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## Hydropower dams likely to be affected

By Henry Mwangonde

THE Tanzania Meteorological Authority (TMA) has said 15 regions are likely to experience prolonged drought from next month, a situation that may cause food shortages and curbs in hydropower output.

In its climate outlook for October to December (Vuli) rainy season released yesterday, the weather agency said the rains are expected to be below normal on average, characterized by prolonged periods of dry spells.

This is a shift from past years when the end year period experienced normal to above normal rains.

The Director of Forecasting, Dr. Hamza Kabelwa said that besides showing below normal rainfall conditions on the whole, warmer than usual temperatures are expected across areas receiving rains in two periods annually, for this period.

"The Vuli season is expected to have a poor start during the third and fourth weeks of October with poor distribution and progress in many areas," he said.

The Vuli rainy season is specific to areas of the northeastern highlands namely Arusha, Manyara and Kilimanjaro regions.

It also involves areas of northern coast (northern part of Morogoro, Coast (including

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President Samia Suluhu Hassan addresses traders and local residents at Tegeta kwa Ndevu in Dar es Salaam yesterday while on her way to Bagamoyo District in Coast Region primarily for the recording of a programme meant to promote opportunities available in Tanzania's tourism and other sectors. Photo: State House

# Samia chides Bishop Gwajima on vaccines

## President stopped at Tegeta en route to Bagamoyo

By Correspondent Michael Eneza

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan yesterday played a theatric pun on Kawe MP Josephat Gwajima and his discredited non-vaccination campaign, at a roadside stop at Tegeta in Dar es Salaam to greet people of that constituency, as her motorcade headed for a day-long itinerary in Coast Region.

The president invited the recently barred MP, who will not attend meetings in Dodoma until early next year to say a few words, where he avoided the issue raised by the president, 'do we vaccinate, or do we not?' and praised her work on development issues.

Listeners and callers over talk shows expressed appreciation for the president's gesture, as it served to underline that there are no hard feelings on their parliamentary representative, despite his efforts to derail the Covid-19 vaccination rollout.

The MP's inability to repeat his invocations against vaccination, at a platform graced by the president, served to illustrate the difficulty he now faces, as parliamentary censure has delegitimised his campaign, as his peers assert that he produced no evidence

to support any of his claims.

His two vital claims is that vaccines have hidden dangers for which he showed no medical or other research evidence to back it up other than generalized fears, and his allegation that leaders had been given money to accept vaccines was watered down by his defence before a parliamentary committee.

The MP said he meant that they were promised development assistance for accepting vaccines, implying it was a sell out for the country, which his peers roundly rejected as unfounded and bordering on allegations of corruption on the top leadership.

Observers were of the view that the president's gesture diminishes chances of the ruling party taking up disciplinary actions against the MP as urged in the parliamentary resolution against Gwajima and his other convicted and suspended Ukonga colleague, Jerry Silaa.

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# Dar assailant Hamza a terrorist, says DCI

By Guardian Correspondent, Mwanza

THE Director of Criminal Investigations (DCI) Camillus Wambura has said that Hamza Mohammed, who was involved in a shootout with the police in Dar es Salaam last week, was a terrorist.

Armed with a pistol, the lone assailant approached two armed police officers at a shed, shot them dead and took their assault rifles before killing a third officer and a security guard. Police later shot down the gunman, while six other people were injured.

The DCI told reporter that investigations



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had shown that Hamza learned terrorist activities from social networks similar to those of the terrorist groups like Al Shabaab and the feared Islamic State (IS) network.

The gunman was a criminal committed to religion who was hiding in the community so as to later implement that attack, he declared.

"We have found that Hamza was learning terrorist activities, was contacted by terrorism groups like Al Shabaab and Islamic State for a long time through social media, until he implemented the crime of killing three police officers and one security officer from SGS," he stated.

Police found Hamza's behaviour and acts through his communication with other people inside the country and outside involved implementing terrorism, conducted through social media

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By Felister Peter

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa said yesterday that the government has in the past four days provided 15bn/- to the National Food Reserve Agency (NFRA) for the purchase of maize in southern zone regions.

In a question and answer sessions at the National Assembly yesterday, the premier said this amount is an addition to funds provided earlier following reports of piled up maize in the major producing regions of Katavi, Ruvuma, Njombe, Songwe, Mbeya, Rukwa, Iringa and Tabora.

The government permitted farmers to sell their harvests to markets within and outside the country, he said, cautioning that those interested to sell to neighbouring countries "should contact responsible leaders in their respective areas to be assisted to export their maize."

"We have opened doors for farmers to sell their maize in Zambia, Kenya, Rwanda, Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo

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(DRC) and Mozambique. Reporting to local leaders would enable the government to know the exact amounts of maize to be exported and amounts of foreign currency likely to be earned," he stated.

There was a drop in maize prices which appears to result from bumper harvests in neighboring countries, he said.

"I am aware of the maize stock piled up

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networks, he said.

He strongly refuted reports that Hamza was engaging in mining activities or any related work.

Information in the streets asserts that Hamza was a mineral trader and that the day on which he committed the deadly action he was heading to sell his minerals at Masaki suburb of Dar es Salaam but the police took the minerals while he was on this route. This is totally untrue, the top investigator affirmed.

"We have investigated and found that Hamza wasn't operating a mine in Chunya in Mbeya region as most (social media users) think. He had no money or any position," he categorically stated.

Responding to queries on why

the police killed Hamza instead of arresting him, the director said there was no other way than gunning him down as he had already killed "and was continuing to cause more deaths and injuries."

"Hamza didn't surrender," the DCI insisted, elaborating that he continued to shoot and kill people. "So to stop him from causing more harm, the police had to kill him. Our duty is to protect people's lives and properties, and that's what we did to rescue others from death," he emphasised.

Late last week, Inspector General Simon Sirro said that attack by Hamza, where three on-duty police officers and a private security guard died, has handed a big lesson to the force.



Outgoing Pan African Postal Union (PAPU) secretary general Younous Djibrine (L) of Cameroon hands over office documents to his successor, former Zimbabwean postmaster general Sifundo Chief Moyo, at the agency's headquarters in Arusha on Monday. Witnessing the event are Communications and Information Technology minister Dr Faustine Ndugulile (3rd-R), Zimbabwe Information Technology and Postal Services minister Supa Mandiwanzira (2nd-R) and Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) representative Dr Emmanuel Manasseh (L). Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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in Katavi and surrounding regions. NFRA's purchasing power is still low, but the government will continue to allocate more funds to enable it to purchase all the grains," the premier declared, noting that the Cereals and Other Produce Board (CPB) has been directed to start buying maize in the particular regions.

He said the government has decided to establish a maize purchasing center in every district, starting with regional level, after complaints in Katavi Region. Farmers were compelled to travel long distances to find buyers, thus a maize purchasing centre is being set up there, as well as in Tabora, now that it is among major maize producing regions.

Similarly, the government is striving to purchase maize from

farmers so that they can proceed with preparing farms for the coming season, he stated.

This clarification came in response to a question by Kwela MP Deus Sanga, who expressed concern on declining maize prices and piled up stock in the Southern Highlands.

Farmers in the zone depend on maize farming as their main source of income, thus failure by NFRA to purchase their grains is a disturbing situation for residents of the area, he said.

Ministry data shows that farmers spend 356/- to 479/- to produce one kilogramme of maize, while they earn 310/- to 475/- in the market, the legislator lamented.

Agriculture minister Prof Adolf Mkenda was recently quoted saying that prices were even lower in some regions where a kilogramme of the item fetches 200/- to 250/- lately.

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

ZIMBABWE Minister for Communications and Information Technology, Postal and Courier Services, Dr Jenfan Muswere has praised the Pan African Postal Union (PAPU) for having a new management and directed it to have in place strategies against Covid-19 infections.

Meanwhile the outgoing PAPU Secretary General, Younous Djibrine handed over the union's management to Sifundo Chief Moyo, while the former Assistant Secretary General, Kolawole Aduloju handed over the office to Jessica Hope Uwera

## PAPU gets new office bearers

Sengooba.

Speaking here yesterday after PAPU management handover, Dr Muswere said the new management was taking office during the Covid-19 pandemic that has disrupted the union's business activities.

"In general, Covid-19 has created a huge challenge, hence it is better for the new management to look for a better way to deal with the challenge," he said.

Dr Muswere added that new strategies are needed to fight the pandemic, and added that

new opportunities can emerge in transforming service delivery systems to go in tandem with customers need for PAPU to remain in business.

Dr Muswere further said the transformation will contribute in protecting the postal services sector and strengthen its capability.

For his part, Tanzania's Communications and Information Technology Minister, Dr Faustine Ndugulile said the new office bearers were picked up two months ago in Zimbabwe.

"Right now we are constructing PAPU headquarters - the 18-storey complex that upon completion in 2022 will be the tallest building in Arusha Region," said Dr Ndugulile.

He said Tanzania will continue to strengthen postal services operations to do away with postage stamps, introduce services associated with TRA, NIDA, RITA and pensioners. He added that he would like to see PAPU operations reinforced and to end the tendency of going to European countries to study about postal service.



Prof Mohamed Janabi (L), executive director of Dar es Salaam's Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute, makes a presentation on Covid-19 to Serengeti Breweries Limited staff in the city yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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Mafia Island), Dar es Salaam and Tanga regions, Unguja and Pemba isles), Lake Victoria zone (Kagera, Geita, Mwanza, Shinyanga, Simiyu and Mara Regions) and the northern part of Kigoma region (Kibondo and Kakonko districts).

The outlook shows the season is likely to be characterized by the late onset and accompanied by poor temporal and spatial distribution with periods of slight increase in rainfall expected to occur in few areas during December and January.

Communities in affected areas must put in place plans for conserving water and animal feed to mitigate drought impacts, he stated, noting that pastoralists and fishermen need to use weather forecast updates as well.

Forecasts show that there will be a shortage of water and pasture due to poor distribution of rains, likely to create havoc for communities surrounding wildlife habitats as animals go out in search of water and pasture. Outbreaks of wildlife diseases are likely due to insufficient water and pasture, he stated.

"Petroleum exploration and hydropower projects will be smoothly executed for areas with below normal rainfall," he specified.

This year's Vuli season is projected have similarities with that of 2005 which dried the twin hydropower dams of Kidatu and Mtera, pushing the government to look for alternative power sources, he added.

## Majaliwa: All Tanzanians will get national IDs

By Felister Peter, Dodoma

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has assured Tanzanians that all genuine applicants of the national identity cards will get the document saying the alleged bureaucracy in regions bordering neighbouring countries is a normal verification procedure aiming to ensure the IDs are given to those entitled.

Majaliwa told the National Assembly yesterday that there must be strict security procedures in issuance of the IDs to citizens residing at border regions, because there are many non-Tanzanians from countries bordering Kagera, Kigoma and Mtwara regions who want to live in the country and acquire the ID cards.

He was answering a question from

Kilombero Member of Parliament, Abubakar Assenga (CCM) querying on delays in issuance of the IDs to people living peripherals; but also asking the government to merge the National Identification Authority (NIDA), Immigration department and Registration Insolvency and Trusteeship Agency (RITA) so that the national IDs are provided as soon as a child is born.

Responding to the question, he said the mentioned institutions perform different duties and cannot be merged. He said non-citizens can acquire birth certificates from RITA but they cannot be given the national identity cards.

He said the government has procured extra machines to fast track issuance of the IDs as well as employing more staff at NIDA

offices across the country. He said such improvements would ensure eligible applicants get the national identity cards on time.

On Tuesday, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs, Khamis Hamza Chilo said that NIDA has registered and issued a total of 8,397,524 national identification cards.

Chilo said the government is determined to ensure all eligible

citizens are provided with the national IDs by December 2021.

He assured Tanzanians that all those registered and given national identification numbers (NIN) will be provided with the cards.

The PM however, said there are a number of Tanzanians who have not collected their national ID cards.

A single machine has a capacity to produce 4,500 IDs within an hour.





Tigo Pesa chief officer Angelica Pesa (L) briefs journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday during the launch of an innovative mobile money savings service dubbed "Tigo Pesa Kibubu". Devised in partnership with Bank of Africa Tanzania, it is meant to enable Tigo Pesa customers to save and earn interest through their mobile phones. She is with the bank's deputy managing director, Wasia Mushi. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR'S First Vice President Othman Masoud Othman, has said better existing environment provide opportunities for furthering relations between Zanzibar and Oman.

Othman made the observations on Wednesday this week in his office here during talks with the Omani Resident Consul in Zanzibar, Ambassador Said Salim Al-Sinawi.

He said the environment includes the government of the national unity and the historic ties between the two countries.

He added that other new opportunities include the Blue Economy sector, and scholarships on tourism issues that can enhance development pace of the two

## Z'bar, Oman pledge to enhance historical ties

countries.

In regard to historic ties between Zanzibar and the Gulf state, Othman said the two countries have been brothers since historical times, Oman maintains its consulate in Zanzibar, it introduced the Kadhi Court as well as historical buildings even before Kenya, Uganda and other east African countries did so.

The Zanzibar VP called on the Omani government to invest in special projects including centres

for the provision of culture, history and education in order to develop the heritage and hospitality for future generations.

Conveying greetings from the people of Oman, Amb Al-Sinawi said the ties between the two countries cannot fade as they emanated from historical ties since times immemorial.

Amb Al-Sinawi, whose visit was for introduction, said he was so much touched by the historical ties

between Zanzibar and Oman, saying he will make all efforts to persuade his government to strengthen the ties by assisting Zanzibar's development.

He said despite the Covid-19 pandemic disruption to many development plans, still the intention was to see Zanzibar and Omani governments strengthen brotherly relations to ensure the development pace is increased for both countries.

## Rwanda depends on Dar and Tanga ports, says envoy

By Guardian Correspondent, Tanga

RWANDA'S Ambassador to Tanzania, Maj Gen Charles Karamba has said his country depends on Dar es Salaam and Tanga ports for both its imports and exports.

He made the remarks here yesterday when he visited the Port of Tanga during his one-day official visit.

Karamba also visited the Uganda-Tanzania Pipeline Project at Chongoleani and GBP fuel storage facility.

He said the visit stems from trade agreement between Tanzania and Rwanda recently struck by President Samia Suluhu Hassan and her Rwandan counterpart Paul Kagame.

"In the circumstances I have come here to inspect the progress of the improvement of the infrastructures at the Port of Tanga in the context of the entire port expansion project," he added.

The envoy said basically he was satisfied with the work going on at the port that reflects good environment for trade operations.

"I'm informed that as of now vessels anchor two kilometres away hence infrastructures have been improved, and is a sign for good economic opportunities between the two countries," he said.

Representative of Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA) Director General, Eng Karim Mataka said the ongoing revamping of infrastructures at the port will enable the expansion of services within the entire service delivery at low cost.

Eng Karim said as for now they were looking into how to put in place a friendly environment to investors to use water transport at low cost instead of land transport.

He called on business people

in Tanzania's northern regions of Arusha, Kilimanjaro and Manyara to use the Port of Tanga, especially at this time when its infrastructures have been improved.

Tanga District Commissioner Hasim Mgandila said there has been a long time good relation between the two countries hence the visit of the Rwandan envoy was among the signs that the work in improving the economies of the two countries was going on.

Some of the drivers of trucks who transport limestone clinker from Maweni Limestone Ltd to Rwanda said they were pleased with the services in the entire issue of business operations between the two countries.

"In fact, we receive good services even though there are small problems, Tanzania is a safe country for doing business, Sibomana Celestine, a Rwandan national said."



**Let them import more vaccine and permit other centers across the country to do the same without categorization and let that also be an opportunity for those willing to be inoculated to also get the vaccine**

## GULF MASER BECOMES 1<sup>ST</sup> CONSUMER TECH BRAND TO SELL HIGHEST NUMBER OF UNITS IN AFRICA.

BY Guardian Reporter

For many decades, Chinese electronics have dominated emerging African markets owing to the large manufacturing base and low export taxation in China. Not any more.

Not so for Maser - a consumer electronics brand trading out of Dubai has within a short period of time broken the mould to become a household name in East Africa.

