Measuring your digital media campaign goal

By Alley Mtatya

In this article, we'll take a look at some outstanding ways popular brands are leveraging common social media platforms to inspire popular campaigns that you may have heard of around the world.

Before we dive into a few practical examples, let's take a moment to discuss how one can track the results of your social efforts. Simply by looking at the effectiveness of your social media marketing one can measure your sweat (KPIs) or key performance indicators to determine how successful the campaign was. Some KPIs you may consider include: Reach which is the number of people who saw your post, Impressions the number of times your post was seen, Engagement how many likes, shares, comments, etc., you received. Conversions through button clicks, follows, forms filled out, etc.

The ones you use to measure success will depend on your goals. For example, if your goal is to increase awareness, you will want to examine your reach and impressions statistics. If you're trying to generate leads, you probably will want to focus primarily on conversions. Each brand is different, which means they will not only measure success differently but will also vary in which platforms are most effective for your social media marketing efforts.

With this in mind, I've broken down two social cause campaigns as an inspiration. So, with no further ado, let's review.

Netflix, Wanna Talk About It? Which

was launched in 2019. Their campaign focus was recognizing the importance of mental health and overcoming traumatic experiences. Netflix's, "Wanna Talk About It?", was a weekly Instagram LIVE series and accompanying website that addresses topics ranging from sexual violence and abuse to gender identity and suicidal thoughts.

It featured stars from several Netflix movies and series. It was initially launched at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. Wanna Talk About It? Worked with 150 organizations in 45 countries, offering information, videos, downloadable guides, and nonprofit helplines in 26 languages.

Why Did It Work? The global lockdown was a difficult time for many people. That were unable to leave their homes, streaming services were a major source of entertainment. With this campaign, Netflix addressed the mental health issues that people from general public were suffering from via celebrities that were also going through the same mental problems. By this, the general public could also relate.

Gillette, "We Believe, The Best Men Can Be" campaign that was launched in January 2019. Gillette launched a social media campaign aimed at a modern interpretation of manhood.

A short film posted exclusively on YouTube depicted several cases of men struggling with traditional masculinity that Gillette itself used to glorify. The fear of showing their emotions from

sexual harassment, abuse, bullying and so forth. The film showed several examples of positive masculinity, such as standing up for others, caring for your loved ones, and so on. The campaign was clearly inspired by the #MeToo movement.

On their Instagram page, they also posted positive male role models with short stories about their journey in this world which included; Organizers, Community leaders and Non-profits' CEOs. In addition to that, the company promised to donate 1 million dollars per year for the next three years to non-profit organizations executing the most interesting and impactful programs designed to help men of all ages achieve their personal best.

The short film that launched the campaign had over 30 million views. The #GilletteAd hashtag reached more than 150 million people in one month, according to Awario which a social listening tool. The Instagram posts that were related to the campaign gathered around 800 likes and 50 comments, which is higher than usual for Gillette.

Why Did It Work? This campaign managed to tap into an extremely relevant and widely discussed issue. It exposed the previous Gillette branding with a new one which showed their willingness to change.

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Top five things to watch in markets in the week ahead

NEW YORK

Friday's nonfarm payrolls report for November will be in focus this week as investors try to assess whether the U.S. economy is remaining resilient in the face of higher interest rates. Oil prices look set to remain volatile and central bank meetings in Australia and Canada could underline the view that rates have peaked.

1. Nonfarm payrolls

Markets will be eagerly awaiting Friday's November jobs report to see whether economic growth is continuing to level off.

Too strong a number would undercut bets that the Fed will begin loosening its restrictive monetary policy earlier than expected, presenting an obstacle to the fourth quarter rally in stocks and bonds.

A weak number, on the other hand, could spark fears that the economy is cooling following 525 basis points of rate increases, potentially dampening risk appetite.

Economists expect the U.S. economy to have added 180,000 jobs in November, after 150,000 jobs were created in October.

Separately, data on Tuesday is expected to show the number of job openings moderating in November while Thursday's initial jobless claims report will be watched for any signs of an uptick in the number of people out of work.

2. Santa rally

US stocks rallied and the S&P 500 closed at its highest level of the year on Friday, starting December on an upbeat note as investors grew more confident the Federal Reserve is done with rate hikes following comments from Fed Chair Jerome Powell.

Powell vowed to move "carefully" on interest rates, describing the risks of going too far with tightening as "more balanced" with risks of not controlling inflation.

Some investors currently see a strong chance of the Fed delivering a rate cut as early as March 2024 but the market has misread the Fed and economic conditions several times in recent years and may be doing so again.

There will be no updates from Fed officials during the week as the central bank enters the traditional blackout period ahead of its Dec 12-13 meeting.

3. Oil volatility

Oil prices slumped more than 2 percent on Friday on investor skepticism about the depth of OPEC+ supply cuts and concern about sluggish global manufacturing activity.

For the week, Brent posted a decline of about 2.1 percent, while U.S. crude lost more than 1.9 percent.

OPEC+ producers agreed on Thursday to remove around 2.2 million barrels per day (bpd) of oil from the global market in the first quarter of next year, with the total including a rollover of Saudi Arabia and Russia's 1.3 million bpd of current voluntary cuts.

OPEC+, which pumps more than 40% of the world's oil, is reducing output after prices fell from about \$98 a barrel in late September on concerns about the impact of sluggish economic growth on fuel demand.

The cuts are voluntary, so there was no collective revision of OPEC+ production targets. The voluntary nature of the cuts led to some skepticism about whether producers would fully implement them, and from what basis the cuts would be measured.

4. Central bank decisions

The Reserve Bank of Australia is expected to keep interest rates on hold at its latest policy meeting on Tuesday following a rate hike last month and after data last week showing that inflation slowed in October.

But investors are wary of a hawkish hold, with prices still elevated and new Governor Michele Bullock increasingly seen as more of a hawk than her predecessor.

Elsewhere, the Bank of Canada is expected to keep rates unchanged for a third straight meeting when it meets on Wednesday. Recent data has shown that the country's economy contracted in the third quarter, indicating the central bank's aggressive rate hikes are working to curb growth.

Investors may also get some fresh insights on when the Bank of Japan might begin its own, much-delayed tightening campaign from Tokyo CPI data on Monday.

Whether business and the economy could even weather a return of higher interest rates will also be clearer from the Tankan corporate sentiment surveys and GDP data on Thursday.

5. Eurozone data

In the Eurozone, a speech by President Christine Lagarde on Monday will be closely watched for any fresh insights on monetary policy ahead of the bank's upcoming meeting on Dec. 14.

The ECB's pre-decision blackout period starts on Thursday.

The bloc is to release October industrial production figures for France and Spain on Tuesday, followed a day later by Germany and Italy.

India drives investment in logistics efficiency

Saurabh Suneja

INDIA is a sizeable and mature infrastructure market. The country's growing and briskly urbanising population, coupled with the government's commitment to improving living standards, has resulted in rapid growth in demand for infrastructure.

As per the National Infrastructure Pipeline, the ministry of finance plans to invest over \$200bn in infrastructure development annually. India has longstanding central government ministries that focus on planning and executing a multitude of projects in the core transport segments of roads, railways, ports and waterways and airports. State governments have established departments that are responsible for infrastructure development. However, there is substantial scope to enhance the efficiency of infrastructure project development.

One of the critical gaps felt by infrastructure developers and logistics operators is harmonisation of development initiatives among the different ministries and states.

The Gati Shakti initiative, launched in 2021, aims to address this gap by developing a digital information sharing platform and creating a governance framework to ensure coordinated planning of large infrastructure projects. The National Investment and Infrastructure Fund is a key investor in infrastructure and several other vital areas of the Indian economy.

Through its master fund, NIIF co-owns and actively manages portfolio companies that invest



in core transport assets (roads and ports), and a large logistics platform that owns and operates a seamless and integrated freight business.

Given NIIF's substantial interests in the transport and logistics space, we stand to reap significant efficiency gains from the Gati Shakti initiative. An issue that industry players sometimes face while considering investments in large projects - such as ports, multi-modal logistics parks, industrial zones and power generation - is uncertainty around the timely development of linkage infrastructure.

For instance, while an MMLP initiative may be spearheaded by a state government, rail and highway connectivity would have to be led by the central railway and the roads ministries respectively.

Similarly, a renewable energy project would depend on timely development of transmission links for evacuation of power. An important pillar of the Gati Shakti initiative is a governance mechanism through which representatives from 16 ministries work together for planning and implementation of core infrastructure projects. The 16 ministries form part of a network planning group, and projects with an estimated value of over INR500 crore are deliberated and approved at this forum.

This mechanism of coordinated planning complements the otherwise robust project-execution capabilities of individual infrastructure ministries

and states. This coordinated development has three key benefits for the logistics sector. First, linkage infrastructure requirements for projects will be identified early and their development monitored alongside the core project. Second, missing link infrastructure projects can be identified and executed, enhancing capacity utilisation and efficiency at existing assets. Third, such joint planning can ensure that duplicate projects are avoided, reducing instances where different infrastructure departments may announce plans to develop projects that serve overlapping markets and lead to unintended competition.

Undoubtedly, the most groundbreaking feature of Gati Shakti is development of a digital master planning facility that combines close to 900 layers of information on a GIS platform.

The platform is already being used for scientific planning of projects in a manner that minimises execution hurdles like requirements for special approvals, interface issues and requirement of utilities shifting. It is envisaged that for new projects this digital platform will be used to apply for clearances as well as to monitor progress.

The GIS-based planning interface, which is presently available to government ministries and departments, will eventually be opened for access to all. It will allow investors to have a bird's eye view of infrastructure service gaps and identify opportunities where new assets may be created by

considering available land parcels and easy availability of complementing infrastructure. This will be a powerful planning tool for private investors.

The Gati Shakti initiative is a significant step forward for harmonisation of efforts across government agencies. It will be a tool to drive investment and operational efficiencies in infrastructure, especially for the transport and logistics sector. Improved coordination among stakeholders and enhanced transparency in project execution may further boost the confidence of global investors in increasing allocations to India. •

Saurabh Suneja (pictured) the director, strategic initiatives and policy advisory, National Investment and Infrastructure Fund, India.

CURRENT NEWS



Minister of Presidents Office, State House, Zanzibar Jamal Kassim Ali (L) hands over an award to Kigoma Regional Chief Accountant Johnson Gamba (R) after emerging one of the winners of National Board of Auditors and Accountants' (NBAA) Best Presented Financial Statement Awards-Government Category, in an event held recently in Dar es Salaam. Photo: Miraji Msala

Honey exporters urge for smooth certification, quality assurance facilities

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

THE government has been challenged to digitalise and improve processes in issuance of certificates and other key documents needed for the exportation of honey, as well as other relevant products.

Also honey exporters have underscored the need for the government to mull how to empower the local producers and processors to meet international standards.

In an exclusive interview to The Guardian, Tanzania International Bee Co Ltd Managing Director Musiba Paul Kitema expressed that the country was producing the best honey, but there are a number of setbacks that refrains the product to penetrate into the world market.

He unveiled that currently, there's no laboratory for the conduction of the microplastic parameter test of honey.

In order to export bee honey, the international standards require all honey to be tested in terms of contamination of plastics materials (particles).

To that end, he noted that absence of such a crucial facility in the country, most of the honey dealers and processors are being 'arm-twisted' to export their products, basing on the facts that the Tanzanian's honey processors are packaging their products in plastic containers.

Kitema said it would be prudent for the parent Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism to parent with its relevant authorities to help the exporters to meet the set international standards, including sugar

content in honey.

"As per the set international standards, in the Europe market, honey requires sugar content of around 50 percent and below, but most home honey is around 60 percent," he informed.

Other challenge is the accessibility of the certificates and other necessary documents needed in exportation of honey and its products abroad.

"In order to export honey, you must possess a number of basic and mandatory certificates, include Veterinary certificate, Phytosanitary certificate, Radioactive analysis certificate, EU Health certificate, Sanitary certificate, Rex number for EU registered exporters, Export permit, HACCP certificate and Certificate of origin," he detailed.

And Kitema added that the said certificates and permits are being issued by different ministries and authorities, and in an analogue system, which poses a lot of complications towards the stakeholders.

"The government must mull over how professional to set up a one-stop facility through which all of the needed certificates and documents will be available under the same roof, this will fast-track the processes for the issuance of the vital honey exportation papers, and thus allowing the country to fetch lucrative foreign gains from the sector," he urged.

Since its inception since 2021, the reputable apiculture company, the Tanzania International Bee Co Ltd, has been exporting honey to numerous destinations outside the country, and it keeps on getting more

tenders.

Recently, the company managed to export at least 25 tons of honey to the UK through the Netherlands.

"We have a contract to annually export a total of 150 tons of honey abroad and we're exporting it in different phases," he expressed.

He informed that, the home-based honey, especially those from Katavi, Kilimanjaro and Manyara was attracting a huge market abroad, saying what is needed is efforts to further expose and advertise the products across the world.

"Prices for fresh honey in the international market are currently ranging between US\$2.5 and 3.7 per 1kg, but Tanzania's honey can attract more price if it will be advertised effectively," he observed.

COP28:

African states to join global battery energy storage consortium

DUBAI

Several African countries have formally expressed interest to join the groundbreaking Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) Consortium, launched Saturday during COP28, which could revolutionise Africa's energy landscape by developing advanced energy storage solutions through collaboration and innovation.

Joining the BESS Consortium, a multistakeholder partnership initiative of the Global Leadership Council, commits members to participate in efforts to reach energy storage commitments of 5 GW through the end of 2024. This will in turn provide a roadmap to ultimately achieving 400 GW of renewable energy by 2030.

Burkina Faso, Egypt, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Mauritania, Mozambique, Nigeria, and Togo have formally expressed interest to join the Consortium. These countries are expected to receive support from BESS Consortium resource partners that include the African Development Bank, the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank, the Agence Française de Développement (AFD), Africa50 and Masdar.

Resource partners will help prepare projects, improve the regulatory environment and unlock private and public investment.

In response to the announcement, Malawi's President Dr. Lazarus Chakwera said, "Malawi is committed to main-

taining a renewable energy generation pathway for a sustainable future - and it's projects like the BESS Consortium that will make our low carbon pathway a reality. We need more projects like that."

Mauritania's Minister of Petroleum, Mines and Energy, Nany Ould Chrougna expressed satisfaction over his country's membership in the consortium. He believes that the need for battery storage is paramount for the country, which already records 40% reliance on renewable energy, and is set to become increasingly dependent, particularly, on solar and wind power.

African Development Bank President, Dr Akinwumi Adesina said, "The African Development Bank is proud to be at the forefront of this transformative journey, leveraging strategic partnerships and financial commitments to drive progress. As we move forward, let us remain steadfast in our dedication to a cleaner, greener, and more prosperous Africa—one powered by the limitless potential of renewable energy and the resilience of the African spirit. Together, we can light up and power Africa for generations to come."

Adesina also highlighted the synergies between the BESS consortium and the Bank's flagship Desert to Power initiative.

Dr Rajiv J. Shah, President of the Rockefeller Foundation and Co-chair of the Global Leadership Council said, "Without sufficient storage capacity, countries will be unable to add renewable energy to their grids at the scale



African Development Bank President, Dr Akinwumi Adesina

needed to reduce emissions and create economic opportunity. The BESS Consortium is an example of the sort of big, bold action required to break down the barriers keeping so many people and communities from joining the climate transformations underway."

Barbados, Belize and India have also joined the BESS Consortium.

The Prime Minister of Barbados, Mia Mottley said, "Barbados is committed to playing a leading role in urging concrete deliverables on climate and climate financing. We are here with the BESS Consortium today because we support their efforts to improve access to battery energy storage systems as part of the energy transition in countries like ours."

The Global Leadership Council is a high-level coalition of global leaders brought together by the Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet.

It includes leaders of multilateral development banks, development finance institutions, international agencies, NGOs, corporate executives, and government representatives.

Bitcoin hits \$40,000 level for the first time since end of May 2022

SYDNEY

Bitcoin topped \$40,000 as the largest digital asset extended a 2023 rebound on expectations of interest-rate cuts and the prospect of greater demand from the exchange-traded funds sector.

The token rose as much as 5.1 percent to reach \$41,746 and was just shy of that mark as of 6:30 a.m. on Monday in London, taking its 2023 jump to 152 percent.

Bitcoin was last at such levels in April 2022, before the TerraUSD stablecoin collapse that contributed to a \$2 trillion rout in digital assets.

Smaller tokens such as Ether and meme-crowd favorite Dogecoin also pushed higher. A gauge of the largest 100 crypto coins added more than 4 percent.

Investors are increasingly convinced that the Federal Reserve is done with rate hikes as inflation cools, turning the focus to the likely extent of reductions in benchmark borrowing costs next year. The changed backdrop has fueled a rally across global markets.

The crypto industry is also awaiting the outcome of applications from the likes of BlackRock Inc. to start the first US spot Bitcoin ETFs. Bloomberg Intelligence expects a batch of these products to win Securities & Exchange Commission approval by January.

"Bitcoin continues to be supported by optimism around SEC approval for an ETF and Fed rate cuts in 2024," Tony Sycamore, a market analyst at IG Australia Pty, wrote in a note. Technical chart patterns point to \$42,330 as the next level to watch for, he added.

Bitcoin's revival from the 2022 crypto crash has weathered a US crackdown that put Sam Bankman-Fried behind bars for fraud at FTX and handed top crypto exchange Binance and its founder Changpeng Zhao rap sheets and big fines.

Optimists argue the push to curb dubious practices and the prospective ETFs signal a maturing crypto industry and the potential for a wider investor base. Recent enforcement actions "have instilled confidence among investors," said Su Yen Chia, co-founder of the Asia Crypto Alliance. Bitcoin "is aping momentum in traditional finance with Fed rate-hike expectations fading," she added.

A reset in rate bets or unexpected snarls for the ETFs could yet derail Bitcoin, while some technical indicators suggest the virtual currency's rally is stretched.

For instance, Bitcoin's weekly relative-strength index, a momentum gauge, closed above 75 for the past two weeks. Readings above 70 are viewed as signaling "overbought" conditions.

At the same time, Bitcoin in the past decade rose an average 15 percent over the subsequent month after printing a weekly RSI of more than 75, according to data compiled by Bloomberg.

Bitcoin's jump in 2023 has outstripped assets such as global stocks and gold. In the derivatives market, open interest recently advanced to landmark levels at the CME Group for Bitcoin futures and at the Deribit platform for options on the most high-profile crypto coin.

One prop for sentiment is the so-called Bitcoin halving due next year, which will cut in half the amount of tokens that Bitcoin miners receive as reward for their work. The quadrennial event is part of the process of capping Bitcoin supply at 21 million tokens. The coin hit records after each of the last three halvings.

"We could see Bitcoin run toward \$50,000 before any major correction," said Cici Lu McCallman, founder of blockchain adviser Venn Link Partners. She cited the halving and the outlook for US monetary policy as among the reasons why.

Bitcoin and the wider crypto market are still some way below the all-time highs achieved during the pandemic-era crypto bull run. The largest token peaked at almost \$69,000 in November 2021.

The lift in digital-asset prices at the start of the week filtered across crypto-linked stocks in Asia. Japan's Monex Group and Woori Technology Investment Co. in South Korea were among the beneficiaries.