The firm manufactures budget-friendly, high quality electronic gadgets and has enabled thousands of price-conscious customers to experience the joys of owning brand new electronics.

In 2019 for example,



Maser sold 200,000 units in Dubai -70 percent of which got re-exported to impact the lives of African families through entertainment.

2020, brand reached to volume of more than 600,000 units which is more than double making Maser the 1st brand to sell highest

number of units in Africa

"We've experienced a sturdy increase in our client base and in subsequent revenue streams. Maser is now looking to be the leading consumer electronics brand in Africa within five years. Our solid yearly plan is on track to guide us to meet this goal," the firm's founder and CEO, Prateek Suri says.

Breaking into the African electronics market that is currently rife with low priced electronics products is not an easy task.

By focusing on top product quality at pocket friendly prices, the brand from the Gulf states has indeed quickly risen to become a consumer favorite that is attracting and

retaining satisfied buyers. Upon setting foot in Kenya and Tanzania, the brand has quickly expanded in those markets and is now eyeing new markets in South Africa, Nigeria and Rwanda within the next 12 months.

"Better quality, better customer service and ultimately, a more affordable price. That is Maser's secret recipe. We are aware of the competition, but we rely on modern research about the changing customer preferences in Africa and work through social media to creatively reach the maximum market share," the bullish entrepreneur says.

"We aim to make our products consistently better than those made by the Chinese at a similar price range," he adds.

The fast rising entrepreneur was raised up watching his father's business in Delhi India. After trading electronics products for a while, Prateek soon launched Maser in 2014 after discerning a gap for high quality, affordable electronics in emerging markets.

He attributes Maser's success to consumer-driv-

en product development and the strategic partnerships that his company has set up with different stakeholders across the continent.

"Each market is different, and we are therefore engaged in consistent market research

In order to cement our status as the leading consumer electronics brand in Africa," Prateek reveals.

Acknowledging that entering new markets is never easy, Maser's CEO says that his firm is well prepared to tackle some of the barriers to entry that go with setting up shop in each African country where they want to establish footprints.

"Expanding is an exciting journey, but it needs to be done at the right time while putting the right strategies in place. Here again, we are working with different stakeholders to better understand the dynamics of each market so we can replicate the rapid gains noted in areas where Maser is already present," he notes.

Based on recent market trends, it is appropriate to say that consumers across the continent are now also sitting up and taking note of Maser - a brand that is satisfying their yearning for high quality, reasonably priced electronics.





# VACANCY



## ABOUT GEITA GOLD MINING LTD

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

Position: **Specialist – Underground Mine Production**  
 Contract type & Duration: **Unspecified time**  
 Department: **Underground Mining**  
 Reporting to: **Senior Manager Underground Mining**  
 Number of Positions: **Two (2)**

## PURPOSE OF THE ROLE

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

## QUALIFICATIONS:

- Tertiary qualifications in Mining.
- Bachelor Degree in Mining Engineering, a College Diploma in Mineral Technology or other related field, relevant experience may be considered equivalent;
- Competent to fulfil the statutory role as Explosives Licence holder.
- Demonstrated experience in an underground mining environment.
- Proven track record of managing and leading large teams.

## EXPERIENCE:

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

## MAIN OR KEY ACCOUNTABILITIES:

### Safety & Environment

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

### Training & Skills Transfer

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

### Technical / Production/Development.

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

### Cost Management & Continuous Improvement

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

## ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

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

## MODE OF APPLICATION:

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

## Application Link:

<https://career5.successfactors.eu/sfcareer/jobreqcareer?jobId=16959&company=AGAprd>

Candidates may also apply through our jobs email at [jobs.geita@AngloGoldAshanti.com](mailto:jobs.geita@AngloGoldAshanti.com). Email subject should also be "Specialist – Underground Mine Production"

- You will be required to present original certificates if you are contacted for interviews.
- Internal Applicants (those currently employed by AngloGold Ashanti) must have their application letter endorsed by their Head of Department (HOD) or Manager once Removed (MoR).

## APPLICATION DEADLINE:

- Applications should reach the above on or before **18th September 2021 at 5:30 Pm**
- Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for interviews.

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# Pupils panic as wild animals invade their schools at night

By Correspondent Zanura Mollele, Longido

MORE than 1,000 pupils at Sinya Primary School are faced with daily risks of dodging ferocious beasts like leopards and lions that roam around the education institution day and night.

Located at Sinya Ward of Longido District, in Arusha Region, the Sinya Primary School apparently suffers the invasion of wild animals such as Lions, Leopards and Elephants that storm into the school grounds regularly, due to the fact that it lacks a protective fence to keep off wildlife in the remote semi-arid savanna.

It also came to light that, almost all schools in Longido are facing the same problem.

The Sinya School Headmaster, Deodatus Utauu appealed to the

organizations working within the Enduimet Wildlife Management Area to assist the institution in erecting a fence around the precinct so as to protect pupils and teachers who constantly live and learn in fear.

"We are in the middle of a wildlife corridor and the animals' traffic is huge," said the head teacher. Mwalimu Utauu was addressing members of the District Security Committee that visited the school, during their tour of Longido.

Sinya primary is a boarding school, which means during the night, life gets even scarier as all types of nocturnal beasts surround the institution as pupils cover inside in fear.

Longido District Commissioner, Nurdin Babu said he will direct the

local council officers to find ways of building fences around all schools operating in the area, just as other parties, including Non-Government Organisations in the precinct, will be probably seeing other ways of assisting in the project.

"The District Council will start with fencing the Sinya Primary, but other organisations such as the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) and the Tanzania Natural Resource Forum (TNRF), may come up with alternatives, including general strategies of combating human-wildlife conflicts," said Babu.

Meanwhile, the Enduimet Wildlife Management Area (EWMA) official Igno Laitayok said they have assisted the school to acquire a 10,000 liters' water reservoir tank to offset water shortages at the institution.



Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank managing director Frank Nyabundege (3rd-L) with Southern Agricultural Growth Corridor of Tanzania (Sagcot) CEO Geoffrey Kirenga (L) and other officials when he visited the agency's head offices in Dar es Salaam last week. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# Sagcot, TADB partner to bolster agriculture in southern Tanzania

By Guardian Reporter

LEADERS of Southern Agricultural Growth Corridor of Tanzania (Sagcot) and the Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank (TADB) yesterday vowed here to cooperate to increase farmers' incomes, amount and quality of crops grown in southern Tanzania.

Speaking after their close-door meeting Sagcot Chief Executive Officer Geoffrey Kirenga told reporters that the leaders of the two institutions reviewed farming opportunities, constraints and successes in southern regions of Tanzania and agreed to cooperate to improve farming activities in the regions to a higher level. Kirenga said they had an opportunity to explain to the TADB delegation how the Sagcot works. The delegation was led by the new TADB Managing Director, Frank Nyabundege. The meeting was held at the Sagcot headquarters in Dar es Salaam's Msasani Peninsula.

Kirenga said Sagcot leaders believe a change in leadership usually promises renewed vigour in implementing set targets and

goals. "With this belief in mind we shall continue to work with the TADB in bringing about reforms in the agriculture, livestock and fisheries sectors," he told reporters adding that Sagcot's task is to ensure investors in agriculture are recognised and contribute to solving smallholders' problems. "We said there is a need to have a kind of partnership between our two institutions so that the needs of farmers can be met, increase productivity and make agriculture sustainable," he said, adding the two institutions have a duty to explain to farmers how to get loans and increase production. Sagcot will link its partners to TADB, he promised.

There is a big need to increase flow of finance into the agriculture sector, Kirenga said adding that production in agriculture, livestock and fisheries sectors can increase sharply because of Tanzania's geography. He said the planned reforms in the three sectors will succeed if joint efforts will be applied in implementing the reforms. Such efforts, he explained, will contribute positively to the national industrialisation agenda

and increase the pace for Tanzania to become an industrial nation by 2025.

Nyabundege said the two parties had a successful meeting, adding that a roadmap provided by Sagcot will help TADB to reach a bigger number of farmers in different parts of the country and make farming a commercial occupation.

"Our cooperation with Sagcot will help us reach more farmers in different parts of the country and hence increase production," he said.

Nyabundege was last month appointed by President Samia Hassan to lead the TADB. He has 20 years of experience in the banking sector. He has served as the TIB Corporate Bank Managing Director also as the Managing Director of the Lake Oil Tanzania Limited.

Since 2010 Sagcot has worked with various actors in the agriculture sector including smallholders, commercial farmers, agri-business entrepreneurs and agro-processors in the southern highlands regions. It has partners in Katavi, Mbeya, Songwe, Njombe, Iringa and Morogoro regions.

# Do not pay clove sellers via mobile money transfer - President Mwinyi

By Guardian Reporter, Pemba

ZANZIBAR President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi has banned the payment to farmers' money from sale of cloves to the government via mobile phone transfers.

Dr Mwinyi issued the banning order yesterday after inspecting a cloves warehouse at Wete port in Pemba and the launch of MV Ikram passenger vessel.

He said purchase of one to 50 kilos of cloves should be paid on the spot in cash to remove the burden of mobile money transfer charges on farmers.

He instructed Zanzibar State

Trading Corporation (ZSTC) to make sure that for purchases of cloves in excess of 50 kilos should continue to be paid via mobile money transfers or banks.

"I have received complaints from the people who sell their cloves to ZSTC that they receive payment via mobile money transfers, I therefore direct that in regard to one to 50 kilos of the crop the money should be paid in cash on the spot," said President Mwinyi.

In regard to MV Ikram, the passenger that sails between Unguja and Pemba, he said the arrival of the ship will assist in pushing up the Isles' development.

He said the ship will also assist to reduce sea transport challenges especially to North Pemba residents.

For his part, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Transport, Hamil Bakari said arrival of the ship is a great relief as it has increased the number of passengers and cargo registered in Zanzibar to 42 of which 32 are passengers

Presenting her region's development report, Pemba North Regional Commissioner Salama Mbarouk Khatib said in July this year, the region, in collaboration with ZSTC bought 77,992 kilos of cloves valued at 1.01bn/-.





REF: PPR/21 - 09/2

## PUBLIC NOTICE ON CAP PRICES FOR PETROLEUM PRODUCTS EFFECTIVE THURSDAY, 2nd SEPTEMBER 2021

The Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA) hereby suspends the petroleum product cap prices that were published through Public Notice No. PPR/21 – 09/1 and became effective on 1st September 2021. Following the suspension of the said prices, petroleum prices in the country will remain as published on 4th August 2021. Hereinafter, kindly, take note of the following:

- The prices that were published on 4th August 2021 shall continue to be applicable effective from 2nd September 2021 until the Government reviews the petroleum price build up.
- EWURA would like to remind the public that these cap prices can be accessed through mobile phones by dialling \*152\*00# and then follow the provided instructions. This service is free of charge and is available in all mobile phone service providers in the country.
- In line with the prevailing sector legislation (Petroleum Act, 2015, section 166), prices of petroleum products are governed by rules of demand and supply. EWURA shall continue to encourage competition in the sector by making available petroleum products pricing information including cap prices. This information on prices is intended to enable stakeholders to make informed decisions on petroleum prices at any particular time.
- Oil Marketing Companies are free to sell their products at a price that gives them a competitive advantage provided that, such price does not exceed the price cap for the relevant product as it is computed using the approved formula, which was gazetted through the Government Notice No. 656 published on 21st August 2020.
- All petrol stations are required to publish petroleum product prices on clearly visible boards. The price boards should clearly show prices charged, discounts offered as well as any trade incentives or promotions on offer. Consumers are encouraged to purchase from stations that sell products at the most competitive prices and offer better services. It is an offense not to have prices published on boards located in clearly visible places in front of petrol stations. Failure to adhere to this directive will attract punitive measures from EWURA.
- Retailers must issue receipts printed from an Electronic Fiscal Pump Printer (EFP) for all sales that they make. In addition, consumers are required to demand and keep those receipts that clearly show the name of the petrol station, the date on which such purchase was made as well as, the type of petroleum product (fuel) and price per litre for every purchase they make. This can be used as an exhibit in case of a complaint lodged in the event that the selling price is above the cap price or in case the products sold do not meet the approved specifications and provide an assurance that appropriate government taxes on sales of petroleum products are fully accounted for recovery from the Retailers.