In the US, digital-asset exchange Coinbase Global Inc. and software firm MicroStrategy Inc. – the largest publicly-traded corporate holder of Bitcoin – are both up more than 270 percent year-to-date. MicroStrategy last month bought \$593 million more of the token, taking its pile to roughly \$6.5 billion.

GLOBAL MARKETS:

Asia shares turn mixed, gold hits record above US\$2,100

SYDNEY

Asian shares turned mixed on Monday while gold spiked to all-time peaks above \$2,100 at the start of a busy week for economic data that will test market wagers for early and aggressive rate cuts from major central banks next year.

In particular, the US November payrolls report on Friday needs to be solid enough to support the economic soft-landing scenario, but not so strong as to threaten the chance of easing. Median forecasts are for payrolls to rise 180,000, keeping unemployment steady at 3.9%.

Many analysts suspect risks are to the upside, with Goldman Sachs tipping 238,000 including a chunk of workers returning from strikes, and a jobless rate of 3.8 percent.

There was also still a risk the Israel-Hamas war could widen into a broader conflict with three commercial vessels coming under attack in the southern Red Sea.

MSCI's broadest index of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan was up 0.3 percent, led by gains in South Korea and Australia. Japan's Nikkei dipped 0.6 percent as the yen extended recent gains.

Chinese blue chips eased 0.5 percent, while the country's central bank set another firm fix for the yuan.



Trade figures for China are due later in the week with the recent trend being softening exports to the US, overshadowing gains in Asia.

EUROSTOXX 50 futures and FTSE futures were little changed. S&P 500 futures dipped 0.2 percent, after finishing at a 20-month high on Friday, while Nasdaq futures lost 0.3 percent. The S&P 500 is up 19 percent for the year so far and just 4 percent away from its all-time peak.

The latest surge was stoked by wagers the next move by the Federal Reserve will be to cut rates, with Fed Chair Jerome Powell on Friday declining the opportunity to push back hard against aggressive market pricing.

Futures now imply a 60 percent chance the Fed will ease as soon as March, up from

21 percent a week ago, and are pricing in around 135 basis points (bps) of cuts for all of 2024.

The turnaround in Treasuries has been nothing short of astonishing as two-year yields fell 41 bps in just a week, the best performance since the mini-crisis in US banks back in March.

So it was no surprise that some profit-taking emerged on Monday and nudged yields on 10-year notes up to 4.25 percent, but still well short of the October top of 5.02 percent.

"Our baseline scenario is for a soft landing for the US economy, with positive but below-potential sequential growth for the next six quarters," said BofA global economist Claudio Irgoyen.

"Starting in June we expect the Fed to start cutting rates by 25bp per quarter until reaching a terminal rate of 3 percent in 2026," he added. "Our year-end 2024 U.S. rate forecasts for two-year and 10-year Treasuries are 4.00 percent and 4.25 percent, bringing an end to the yield curve inversion."

Such an outlook should also be positive for emerging markets, with BofA noting returns in the 12 months after the last Fed hike tend to be highly positive with EM equities averaging around 10% and total EM bond returns even higher.

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WORLD

COP28 focus on health draws \$777m to fight tropical disease

DUBAI

THE United Arab Emirates and several charities at the UN climate summit on Sunday offered \$777 million in financing for eradicating neglected tropical diseases that are expected to worsen as temperatures climb.

Climate-related factors "have become one of the greatest threats to human health in the 21st century", COP28 President Sultan Ahmed Al-Jaber said in a statement.

The pledges, made as the COP28 summit on Sunday focused on climate-related health risks, included \$100 million from the UAE and another \$100

million from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Others to announce funds for climate-related health issues included Belgium, Germany and the US Agency for International Development.

The World Bank launched a program to explore possible support measures for public health in developing countries, where climate-related health risks are especially high.

The burden of tropical diseases will worsen as the world warms, along with other climate-driven health threats including malnutrition, malaria, diarrhoea and heat stress.

Many tropical diseases are already



Visitors pose for photos at the Green Zone of the 28th session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP28), in Dubai, the United Arab Emirates, on Sunday. XINHUA

easy to treat. River blindness and sleeping sickness, for example, are both endemic to Africa and spread through parasitic worms and flies that are likely to proliferate in a warming world.

More than 120 countries have signed a COP28 declaration acknowledging their responsibility to keep people safe amid global warming.

The declaration made no mention of fossil fuels, the main source of climate-warming emissions, which the Global Climate and Health Alliance called a "glaring omission".

Activists including physicians in white coats held a small demonstration on Sunday within the COP28 compound to raise awareness of the issue.

"We are in a lot of trouble," said Joseph Vipond, an emergency physician from Alberta, Canada. He recalled the case of a child dying from an asthma attack made worse by smoke inhalation from Western Canada's record wildfires this year. "This is having real world impacts."

Climate change is also increasing the frequency of dangerous storms and more erratic rainfall.

In September Storm Daniel killed more than 11,000 people in Libya, and last year's massive flooding in Pakistan fueled a 400 percent increase

in malaria cases across the country, according to the World Health Organization.

Earlier on Sunday, Microsoft co-founder turned philanthropist Bill Gates said scientists were working on new treatments for and prevention of mosquito-spread malaria as the rise in temperatures creates more hospitable habitat for the insects to breed.

"We have new tools at the lab level that decimate mosquito populations," said Gates, whose foundation supports public health research and projects for the developing world.

"These new innovations give us a chance, at a reasonable cost, to make progress."

Former US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton also spoke on Sunday, urging reform to the world's insurance system as another key requirement to keep people safe.

"Right now insurance companies are pulling out of so many places, they're not insuring homes, they're not insuring businesses," Clinton said, addressing a panel on women and climate resiliency.

"It's people everywhere who are going to be left out with no backup, no insurance for their business or their home."

BRICS countries collaborate to mobilise climate finance at COP28

ABU DHABI

THE BRICS nations are actively collaborating to accelerate sustainable finance within the group and implement joint climate and sustainability projects.

This effort hinges on harmonising their ESG (environmental, social, and governance) financial infrastructure.

Harmonisation is crucial for bolstering investor confidence and reducing barriers to capital flow.

In situations where the global financial system falls short of providing adequate inclusive climate investments for developing nations, the BRICS initiative takes on even greater significance.

A session addressing this topic will be held at the Russian Pavilion during the now-running COP28 on 6th December titled, "Ahead of Russia's BRICS Presidency: Developing energy cooperation for a just energy transition".

It will delve into the results of the BRICS Energy Research Cooperation Platform's work in 2023. Focus areas include energy security, training personnel for the energy sector, developing national energy transition models, and charting the course for energy dialogue during Russia's BRICS Presidency in 2024.

A more comprehensive session will be held on December 12th also at the Russian pavilion



titled "Harmonisation of responsible finance infrastructure in BRICS countries: Paving the way to a common sustainable future".

Speakers will explore joint actions necessary for mobilising climate and sustainable financing. Additionally, participants will discuss opportunities for develop-

ing and implementing common recommendations, standards, and requirements in the field of sustainable finance, aligning with BRICS countries' sustainable development priorities.

The session will also propose key steps towards harmonising ESG finance infrastructure. A panel of dis-

tinguished speakers representing BRICS financial institutions, government officials, and leading research institutions will lead the discussion.

As Russia prepares to assume the BRICS Presidency, it remains committed to engaging in ongoing discussions with its partners to ensure a just energy transition.

With the UAE's recent official accession to BRICS, the group strengthens its commitment to multilateral action and constructive dialogue. This platform provides a powerful voice for developing and emerging economies on the global stage.

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No one will be left behind through implementation of UN Disability Inclusion Strategy, says WHO

NEW DELHI

TO mark the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, the World Health Organisation (WHO) is reiterating its commitment to leaving no one behind through the implementation of the UN Disability Inclusion Strategy, an official release said.

As countries in the region work towards achieving UHC, it is crucial that health policies and programmes take into full consideration the needs and priorities of persons with disabilities.

This is aligned with this year's United Nations' theme for International Day for Persons with Disabilities, 'United in Action to Rescue and Achieve the SDGs for, with, and by Persons with Disabilities,' WHO said in a press release.

In the past, WHO has focused efforts on specific services such as rehabilitation and assistive technology provision, which are important for many people with disabilities; however, we need to get the balance right. We need a balance in ensuring persons with disabilities also receive equitable access to maternal and child health services, are prevented or treated for cancer, do not experience catastrophic health costs, and are protected during health emergencies, just like everyone else. WHO recognises that ensuring that persons with disabilities can realise their right to health is a critical part of achieving the SDGs and leaving no one behind, WHO's release added.

Persons with disabilities are often referred to as "the world's largest minority," with an estimated 1.3 billion people globally experiencing significant disability. Approximately 16 per cent of the Southeast Asia Region's population experiences significant disability. Many people with disabilities are likely to die earlier or have a higher risk of disease compared to everyone else. These health inequities are not due to the underlying health condition that a person with a disability has, but largely to a range of unfair and unjust factors within and beyond the health sector.

Thus, the ground-breaking commitment to disability inclusion that WHO is taking as part of our efforts to leave no one behind is a cause for celebration. As part of the UN system, WHO at all levels is taking action to implement the United Nations Disability Inclusion Strategy (UNDIS), recognising that including persons with disabilities in our business operations work and technical programming is part of our core business, the release also said.

The UNDIS gives WHO a framework that supports the inclusion of members of our workforce who have a disability, as well as promoting disability inclusion as part of our business operations and technical programming work. Whether our role at WHO is working in ICT, procurement, communications, or one of the technical areas, how we include disability and persons with disabilities in our work matters.

It matters because at WHO we recognise the importance of non-discrimination, both for our workforce as well as delivery for member states, to ensure health for all, particularly those most marginalised. The UNDIS, together with our own WHO Policy on Disability, provides a practical pathway to addressing the barriers that prevent persons with disabilities from being included in WHO's actions within our organisation and in countries and is a model for our work to promote human rights and ensure health equity for everyone, it added.

The WHO South-East Asia Regional Office has provided steadfast leadership in the implementation of UNDIS and WHO policies on disabilities. The region office has formed the WHO South-East Asia Region United Nations Disability Inclusion Steering and Working Group and has already conducted two joint meetings and provided guidance and action on taking forward the UNDIS initiatives.

While the WHO should celebrate our achievements, we still have work to do and progress to be made to realise an inclusive WHO. Looking forward, the Regional Office will continue to engage and support Member States in the following key areas:

Firstly, it is important that WHO offices actively promote engaging with persons with disabilities and their representative organisations in all programmatic and business operations.

Secondly, the WHO will pursue making its offices, conferences, and events accessible to persons with disabilities and promote the provision of reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities in all our activities.

Thirdly, the WHO should live by example and proactively seek recruitment of competent persons with disability and facilitate reasonable accommodation to our staff with disability, the release also said.

On this International Day of Persons with Disabilities, WHO reiterates its commitment to Leave no one behind through the implementation of the UN Disability Inclusion Strategy.

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China a doer in advancing global climate governance

By He Yin, People's Daily

The 28th session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, or COP28, kicked off in Dubai, the United Arab Emirates on Nov. 30.

The meeting will carry out the first-ever two-year assessment of the world's collective progress toward the goals of the 2015 Paris Agreement, and is of great phased significance for the global climate governance process.

The international community expects all parties to adhere to the objectives, principles and institutional arrangements outlined in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and send a positive signal of focused action and enhanced cooperation.

The COP28, themed "Unite, Act and Deliver," reflects the aspiration of the international community to jointly cope with climate change. According to a recent report issued by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change secretariat,

national climate action plans remain insufficient to meet the goals of the Paris Agreement.

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres noted that the COP28 must be the place to urgently close the climate ambition gap, and developed countries must rebuild trust "by delivering on their finance commitments."

China is a doer in advancing global climate governance. Since the beginning of this year, it has maintained close communication with all parties to promote a successful COP28 and the comprehensive and effective implementation of the Paris Agreement.

Recently, Chinese President Xi Jinping met with his U.S. counterpart Joe Biden in San Francisco. The two heads of state underscored the importance of working together to accelerate efforts to tackle the climate crisis in this critical decade.

They welcomed recent positive discussions between their respective special envoys for climate, including on national actions to reduce emissions in the 2020s, common approaches toward a successful COP28 and operationalization of the Working Group on Enhancing Climate Action in the 2020s to accelerate concrete climate actions.

Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization Petteri Taalas believes that this echoes the spirit of global cooperation and has a positive impact on addressing the challenges of climate change worldwide.

Xi recently emphasized in a phone call with French President Emmanuel Macron that China stands ready to work with France in sending a strong signal of jointly addressing the issue of climate change, so as to prompt the success of the COP28.

As a responsible developing country,

China has actively addressed climate change as the intrinsic demand for it to realize sustainable development. It has contributed its wisdom and strength to global climate governance.

China has implemented a national strategy to actively address climate change, announced its carbon peak and carbon neutrality goals, and put in place a "1+N" policy framework for carbon peak and carbon neutrality.

It has promoted structural adjustments of industry, energy, and transportation, adopted energy-saving and efficiency-improving measures, established and improved market mechanisms, and increased forest carbon sinks.

China places mitigation and adaptation on equal footing, and has made positive progress in addressing climate change. In 2022, China's carbon emissions intensity decreased by over 51 percent from its 2005

level.

China has been actively engaged in South-South cooperation on climate change, and actively participated in the multilateral process of climate change, showing great responsibility as a major country.

Recently, the Al Dhafra PV2 Solar Power Plant in the United Arab Emirates, which was contracted by a Chinese company, has been completed. It is currently the world's largest single photovoltaic project, providing electricity for 200,000 households and reducing carbon emissions by 24 million tons annually.

By September 2023, China had signed 48 memorandums of understanding on South-South cooperation on climate change with dozens of developing countries. It has collaborated on the construction of four low-carbon demonstration zones and implemented 75 projects on

climate change mitigation and adaptation. Furthermore, China has trained over 2,300 officials and technical personnel in the field of climate change for more than 120 developing countries.

China has launched close cooperation with Europe on green development, established a China-Europe carbon neutrality research center, initiated the China-France Carbon Neutrality Center, and hosted the Global Sustainable Transport Forum. These efforts have helped build consensus on global climate governance and boosted confidence in addressing climate change worldwide.

Addressing climate change is a cause shared by all of humanity. All parties should uphold the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change as the main channel for global climate governance, stay committed to the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities, and promote full and effective implementation of the Convention and the Paris Agreement.

Another group of Russians crosses from Gaza into Egypt – ministry

MOSCOW

A GROUP of 133 Russians and their family members left the Gaza Strip through the Rafah crossing, the Russian Emergency Situations Ministry said.

"The Russian Emergencies Ministry's task force in Egypt continues work to receive people leaving through the Rafah checkpoint. Another 133 Russian nationals and their family members have crossed the checkpoint," the ministry said.

The ministry said the evacuated people have been accommodated in the task force headquarters in Cairo, where Russian rescuers, psychologists and doctors provide them with all the necessary medical and psychological assistance, with food and water, and help them go through the necessary paperwork.

"After they complete all the paperwork, Russian Emergency Situations Ministry's aircraft will deliver the evacuees to Moscow," the ministry said.

On Saturday, the Russian Federation's mission to the Palestinian National Authority said that the evacuation of Russian nationals and their family members from the Gaza Strip had been resumed. The evacuation is taking place amid renewed hostilities.

Russian Emergencies Ministry aircraft have made eight flights to carry Russians that left the zone of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, since the evacuation operation started. The ministry airlifted 761 people, including 360 children, to the Russia since then.

Far-right parties eye gains in next year's EU parliament elections

ROME

EUROPEAN far-right parties met in Italy on Sunday vowing to reshape the European Union after next year's European Parliament elections, toughening the bloc's approach on immigration and softening its climate policies to protect jobs and industry.

Parties from around a dozen countries gathered in Florence, galvanized by last month's general elections in the Netherlands, which handed a surprise win to Geert Wilders' anti-immigration Freedom Party (PVV).

"Our objective is for (us) to become at least the third-largest (group in the EU parliament), after the center-right and the socialists, and to be decisive," said Italian Deputy Prime Minister Matteo Salvini, who hosted the meeting.

The far-right Identity and Democracy (ID) group is now the sixth-largest in the EU assembly, also behind liberal, green and conservative groups, but current polling data place it in fourth position.

Salvini, who has failed to include in his alliance Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni and her poll-leading Brothers of Italy party, fronted a previous unsuccessful push in 2019 for a far-right breakthrough in EU elections.

Addressing the Florence rally via video link, Wilders said he hoped his success, "a political earthquake in the Netherlands and Europe," could be "the start of a wave of national election wins" for like-minded allies.

Europeans flock to China with visa-free access

BRUSSELS

UNDER a visa-free entry policy effective from Friday, ordinary passport holders from France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Spain and Malaysia are now able to enjoy visa-free travel to China for up to 15 days.

The policy, with a trial period from Dec. 1, 2023 to Nov. 30, 2024, was widely viewed as a boost to inbound tourism for China and a bridge for people-to-people exchanges, particularly with more Europeans planning their trip to this exotic country. It also marks a tangible move by China in pushing for high-level opening-up.

"This is indeed a very good policy. I hope that this policy can encourage tourists to travel to China again" after the difficult period of the COVID-19 pandemic, a French arts consultant who only gave his name as Jean-Pierre, told Xinhua. The 72-year-old professional heard the news from his Chinese friends first. Prior to the pandemic, he made frequent trips to China, visiting such cities as Beijing, Shanghai, Tianjin, Harbin, and Jinhua. Impressed by the hospitality of the people and nice travel experience there, he hopes to "revisit these cities as soon as conditions permit."

A French musician by the name of Fabien told Xinhua that the policy came out just in time as he was planning to go to Beijing to further his learning of Peking Opera, and also to southwest China's Yunnan Province for tourism. "It's much easier to organize a trip on the spur of the moment or if the opportunity arises over a week or two," he said.

"I can't wait to go back and learn what I needed to learn there and improve my Chinese too." For 69-year-old French pensioner by the name of Irene, the new policy prods her to make another journey to China soon. Recalling her last visit to China, Irene voiced hope of visiting more provincial capitals and taking the express train between different cities.

"China is a really attractive country for us here in France." Italian resident Sebastiano Brusco told Xinhua that he has a China visit on his agenda, and this "good" and "necessary" policy helps people "visit China very easily."

Commenting on the new policy, Veronica Carrara in Rome told Xinhua that it is long-awaited good news. "China is a beautiful country with a long history. You still have what came from the ancient times, and you don't forget the origins," she said.

"That's why people should be able to visit China to learn from the Chinese how tradition is carried on." "China has various aspects that attract me, both its urban and rural landscapes as well as its political life. Traveling to China offers the opportunity for firsthand experience and observation. And now, with the visa exemption, it's even more accessible," a fourth-year school student surnamed Jan told Xinhua in Berlin.

Since the beginning of this year, Chinese inbound and outbound travel have both increased. According to Trip.com, in the first ten months of 2023, long-haul inbound travel, particularly from Europe, surpassed pre-pandemic levels. One day after the new visa-free measure was announced, visits to Trip.com's "China Travel Guide" Web page have surged by over 30 percent.

Israel expands ground operation to southern Gaza Strip

JERUSALEM

ISRAEL'S military chief Herzi Halevi said on Sunday that the military has expanded the ground operation against Hamas to the southern Gaza Strip, an area previously considered as a "safe zone."