TABLE A: RETAIL PRICES

Town	Cap Prices		
	Petrol (TZS/Litre)	Diesel (TZS/Litre)	Kerosene (TZS/Litre)
Dar es Salaam	2,427	2,251	2,176
Arusha	2,543	2,380	2,260
Arumeru (Usa River)	2,543	2,380	2,260
Karatu	2,561	2,399	2,278
Longido	2,554	2,391	2,271
Monduli	2,548	2,386	2,265
Monduli-Makuyuni	2,553	2,390	2,270
Ngorongoro (Loliondo)	2,627	2,465	2,351
Coast (Kibaha)	2,431	2,256	2,180
Bagamoyo	2,438	2,263	2,187
Bagamoyo (Miono)	2,469	2,293	2,217
Chalinze Junction	2,441	2,266	2,190
Chalinze Township (Msata)	2,445	2,270	2,194
Kibiti	2,447	2,272	2,196
Kisarawe	2,434	2,259	2,183
Mkuranga	2,437	2,261	2,185
Rufiji	2,454	2,279	2,203
Dodoma	2,486	2,310	2,234
Bahi	2,493	2,318	2,242
Chamwino	2,481	2,306	2,230
Chemba	2,512	2,337	2,261
Kondoa	2,518	2,343	2,267
Kongwa	2,483	2,308	2,232
Mpwapwa	2,487	2,311	2,236
Mpwapwa (Chipogoro)	2,499	2,323	2,248
Mtera (Makatopora)	2,504	2,329	2,253
Mvumi	2,492	2,317	2,241
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Mvumi	2,492	2,317	2,241
Geita	2,592	2,417	2,341
Bukombe	2,581	2,406	2,330
Chato	2,613	2,438	2,362
Mbogwe	2,630	2,455	2,379
Nyang'hwale	2,607	2,432	2,356
Iringa	2,491	2,316	2,240
Ismani	2,496	2,321	2,245
Kilolo	2,495	2,320	2,244
Mufindi (Mafinga)	2,501	2,326	2,250
Mufindi (Igowole)	2,510	2,334	2,258
Kagera (Bukoba)	2,642	2,467	2,391
Biharamulo	2,617	2,441	2,365
Karagwe (Kayanga)	2,659	2,483	2,408
Kyerwa (Ruberwa)	2,664	2,489	2,413
Muleba	2,642	2,467	2,391
Ngara	2,630	2,455	2,379
Misenyi	2,651	2,475	2,400
Katavi (Mpanda)	2,635	2,460	2,384
Mlele (Inyonga)	2,654	2,479	2,403
Mpimbwe (Majimoto)	2,628	2,452	2,377
Tanganyika (Ikola)	2,653	2,477	2,402
Kigoma	2,658	2,483	2,407
Uvinza (Lugufu)	2,670	2,495	2,419
Buhigwe	2,647	2,472	2,396
Kakonko	2,615	2,440	2,364
Kasulu	2,644	2,469	2,393
Kibondo	2,623	2,447	2,371
Kilimanjaro (Moshi)	2,532	2,370	2,249
Hai (Bomang'ombe)	2,536	2,373	2,253
Mwanga	2,525	2,363	2,242
Rombo (Mkuu)	2,549	2,387	2,270
Same	2,519	2,356	2,236
Siha (Sanya Juu)	2,539	2,377	2,256
Lindi	2,422	2,289	2,235
Lindi-Mtama	2,426	2,294	2,253
Kilwa Masoko	2,445	2,313	2,209
Liwale	2,457	2,325	2,255
Nachingwea	2,441	2,309	2,264
Ruangwa	2,448	2,315	2,265
Manyara (Babati)	2,577	2,414	2,298
Hanang (Katesh)	2,587	2,425	2,309
Kiteto (Kibaya)	2,592	2,430	2,309
Mbulu	2,590	2,427	2,311
Simanjiro (Orkasumet)	2,609	2,446	2,330
Mara (Musoma)	2,605	2,430	2,354
Musoma Vijijini (Busekela)	2,646	2,471	2,395
Rorya (Ingirijuu)	2,614	2,439	2,363
Rorya (Shirati)	2,649	2,474	2,398
Bunda	2,597	2,421	2,345
Bunda (Kisorya)	2,606	2,431	2,355
Butiama	2,602	2,427	2,351
Serengeti (Mugumu)	2,651	2,476	2,400
Tarime	2,616	2,441	2,365
Tarime (Kewanja/Nyamongo)	2,621	2,446	2,370
Mbeya	2,534	2,359	2,283
Chunya	2,543	2,368	2,292
Chunya (Makongolosi)	2,549	2,373	2,298
Chunya (Lupa Tingatinga)	2,551	2,375	2,299
Kyela	2,550	2,374	2,299
Mbarali (Rujewa)	2,518	2,343	2,267
Rujewa (Madibira)	2,531	2,356	2,280
Rujewa (Kapunga)	2,528	2,353	2,277
Rungwe (Tukuyu)	2,543	2,368	2,292
Morogoro	2,452	2,277	2,201
Mikumi	2,467	2,292	2,216
Kilombero (Ifakara)	2,490	2,314	2,238
Kilombero (Mlimba)	2,512	2,337	2,261
Kilombero (Mngeta)	2,501	2,326	2,250
Ulanga (Mahenge)	2,500	2,325	2,249
Malinyi	2,511	2,335	2,259
Kilosa	2,470	2,295	2,219
Gairo	2,470	2,295	2,219
Mvomero (Wami Sokoina)	2,462	2,287	2,211
Mvomero (Sanga Sanga)	2,452	2,277	2,201
Turian	2,477	2,302	2,226
Mtwara	2,408	2,275	2,248
Nanyumbu (Mangaka)	2,444	2,312	2,297
Masasi	2,424	2,291	2,274
Newala	2,429	2,296	2,280
Tandahimba	2,422	2,289	2,273
Nanyamba	2,422	2,289	2,273
Mwanza	2,577	2,402	2,326
Kwimba	2,595	2,420	2,344
Magu	2,585	2,410	2,334
Misungwi	2,571	2,396	2,320
Sengerema	2,609	2,434	2,358
Ukerewe	2,636	2,461	2,385
Njombe	2,519	2,344	2,268
Njombe (Kidegembye)	2,540	2,365	2,289
Ludewa	2,557	2,382	2,306
Makambako	2,512	2,336	2,260
Makete	2,550	2,375	2,299
Wanging'ombe (Igwachanya)	2,517	2,342	2,266
Rukwa (Sumbawanga)	2,600	2,424	2,349
Sumbawanga Rural (Mtowisa)	2,600	2,424	2,349
Kalambo (Matai)	2,607	2,432	2,356
Nkasi (Namanyele)	2,613	2,438	2,362
Ruvuma (Songea)	2,493	2,361	2,299
Mbinga	2,506	2,373	2,333
Namtumbo	2,484	2,352	2,328
Nyasa (Mbamba Bay)	2,531	2,399	2,343
Tunduru	2,459	2,326	2,358
Shinyanga	2,556	2,381	2,305
Kahama	2,569	2,394	2,318
Kishapu	2,584	2,409	2,333
Ushetu (Nyamilangano)	2,587	2,412	2,336
Ushetu (Kangeme Village)	2,578	2,402	2,327
Salawe	2,570	2,395	2,319
Simiyu (Bariadi)	2,597	2,422	2,346
Busega (Nyashimo)	2,590	2,415	2,339
Itilima (Lagangabilili)	2,600	2,425	2,349
Maswa	2,589	2,413	2,337
Meatu (Mwanhuizi)	2,596	2,420	2,345
Singida	2,518	2,342	2,266
Iramba	2,530	2,354	2,278
Manyoni	2,502	2,327	2,251
Itigi (Mitundu)	2,518	2,342	2,266
Ikungi	2,513	2,338	2,262
Mkalama (Nduguti)	2,542	2,367	2,291
Songwe (Vwawa)	2,543	2,368	2,292
Songwe (Mkwajuni)	2,550	2,375	2,299
Ileje	2,547	2,372	2,296
Momba (Chitete)	2,552	2,377	2,301
Tunduma	2,547	2,372	2,296
Tabora	2,535	2,360	2,284
Igulia	2,548	2,373	2,297
Ulyankulu	2,545	2,370	2,294
Nzega	2,545	2,370	2,294
Sikonge	2,544	2,369	2,293
Urambo	2,545	2,370	2,294
Uyui	2,541	2,366	2,290
Mpyagula	2,567	2,391	2,315
Tanga	2,486	2,324	2,222
Handeni	2,507	2,344	2,201
Kilindi	2,522	2,359	2,236
Korogwe	2,498	2,336	2,215
Lushoto	2,508	2,345	2,224
Mkinga (Maramba)	2,493	2,331	2,236
Muheza	2,491	2,329	2,222
Pangani	2,493	2,330	2,228

TABLE B: WHOLESALE PRICES

Ports	Petrol (TZS/Litre)	Diesel (TZS/Litre)	Kerosene (TZS/Litre)
DAR ES SALAAM	2,297.20	2,122.07	2,047.04
TANGA	2,356.26	2,194.08	--
MTWARA	2,278.45	2,145.83	--

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By Correspondent Adela Madyane, Kigoma

## Residents of Kigoma-Ujiji decry frequent blackouts

KIGOMA Ujiji Municipal Council residents have raised concern over frequent blackouts, something that affects their daily economic activities, blaming the Tanzania Electric Supply Company (TANESCO) for failing to provide clear information on the cause of the problem.

Speaking to journalists here, the residents wanted authorities to work on the matter and come out with a clear statement on how to address the challenge.

Azizi Musa, a refrigerator and air conditioner technician in Kigoma Ujiji, said that for over a month he has been receiving tenders to repair refrigerators that have been damaged due to the irregular electricity shortage.

"Frequent power cuts are affecting our income and lives, honestly, the situation affects a number of businesses, and authorities should act on this," he said.

Daud Juvenary, an entrepreneur whose activities are based on

electricity consumption for 24 hours, said he suffered huge losses due to the lack of reliable electricity.

"We need to know the reason for this, for how long are we going to live in this situation of power cuts, this hurts me a lot?" Daud questioned.

Another resident, Anastazia Nchemba said regular power cuts affect two main areas, first economic aspect but also in domestic activities and unfortunately nothing is being done to rescue the situation.

"In our houses we have students/pupils who have to study during the nights and others need to iron their clothes, but there are also workers who need power all the time to work, the electricity issue is not clear as they cut during the day and at night as well," Nchemba said.

Responding to the matter, TANESCO acting regional manager Mukhsin Kijemkuu acknowledged the existence of the challenge saying

that the situation is also caused due to the increasing number of power users. According to him, the organisation currently serves five times more customers due to lower electricity connection charges from 300,000/- to 27,000/-.

He said that Kigoma Ujiji Municipal has a total of five generators producing electricity of 6.25 MW while the level of consumption is 8.9KW which is not enough to meet the need as electricity for Kigoma Ujiji municipal serves Kigoma DC, Kigoma Municipal, Uvinza district and parts of Buhigwe district areas.

Kijemkuu further advised the citizens to install protection devices such as a socket breaker to maintain the safety of their homes and property, as failure to do so could result in serious damages.

"The company is planning to solve the problem by having some more power machines," he said.



Kinondoni district commissioner Godwin Gondwe (L) addresses residents of Dar es Salaam's Mabwepande suburb yesterday on disputes relating to land ownership and use. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

THE government of Canada has pledged to continue supporting Tanzania in various areas of development after it has shown effective financial management in several projects implemented by the two governments.

The Canadian ambassador in Tanzania, Pamela O'Donnell made the statement yesterday here during the meeting with the Minister of Finance, Dr Mwigulu Nchemba.

Ambassador O'Donnell said there have been significant achievements in various projects implemented in Tanzania in collaboration with the government of Canada especially in the health and education sector, where the funds issued have been utilized properly.

"Due to the government's efforts

## Canada vows to keep supporting Tanzania development projects

in implementing the projects, we see that there is an opportunity to continue strengthening our cooperation in various areas including education, health and capacity building for women," she said. Dr Nchemba appreciated Canada commitment to continue supporting Tanzania in the areas of health, education and environment conservation.

He said that the sectors that Canada has pledged to support are very important in the development of the country as they are also priority sectors of the sixth phase government.

He said that the two governments

will also initiate new talks on how to scale-up implementation of development programmes that are funded by Canada after the existing ones have expired in June, 2021.

Dr Nchemba said since independence, Canada has supported Tanzania in various development projects worth about USD2.39bn/- that ranges from mineral, health, education and good governance. He further commended the Canadian envoy for recognising the efforts done by the sixth phase government under President Samia Suluhu Hassan's leadership among others, focuses on improving international relations.



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##### I. INTRODUCTION

Geita Gold Mining Limited ("The Company") an AngloGold Ashanti's ("AGA") asset is located in north western Tanzania, in the Lake Victoria goldfields of the Geita region, about 5km from Geita town.

The Company is in the process of procuring Equipment for Collecting Geometallurgical data and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible service providers to submit Expression of Interest for the provision of the below goods.

##### Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01218	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF EQUIPMENT FOR COLLECTING GEOMETALLURGICAL DATA

##### 1. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	10%
<b>COMMERCIAL</b>	
Company Profile	1.25%
Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	1.25%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)	1.25%
Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN	1.25%
Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license.	1.25%
Company Shareholding Structure/Share structure of the company (ownership of shares in percentage (%))	1.25%
List of Directors	1.25%
Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission	1.25%
<b>FINANCIAL POSITION &amp; TERMS OF TRADE</b>	<b>5%</b>
Audited & certified financial statements (2018-2019)	2.5%
At least 2 references from the applicant's bankers regarding supplier's credit position	2.5%
<b>SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS</b>	<b>5%</b>
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Environment Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	1.25%
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<b>PAST EXPERIENCE</b>	<b>5%</b>
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered into with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1.25%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.25%
Acceptance certificates/completion certificates (proof of the above) where applicable	1.25%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.25%
<b>TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01218)</b>	<b>75%</b>
The Equipment should have the ability to do the following: -	
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5. The predictive model provides Mine Planners and Engineers with inherent variabilities in the orebody, offering key information to exploit the orebody and by doing so maximizes value	15%
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Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the SERVICE DESCRIPTION AND REFERENCE NUMBER (GGME01218) of the service they intend to express interest on THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL together with supporting information to GGML, which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline a statement of firm capability to provide the relevant Services, including similar contracts undertaken over the past three years. All LOIs and support documentation must be received by the GGML Office via e-mail at [geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com](mailto:geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com) not later than 0830 A.M 14<sup>TH</sup> September 2021 (the "LOI" Submission Deadline). EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.

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By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

THE media have the responsibility of giving priority in publishing news of women in leadership positions and others whose voices need to be raised in order to instill positive changes in the community.

The remarks have been made on Tuesday by the Director of Tanzania Media Association-Zanzibar (TAMWA-Zanzibar), Dr Mzuri Issa at the event that launched a report that looked into how the media write about women in leadership position in the Isles.

Dr Mzuri said the media have huge opportunities to bring about positive changes in the society at this time including publishing news on various events done by women in both the government and private institutions. She added that normally many women have failed to hold leadership positions due

## Media advised to report more on women leaders

to lack of adequate preparations in vying for the positions.

She gave the example President Samia Suluhu Hassan saying she passed through various positions until she became the president, hence it is evident she is among women who had been well prepared to eventually hold the topmost position.

Submitting the report, an instructor on media issues, Dr Abubakar Rajab said from his research, various media organisations operating in the Isles and Tanzania in general have been according little coverage on women in leadership positions.

He said it has been normal not

to see news on such women in newspapers or even via radio and TV and instead many of them believe that only men are to be given such priority. He said editors of media outlets should see these challenges on women and work on them.

Speaking after submission of the report, Assistant Editor of Zanzibar government newspapers, Juma Khamis said the research has revealed to them how they have unjustly been treating women in their media outlets.

The project to mobilise women to vie for leadership positions is being implemented by TAMWA-Zanzibar under sponsorship of the Norwegian Embassy in Tanzania.

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

MEMBERS of Zanzibar's House of Representatives' Oversight State Leaders Office Committee have expressed satisfaction with activities at biohazard waste disposal plant at Kisarawe, Coast region, terming it 'world-class'.

Members of the committee in the company of the Minister of State in the First Vice President's Office Saada Mkuya visited the plant owned by Tindwa Medical and Health Services (TMHS) to learn how the disposal services take place without affecting the environment.

Other leaders in the entourage included Permanent Secretary in the First Vice President's Office, Dr Omary Dadi Shajaak, Committee deputy Chairperson, Mtumwa Peya Yusuf and officers from the National Environment Management Council (NEMC).

Speaking about the visit, Dr Mkuya said the aim was to learn how to keep and dispose hazardous wastes at Viwandani hospital without affecting the environment.

She noted that disposal of such wastes is a real challenge in Zanzibar, thus the need to learn best practices on how others are disposing them.

"We have a lot of challenges in dealing with hazardous wastes as it is at Mnazi Mmoja hospital causing some of its facilities to fail to work efficiently due to big work load," she said.

The minister noted that Zanzibar

## Zanzibar's legislators happy with waste disposal plant at Kisarawe

is a tourist destination and it is well known that tourism goes alongside environment and hygiene and failure to maintain environmental cleanliness can result to reduced number of tourists visiting our country.

"The committee has therefore visited this disposal plant owned by TMHS to learn and it will help us formulate guidelines on how to dispose hazardous wastes without harming the environment," she added.

On his part, the committee deputy chairperson, Mtumwa Peya Yusuf observed that the tour at Tindwa was opportunity to learn since there is no such a plant in Zanzibar.

"There is no such a hazardous wastes disposal plant in Zanzibar making such wastes spread in many areas, causing a lot of environment hazards," he said, adding that as representatives, they have the obligation to advice the government to dispose such wastes as they have learnt.

Maimuna Salum, Waste Manager at TMHS said, "TMHS prides itself as a leading hazardous waste management company in Tanzania. We develop collection, transportation, treatment, storage and disposal strategies on hazardous and non-hazardous waste".

She noted that their aim is to make

waste management services to their client easy, economically viable and having maximum compliance with respect to the norms of Tanzania regulatory authorities.

Maimuna said TMHS was established in 2009, operating in the field of emergency medical services, ground and air ambulances across the country and beyond.

She said, "The challenge our country was facing in improperly disposed biohazard waste inspired us to look into ways to do safe disposal and make our country safe for the future generations."

To date it has collected and disposed more than 10,000,000 tonnes of metal, medical, industrial, cosmetics, chemical and pharmaceutical biohazard waste.

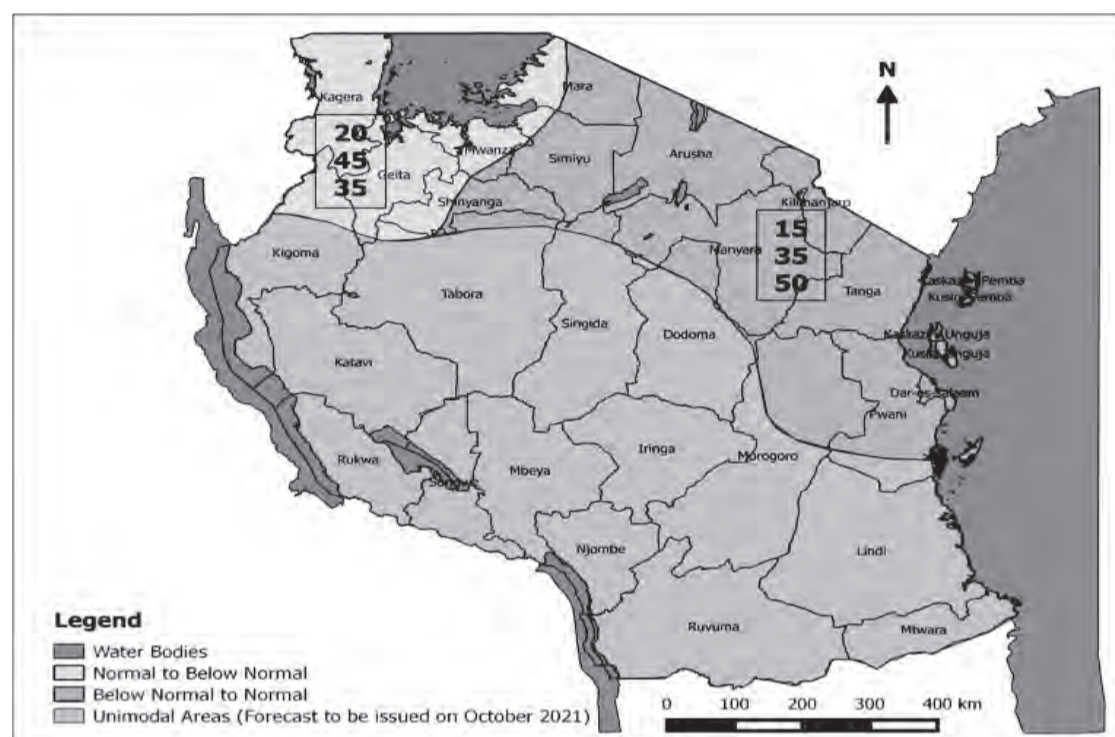
According to the manager TMHS has a diverse team of experts specialized in waste and environment management across many industries including mining, oil and gas, agricultural, transportation, healthcare, construction and manufacturing.

It is working with government agencies, international companies, local facilities and individuals and providing comprehensive bio hazard waste management from collection, storage, transportation and disposal using modern high-tech machines.





# CLIMATE OUTLOOK FOR OCTOBER – DECEMBER, 2021 (VULI) RAINY SEASON



## Highlights for October –December, 2021 (Vuli) rainfall season

This statement describes the evolution of the climate systems and outlook for the October to December, 2021 rainfall season, advisories and early warnings to various weather sensitive sectors including agriculture and food security, livestock and fisheries, natural resources, wildlife and tourism, energy and water, transport (land, marine and aviation), local authorities, health and disaster management. This season is more significant for the areas of the northeastern highlands, northern coast, Lake Victoria Basin and the northern parts of Kigoma region. The key message contained in the outlook indicates that:

### a) The Vuli 2021 seasonal rains

- Vuli rains are expected to be below normal to normal and characterized by prolonged periods of dry spells.
- The Vuli rainy season is expected to have a poor start in the third and fourth weeks of October 2021 with poor distribution and progress in many areas.
- Beside the below normal to normal rainfall condition, warmer than usual temperatures are expected across bimodal areas during the Vuli rainy season.

### b) Expected Impacts

- Soil moisture deficit is expected over most areas.
- Outbreak of water borne diseases may occur due to deficit of clean and safe water.
- Inadequate pasture and water can result into conflicts between pastoralists and other land users.
- Risk of forest fires is likely to be elevated thus relevant authorities are advised to prepare strategies to mitigate the associated impacts.

## (I) SEASONAL RAINFALL OUTLOOK FOR OCTOBER – DECEMBER, 2021

The Vuli rainy season is specific to areas of the northeastern highlands (Arusha, Manyara and Kilimanjaro regions), northern coast (northern part of Morogoro region, Pwani (including Mafia Island), Dar es Salaam and Tanga regions, Unguja and Pemba isles), Lake Victoria basin (Kagera, Geita, Mwanza, Shinyanga, Simiyu and Mara regions) and the northern part of Kigoma region (Kibondo and Kakonko districts).

Based on current and expected climate systems (as indicated in part III of this statement), generally, below normal to normal rains are expected over most parts of bimodal rainfall areas. However, most areas of the Lake Victoria basin are more likely to receive normal to below normal rains. The season is likely to be characterized by late onset and accompanied by poor temporal and spatial distribution. However, periods of slight increase in rainfall are expected to occur in few areas by December 2021 through January 2022. Beside the below normal to normal rainfall condition, warmer than usual temperatures are expected across bimodal areas during the Vuli rainy season, in particular northern coast and northeastern highland.

### 1. Lake Victoria Basin (Kagera, Geita, Mwanza, Shinyanga, Simiyu and Mara regions) and northern part of Kigoma region (Kibondo and Kakonko districts):

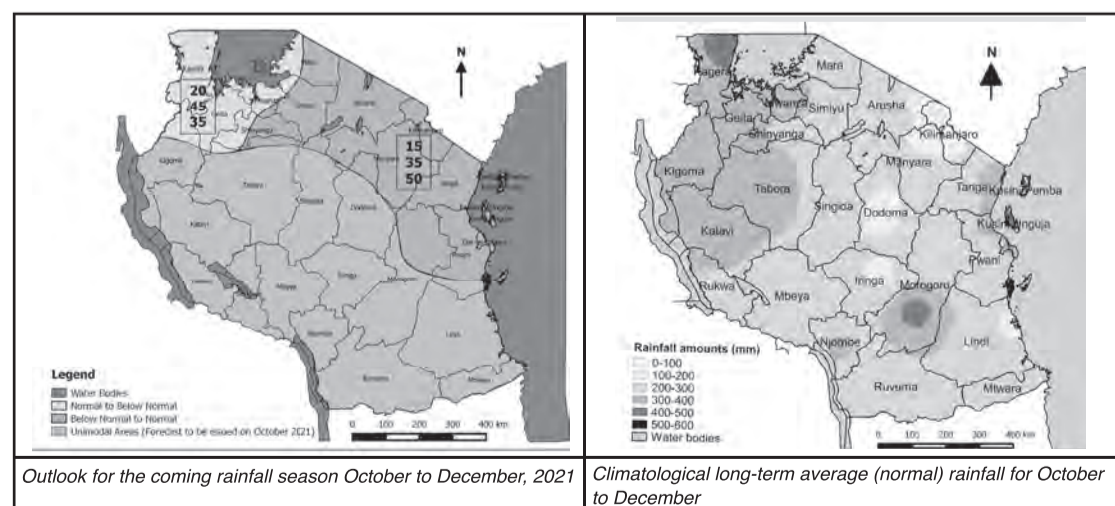
The seasonal rains are expected to be normal to below normal over most parts of Geita, Kagera, Mwanza, western part of Shinyanga and northern part of Kigoma regions. On the other hand, Simiyu, Mara and eastern part of Shinyanga regions are expected to feature below normal to normal rains. The rains are expected to start during the third week of October, 2021 and cease during the month of January, 2022.

### 2. Northern Coast and its Hinterlands: (northern part of Morogoro region, Pwani (including Mafia Island), Dar es Salaam and Tanga regions, Unguja and Pemba isles):

Rains are expected to be below normal to normal over most areas of the northern coast. The rains are expected to start between the third and fourth weeks of October, 2021. However, the onset is likely to be affected by high frequency dry spells.

### 3. Northeastern Highlands: (Arusha, Manyara and Kilimanjaro regions):

Rains are expected to be below normal to normal over most areas. The onset for these rains is expected to be during the third and fourth weeks of October, 2021 and characterized by prolonged and high frequency dry spells, poor temporal distribution and progress. The cessation is expected in the fourth week of December, 2021.



Outlook for the coming rainfall season October to December, 2021 Climatological long-term average (normal) rainfall for October to December

It should be noted that events of heavy and short duration rainfall might occur despite suppressed rainfall condition expected during October - December.

## (II) LIKELY IMPACTS AND ADVISORY

The impacts and advisories of the outlook were jointly developed with experts from respective sectors during the stakeholders meeting held on 31st August, 2021.

### (a) Agriculture and Food Security

During Vuli 2021 rainy season, reduced soil moisture is expected to occur in many bimodal areas. However, severe depletion of moisture is expected in the north-eastern highlands and the northern coast of Tanzania is expected to affect crop growth. In addition, crop pests (such as ants) and diseases are expected to increase in the season thus affecting crop growth and productivity. Similarly, availability of forest products such as honey are expected to be affected due to water deficiencies and insufficient tree flowering. Production of seaweeds may be affected due to anticipated prolonged dry spells.

Farmers are advised to plant crops that are drought tolerant and can mature in a short period of time. Moreover, they are advised to conserve soil moisture and water by using available technologies and farming techniques that are climate resilient. Farmers are also advised to seek advice from extension officers on the best way to run agricultural activities for food and nutrition security. In addition, the relevant authorities are advised to provide awareness and advice to farmers on the best way to make use of the expected minimum rainfall as well as the optimal use of available food reserve.

### (b) Livestock and Fishery

The expected below normal rainfall in the season is expected to affect water availability and grazing for livestock and food for fish. This situation is expected to affect the production of fish and livestock products. In addition, fishery products (such as fish and algae) are expected to decrease. Livestock diseases are likely to decrease during this season. Similarly due to insufficient pasture and water there is a likelihood of conflicts emerging between pastoralists and other land users. The community is advised to put in place a good plan for the use and conservation of water and animal feed. In addition, pastoralists and fishers are advised to use weather forecast updates and adhere to the advice provided by extension officers.

### (c) Tourism and Wildlife

Shortage of water and pasture due poor distribution of rains is likely to create conflicts between the community surrounding the wildlife habitats and the wildlife in search of water and pasture. Moreover, outbreak of wildlife diseases is expected to occur due to insufficient water and pasture. Diseases transmission from wild to domestic animals is also expected following the exposure and mixing of these animals as they search for water and pasture. The responsible authorities are highly advised to raise awareness to the community at risk and take other necessary and appropriate measures. Meanwhile, the community at risk is encouraged to provide information to the responsible authorities on any noticeable invasion of wild animals into their areas.

### (d) Transport and Transportation

Most areas are expected to receive below normal to normal rains, therefore transportation sector especially land transport is expected to benefit from the weather condition.

It is advised that, rehabilitation of the infrastructure should be planned and implemented taking into consideration expected climate outlook to reduce possible impacts.

### (e) Energy, Water and Mineral

Expected decrease in water levels in rivers, reservoirs and decrease in aquifer recharge is likely to occur in most of the areas especially where below normal rainfall is forecasted. Water level is expected to decrease hence less water for various use. Less energy production is expected from hydropower source, mineral production will decrease especially for gold production from small scales miners. For water sector all users will be affected (social-economic and environment) therefore conflicts between large and small users, upstream and downstream users may emerge. However, petroleum exploration and hydropower projects will smoothly be executed in areas forecasted with below normal rainfall. Therefore, it is advisable to take precautions to use available water sustainably for mineral processing, power generation, industrial, domestic and other use.

### (f) Local Authorities

Local authorities are advised to prepare maintenance plan to improve water supply infrastructures and drainage systems. Proper preparation will ensure water supply and drainage systems are working properly.

### (g) Health sector

Areas where below normal rains are expected, outbreak of water borne diseases may occur due to deficit of clean and safe water. Therefore, relevant authorities responsible for public health are advised to take necessary health precautions needed to minimize the expected negative impacts on health, including insisting communities to treat water before use, drink enough clean and safe water to prevent dehydration. Communities are advised to consult health professionals so as to ensure protection from diseases.

### (h) Private Sector

Commercial weather-related activities may be affected in terms of increased production costs due to high-energy consumption in the storage of perishable crop and products. The anticipated below normal rainfall may trigger trees sprouting into more branches that will affect poles and timber quality. The private sector is advised to partner with a variety of experts including meteorologists to mitigate potential impacts. Steps to reduce the number of tree branches should be implemented regularly. Banking and Insurance Institutions are advised to prepare and provide specific services to stakeholders to build resilience in business.

### (i) Disaster Management

Areas where below normal to normal rains are expected, insufficient food, pastures and water availability may occur. Responsible Authorities are advised to incorporate and ensure food security, pasture and water availability and provide guidance to minimize the expected impacts.

### (j) Media

Media is advised to obtain, make regular follow-up and disseminate weather and climate information and warnings including updates as provided by Tanzania Meteorological Authority (TMA).

Journalist are advised to seek and make use of sectoral advice from experts to prepare and disseminate sector-wide articles and reports in simple language with the aim of informing and educating the public on the use of the forecasts in mitigating the effects of adverse weather conditions.

## (III) CLIMATE SYSTEMS OUTLOOK

The expected neutral sea surface temperatures (SSTs) across West Indian Ocean and warmer SSTs over East Indian Ocean is indicating a negative Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) leading to reduced advection of warm moist air towards the country. Development of low-pressure systems in the southwest Indian Ocean is likely to result in faster movement of the rain making system, the ITCZ, towards southern parts of the country.

Meanwhile, warm to neutral SSTs expected in eastern Atlantic Ocean (off-Angola coast) are likely to reduce influx of moisture from Congo Basin towards the country. In addition, the central tropical region in the Pacific Ocean is expected to have below average temperatures, thus indicating the presence of weak La Nina contributing to suppressed rainfall in areas that receive two rainy seasons per year.

During the Vuli 2021 rainy season, a lack of adequate wind anomaly is expected in many parts of the country, thus suppressing the Vuli rainy season. In addition, low-altitude winds in the lower atmosphere in northern Congo are expected to reduce rainfall in the North-western parts of the country.

The Tanzania Meteorological Authority (TMA) advises all users of this climate outlook including farmers, livestock keepers, wildlife conservation authorities, hydrological and health sectors to continue seeking and utilizing experts' advice on their respective sectors.

**NB: The current status of seasonal forecasting allows for prediction of spatial and temporal averages over larger areas and may not fully account for all physical and dynamical factors that influence short-term climate variability. Users of this outlook are, therefore urged to make good use of daily, ten-day and monthly updates issued by the Tanzania Meteorological Authority.**

Tanzania Meteorological Authority (TMA) will continue to monitor developments of the weather systems and issue updates whenever appropriate. Users are encouraged to consult TMA for specialized outlooks on relevant sectors so as to suit their specific needs.

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## Why is computing mobile cash transfer levies this challenging?

**A**FTER the government reduced the levies applicable in mobile cash transfers, it now happens that the Treasury has left the task of making further adjustments to the rates to the Bank of Tanzania.

That essentially entails finding a formula, via computer programming, that may broaden the framework on which the levy is calculated - and advise the government on the result.

It implies that how to go about it is now an aspect of fiscal and monetary policy regulatory instruments as different from tax administration as such. It is a tough issue.

While there are expectations that mobile money transfer levies may be slashed further with what Finance minister Mwigulu Nchemba says is a faster pace in the growth of the digital economy, that proviso all but rules out speed in that regard.

The good minister was likely to be comfortable enough with the 30 per cent reduction of government levy and the ten per cent diminishing of service provision charges announced on Tuesday.

This is clear from the spirited defence of the charges, and the wish that money continues being sent to districts.

In that case, the team of experts now working to see how technology can help boost economic efficiency in the digital sphere is welcome, as it might point out other ways of optimising revenue from digital operations as a whole.

Cash transfers is a salivating candidate to levy upon as it is more frequent than virtually any other method and, indeed, the minister didn't say what exactly central bank experts will be figuring out to add to digital monetisation. It is to cast the

nets into deeper digital waters.

The minister pointed out that around 63bn/- was collected in the six weeks following the start of application of the new levies, which has helped to complete the building of 220 new health centers in around 140 districts, in areas which have for decades lacked proper health facilities.

In addition, around 560 classrooms are being built using the new source of revenue - and the Treasury's focus is now on marshalling funds to improve school facilities ahead of the new Form One intake early next year.

Noticeably, the minister affirmed that mobile cash transfers per day were not diminishing, going by data to the effect that an average of 10 million transactions were being observed before the levies and it was the same level during the past month.

What the central bank is thus working on is less the levies than a wider application of the method, and some news agencies stated that this may refer to taxing 'Big Tech' as it is called in the West, namely operations of companies like Microsoft, Apple, Google, Facebook, Amazon, etc. If this is indeed the wish, it could alter the burden of digital levies to a different pack of users.

Still that proposition could be a minefield like the cash transfer issue, the only difference being that the cash transfer levies constitute a local issue, not touching on globalisation.