"We fought strongly and thoroughly in the northern Gaza Strip, and we are also doing it now in the southern Gaza Strip," Halevi, the chief of the General Staff of Israel Defense Forces (IDF), said during a tour at Israel's Gaza Division outside the besieged enclave, according to a statement released by the military.

He said that the Israeli ground troops, in combination with air and sea forces, have almost completely "dismantled" two Hamas brigades, killing brigade commanders, company commanders, and "many" operatives.

Halevi said that on Saturday morning, a day after a fragile seven-day ceasefire between Israel and Hamas had collapsed, the forces "started the same process in the southern Gaza



Palestinians look for survivors of the Israeli bombardment of the Gaza Strip in Rafah, on Sunday. AP

Strip." He vowed that the offensive in the southern Gaza Strip "will be with no less strength than that, it will be with no fewer results than that, and Hamas commanders will meet the IDF everywhere in a very, very strong way."

Halevi added that the offensive in the

northern Gaza Strip would continue with full force.

The expansion of Israel's ground operation has heightened concerns over the severe humanitarian crisis in Gaza.

"People have lost everything, and they need everything," the United Nations Re-

lief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees (UNRWA), wrote on the social media platform X. "Gaza's population will soon begin dying from diseases as well as Israeli bombardment," the agency warned. **Agencies**

In constant touch with state governments - PM Modi

CHENNAI

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday cautioned countrymen amid approaching Cyclone Michaung, saying that he was in constant touch with the governments of states on the eastern coast to coordinate relief and rescue efforts.

He also urged BJP workers in Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Odisha, and Andhra Pradesh to join the relief and rescue efforts and support the local administration.

"Amidst all this excitement and enthusiasm, the possibility of a cyclone is looming large and that is why, even in this moment of celebration, I would advise fellow countrymen to remain alert to Cyclone Mi-

chaung." PM Modi said while addressing a victory rally at the BJP headquarters in the national capital on Sunday.

"The central government is continuously in touch with the state governments and is also providing them with all possible assistance. I would like to appeal to the BJP workers of Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Odisha and, especially Andhra Pradesh, to join in the relief and rescue efforts and support the local administration," he added.

"These are the core values of a dedicated BJP leader. For us, our country is bigger than our party. Our countrymen are bigger than anyone else," PM Modi added.

"With everyone's efforts, we can achieve our vision. I have faith in our future genera-

tions. Our goal is one, our sadhana is one and our dream is also one. India will continue on the road to development and progress. I would like to congratulate and express my gratitude to all the voters who reposed their trust in us," PM Modi added.

He said he could not keep track of the election results as he was busy monitoring the cyclone situation on the country's eastern coast.

Earlier, PM Modi spoke to Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy and took stock of the preparations to tackle Cyclone Michaung, officials said, adding that the former assured all help to the latter in dealing with the

aftermath of the cyclone.

PM Modi also directed top officials to ensure that all help is extended to the state.

Meanwhile, several parts of Chennai received heavy rainfall as cyclone 'Michaung' approached the coast.

A deep depression over the Bay of Bengal on Sunday intensified into a cyclonic storm, 'Michaung', and is likely to cross the south Andhra Pradesh coast between Nellore and Machilipatnam during the forenoon of December 5 with a maximum sustained wind speed of 80-90 kmph gusting to 100 kmph, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said in a bulletin earlier. **ANI**

Yangtze River Delta advances high-quality integrated development

THE Yangtze River Delta is one of the most economically vibrant, open and innovative regions in China. It encompasses four major economic engines - Shanghai, Jiangsu, Zhejiang and Anhui.

Shanghai serves as a frontier of openness and a prime innovation hub. Jiangsu province features strong real economy. Zhejiang province boasts a developed private economy. Anhui province possesses a rather comprehensive industrial system and rich scientific and technological resources...

On Nov. 5, 2018, Chinese President Xi Jinping announced at the opening ceremony of the first China International Import Expo that China would support integrated development of the Yangtze River Delta region, and make it a national strategy.

Over the past five years, the region's night light development index jumped 57.24 percent, and the number of cities with a GDP of over 1 trillion yuan (\$141.29 billion) increased to eight, or around 1/3 of the total in China. The integrated development strategy has brought tremendous changes to the Yangtze River Delta, writing a new chapter on Chinese modernization.

"In the past, when we encountered technical difficulties, we had to find solutions and resources by ourselves. Now we can directly post requests on the platform," said Yang Weizhong, executive chairman of Shanghai Different Advanced Material Co., Ltd. (Shanghai Different), referring to an open competition platform for selecting the best candidates to undertake research projects launched by Shanghai's Pudong New Area earlier this year.

According to him, developing high-performance hybrid fiber materials had been a headache bothering the company for years. Immediately following the launch of the platform, Shanghai Different posted its technical requests, which were soon picked up and solved by Jiangsu Gem Advanced Fiber Materials.

"Integrated development truly brings innovation resources to one focal point, opening up new possibilities," Yang noted.

Innovation possesses the core position in China's modernization drive. In recent years, the synergetic innovation index in the Yangtze River Delta region has been growing at 9.47 percent annually on average, and the region has shared 23 major scientific research facilities and more than 40,000 large scientific instruments. High-caliber technological supplies are effectively bolstering the high-quality economic development of the region.

On May 28 this year, C919, China's self-developed large passenger aircraft, completed its first commercial flight, which was a testimony to the manufacturing muscle of the Yangtze River Delta. About 10 percent of the aircraft's parts, 50 percent of its aluminum materials, and 50 percent of composite structural components were manufactured in Zhenjiang, Jiangsu province.



A C919 jet, China's first self-developed large passenger aircraft, is about to depart as MU9191 of China Eastern Airlines from Shanghai Hongqiao International Airport for Beijing Capital International Airport, May 28, 2023. It is the first commercial flight of the C919. (People's Daily Online/Wang Chu)

It marked a close collaboration and integration of industrial chain resources among Yangtze River Delta cities, including Shanghai, Hefei, Hangzhou, Suzhou and Zhenjiang, which realized the dream of the Chinese people to make a large passenger jet of their own.

Under the promotion by Commercial Aircraft Corporation of China, C919's main manufacturer, around 1,000 enterprises in the nine cities and districts along the G60 Science and Innovation Corridor have been incorporated into the aircraft manufacturing chain.

In Changzhou, a series of innovative industrial clusters have sprouted up around the new energy industry chain, with production value already surpassing 500 billion yuan.

In Jiaying, the Yangtze Delta Region Institute of Tsinghua University, Zhejiang and the Zhejiang Institute of Advanced Technology under the Chinese Academy of Sciences are thriving; top-tier scientific innovation platforms - China Nanhu Academy of Electronics and Information Technology, Nanhu Laboratory, and Institute of Flexible Electronics Technology of Tsinghua University, Zhejiang - have also been launched.

In Hefei, Chinese new energy vehicle giant BYD has built a new manufacturing base, while establishing supporting facilities for key components like power batteries, battery materials, high-voltage devices and wire harnesses in Bengbu, Chuzhou and Fuyang, to form a comprehensive industry chain.

"These epitomize the modernized industrial landscape in the Yangtze River Delta, the unique

strengths bred by integrated development," remarked BYD chairman and president Wang Chuanfu.

The ever-strengthening innovation and industrial chains come from the continuous unleashing of the talent chain. As the Yangtze River Delta's primary attraction for talents and highland for innovation, Shanghai welcomes both domestic and foreign talents, while also encouraging various talents to fully realize their potential in the region.

Jiangsu, Zhejiang, and Anhui provinces have established incubators and empowerment centers in Shanghai to further tap the metropolitan's advantages in talent attraction and innovation resources.

"Previously, for foreigners in China to work in the securities industry, they had to 'follow local customs' and sit China's securities qualification exam - a tall task halting many international finance talents," said Park Pu, Chairman of J.P. Morgan Securities (China).

"Now Pudong has set up an international finance qualification accreditation catalog system, creating favorable conditions to draw global experts," Pu added.

Integrated development is not a simple equation of combining strengths, but rather realizing complementary advantages and building synergy to form new advantages of high-quality development.

As the strategy of integrated development moves ahead, the four major economic engines of the Yangtze River Delta will work together even more closely to propel high-quality development.

NBC Premier League clubs set to get busy during mini transfer window

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

MAINLAND Tanzania's NBC Premier League mini-transfer window is four weeks away from being active, with various teams in the country's top tier targeting reinforcement.

With few teams benefiting from the main transfer window, the mini-transfer window is surely expected to be very busy.

Fourteen teams have played nine games in the top flight, with so far Simba SC and Mashujaa FC which are slated to face each other in the delayed league tie, having played eight games.

This analysis looks into how clubs should reinforce their squads according to their needs and the impact of their current squads after nine games.

Azam FC

In defiance of playing possession football and finding their new signature this season, the ice cream makers have been short in defense, despite extending center-back Malickou Ndoeye's contract.

The Cameroonian defender has failed to make an impression and Edward Charles, who is naturally a left-back, has severally partnered Ghanaian Daniel Amoah in the central defensive area.

Playing Charles at center-back calls Azam FC to look for another partner for Amoah to strengthen the squad.

In Azam FC's attacking force, apart from Prince Dube who has already proved worth, Id-riss Mbombo has hit the heights in the attacking zone, and the ice cream makers have the urgency to strengthen their attacking line.

Yanga

The top-tier defending champions are having a fine season in the domestic league with their attacking midfielders and wingers contributing to various goals so far this season. The Jangwani Street side's defense also boasts the best record in the league.

Yanga has scored 26 goals with 18 goals coming from midfielders while the squad's attacking line has scored four goals.

Although head coach Miguel Gamondi said that he needs all his players to contribute goals, it is no secret that Yanga needs a prolific number nine to score more goals.

Dodoma Jiji FC

Now under the tutelage of Mellis Medo, assisted by Kasim Lyogope, the club is having quite a good season compared to last season, scoring 10 goals from nine games while allowing nine goals in the process.

With a ratio of conceding one goal per game, Dodoma Jiji FC



Mtibwa Sugar fullback, Abdul Hillary (R), races past Geita Gold FC's midfielder Geoffrey Manyasi during this season's NBC Premier League tie which took place in Morogoro last month. PHOTO: COURTESY OF MTIBWA SUGAR

has to strengthen the defensive area, as well as the defensive midfield, to have a good balance in attack and defense in both transitions.

Kinondoni Municipal Council FC

Under US coach with Somali heritage Abdihamin Moalin, the side is positioned fifth in the league log, conceding 11 goals and scoring nine.

Moalin has admitted his club's defensive line is weak although he has numerous protected his players saying injuries have contributed to leaking many goals.

The gaffer has said when they record a clean medical bill in their squad they will hit the ground running but, during the mini-transfer window, Kinondoni Municipal Council FC ought to add more defensive prowess.

Singida Fountain Gate FC

The outfit first needs to sort out the coaching issues after several coaches had left due to a lack of clarity in their decision-making due to interference from the top officials.

Dutch tactician, Hans van der Pluijm, and his German counterpart, Ernst Middendorp, left the club after four months of this domestic season. The Singida-based squad thereafter resorted to bringing in a new coach in Ricardo Ferreira.

The club has recruited good players this season, with big names and emerging players all contributing to their team, no adjustments are needed in bringing in new players- they just need to be coached and bring togetherness.

So far they have scored 11 goals and conceded 11 goals.

JKT Tanzania

It is back in the top tier with fine form, beating the likes of Geita Gold FC and Mtibwa Sugar in past encounters while occupying sixth place in the league log.

Having signed many experienced players, the army-owned team is missing a striker with what it takes to score at least 10 goals a season.

Head coach Malale Hamsini needs a midfielder to cover for Hassan Dilunga, who is out nursing his injury, although

midfielder, attacker, and one winger.

Namungo FC

er Burundian gaffer Cedric Kaze left his post due to lack of results, the team is now led by Denis Kitambi, who has seen it collect eight points from nine games, remaining as one of the teams with the less convincing records in the league.

Kitambi has a chance to assess his team before the mini transfer window opens, to see what areas he needs to bring new players.

The Lindi outfit needs to secure a striker to help Reliants Lusajo who has led the team's attacking line for many years.

Coastal Union and Tanzania Prisons both have already parted ways with their coaches and hired new coaches.

Kenyan David Ouma, the new head coach at Coastal Union, has a huge task to bring in chemistry, especially to the young squad that his outfit is made up of, and see to it the outfit's season turns around.

Tanzania Prisons have fired Fred Felix alias 'Minziro' who previously reported that his squad has problems in all areas after failure to recruit the best players this season.

Simba SC

The Msimbazi Street club's followers are facing yet another season of jeopardy after firing Brazilian coach Roberto Oliveira, alias 'Robertinho', following their embarrassing 5-1 loss to Yanga.

Signing 11 players with only two breaking into the starting lineup showed how the main transfer window was a failure for the club.

Simba SC's main problem for the third straight season is in the defensive midfield area, it lacks combative midfielders who could shield their defensive area and back four at top level.

The side in the past boasted competent midfielders-Jonas Mkude, James Kotei, and Gerson Fraga- during the squad's four-year dominance in the Mainland Premier League- and thereafter roped in Ugandan midfielder Taddeo Lwanga who, since his departure, has seen Simba SC struggle to secure his replacement.

Sadio Kanoute is not a proper defensive midfielder- he is more of a box-to-box midfielder-, Fabrice Ngoma is more of a central attacking midfielder, and playing him at defensive midfield adds more problems to the team.

Simba SC needs a number nine who can have good hold-up plays with wingers and attacking midfielders. Signing five wingers every season costs Simba SC, the squad needs at least two defensive midfielders in this mini-transfer window.



JKT Queens' players participate in training at Uhuru Stadium in Dar es Salaam yesterday, shaping up for 2023/24 Serengeti Lite Women's Premier League (SWPL) slated to kick off later this month. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

Filbert Bayi Schools' teachers win plaudits

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA's athletics legend, Filbert Bayi, has commended teachers in the country for instilling good morals in learners for the latter to become good citizens.

Bayi, now serving as Tanzania Olympic Committee (TOC) Secretary-General, said teachers play an important role in the growth and development of learners, hence the need for the community to support them so that they can execute their duties without facing many challenges.

He disclosed during the Filbert Bayi Schools' Pre Unit School graduation ceremony in Kibaha, Coast Region last Saturday, with 66 pupils from the school graduating.

Bayi, also the Filbert Bayi Schools Board of Directors Chairman, commended the school's board and teachers for upholding the standards.

The institution's Board of Directors Chairman noted thanks to the collaboration between board members, teachers, supporting staff, and management the school is doing well in national examinations.

"As our 66 Pre Unit pupils from Mkuza, Kibaha, and Kimara are graduating today let me thank all teachers for the good work they are doing," the Board of Directors Chairman stated.

"Our school has been outstanding in both academics and sports mainly because of the support we get from parents and guardians."

"We will continue working closely together with all education and sports stakeholders of the school," he said.

He also urged Filbert Bayi Schools' students and pupils to work hard and abide by the institution's rules and regulations.

Bayi also thanked all guests who attended the ceremony including guest of honour, Kibaha District's

CCM Executive Committee Member, Robert Machumbe.

Recently, Professor Emmanuel Munishi- the College of Business Education (CBE) Tutor- called upon Filbert Bayi Schools students and pupils to work hard in both sports and academics for them to excel in life.

Munishi issued his appeal when he graced a graduation ceremony for Form Four students and Standard Seven pupils of the schools mid-this year.

He said in the modern world there is a need for students and pupils to work hard in both sports and academic sectors.

Mushi said for students and pupils to excel in life they must be innovative, creative, critical thinkers, develop a culture of positive thinking, have financial literacy, and stay away from bad companies

The CBE professor hailed Bayi for his idea of setting up the institution which, according to the former, had, since its inception, trained many people who are contributing to the social and economic development of the country.

"You must work hard in both sports and academics, I'm asking all of you here to value the importance of education, the world of tomorrow needs you the most," he said.

The last weekend's graduation ceremony witnessed pupils entertaining the gathering with urban and traditional music and dances, as well as other activities.

Filbert Bayi Schools have been doing well since their inception in 1996. In sports, the institution has contributed immensely.

Recently, promising athlete Regina Mpigachai secured a four-year scholarship worth \$76, 000 at the University of Northern Colorado in the United States of America (USA) after her previous outstanding performance in local and international events.

Mainland Tanzania makes it to CECAFA U-18 Boys Championship semi-finals

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi & Agencies

MAINLAND Tanzania's U-18 Boys side will face hosts Kenya in the 2023 CECAFA championship semi-finals tomorrow in a match slated to take place at Jomo Kenyatta Stadium in Kisumu.

In Group B, Uganda, and Mainland Tanzania completed the line-up for the semi-final stage of the CECAFA U-18 Boys Championship after hosts Kenya and Rwanda booked the first two slots in Group A. Group B was left wide open going into the final matches.

The first semi-final clash will witness Uganda locking horns with Rwanda at 11:00 a.m., followed by the second semi-final showdown between unbeaten Kenya U-18 and Mainland Tanzania at 2:00 p.m., with both matches taking place at the same venue.

Mainland Tanzania collected four points from three games- picking one win, one draw, and one loss- while compatriots Zanzibar notched the same re-

sults.

The winners of the semi-final matches will advance to the final, while the losing semi-finalists will compete to determine the third-placed finisher in the competition.

In the last match, Uganda topped Group B after defeating South Sudan 2-0 in a match played in Kisumu, while Mainland Tanzania drew 1-1 with Zanzibar in Kakamega, but the former qualified on the Fair Play basis, with fewer cautions accumulated.

According to the rules of the competition (regulation 3.6), teams are ranked according to the points, head-to-head, goal difference between the concerned teams, goals scored, fair play, and eventually a toss.

Since the two teams Mainland Tanzania and Zanzibar, tied on four points each whilst scoring and leaking the same number of goals, the Fair Play criteria was used- with Mainland Tanzania prevailing after collecting four cautions as opposed



Mainland Tanzania's U-18 Boys team youngsters are pictured jubilating when the team notched a goal in this year's CECAFA U-18 Championship clash versus Zanzibar in Kakamega, Kenya recently. The two squads settled for a 1-1 draw. PHOTO: COURTESY OF CECAFA

to Zanzibar which had five.

Hosts Kenya U-18 team, led by head

coach Salim Babu, dominated Pool A- securing a perfect record of three wins and

accumulating nine points.

The Junior Stars showcased an impressive blend of defensive and offensive prowess, netting 10 goals in three matches.

Their most commanding victory was a 5-0 triumph over Sudan, followed by a narrow 1-0 win against Rwanda and a 4-1 victory over Somalia.

Rwanda, with six points in the pool, won two matches and suffered one defeat to Kenya, scoring four goals and conceding only one.

Somalia earned three points, while Sudan failed to secure any points in the group stage.

Uganda will now face Rwanda in the first semi-final at the Jomo Kenyatta Stadium in Kisumu on Tuesday, while Kenya faces Tanzania in the second semi-final match at the same stadium.

The play-off to determine the third team and the final will be played on December 8, 2023.

Barca loan star Joao Felix makes Atletico pay in title race

MADRID

JOAO Felix's superb dinked finish earned Barcelona a vital 1-0 win over Atletico Madrid on Sunday in the La Liga title race.

The Portuguese forward, on loan at Barca from Atletico, made no secret of his pleasure to escape the Spanish capital this summer and made his parent club pay at the Olympic Stadium.

Felix was criticised by some Atletico players ahead of the game and Barca coach Xavi Hernandez called on him to use those words as inspiration, which he duly did.