Angling such effort to reducing the levy is a sweetener of sorts, while leaving it to the central bank to figure it out shows caution. That is how it should be so as to avoid starting a tug of war with all sorts of users in social and business communications.



## Renewable energy can create 231,400 jobs by 2030



By Tiaan Hendriks

**A** decade ago, the Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Procurement Programme (REIPPPP) was established through a supporting policy framework in the form of the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP).

Associated Ministerial Determinations and processes for permitting, licensing and connection to the grid were similarly launched.

REIPPPP is essentially a competitive tender process that was designed to facilitate private sector investment into grid-connected renewable energy generation in South Africa.

A recent article on CNBC Africa says: "The role of renewables in the economy cannot be overstated. In South Africa, the REIPPPP attracted investment (equity and debt) of a total value of R209.7-billion (R41.8-billion: foreign investment).

"Since inception of the REIPPPP in 2011, a total of 55,217 job years have been created for South African citizens to date. The programme further contributed to socioeconomic development and enterprise development of R1.3-billion and R402.5-million, respectively, according to reports from the Independent Power Producer Office."

As a company that has operated in this sector since 1997, we know the capacity that renewable energy has to create much-needed employment - the continuing need for which is clearly evidenced in the latest Stats SA report.

The report says, in part: "... the official unemployment rate

increasing by 0.1 of a percentage point from 32.5 per cent in the fourth quarter of 2020 to 32.6 per cent in the first quarter of 2021 - the highest since the start of the QLFS in 2008".

As more and more countries around the world have started to manufacture, trade in and install renewable energy technologies, employment has proven to increase. The leader is the solar photo-voltaic (PV) industry, representing one-third of the total global renewable energy workforce, with PV employment having also expanded in India, Southeast Asia and Brazil in 2018.

According to the International Renewable Agency's (IRENA) Renewable Energy and Jobs Annual Review Report for 2019, it is hydropower that holds the largest installed capacity of all renewables, directly employing 2.1-million people worldwide.

Closer to home (South Africa), it is estimated that direct off-grid solar employment in parts of sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia are the full-time equivalent of 372,000 jobs. A whole 56 per cent of these jobs are in rural areas - and 27 per cent are filled by women.

Distributed renewables for energy access (DREA) systems have now become an effective and established solution for providing energy access, with about 150 million people around the world having benefited from it in 2019.

Over and above the obvious employment opportunities it holds, it is clear that renewable energy is playing an increasingly instrumental role when it comes to improving access to energy - with the resulting

positive social and economic ripple effects.

Global investment in renewable energy capacity remained nearly flat in 2019 and 2020, but this year is starting to indicate otherwise.

According to the World Energy Investment Report 2021: "In 2021, annual global energy investment is set to rise to US\$1.9-trillion, rebounding nearly 10 per cent from 2020 and bringing the total volume of investment back towards pre-crisis levels. However, the composition has shifted towards power and end-user sectors - and away from traditional fuel production."

In the South African context, we are currently in an insufficient energy capacity position that demands alternatives to fossil fuels.

As per a presentation organised by Capacity Building Programme for Employment Promotion: "The electricity generation mix that powers the South African economy is transitioning - with coal to be significantly replaced by wind and solar generation capacity from an installed capacity of 71 per cent coal and 7.2 per cent wind and solar in 2018, to 43 per cent coal and 33.8 per cent wind and solar in 2030 (IRP 2019)."

In July 2020, the South African government's department of minerals and energy published the determination issued by the minister for 2,000 megawatts of electricity to be procured from a range of energy source technologies.

Additionally, the long-awaited amendment to the country's Electricity Regulation Act, allowing

companies to generate up to 100MW capacity without having to register for a generation licence, was gazetted this August 12.

The IRP 2019 details planned capacity for solar PV, wind and embedded generation of close to 21,146 MW by the end of 2030. The department breaks down the capacity as 6,484MW from solar PV, 9,462MW from wind, 300MW from concentrating solar power and 2,600MW from embedded generation.

With renewable components projected for the 2022 to 2024 allotment and 11,000MW of coal power expected to be decommissioned by 2030, renewable energy is expected to see an increase to about one-third (26,000MW, or 33 per cent) of total installed capacity.

If we take a rough estimate of six months per 1MW for 20 people or ten people per MW a year, as well as the 2,000MW mentioned in the determination in July 2020, we are looking at 231,460 jobs to be created up till 2030.

If we then assume that the people added to the industry on an annual basis retain their jobs, it equates to a net job addition of 124,320 or 12,432 new jobs a year.

The global energy transformation is accelerating as governments work to expand the social and economic benefits of renewable energy.

As critical as the need for decarbonisation and the meeting of international climate goals are, so too are the requirements for job creation and the growth of the national economy. It's obvious that renewable energies can play a valuable role in doing just that.

## Reworking of colonial era rules on prisoners feasible, let's try it

**H**OME Affairs minister George Simbachawene must have surprised quite a few people on instructing the Prisons Department to rectify the inmates' upkeep system in prisons.

He raised eyebrows in decrying the system as based on colonial-era rules and denying prisoners the sense of humanity to which they are entitled despite their criminal convictions.

If French newspaper readers were to be looking at these remarks, they would have wondered what fly (like tsetse) had bitten the minister.

Simbachawene issued the instructions at a meeting of senior Prisons Department officers from Mainland regions making an in-house assessment of the department's performance.

His focus was definitely to turn prisons into a workforce rather than penal communities, in which case tasking the top leadership there to look into clothing, the food eaten, room for resting, and other human needs.

It is fair to say that the minister is trying to raise the morale of both warders and inmates so that they do a better - but it all poses vexing challenges.

One such alteration of the said rules would involve enabling prisoners to observe prayer days in a way that differs from other days on the week, even though they cannot go to houses of worship.

The idea is that they should look different from their routine outfits, as part of the wish to change inmates' conditions on grounds that

ethically - they should be equal to other human beings.

It is possible that this orientation is unavoidable, what with the slogan "New Thinking, New Look and Hard Work for Self Sufficiency" in the Prisons Department, which the minister demanded that it be clearly discerned and observed with regard to inmates' upkeep.

One lingering question here is the source of the maxim espoused in the slogan, what sort of philosophy it corresponds with, and what countries are capable of implementing it without encouraging crime. Without a far-reaching discussion, including in the National Assembly, it isn't possible to say the debate is closed.

Still there is a way out for the government generally and the department in particular, and it comes under the maxim of 'not wiring with saliva while there is ink'.

The best way to figure out how far such reforms can work is to try them, monitor the results and let more people contribute ideas meant to enrich the debate and see more meaningful results.

If the minister is already convinced that the department has worked hard enough on the slogan, perhaps there is mileage they have covered that the rest of us need to be put to some intuition.

In a word, it is possible to give the minister and the Prisons Department staff the benefit of the doubt on the matter, but just that, as a full-scale application of those methods would require sustained assessment of initial efforts.



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## Junior PR &amp; Communication Professional

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Terms of the Contract: Fixed term contract.

## A. Responsibilities

The Junior PR & Communication Professional is responsible for:

- Ensuring visibility of the programme's activities in Tanzania, in accordance with GIZ rules and in coordination with the GIZ-Tanzania Communications Manager.
- Managing institutional communication with government implementing partners.
- Participating in the monitoring of sectoral information and data publications

## B. Tasks

## 1. Communication

The Junior Administrative Professional

- Participate in the development of a communication strategy for the Tanzania component of E4D, liaise with the Regional Communication Officer to update communication materials and develop new materials.
- Be the communication focal point of the programme
- Organisation of meetings, workshops, and various internal and external events
- Creation and management of a database of programme partners
- Carry out visits to sites where different programme activities are being implemented to identify and report on important developments on site and to gather useful information to ensure the visibility of E4D activities in Tanzania

## 2. Project implementation support

The Junior PR & Communication Professional

- Support project managers in the implementation and monitoring of activities
- Supporting the programme management in M&E, reporting, communication, and knowledge management
- Working closely with the project team and colleagues, participating in meetings, supporting efficient coordination and implementation of activities
- Assist in the preparation of requested reports and/or documents and if necessarily make translations

- Liaise and work closely with the Programme Team Leader, Projects Managers, Monitoring and Reporting Manager, local authorities, civil society and other partners to ensure efficient coordination and implementation of project activities
- Participate in workshops, meetings and write minutes
- Follow up on external meetings and business trips of the team and capitalise on the results (reports, articles)
- performs other duties and tasks at the request of management

## C. Required qualifications, competences and experience

## Qualifications

- A university degree or master's in project management, communication, or related fields

## Professional experience

- At least 3 years' experience in project assistance management in development cooperation (governmental, foundation or NGO Institutions)
- A minimum of 3 years of stakeholder communication, internal and external reporting as well as monitoring
- Other knowledge, additional competences
- Good working knowledge of ITC technologies (and computer applications (e.g MS Office, Access or other database programme)
- Excellent writing and reporting skills
- Excellent conceptual and communication skills, ability to express ideas clearly and persuasively both orally and in writing
- Strong analytical and problem-solving skills, excellent priority management
- Good knowledge of Swahili and English languages
- Ability to work in team towards common goals is a requirement
- Listening and service skills
- Knowledge of German Language is an asset

## Applications:

Interested candidates are requested to send their letter of application together with the CV and academic certificates by email to [hr.giz-tanzania@giz.de](mailto:hr.giz-tanzania@giz.de)

Please use the subject line 'Junior PR & Communication Professional'

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## EABC signs MoU with Afreximbank on rolling out the Africa customer due diligence platform

By Guardian Reporter

THE East African Business Council (EABC) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Afreximbank on rolling out the African Customer Due Diligence Platform (Mansa digital platform).

This partnership is set to boost East African companies and Small Medium Enterprises (SMEs) to take advantage of African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) through accessing a centralized source of due diligence information.

The MANSAs digital platform provides a single primary source of Know-Your-Customer (KYC) data required to conduct customer due diligence checks on counterparties in Africa with a special focus on African Corporates, SMEs and financial institutions.

Speaking at the Virtual launch ceremony of the Africa Customer Due Diligence Platform, John Bosco Kalisa said: "The MANSAs digital platform will enable African financial institutions and corporate entities to meet customers and business

partners' expectations while ensuring regulatory compliance."

The MANSAs platform also provides critical information for credit assessments geared to promote financial inclusion

Kalisa said that East Africa is the fastest economic bloc in African and accounts for approximately 16% of the continent's GDP.

He further elaborated that the African Continental Free Trade Area will boost investment and consumer to USD 4 trillion, generate jobs, strengthen value chains, industrialization and SMEs expansion.

Maureen Mba, Head Mansa Business, Afreximbank said: "Mansa digital platform is a game changer for intra-Africa trade."

She elaborated that intra-African trade is low approximately 17% in comparison with the European Union at 60%.

She emphasized that the Mansa platform enables SMEs to diversify and find new partners to scale up their industries across the continent.

"The MANSAs digital platform is set to facilitate smooth onboarding of customers and business relationships as well as ensure availability of due diligence information plus mitigate perceived risks of trading with African counterparties," said Kalisa

A subscription to the MANSAs platform is open to companies, partnerships, trusts and foundations among others.



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Duty station: Dar es Salaam

Terms of the Contract: Fixed term contract.

## Responsibilities

The project manager is responsible for

- Implementing and managing E4D's skills development and job matching portfolio together with another team member
- Steering and monitoring existing skills development and job matching projects that are implemented by third parties for GIZ E4D
- Planning and implementing/steering and monitoring new projects of E4D in collaboration with the team and the private sector
- Developing E4D's network and liaise with skills and TVET related partners from the private and public sector as well as with non-governmental actors
- Leading the development and organization of the E4D Skills Development Working Group
- Supporting the programme management in M&E, reporting, communication, and knowledge management

## Tasks

The project manager performs the following tasks:

- Steers projects which are implemented by third parties, i.e., overseeing budget, implementation of activities, checking reports, providing advice to implementing partners in managerial and technical aspects and with regards to GIZ rules and directives for project implementation
- Proactively develops new projects and activities contributing to E4D's goals in skills development and job matching in close collaboration with the team and external partners and stakeholders (private sector companies and associations, governmental bodies).
- Manages the tendering processes of new projects and activities in line with GIZ rules and directives for procurement and contracting
- Monitor's progress and development results of projects together with partners and/or implementing parties and feeds them into the programme's overall results tracking Frequently travels to projects locations in different regions in Tanzania and structurally reports upon challenges, current developments, and needs
- Supports the coordination with VETA-centers and VETA central together with another team member
- Supports the private sector team of E4D in designing skills development measures and performing market research to identify potential implementing parties and their offers as part of the programme's Development Partnerships with the Private sector (DPP)
- Ensures a strong cooperation with E4D private sector team members as the programme implements a strong demand driven

approach

- Organizes and implements the Skills Development Working Group which is an exchange platform for different public and private skills initiatives. This also includes the follow-up of the meetings with finalizing and sending out minutes
- Assumes the focal point role of a selected transversal topic (gender, human rights, or HIV/AIDS)
- Supports the management in tasks like results-oriented monitoring, reporting, communication, and knowledge management
- performs other duties and tasks at the request of management

## Required qualifications, competences, and experience

- Master's in development studies, Economics, Education, or another subject of relevance
- A minimum of 3 years of project management/advisory in development cooperation (governmental, foundation or NGO) or project management/advisory in private consulting business including development planning, budgeting, implementing, and monitoring
- A minimum of 4 years of stakeholder communication, internal and external reporting as well as monitoring.
- At least basic understanding of TVET concepts, vocational training systems and job matching/employment services in Tanzania, preferably with a focus on youth and women employment
- Overview competencies in gender are an advantage
- Overview competencies in private sector development is an advantage
- Excellent conceptual, communication and negotiation skills, ability to express ideas clearly and persuasively both orally and in writing
- Clear understanding of the different roles, contrasting demands and responsibilities of public and private sector players
- Confident and eloquent in working in an international professional context
- A good knowledge of digitalisation in the field of skills development is an asset
- Excellent knowledge of English and Kiswahili in speaking and writing is a must
- Knowledge of German Language is an asset
- Strong writing skills for reports and concepts are crucial
- Ability to work in a team towards common goals is a requirement

## Applications:

Interested candidates are requested to send their letter of application together with the CV and academic certificates by email to [hr.giz-tanzania@giz.de](mailto:hr.giz-tanzania@giz.de)

Please use the subject line 'Project Manager Skills Development'

Closing date for submission: **13.09.2021**

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

## Project Manager Enterprise Development E4D/SOGA

As an international cooperation enterprise for sustainable development with worldwide operations, the federally owned Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH supports the German Government in achieving its development-policy objectives.

GIZ is looking to fill the position of Project Manager Enterprise Development in the Employment and Skills for Eastern Africa Program (E4D/SOGA) in Tanzania.

Duty station: Dar es Salaam

Terms of the Contract: Fixed term contract.