The forward's goal allowed Barca to reclaim third place from Atletico, now trailing leaders Real Madrid and second place Girona by four points.

"He made the difference for the team again, he gave everything, working hard, stealing the ball back, I am very happy for him," Xavi told reporters. "I told him to be calm, this extra motivation sometimes speeds you up and you cross the line."

Xavi hailed his players' performance as a whole.

"The team had personality, we played very well today -- maybe it's our best game of the season, a complete one, I would say. It's a very positive sign of what we can and should do in every game - this is what Barca should be."

Atletico have not won away against the champions in La Liga since 2006, a run now stretching to 18 matches, but arrived thinking this could be the time to snap that streak.

Since crumbling to a defeat in the Clasico by Real Madrid at the end of October, Barcelona have struggled for form and confidence.

Barcelona started well, carving out chances and Felix broke the deadlock after 28 minutes, taking a brilliant touch to ride Nahuel Molina's challenge and then dinking the ball over Atletico goalkeeper Jan Oblak.

Felix celebrated with arms aloft, standing on the advertising hoardings in front of the angry visiting supporters, while Rojiblanco coach Diego Simeone appeared disgruntled as he flashed up on the big screens.

The 24-year-old forward, a club record signing at 126 million euros (\$137 million) in 2019, never settled in the capital and did not click with Simeone's management and playing style.

"It was spontaneous... in the heat of the game and it was like a relief, for everything I lived through this summer," Felix told Movistar about his celebration. "Every week I'm talked about, whether for good or bad, I do my job, without looking at what they say or think."

Perhaps not coincidentally, Axel Witsel was soon booked for hacking Felix to the ground shortly after.

Felix came close to a second with a prodded effort from Ilkay Gundogan's cut-back, but this time Oblak denied him.

Gundogan impressed in midfield alongside fit-again duo Pedri and Frenkie de Jong, as Barcelona controlled the game.

Raphinha clipped the post at the start of the second half to get Barcelona fans out of their seats.

Despite their high-calibre opponents, the attendance fell short of 35,000 and was the club's poorest this season, with supporters perhaps chastened by the colder winter evenings and the late kick-off.

Atletico improved in the second half but not by enough to force an equaliser.

Talisman Antoine Griezmann worked hard but could not find the net against his old employers -- he has not netted in 14 games against Barca for the Rojiblanco.

Memphis Depay, another ex-Barcelona player, came closest for Atletico with a free-kick tipped over by Inaki Pena, between the sticks for the hosts in place of the hurt Marc-Andre ter Stegen.

"They started better, they had more personality with the ball," admitted Simeone. "The team improved and had the chances to equalise."

Robert Lewandowski should have wrapped up Barcelona's victory but pulled an effort wide late on -- he only has three goals in his last 10 games for the club across all competitions.

Atletico, fourth, trail Barca by three points and the top two by seven.

"The idea was to go for the game and I don't know what happened," Atletico goalkeeper Oblak told Movistar. "Nobody was good in the first half, nobody wanted the ball, nobody wanted to play."

Earlier winless bottom side Almeria were held 0-0 at home by 10-man Real Betis, seventh, on Sunday.

Struggling Sevilla, 15th, drew 1-1 with Villarreal and have not won in 10 matches under new coach Diego Alonso between La Liga and the Champions League.

AFP

Spurs snatch point at Man City after Liverpool drama

LONDON

TOTTENHAM's Dejan Kulusevski headed a dramatic late equaliser in a six-goal thriller at Manchester City on Sunday after Liverpool staged a sensational comeback on a breathless afternoon in the Premier League.

High-flying Aston Villa scored in the 90th minute to draw 2-2 at Bournemouth while 10-man Chelsea shrugged off a red card for captain Conor Gallagher to edge Brighton 3-2 on a day when 24 goals were scored in five matches.

Pep Guardiola's champions led 2-1 at the break thanks to a Phil Foden goal after Spurs captain Son Heung-min had scored at both ends, but Giovanni Lo Celso's superb strike made it 2-2.

Substitute Jack Grealish looked to have secured City's first Premier League win in three games when he struck in the 81st minute but the visitors refused to lie down and Sweden international Kulusevski rose to power home from Brennan Johnson's cross, stunning the Etihad crowd.

The game ended in controversy after play was initially allowed to go on after Erling Haaland was fouled as he played Grealish in on goal before it was then called back.

Sunday's results mean Arsenal remain two points clear at the top of the table, with Liverpool second and City in



Tottenham's Dejan Kulusevski scores a late, late equaliser in the 3-3 draw at Man City. (AP PHOTO)

third.

Tottenham boss Ange Postecoglou hailed the "massive effort" from his men, who stopped the rot after three straight defeats.

"It would have been very easy to get blown away but I thought they showed great character and it is important they get a reward," the Australian told the BBC. "A point is a good reward."

Guardiola rued his side's inability to finish off their opponents but said they remained hungry for a fourth straight Premier League title.

"We continued playing a good level again today," he said. "Unfortunately against Liverpool as well this hap-

pens.

"This was a moment where we get to see the team, how they react, how we step forward. It was a top performance again against a top, top team."

- Liverpool comeback -

Earlier, Liverpool appeared set for their first home defeat in the Premier League since October 2022 when they trailed 3-2 to Bobby De Cordova-Reid's goal in the 80th minute.

But they turned the tables in dramatic fashion through Wataru Endo and Trent Alexander-Arnold, who struck in the 87th and 88th minutes for a 4-3 win.

It was the latest Liverpool

have ever fallen behind in a Premier League match that they went on to win.

"We played an incredible game until we didn't anymore," said Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp.

"All credit to Fulham, they did really well. Today we scored four worldies and were lucky in the end to win the game, and that tells you everything."

Alexander-Arnold set Liverpool on their way in the 20th minute when his brilliant free-kick clipped the underside of the crossbar and went in off Fulham keeper Bernd Leno for an own goal.

Harry Wilson levelled before Alexis Mac Allister pro-

duced a moment of magic to restore the home side's lead, unleashing a rising drive that found the top corner for his first Liverpool goal.

But Fulham equalised through Kenny Tete before half-time and the London side looked set for a sensational victory when substitute De Cordova-Reid nodded home their third with 10 minutes of normal time to go.

However, Liverpool were not finished. Mohamed Salah set up Endo, who found the net from the edge of the box and Alexander-Arnold drove the ball home a minute later, sparking wild scenes at Anfield.

Chelsea recorded just their second Premier League home win of the season against Brighton, despite being reduced to 10 men when leading 2-1 before half-time, with Gallagher picking up a second booking.

Enzo Fernandez scored his second from the penalty spot in the 65th minute and Chelsea held on despite a late Joao Pedro goal.

Aston Villa striker Ollie Watkins headed home a cross from Moussa Diaby in the 90th minute to rescue a point for Unai Emery's team against Bournemouth, which kept them in fourth place.

At the London Stadium, Mohammed Kudus put West Ham ahead in the first half, before Odsonne Edouard equalised in the second period to earn a point for Crystal Palace.

AFP

Erling Haaland posts furious response to major referee mistake in Man City draw

By Jamie Braidwood

ERLING Haaland took to social media to post an immediate response to a major refereeing error at the end of Manchester City and Tottenham's thrilling 3-3 draw at the Etihad, and the striker could now face disciplinary action.

Haaland led the protests at full time after City's players felt they had been denied a goal-scoring chance when referee Simon Hooper failed to play a key advantage in stoppage-time.

Jack Grealish was through on goal when Hooper brought the play back for a foul on Haaland, after the striker had been clipped by Tottenham defender Emerson Royal.

Haaland was able to stay on his feet to continue the move and release Grealish and although Hooper initially signalled City had the advantage, the referee then blew his whistle after the ball was played.

Haaland had to be restrained at full-time after leading the protests, which came after City dropped points for a third Premier League game in a row, and the striker then took to Twitter/X to post his response.

Reacting to a clip of the incident, Haaland simply responded: "Wtf".

On Sky Sports, former Manchester United captain Roy Keane said the referee had made a "mistake" while



Erling Haaland lets rip at referee Simon Hooper. Agencies

former Liverpool defender Jamie Carragher said Hooper had "panicked" by bringing play back.

Former Manchester City defender Micah Richards added: "The referee had a brilliant game today until this moment. I don't understand. He puts the whistle to his mouth, he waves it on but stops to play advantage. Grealish is clearly through but then he stops the play, which I just don't understand."

Meanwhile, Manchester City manager Pep Guardiola said he would not "do a Mikel Arteta" by criticising referees following the controversial 3-3 draw against Tottenham, in an apparent dig at his former assistant and Arsenal boss.

Arteta was charged by the Football Association last month following his criticism of Premier League referees and VAR. After a 1-0 defeat at Newcastle, Arteta said the decision to award Anthony Gordon's win-

ner was an "absolute disgrace" and "embarrassing".

But Guardiola said he would not go down the same route, although Guardiola said he did not "understand" why play was brought back the manager refused to go any further.

When asked about the incident, he said: "Next question. I will not do a Mikel Arteta comment."

"It is hard when you review the image, the referee decides to blow

the whistle after he has already said to play on. After the pass, the whistle, so I do not understand this action."

"It was a good game, that is the most important thing. It was a pity, same as the Liverpool game, I had the feeling that today that we made an incredible performance in all departments, against a really good team and manager and how they play."

"We created a lot of chances, we were aggressive, incredibly concentrated, and the feeling is that we still want to be there [at the top of the table]."

"It is a pity. Sometimes football is like life, you do not get what you deserve."

City were wasteful throughout the match, however, with Haaland missing an open goal and Jeremy Doku and Julian Alvarez striking the post. Kulusevski's 90th minute header rescued Tottenham a point at the Etihad and ended a run of three Premier League defeats in a row for Ange Postecoglou's side.