## Responsibilities

The project manager is responsible for

- Implementing and managing E4D's enterprise development portfolio with the senior project manager
- Steering and monitoring existing enterprise development projects that are implemented by third parties for GIZ E4D
- Planning and implementing/steering and monitoring new projects of E4D in collaboration with the team and the private sector
- Developing E4D's network and liaise with private sector's related partners as well as from the public sector and non-governmental actors
- Represent E4D in the leading private sector dialogue groups and internal working groups
- Supporting the programme management in M&E, reporting, communication, and knowledge management

## Tasks

The project manager performs the following tasks:

- Steers projects which are implemented by third parties, i.e., overseeing budget, implementation of activities, checking reports, providing advice to implementing partners in managerial and technical aspects and with regards to GIZ rules and directives for project implementation
- Proactively develops new projects and activities contributing to E4D's goals in enterprise development and job matching in close collaboration with the team and external partners and stakeholders (private sector companies and associations, governmental bodies).
- Manages the tendering processes of new projects and activities in line with GIZ rules and directives for procurement and contracting
- Monitor's progress and development results of projects together with partners and/or implementing parties and feeds them into the programme's overall results tracking Frequently travels to projects locations in different regions in Tanzania and structurally reports upon challenges, current developments, and needs
- Supports the coordination with public and private sector partners
- Supports the skills development team of E4D in designing enterprise development measures and performing market research to identify potential implementing parties and their offers as part of the programme's Development Partnerships with

the Private sector (DPP)

- Ensures a strong cooperation with E4D private sector team members as the programme implements a strong demand driven approach
- Assumes the focal point role of a selected transversal topic (gender, human rights, or HIV/AIDS)
- Supports the management in tasks like results-oriented monitoring, reporting, communication, and knowledge management
- performs other duties and tasks at the request of management

## Required qualifications, competences, and experience

- Master's in development studies, Economics, Education, or another subject of relevance
- A minimum of 3 years of project management/advisory in development cooperation (governmental, foundation or NGO) or project management/advisory in private consulting business including development planning, budgeting, implementing, and monitoring
- A minimum of 4 years of stakeholder communication, internal and external reporting as well as monitoring.
- At least basic understanding of enterprise development concepts, private sectors systems and services in Tanzania, preferably with a focus on youth and women employment
- Overview competencies in gender are an advantage
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Please use the subject line 'Project Manager for Enterprise Development'

Closing date for submission: **13.09.2021**

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Tanzania Forest Conservation Group (TFCG) is a national NGO whose mission is to reduce poverty in rural communities and to conserve the biodiversity of globally important forests in Tanzania for the benefit of the present and future generations. TFCG is implementing the Eco-schools in Africa Programme – Tanzania. The position is financed by DANIDA through the Danish Outdoor Council. The overall programme objective of the Eco-School is: to promote active citizenship and improved livelihoods through Education for Sustainable Development.

As part of this project, TFCG is seeking applications from qualified Tanzanian women and men for the following position:

**Project Coordinator - Morogoro****Responsibilities**

- Coordinate and implement programme activities in accordance with the work plan and budget submitted by TFCG to Danish Outdoor Council.
- Provide detailed and accurate reports on any programme expenditure for which s/he is responsible in accordance with TFCG financial guidelines.
- Monitor and document the programme's activities using the indicators outlined in the logical framework.
- Prepare annual and quarterly programme work plans and budgets in accordance with the budget and logical framework agreed with the Danish Outdoor Council.

**Qualifications and experience**

- MSc. in a related discipline such as Forestry, Education, Biological sciences, Environmental sciences.
- Formal training on a rights-based approach to education is preferred.
- At least 5 years relevant practical experience in the field of education for sustainable development including work with schools, rural communities and local authorities.
- Experience in producing awareness raising materials and arranging public events
- Experience in working with NGOs or donor funded projects.

**How you can apply**

The Job Description and other details are available at: <http://www.tfcg.org/careers.html>

Qualified candidates should send applications including CV, covering letter, contact details (including an e-mail address and phone number) and contacts of three professional referees to: [personnel@tfcg.or.tz](mailto:personnel@tfcg.or.tz)

The deadline for applications is 04:00pm on 16th September, 2021.

# Don calls on African govts to integrate climate concerns in development plans

Nairobi

It is crucial for African governments to integrate climate change concerns in all their national development plans, programmes and policies, a lecturer at Kenya's Kenyatta University has said.

Dr Joseph Kurauka, of the Nairobi-based university, made the appeal at the ongoing Nairobi Summer School on Climate Justice.

He said that rapid population growth, weak enforcement of environmental laws and structural weaknesses in key institutions meant to enforce laws to safeguard environmental, social and climate change concerns are hampering national efforts to prepare the country against climate impacts.

He expressed that climate-related conflicts among populations living in arid and semi-arid areas, rising poverty levels, and the general negative attitudes towards environmental matters are issues governments have to deal with.

Dr Kurauka made an impassioned appeal to governments to take heed of advice from the latest climate science by the Intergovernmental panel on climate change, whose latest report has once again proved that

human activity is leading to a rise in climate variability.

Already, he noted, most of Africa's coastlines and aquatic resources are affected as a result of human activity.

Friedrich Ebert Stiftung programme coordinator Robert Muthami meanwhile commented on international climate change negotiations, saying: "Africa continues to be worst hit by the climate crisis even exacerbating climate related-risks."

He said it was important to provide local national adaptation actions with the required means of implementation such as climate finance, capacity building and ap-

propriate technologies.

That would be in line with the conditional aspects in the Nationally Determined Contributions and the principle of common but Differentiated Capacities and Respective Capabilities, he noted.

Muthami further pleaded with African governments to forge international solidarity and form strong alliances with civil society organisations in the fight against the climate crisis - "as no single movement will win this fight alone".

Mithika Mwenda, Executive Director of the Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA), challenged the young people in Africa

to rise up to the occasion and take the advocacy mantle to drive climate activism around the continent.

"The liberation wars of the 1960s were about political freedom. Now the youth must wage war for ecological freedom, climate justice and economic freedom," he said. Adding that the youth can draw inspiration from freedom fighters like Kwame Nkrumah, Nelson Mandela and Julius Nyerere to ensure that Africa gets fair and just climate regimes.

PACJA is a coalition of some 1,000 CSOs in 48 African countries calling for fair and just climate regimes for the African people.

THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA  
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE  
REGIONAL ADMINISTRATION AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT



TENDER NO. ME/022/2021/2022/HQ/C/03

PROVISION OF CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT TEAM FOR THE SUPERVISION/ IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ESF INSTRUMENTS OF SEQUIP

SECONDARY EDUCATION QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (SEQUIP)  
PROJECT ID: P170480

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)

1. This request for Expression of Interests follows the General Procurement Notice for this Project that appeared in United Nations Development Business (UNDB) Issue No. WB-P754804-06/21 of June 10, 2021.
2. The Government of United Republic of Tanzania has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Secondary Education Quality Improvement Project (SEQUIP), and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.
3. The consulting services include providing technical supervision/implementation support and capacity building to SEQUIP for the application of the environmental and social risk mitigation measures included in the ESMF, RF, VGPF, SEP, ESCP and Project Operations Manual (POM) agreed and cleared by the World Bank. To ensure all school buildings should have adequate strength, stability and durability to last their life span. The consulting services are required for two years and the firm will be required to allocate time for each team member according to the Terms of Reference for the assignment. The project will start after contract signing. The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be obtained at the address: [pmu@tamisemi.go.tz](mailto:pmu@tamisemi.go.tz)
4. The Permanent Secretary, President's Office- Regional Administration and Local Government now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are: (a) relevant experience in environmental and social risk management and buildings construction in Tanzania or Sub Saharan Africa (b) Demonstrate experience of at least 5 projects in providing environmental, biophysical social, socioeconomic, socio cultural, health and safety and labour and working conditions, auditing of construction /rehabilitation of public infrastructure and social programmes. (c) Experience in using information tracking systems to monitor many different project activities at different level of intervention at the same time across the country (d) Familiarity with the World Bank Environmental and Social Framework, Safeguards Policies and/or the IFC Performance Standards is essential. (e) Familiarity with environmental and social auditing processes e.g. ISO standards. (f) Familiarity with English and Swahili language which is spoken by Tanzania in the field. The consulting firm will include the following key experts:- (i) Project Manager – Team Leader (ii) Environmental Specialist (iii) Civil/Infrastructure Engineering specialized in Buildings (iv) Sociologist/Socio-development Expert (v) Gender Expert with expertise in Gender Based Violence (GBV) (vi) Occupational Health & Safety Expert. Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.
5. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" dated July 2016, revised November 2017 and August, 2018, setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.
6. Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications, but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Consultants qualification selection (CQS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

7. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from 0900 to 1500 hours from Monday to Friday, excluding Public Holidays; The Secretary, Ministerial Tender Board, President's Office-Regional Administration and Local Government, P. O. Box 1923, CDA Avenue/CDA Road, Sokoine House, Wing A Second Floor Room No 133, Dodoma, Tanzania. Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) by 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2021.

8. Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address given (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) by 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2021. The address is: The Secretary, Ministerial Tender Board, President's Office-Regional Administration and Local Government, P. O. Box 1923, CDA Avenue/CDA Road, Sokoine House, Wing A Second Floor Room No 133, Dodoma, Tanzania, Email: [pmu@tamisemi.go.tz](mailto:pmu@tamisemi.go.tz). Expression of interest must clearly marked "STATEMENT OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR PROVISION OF CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT TEAM FOR THE SUPERVISION/ IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ESF INSTRUMENTS OF SEQUIP"

Permanent Secretary,  
President's Office- Regional Administration and Local Government,



Plot 4B, Nyerere Road, P.O Box 911, Dar es Salaam  
Telephone: +255 22 2860047/9, Fax: 2 8 64041, E-mail: [info@tolgases.co.tz](mailto:info@tolgases.co.tz)

## DECLARATION OF DIVIDEND

The Board of Directors of TOL Gases Limited is delighted to announce that the Annual General Meeting of shareholders held on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2021, approved the declaration of dividend of Tsh. 34.78 for financial year ended 31st December 2020 per issued and fully paid up shares in line with the Company's Dividend Policy.

The following timetable for dividend payment;

Announcement of Dividend Payment: 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2021

Trading of Shares cum Dividend: 27<sup>th</sup> August 2021 – 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Trading of Shares Ex-Dividend: 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Closure of the Members Register: 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021

Re-Opening of the Register: 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021

Dividend Payment on/or about: 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Dividend will be paid directly to shareholders bank accounts.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Directors: M.N. Shirima – Chairman (Tanzanian), S. Mponji – (Tanzanian), J. Massawe – (Tanzanian), S. Selestine – TR – URT (Tanzanian), Prof. A. Temu – (Tanzanian), Eng. J. Machange – (Tanzanian)



By Special Correspondent

THE Association of Deans of Agriculture in Nigeria Universities (ADAN) has honoured Dr Nteranya Sanginga, Director General of the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), with an Award of Excellence for pioneering the IITA Youth in Agribusiness programme.

The award was presented to the IITA boss at the 64th annual general meeting of ADAN held recently in Nasarawa State, north central Nigeria.

"We are proud of the impact of the work that IITA has been doing, particularly among the youth, and it is worthy of recognition," Chair of the Local Organizing Committee of ADAN, Prof Olumuyiwa James Jayeoba, said.

The programme, which started with fewer than 50 youths on Ibadan's IITA Campus, has blossomed and benefited hundreds of young people across Africa.

Most of the programme's beneficiaries are now managers of their own farms, while others have picked up other vocations within the agriculture space.

"ADAN intends to emulate the IITA Youth programme and replicate the model across Nigerian universities," Prof Jayeoba disclosed.

Dr Alfred Dixon, Director of the Development and Delivery Office at IITA, received the award on behalf of Dr Sanginga - saying the recognition was an encouragement for IITA and the DG to do more for the growth of youth in Africa.

"The youth programme in IITA has demonstrated that the rising youth population is huge capital that we need to harness for wealth creation and the prosperity of Africa," he added.

Widely referred to as the "father of youth in agribusiness", Dr Sanginga pioneered the youth-in-agriculture initiative that has been adopted in many African countries.

Prior to heading IITA, he served as the Director of the Nairobi-based Tropical Soil Biology and Fertility Institute (TBSF) of the Centro Internacional de Agricultura Tropical (CIAT-TBSF).

Before moving to CIAT-TBSF, Dr Sanginga served for 14 years in IITA in various capacities, including Principal Scientist and Head of the Soil Microbiology Unit.

Other positions he held include Assistant Coordinator of the Alley Farming Network for Tropical Africa (AFNETA) and Project Coordinator of Improvement of High-Intensity Food and Forage Crop Systems and Short Fallow Systems to Arrest Land Degradation due to Land Use Intensification.

He also once led the multidisciplinary programme for Improving and Intensifying Cereal-Legume Systems in the Moist and Dry Savannas of West and Central Africa, and collaborated with many scientists in national and international institutions.

Dr Sanginga has more than 30 years of experience with the University of Zimbabwe, International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Austria, CIAT-TBSF, and IITA in agricultural research and development, particularly in the fields of applied microbial ecology, plant nutrition, and

integrated natural resources management in Africa, Latin America and Southeast Asia.

Born and bred in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Dr Sanginga did most of his postgraduate training at IITA and his PhD in Agronomy/Soil Microbiology under a joint programme between IITA and the Institut Facultaire des Sciences Agronomiques, Yangambi, DRC.

He has extensive skills in research management, developing partnerships and institutional linkages, and institution building.

Under his leadership, the CIAT-TBSF portfolio rose from US\$1.2 million in 2003 to over US\$4.5 million in 2010. Its research-for-development agenda expanded from focusing on Western Kenya

to covering the major agroecosystems of East, Central and southern Africa. In IITA, he has more than tripled the institute's budget since assuming into office.

Dr Sanginga played a major role in the creation of the Consortium for Improving Agriculture-based Livelihood in Central Africa (CIALCA) that included three international research centres (IITA, CIAT-TBSF, and Bioversity), university partners in Belgium, national research and development partners in DRC, Burundi and Rwanda.

His career has also focused on building the capacity of young scientists in Africa. He has trained more than 30 PhD candidates at the National University of Congo, School of Agriculture and the

University of Zimbabwe who now hold leadership positions in their countries. Under his leadership, IITA received the Al-Sumait Award for Food Security in 2016 and the Africa Food Prize in 2018.

# IITA boss awarded for championing agriculture programmes for youth



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**SOCIAL PERFORMANCE MANAGER-01 POST**

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**Position Title :** Social Performance Manager  
**Location :** Williamson Diamonds Limited, Mwadui, Shinyanga Grade : D3  
**Report :** General Manager

Summary: Williamson Diamonds Limited (WDL) is Tanzania's only large-scale diamonds producer. The mine is an open pit operation based upon the 146-hectare Mwadui kimberlite pipe, which is one of the world's largest economic kimberlites. For over 80 years, WDL has lived side by side and co-existed peacefully with the communities around Mwadui while implementing a wide range of development programs for the last ten years, focusing on promoting the lives and livelihoods of the communities surrounding Mwadui Mine Site. WDL has initiated and supported several development projects within the villages surrounding the Mine.

To continue and build on the work already done by the mine, WDL is looking for a competent Social Performance Manager (SPM) who will provide leadership, expertise and direction to the Operational Leadership Team on all social issues including but not limited to; compliance to relevant in-country legal requirements (and best practices where relevant); building respectful, trusting and productive relationships with internal and external stakeholders with a focus on local communities and government bodies. The SPM needs to ensure the mine maintains its social license to operate and also contribute to social aspect in order to maintain its mining license. The SPM will be responsible for the day to day management of all WDL community relations including overall responsibility for the development, implementation and monitoring of the community engagement and development strategy, systems and performance as well as management of the Grievance and Community Liaison Office at the mine.

In addition the SPM is also responsible for creating and communicating a favorable public image, through media campaigns, public forums, one-on-one meetings with relevant stakeholders and written reports designed to reach community, government agencies and other stakeholders. The SPM will be required to work closely with other departments such as security, health and safety and human resources to ensure a consistent approach and clear and precise communication to all stakeholders. The SPM must think and plan strategically and be able to operate under stressful and demanding situations.

**Tasks and Responsibilities:**

- Adhere to the company values & Code of Ethical Conduct and model behavior that is consistent with the Company's values and Code of Ethical Conduct.
- Line manage the community relations team including the Grievance Officer (GO) and Community Liaison Officer (CLO) and any new social members of the team, and ensure ongoing training, awareness and development of all community relations team members.
- Manage and supervise the function of stakeholder engagement, community relations, local enterprise and supplier development, and social compliance on site.
- Represent WDL at local / regional events / forums and ensure appropriate responses and messages are given.
- Manage the Operational Grievance Mechanism (OGM) and Community Grievance Mechanism (CGM) and fulfil the role of the Grievance Manager in the CGM procedure.
- Ensure proper execution of the OGM and the IGM protocols at operations and report on a monthly basis to GM and PDL.
- Responsible for escalation of any new grievances at operations including Voluntary Principles on Safety and Human Rights (VPSHR) to the GM and PDL and provide feedback and risk mitigation going forward.
- Complete and manage annual departmental budgets and planning for mine community development, enterprise development and operational cost of the department.
- Provide guidelines and leadership on the best practices to ensure the site retains its social license to operate.
- Ensure the effective functioning and reporting of onsite committees which impacts on the operations social license to operate.
- Liaise and coordinate activities with other departments which impact on the sites license to operate such as Communications, Security, Health, Safety, Environment & Quality (HSEQ).
- Managing the production and dissemination of information

with targeted publics through appropriate channels in line with the company mission and vision.