Kulusevski's towering leap denied City victory in a breathless contest, which means Pep Guardiola's champions have now dropped points in three consecutive games following draws against Chelsea and Liverpool.

Injury-hit Spurs took the lead when Son

Heung-min finished off a clinical counter-attack, but the Tottenham captain then found the net at the other end two minutes later as he diverted a free-kick into his own goal.

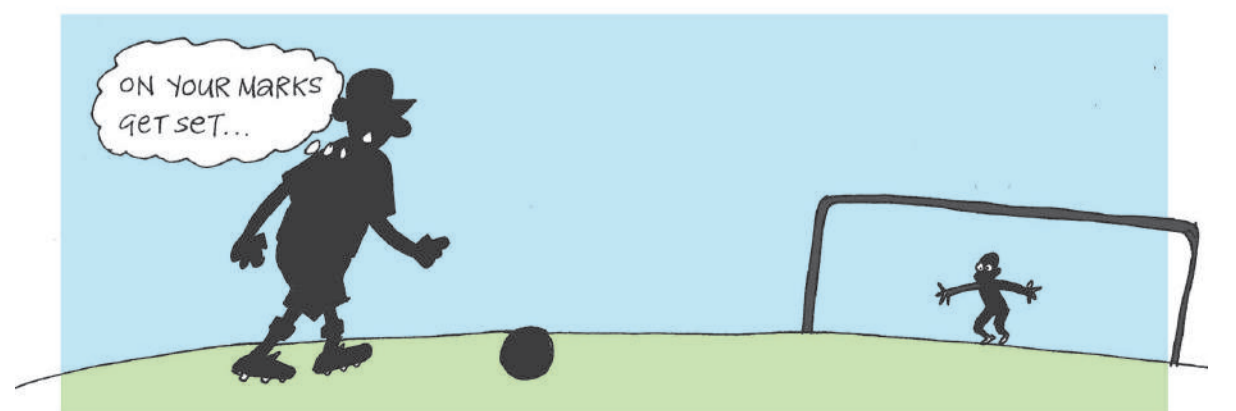
Postecoglou's side stuck to their bold and attacking plan despite their injury crisis and City could have been out of sight as they routinely tore the visitors apart, with Phil Foden putting them in front after the half hour.

City were wasteful, however, and Spurs grabbed a deserved equaliser in the second half when Giovanni Lo Celso curled in.

City woke themselves up in the final stages and Grealish punished a loose pass from Tottenham's Yves Bissouma to restore their lead, before Kulusevski's dramatic header settled the contest.

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Mara set to host McEnroe Serengeti Cup

By Guardian Correspondent

THE KLM airline has committed to sponsoring a tennis tournament, termed the 'McEnroe Serengeti Cup', scheduled for December 8 in the Serengeti National Park in Mara.

The unique event aims to promote the game of tennis in Tanzania as well as a unique opportunity to explore the spectacular scenery of the Serengeti National Park.

Marius van der Ham, the KLM Manager for the East and South African Region, Nigeria and Ghana, said in an interview yesterday the participation of President Samia Suluhu Hassan in promoting Tanzania's tourism would increase the sense of honour of the attractions of Tanzania.

He said that for Tanzania's people, this exciting tournament comes with many benefits, including the opportunity to collaborate with some of the best tennis players in the world, to encourage more young people to seek opportunities beyond what they are used to.

"As an international airline, we understand the great impact of connecting people, cultures, and dreams that have existed in Tanzania for 54 years now," he revealed.

"We especially recognize the power of sports in promoting unity and inspiration, especially among young people," van der Ham noted.

van der Ham said that part of the income from the competition would be handed over to the community.

He revealed KLM, as the showdown's sponsor, shows a commitment to supporting unique and effective programs carried out by Tanzania's government and connecting people and different cultures around the world.

The official said that the competition will attract many fans of the game all over the world.

Mainland Tanzania, Kenya battle for progression to 2023 CECAFA U-18 Championship final

the confidence gained from beating their fiercest rivals may see them installed as favourites in the final.

The Mainland Tanzania U-18 lads punched their ticket to the last four with a 1-1 draw with compatriots, Zanzibar, on Saturday.

Mainland Tanzania and Zanzibar had tied with four points each, scoring and conceding the same number of goals.

The Fair Play criteria were used - with Mainland Tanzania accumulating four cautions and Zanzibar ending up with five.

Mainland Tanzania had accumulated fewer cards hence setting a mouth-watering clash against the host Kenya, denying Zanzibar a chance to add another regional title following the Isles' earlier triumph in the CECAFA U-15 tournament in Uganda.

Coached by immediate former Mtibwa Sugar gaffer Habib Kondo, Mainland Tanzania youngsters kicked



Mainland Tanzania U-18 football team's player (C) challenges his Zanzibar U-18 side's counterpart when the two sides faced each other in the 2023 CECAFA U-18 Boys Championship's round robin stage's tie at Bukhuru Stadium in Kenya last week. The two teams settled for a 1-1 draw. PHOTO: COURTESY OF CECAFA

off their campaign with a hard-fought 1-0 victory over Uganda before falling to a 2-1 defeat to South Sudan.

If Mainland Tanzania U-18 footballers are to progress to the final they will rely on the defensive solidity of

Coastal Union's central defender, Lameck Lawi, who has not put a wrong foot in this tournament.

He will need to be at his best to overcome the prolific Kenyans in the latter's quest for a place in the final.

Kenya U-18 youngsters, meanwhile, won all three of their group games to finish three points clear of second-placed Rwanda in Group A.

After thrashing Sudan 5-0, the hosts beat Rwanda 1-0 before coming from behind to win 4-1 against Somalia, scoring 10 goals while keeping two clean sheets during the group stage.

In Andrew Kibet and Humphrey Omondi, Kenya boasts the highest scorers in the tournament to date, with the duo netting three times each in three games so far.

The first semi-final of the day will see Uganda youngsters face their Rwandan counterparts at the same stadium.

The third-place play-off and the final will be played on Friday.

The tournament is meant to help teams prepare and get match practice ahead of the AFCON U-20 Zonal qualifiers slated for next year.

Deputy Minister Mwinjuma brightens up Exim Bima Festival

By Guardian Correspondent

DEPUTY Minister for Culture, Arts, and Sports Hamisi Mwinjuma has urged insurance companies and financial institutions in Tanzania to increase their support in the sports sector to further accelerate its rapid growth.

Mwinjuma issued his plea when he presided over the launch of the first season of the Exim Bima Festival organized by Exim Bank Tanzania in Dar es Salaam last weekend.

The Deputy Minister, also a popular Hip Hop artist with the nickname 'Mwana FA', moreover called on the institutions to create various services aimed at assisting stakeholders in the sports and entertainment sector in the country.

The festival has been organized in collaboration with various stakeholders in the insurance sector in the country.

They include Alliance Life Assurance Limited, Alliance Insurance Corporation Limited, Jubilee Allianz General Insurance Company Limited, Strategis Insurance Company Limited, Heritage Insurance Tanzania Limited, and client companies of Exim Bank such as CELLO and Taifa Mining.

The showdown witnessed the Exim Bank football team emerging as the overall winner in the football tournament involving all stakeholders.

During the festival



Deputy Minister for Culture, Arts, and Sports, Hamisi Mwinjuma, is pictured taking a penalty kick to officially launch the first season of the Exim Bima Festival, organized by Exim Bank Tanzania, which took place in Dar es Salaam last weekend. The event involved numerous participants from the insurance and banking industry. Standing (R) is Sumit Shekhar, Exim Bank Tanzania's Head of Strategic Investments and Subsidiaries. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

launch, the Deputy Minister congratulated the stakeholders for organizing the event, which provided an opportunity for enjoyment, networking, and a better understanding of their services.

He urged them to step forward and sponsor various activities undertaken by sports and entertainment stakeholders in the country.

"Your contribution can be interpreted in many areas of sports, but my emphasis is on sponsoring various sports events, especially in talent development and supporting various clubs participating in different leagues in the country, including the Premier League," he said.

He also called for the creation of insurance and financial services specifically for athletes and artists to help them protect their health and work, and ultimately enhance

their economic status.

Furthermore, Mwinjuma praised the bank for its efforts in promoting sports in the country through the provision of sports equipment to primary and secondary schools in various regions across the country.

The Deputy Minister revealed: "You have shown good intentions and a commitment to nurturing young talents and promoting the development of sports in the country."

"We acknowledge your significant contribution to the development of sports, and we thank you for being government partners in achieving our national goals in the sports sector," he acknowledged.

The Deputy Minister moreover expressed optimism for the success of the Exim Bima Festival and its anticipated positive outcomes.

Initially, speaking on behalf

of Exim Bank's Chief Executive Officer, the bank's Head of Strategic Investments and Subsidiaries Sumit Shekhar, emphasized that the institution is dedicated to utilizing sports and entertainment to enhance relationships with various stakeholders, including customers, insurance stakeholders, employees, regulatory authorities in the insurance and banking sectors, and the government.

"As important stakeholders in the financial and insurance sector in the country, through our flagship insurance product known as 'Bima tu Malipo Tuachie', we are determined to ensure that we make good use of this festival as a key strategy to enhance our relationships with our stakeholders, believing that relationships are the cornerstone of any business and the Exim Bima Festival comes as the best way to help

us achieve that," revealed Shekhar.

Commenting on the overall victory in the football tournament, the showdown's top goal scorer Calvin Kilua from the Exim Bank team, attributed the institution's squad's victory to thorough preparation for the competition and effective interpretation of their coach's instructions.

Stanley Kafu, Exim Bank's Head of Marketing and Communications, disclosed: "After these achievements, we believe that the next edition of the festival will involve more teams and the competition will increase."

"Therefore, we will continue to prepare ourselves through more practice because exercise is also important for our health, and health is one of our fundamental agendas in our insurance services," he added.

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