- Managing and implementing change initiatives to achieve desired business plans and culture.
- Managing the department's internal and external communication.
- Complete on time all internal and external reporting requirements by set deadlines and ensure effective capturing of information to present as Portfolios of Evidence for audit purposes (internally and externally).
- Assist with the collection and compilation of social information for the annual PDL sustainability report.
- Coordinate onsite activities which relate to WDL Foundation and ensure reporting of project budgets and progress when required.
- Reporting, Monitoring and Evaluation Audit: Ensure that all Social Performance reporting is aligned with standards, guidelines and schedules.
- Identify, report and provide advice and guidance on all social risks that could impact the mine. Implement appropriate mitigation measure to prevent or minimize the risk.
- Advise on areas of risk to the sites social license to operate and how to mitigate the risk.
- Manage the progress of all mine community development projects and report any progress or risk including tracking spend.
- Ensure Contractor Compliance according to the Company Policy and state laws related to social obligations.
- Safety, Health and Environment: Model behavior that is consistent with the Company Safety Vision and Values.

**Minimum Required Qualifications:**

- Bachelor Degree in Social Sciences or Environment Sciences (B.Sc. Environmental Science Degree) or equivalent.
- Minimum 5 - 8 years' experience in Social Compliance, Community Development and Enterprise Development within the mining industry with a minimum of 3 years in a lower mid management role.
- Proven computer literacy in MS Office/excel
- Excellent verbal and written communication in English/Swahili

**Other required Skills and Competencies:**

- Knowledge on the principles of stakeholder engagement and management.
- Planning, coordinating and prioritizing
- Attention to detail
- Trustworthy
- Customer relations
- Energetic
- Team Player

**Mode of Application:**

Candidates meeting the requisite qualifications should submit their applications describing how they qualify for the positions. They should also send detailed CV, copies of certificates, three referees, daytime telephone numbers and e-mail addresses before **30th September, 2021 at 16hrs00**. Via the following address:

**Human Resources Manager,  
Williamson Diamonds Ltd,  
P. O. Box 23,  
Mwadui-Shinyanga.**

Or drop the same through the following email, [joseph.mokoro@petradiamonds.co.tz](mailto:joseph.mokoro@petradiamonds.co.tz)

NB: Please complete an external job application form available on <http://www.petradiamonds.com/careers/current-vacancies>.

*Williamson Diamonds Limited supports the Mineral policy (2009) of Tanzania and is committed to ensure adequate development of local technical capacity to service the mining industry; and to employ local experts available and develop succession plans for Tanzanians to take over expatriate positions. Pre-screening, profile testing, on mine assessments, medical and security clearances form part of the minimum requirement and selection process. Short listed candidates will be required to attend a panel interview. Employment of the successful candidate is subject to passing on mine induction and the aforementioned criteria.*

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Send your application, with a cover letter, CV and copies of certificates (pdf format) through [hr.hbs.tz@gmail.com](mailto:hr.hbs.tz@gmail.com) before 20/10/21.

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**PEACE CORPS TANZANIA**

**Overseas Request for Quotation (RFQ) for Supplies/Services/Equipment**

Peace Corps intends to offer a firm-fixed price contract for **supply of dedicated 20Mbps duplex internet services through Fiber Optic cable connection (includes 4 minimum public IPs) for period beginning 1st December 2021 to 30th November 2022.**

Interested vendors should submit a quote for the services as described in this advertisement. Quotes are due to the following address by **4:00 PM on 17th September, 2021.**

Any questions regarding this advertisement may be addressed to the same person. No phone inquiries will be accepted. Offers received after the closing date will not be accepted.

Name: Sarah Hezron  
Email: [TZ-DMO@peacecorps.gov](mailto:TZ-DMO@peacecorps.gov)

Interested vendors should send an email to [TZ-DMO@peacecorps.gov](mailto:TZ-DMO@peacecorps.gov) to receive a copy of the full RFQ.

Supplier Unit Quotes shall be a Firm Fixed-Price and inclusive of any administrative or overhead costs.

**Statement of Work/Specifications**

- Internet Service Provider (ISP) shall provide dedicated (not shared or bundled) leased channel high-speed access to the Internet; data transport media must be fiber optic, terrestrial connectivity. Twenty-four (24) hours uplink. ISP connection must be "always on" with unlimited usage, and must not require the installation of any custom software on the client side.
- Internet Service Provider (ISP) must allow the traffic of all Internet Protocol (IP) protocols (especially IPsec), (including but not limited to User Datagram Protocol (UDP) protocols, Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) protocol and IPSEC) to **transit without filters or proxies.**
- Internet Service Provider (ISP) must permit installation of Customer VPN encryption devices on circuit.
- Internet Service Provider (ISP) must provide detailed network topology map that shows all possible paths ISP use for the internet traffic between ISP hub in Dar es Salaam and the ISP hub in United States of America (USA).

**Contract duration/Delivery schedule**

The contract will commence on December 1, 2021 for one year until November 30, 2022 and it may include an additional one year option period. Peace Corps (PC) Contracting Officer encourages all vendors to include terms and conditions for the initial base year + one additional option year. The PC Contracting Officer will determine before awarding the contract whether or not the award will include a one year option period.

**Delivery Location:**

POC Name: Sarah Hezron  
Email Address: [TZ-DMO@peacecorps.gov](mailto:TZ-DMO@peacecorps.gov)



# Executive Director

Ref 32339

The Union of Tanzanian Press Clubs (UTPC) is an organization which is the umbrella body of press clubs in Tanzania. Currently there are 28 press clubs which are the members of the Union. The UTPC is being supported by Sida, through its Strategic Plan.

As part of its succession plan, its incumbent Executive Director, is soon to retire and so the UTPC is looking to recruit the new **Executive Director**.

## Responsibilities

### General

As Executive Director, the position will also be the Chief Operating Officer, responsible for overseeing the day to day operations of the Union, and implementing such policies as may be adopted by the Board of Directors.

### Organization

Responsible for the orderly growth of the Union, serving as the Secretary of the Board of Directors Meetings and Members General Meetings

### Compliance

Serve as a compliance officer to ensure that the Union operates in compliance of the bylaws as well as various policies as adopted by the Board of Directors and Members General Meetings.

### Financial

Responsible to prepare the Annual Budget for the approval of the Board of Directors, as well as ensuring that the expenditures are in line with the approved budget.

### Development

Responsible for developing and implementing a fundraising plan, writing grant application and preparation of various reports.

### Public Relations

Responsible to advocate and promote good stakeholders relationship for the benefit of the Union.

### Staff Development

Responsible to promote team spirit among UTPC employees, as well as advising the Board of Directors on various staff motivation scheme.

## Qualifications & Experience

- Masters in Business Management
- Degree in Journalism would be an added advantage
- Minimum of 5 years' relevant experience

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## NOTICE OF THE 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Mwanga Hakika Microfinance Bank Limited [MHB] is hereby giving a notice to all Shareholders of the Annual General Meeting which will be held on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> September 2021 in Mwanga [ Kilimanjaro] at Baobab Retreat near Viziwi Primary School starting at 9:00 AM and the following are the Agenda to be discussed:

1. Opening of the Meeting
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Receive, discuss and approve Board of Directors' Reports for the year ended 31st Dec, 2020:
  - 3.1 Report of the Board of Directors
  - 3.2 Audited Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 2020
  - 3.3 Corporate Social Responsibility to the Community
  - 3.4 Capital position as required by the law
4. Statement of the External Auditors for the year ended 31st December, 2020
5. Appoint Members of the Board for the Year 2021/2022
6. Discuss questions/ suggestions from Shareholders
7. Any other business as per the approval of the Chairman
8. Closing of the Meeting.

### IMPORTANT NOTE:

- ◆ All Shareholders are reminded to come with the identity card issued by bank or any other ID
- ◆ A member who is eligible to attend and vote there at is entitled to appoint one proxy to attend the meeting and vote on behalf [Note: Proxy form is available at the bank, and duly filled form must be submitted at least a day prior to the meeting]

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# Mining firm creates thousands of job opportunities in Geita Region

BY GUARDIAN REPORTER

GEITA Gold Mining Limited (GGML) has created thousands of job opportunities as part of its contribution to the host community in Geita Region.

The firm has created more than 5,000 direct employment opportunities including 1,842 permanent jobs and 177 contract employees.

GGML managing director Richard Jordinson said that in addition, the mining firm work with 3,330 contract workers who contribute significantly to the national economy through taxes in the form of salaries, social security contributions, and other investments.

"This part of the company's commitment to the host community by expanding the implementation of a number of sustainable projects in the region.

This year marks GGML's 21st anniversary since it began operations in Geita. "We are proud to say that in 2020; 86% of our total procurements were made in Tanzania. We have created 5,067 direct jobs, including 1,842 permanent jobs and 177 GGML contract employees," he said

Jordinson further said that 700 casual workers alone

are recruited annually by GGML under a special program run by the company in collaboration with local authorities. It has contributed significantly to the construction of key projects in their respective localities.

"GGML employs more than 700 casual labourers annually who are recruited from the streets surrounding the company.

These workers are paid monthly and contribute a portion of their salary to the development activities in their respective streets, which are used for the construction of offices for the local authorities, dispensaries, and schools," he said.

Chairperson of Manga Street in Geita Town Council, Elias Lukanya, appreciated GGML's support in the host communities by referring to the casual workers who have done good work in their areas.

"The casual workers alone have enabled us to build a modern office, dispensary, classrooms, and a house for our teacher. The government is also supporting us very well in completing these projects," he said, urging local authorities to work with GGML to include Manga Street in the 9.2 bn/- spent annually by GGML and the local authorities Corporate Social Responsibility initiative.



## RINVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF XH150 SYKES PUMP BY GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA

### I. INTRODUCTION

Geita Gold Mining Limited ("The Company") an AngloGold Ashanti's ("AGA") asset is located in north western Tanzania, in the Lake Victoria goldfields of the Geita region, about 5km from Geita town.

The Company is in the process of procuring XH150 sykes pump and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible Suppliers to submit Expression of Interest for the provision of the below service.

### Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01285	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF XH150 SYKES PUMP

### II. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	10%
<b>COMMERCIAL</b>	
Company Profile	1.25%
Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	1.25%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)	1.25%
Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN	1.25%
Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license.	1.25%
Company Shareholding Structure/Share structure of the company (ownership of shares in percentage (%))	1.25%
List of Directors	1.25%
Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission	1.25%
<b>FINANCIAL POSITION &amp; TERMS OF TRADE</b>	<b>5%</b>
Audited & certified financial statements (2018-2019)	2.5%
At least 2 references from the applicant's bankers regarding supplier's credit position	2.5%
<b>SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS</b>	<b>5%</b>
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Environment Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	1.25%
Safety and Environmental Policies	1.25%
<b>PAST EXPERIENCE</b>	<b>5%</b>
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered into with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1.25%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.25%
Acceptance certificates/completion certificates (proof of the above) where applicable	1.25%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.25%
<b>TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01285)</b>	<b>75%</b>
Supplier must be dealer of Sykes pumps and have an assurance of not less than one year warranty	30%
Assurance of onsite availability for technical support and other unforeseen emergencies	25%
Assurance of provisional training to the end user prior commissioning	20%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>TECHNICAL INFORMATION (GGME01285)</b>	
Engine Type CAT-C13	
Maximum Head 184mm	
Maximum Flow 150L/Sec	
Suction Flange 200mm	
Delivery Flange 150mm	
Solids Handling 43mm	
Galvanised steel, dual point lifting frame	
Manual diesel fuel fill (lockable)	
Pump and Engine control panel with emergency stop as standard	
Heavy duty battery, complete with battery box enclosure	
Vacuum (suction inlet) and Pressure (discharge outlet) gauges	
Pump operating range sign for optimum pump life and reliability	
Galvanized steel sled, complete with tyne pockets and tie down points for transportation	
<b>Total</b>	

Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the **SERVICE DESCRIPTION AND REFERENCE NUMBER (GGME01285)** of the service they intend to express interest on **THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL** together with supporting information to **GGML**, which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline a statement of firm capability to provide the relevant Services, including similar contracts undertaken over the past three years. All LOIs and support documentation must be received by the **GGML Office** via e-mail at [geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com](mailto:geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com) not later than **0830 A.M 14th September 2021 (the "LOI" Submission Deadline)**. EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.

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# NHC IN TALKS WITH MINISTRIES TO CONSTRUCT EIGHT BUILDINGS AT MTUMBA IN DODOMA CITY

By Property Watch Reporter

**A**S construction work of head offices of government ministries and agencies gathers pace at Mtumba in the outskirts of Dodoma city, National Housing Corporation is in talks with eight key ministries to construct their permanent premises.

NHC Public Affairs and Information Manager, Muungano Saguya said in Dar es Salaam mid week that the negotiations are at advanced stage to conclude the multi-billion shillings project so that construction work can start.

"We can't make public the names of the ministries currently because of contractual restrictions until such time that we sign the agreements," Saguya said adding that the state developer has enough financial and technical muscles to deliver on the project.

"As you know, NHC is the largest and oldest real estate developer in the country hence such projects are simply a continuation of what we have been doing in the past five decades or so," he added while stating that NHC has already completed similar projects for other ministries and agencies.

Among the completed projects include first phase of headquarters of Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning; Ministry of Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Develop-



NHC headquarters in Dar es Salaam christened Kambage House.

ment; Ministry of Industry and Trade; and Ministry of Energy.

The state developer has also completed headquarter office projects for government agencies including: Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority and Tanzania Medical and Drugs Authority.

"Apart from the projects in Dodoma, NHC is also undertaking several big projects in other parts of the country including Arusha, Dar es Salaam, Iringa, Mbeya, Songwe and Tanga," the NHC Public Affairs and Information Manager added.

Buildings that are currently under construction include: Southern Zone Referral Hospital in Mtwara which is valued at 15.8bn/-; Mwalimu Nyerere Memorial Hospital in Musoma Municipality of Mara region; a modern abattoir at Vingunguti in Dar es Salaam and district council housing units in Busokelo (Mbeya), Momba (Songwe) and Chaturu in Muheza (Tanga) but also Wanging'ombe and Malinyi districts headquarters.

The state owned developer also undertakes architectural drawings, consultancy and supervise building and housing projects. NHC also has subsidiaries for road construction, electrical and plumbing services.

## Uganda's new tough Covid-19 rules to hit KQ, regional airlines

NAIROBI

UGANDA has introduced new Covid-19 measures for passengers arriving at the Entebbe Airport, a move that will hit airlines such as Kenya Airways, which are already grappling with reduced frequencies and low demand on the route.

In a new directive, all passengers arriving at Entebbe International Airport will have to undergo a mandatory test on landing at their own cost, with a single check going for \$60 (Sh6,000), which is nearly half of the one way ticket from Nairobi.

The new directive, which takes effect on September 3, will be applied to all passengers irrespective of their vaccination status. "Effective September 3, 2021, all travellers irrespective of vaccination status or country of origin will be required to... undergo mandatory testing at their

own cost upon arrival," reads a notice posted by Ugandan Airlines.

The passengers will also be required to present a negative PCR test done not more than 72 hours prior to travel. The new directive comes as a blow to the airlines that are already struggling with the effects of Covid-19, which have seen carriers such as Kenya Airways cut their frequencies to Uganda.

KQ in July cut the number of flights to Uganda from 12 a week to nine citing low loads on the route as passengers kept off. Uganda is one of the key routes for Kenya Airways with the most frequencies within the region and low demand on the destination is set to impact on the carrier's earnings.

"There is a third wave in Uganda and we have had to restrict our flights by cutting on frequencies," said KQ in an earlier interview. The airline said



Entebbe International Airport.

the emerging waves of the virus has severely impacted on the carrier as each time it appears they are picking up, countries announce the outbreak of new restrictions.

Uganda has been battling the third wave that led to a total lockdown in the landlocked nation with restriction on movement from one district to another but has so far

been partially lifted. KQ has also been hit by restrictions on the UK route, which is one of the lucrative destination in Europe.

The carrier resumed the UK route in July with one flight a day but Kenyans are still restricted from travelling there as Nairobi has been placed under red list. Kenya remains stuck in the UK's travel red list following the latest update to the international travel in the last summer review by Britain, dealing a blow to tourism sector that has been banking on the lifting of the restrictions to boost the ailing industry.

The UK last week made some amends on the countries in red, amber and green list with Kenya remaining on the red list, eight months later since it was first placed there. The lack of upgrading Kenya to amber list will see Brits abandon a trip to the country to avoid being slapped with a huge bill on return as all the returning British citizens from red countries are required to isolate for 10 days in a hotel at a cost of £2,285 (Sh246,780).

## SA train brings Covid-19 vaccines closer to people

JOHANNESBURG

AT Springs train station in South Africa's biggest city Johannesburg, Simphiwe Dyantyi and her partner wait their turn to board. But they are not going anywhere, instead they are getting Covid-19 jabs inside a stationary train.

The initiative by South African state logistics firm Transnet is meant to bring vaccines closer to people and save them from travelling long distances as the government ramps up its Covid-19 vaccination drive. From the Springs station, the Transvaco train will in the first week of September move to rural Eastern Cape province.

Once there, it will make stops in different places in the province, bringing relief to poor villagers who are often without basic health facilities. It will be stationed there until November. Dyantyi, 32, said the train had saved her a trip to the next vaccination centre where queues have been long since the government made vaccinations available to all adults last month.

"We've been waiting for this moment for a very long time," she told Reuters after receiving her Johnson and Johnson jab. "We work in industries where you need to be at work like all the time. So, it was very crucial for me to get this vaccine," said Dyantyi, a safety engineer at a local firm.

South Africa has been battered by three coronavirus waves, infecting at least 2 770 575 million people, killing 81 830 - by far the continent's worst toll - and pummeling an already struggling economy with lockdowns and travel restrictions.

South Africa has vaccinated more than 12 million



South Africa's Covid-19 vaccination train.

people after its campaign got off to a slow start due to bureaucratic hiccups and a failure to start early talks with pharmaceutical companies,

among other challenges.

"We are basically bringing the vaccines to the people," Paballo Mokoena, the train manager said. "So, it cuts down on patients having

to travel long distances, wait in long queues and sometimes even be turned back because vaccines maybe finished, or they get to clinics or hospitals late."

## Singita comes up with initiative to help guests offset their carbon footprint

JOHANNESBURG

AS part of its ongoing commitment to sustainability and playing an active part in helping to fight climate change, conservation and ecotourism brand Singita is weaving carbon neutral stays into its offering with a system that allows guests to offset their carbon footprint.

A carbon neutral levy has automatically been included in every new booking, with the funds generated being used to purchase verified carbon credits from accredited service providers in each region.

Dr Andrea Ferry, Singita's group sustainability coordinator, says: "As an ecotourism and conservation brand, we believe we must play our part in fighting climate change. As part of our unwavering commitment to regenerative tourism, we are essentially enabling guests to enjoy a carbon neutral Singita stay by integrating a carbon emissions offset levy for accommodation. Added to that, we are also starting to offset all carbon emissions from staff business flights.

"We are constantly delighted to discover how likeminded and environmentally aware our guests are. They really do care and we want to make it easier for them to tread as lightly as possible on the planet, while enjoying their time with us. Carbon offsetting is one way of lightening this impact."

Funds generated will be used to purchase verified carbon credits from accredited service providers in each of the regions in which Singita operates. In South Africa, it's the Climate Neutral Group's Wonderbag project (VCS accredited) and in Tanzania, Carbon Tanzania's Yaeda Valley Forest project (Plan Vivo accredited). In Rwanda, carbon credits will be procured from Carbon Tanzania, and in Zimbabwe, from the Climate Neutral Group - until accredited local offset providers for those countries are identified.



# TIGO, BOA DEBUT MOBILE MONEY ACCOUNT TO NURTURE SAVING CULTURE

By Property Watch Reporter

A mobile money saving account dubbed, 'Tigo Pesa Kibubu' that encourages Tanzanians to develop a saving culture has been introduced in the market by Tigo Tanzania Limited and Bank of Africa Tanzania.

The account that will allow Tigo Pesa subscribers earn handsome interest rate through their mobile phones will allow people to save as little as 1/- . "The launch of 'Tigo Pesa Kibubu' rides on Tanzanians unprecedented adoption rate of mobile money services where the total number of Tigo Pesa subscribers has reached 8.6 million," Chief Officer for Tigo Pesa, Angelina Pasha said in Dar es Salaam mid this week during the launch.

Quoting a Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority report of March 2021, Pasha said that the new innovative product is available on Tigo Pesa platform and Tigo Pesa application. "We are committed to offering our customers the latest mobile financial services to bring to life our vision of digital lifestyle transformation," she said.

Pasha further noted that the new account also allows Tigo Pesa customers to save the corresponding electronic money and earn interest based on the saved balance. The interest earned daily will be accumu-



A bird's eye view of WHC's Kisasa Hilltop residential units in Dodoma city.

lated and paid every month based on the balance that will remain in customer's mobile wallet.

"Financial inclusion is not an end in itself, the continued application of a variety of financial services and quality of service matters. Our partnership with BoA will bring forth a new saving behaviour in the economy, where customers will save digitally and earn interest," the Chief Officer for Tigo Pesa, noted.

In remarks during the launch, BoA's Deputy Managing Director, Wasia Mushi said the agreement also aligns with the government's financial inclusion agenda. "As a bank, we are very optimistic that the uptake of the product will grow and reach millions of Tanzanians who are currently outside the formal banking system," Mushi said.

"In a bid to promote financial inclusion, the bank will provide Tigo Pesa and all its users' maximum support at all times to ensure the service is a success," he pledged while noting that as a multinational bank, BoA invests heavily in innovative technology products hence the partnership with Tigo Pesa is ideal.

## Sun International receives R235m business interruption payout, with more to come

JOHANNESBURG

JSE-listed hotel and resort group Sun International has settled a R500 million Covid-19 related business interruption insurance claim. Sun International CEO Anthony Leeming said on Monday the claim has been successfully concluded and settled for five of its operating units where the insurance claim exceeded the maximum insured loss.

He said the proceeds from these claims of R235 million, which were accrued at June 30, 2021, were received during August 2021 and anticipates that the remaining claims of about R260 million will be settled shortly. He said it is probably one of the largest business interruption insurance claims settled, but stressed that the group made a cash flow loss of about R3.5 billion over the 18-month period.

Recovery Sun International significantly reduced its Covid-19 pandemic-induced loss in the six months to June 2021 and is optimistic about making a turnaround to a profit by the end of the year. The group reported an improvement in adjusted headline earnings to a loss of R7 million in the six months to end-June from the R885 million loss in the previous corresponding period.

"We have to catch that up first. We are quite optimistic provided there are no



The Palace at Sun City Hotel.

restrictions. "December should be a good month for us and the rest of the months should be okay other than July. I'd definitely like to see us positive by the end of the year," he said.

Leeming said international business travel and foreign tourism is not massive for Sun International but still important, particularly as The Table Bay Hotel is largely foreign business and it is losing about R100 million in earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation (Ebitda) just from that and also "a little bit" at The Palace at Sun City. He said the local conference and exhibitions business is probably the big thing for the group's hotel travel market.

"That is pretty big for us at Sun City and it's key to get that back. I do think it's going to bounce back quite hard. "People want to get out and start interacting and have fun, again only once Covid-19 has been lifted," he said.

Gaming Leeming added that the group's core casino business, which represents about 70% of earnings, has proven its resilience and anticipates a continuation of the improvement in Ebitda as the Covid-19 restrictions are eased further and ultimately lifted.

He said the group's Alternate Gaming operations remain an exciting growth platform and are now contributing meaningfully to the group. Overall income from the South

African operations improved by 52% to R3.7 billion compared with the prior period, with adjusted Ebitda up from R89 million to R749 million.

Leeming said trading was negatively impacted by the imposition of curfew hours and the restrictions on the serving of alcohol, while the limited capacity resulting from machines being switched off caused challenges during peak periods. Overall Alternate Gaming income increased from R303 million to R608 million, with adjusted Ebitda up from R56 million to R152 million.

Sun International's adjusted headline loss per share improved to three cents from the 702 cents loss in the prior period. Group

debt reduced significantly to R76 billion from R11.1 billion in June 2020. "The capital raise following the rights offer concluded in 2020, as well as the disposal and implementation of Sun Dreams last year, have improved our liquidity position and significantly strengthened the group's balance sheet," he said. Leeming said the plan is to reduce debt a bit further.

Plans He said the group continues to engage with interested parties about the disposal and/or development of the group's vacant land to realise value for shareholders, with the proceeds used to further pay down debt. Leeming said these discussions are at various stages and relate to the Carousel, Carnival City, Time Square, GrandWest and Sibaya properties.

He said it is difficult to quantify how much the group will raise from this, adding that it has had offers of up to R200 million for the Carousel land but "they weren't real" and believes it is worth about R150 million.

Leeming said quite a big piece of land at GrandWest was probably worth between R30 million and R40 million while a "slow development" over five years on a big piece of land at Carnival City will result in "bits of money coming in all the time."

He said the group has addressed major restructuring and reduced the cost base at Sun City and believes "it has got R450 million to R500 million Ebitda in good years" although that is "some time off." The group is also looking at a third-phase expansion of Vacation Club that will be phased and will cost about R100 million, but this investment still requires board approval.

# Govt to dedicate 9,000 hectares towards industrial development

KIGALI

RWANDA Housing Authority (RHA) has said that the government will make available over 9000 hectares for investors who want to set up industries in different cities across the country. This is part of the strategy dubbed secondary cities' urbanization agenda 2050 which was unveiled on Tuesday August 31.

According to Vincent Rwigamba, the Director of Housing Planning at RHA, the strategy is in line with implementing cities master plans including those for secondary and satellite cities. Government plans to have 35 per cent of the population in Rwanda living in urban areas by 2024 which will increase twofold to 70 per cent by 2020.

"Even the remaining 30 per cent of the population will be living in well planned centres in rural areas. Industrial development is a major component to facilitate urbanization," he said. He said that currently, the land allocated to industries is 1,200 hectares but this will increase to 9,172 over the next 30 years.

"Specialised industrial parks will be designed in accordance with district potentials. These industrial parks are needed only in 13 districts. We need a strong coordination in industrial land allocation and vertical construction of industrial buildings is highly encouraged where possible," he said.

In the new plan, 233 hectares have to be allocated to industry parks in Kigali city, 908 hectares in Muhanga, 1,226 hectares in Rwamagana, 1,483 hectares in Bugesera, 605



An aerial view of Kigali Special Economic Zone in Gasabo District.

hectares in Nyagatare, 151 hectares in Huye, 333 hectares in Rubavu, 288 hectares in Rusizi, 424 hectares in Musanze, 238 hectares in Kirehe, 341 hectares in Karongi and 143 hectares in Nyabihu districts. Chantal Atukunda Rukeba, an official with Rwanda Development Board, lauded the allocation of land to industries adding that this will facilitate RDB to attract investors.

According to RDB, there are different investment opportunities namely manufacturing, agro-processing, tourism, real estate and construction, ICT, services, mining, infrastructure,

energy, health services, education and many others.

"As we map investment opportunities, the industrial parks will help us to attract both domestic and foreign investors. It will now be easy for investors coming in when we know where we can take them. They can go to secondary cities," she said. She said that RDB has been mapping investment opportunities in secondary cities stressing that industrial parks should be key in boosting job creation. She said there are also incentives set up for manufacturers expanding their investment as a way of recovering from Covid-19 pandemic.

The Manufacture and Build to Recover Programme is targeting to increase the production of construction materials, agro-processing, as well as hygiene and sanitation products. Companies setting up industries or expanding operations in the above sectors will be exempted from import duty for materials and equipment bought for purposes of setting up the production plants.

The incentives include giving tax exemptions on construction materials, machines to be used in setting up the manufacturing plants. If the inputs are not locally available and are imported, one will not be required to pay import duties, if it's locally sourced, you are exempted from VAT. For those in the construction and are sourcing materials locally, they will be exempted from VAT. This will give the investors an opportunity to save and reduce the overall cost of their investment.

Green city strategy According to the housing authority, the implementation of Kigali city, secondary and satellite cities master plan will go along with replacing dumping sites with engineered landfills that turn waste into revenues. "Green city strategy has been adopted and is in its implementation," noted Rwigamba. He added that it also promotes non-motorized transport by integrating bicycle lanes and pedestrian walkways.

"Bus rapid transits will also be introduced to reduce dependency on individual cars and congestion," adding ring roads, by-passes, trams and metros and cable cars are planned. "Cable cars in Musanze will promote tourism," he noted.



## TECHNOLOGY

# INTERNATIONAL PLAZA LAUNCHES RECORD US \$2.7BN EN-BLOC TENDER IN SINGAPORE

SINGAPORE

INTERNATIONAL Plaza in Tanjong Pagar has been launched for sale by public tender at a record reserve price of \$2.7 billion.

The sale could be Singapore's largest en-bloc deal in terms of number of units and value and comes after the owners gave the green light on July 7 to put the 50-storey leasehold building on the market.

The reserve price of the commercial and residential block works out to a land rate of \$2,448 per square foot per plot ratio, marketing agent Edmund Tie told The Straits Times on Wednesday (Sept 1). If the 25 per cent intensification in gross plot ratio is approved, the land rate will work out to about \$2,170 per square foot per plot ratio.

The biggest collective sale in dollar terms up to now has been the \$1.34 billion Farrer Court deal sealed in 2007. International Plaza - one of Singapore's biggest integrated developments - was built in the 1970s and comprises 209 apartments, 559 office units, 192 strata shops, a carpark and a swimming pool on the 36th floor.

Edmund Tie did not disclose the amounts the owners stand to get. The property's commercial zoning means a developer need not pay Additional Buyer's Stamp Duty and foreign buyers can keep the land. The tender closes at 3pm on Nov 30.

Ms Swee Shou Fern, executive director of investment advisory at Edmund Tie, said the building at the junction of Anson Road and Choon Guan Street "represents the last strategic corner plot with main road frontage at the gateway of the Tanjong Pagar precinct."

The property, which is zoned for commercial use with height control of up to 250 metres, sits on a land area of about 6,976 sq m (75,089 sq ft) with 48 years left on the lease. It was developed by the Cheong family, who are related to the Cheongs who control



The International Plaza in Singapore.

Singapore-listed Hong Fok Corp.

The collective sale process began in October 2019 and was supposed to be wrapped up by last October but it took a further 10 months due to the pandemic and after an extension was granted under new measures implemented last year.

International Plaza meets the criteria to qualify for the Central Business District Incentive Scheme, which allows properties to have their gross floor area increased by 25 to 30 per cent depending on the proposed land use.

It has applied to the Urban Redevelopment Authority to increase the gross floor area by 25 per cent, with 60 per cent of the development gross floor area earmarked for commercial use and 40 per cent for non-commercial such as apartments and a hotel, Ms Swee said. If approved, the site can be redeveloped with a gross floor area of 167,826.16 sq m (1,806,464 sq ft) or an equivalent plot

ratio of 24.06.

Ageing office developments in the CBD can tap this scheme to convert to a residential mixed development, allowing developers to take advantage of a robust housing market, said Mr Wong Xian Yang, head of research for Singapore at Cushman & Wakefield. "In view of Singapore's expected strong recovery, en-bloc developments that launch early could enjoy a first-mover advantage," he added.

An unnamed developer undertook to bid at least \$1,508 billion for a government land site in Marina View in June. The white site is intended for mixed use with residential, hotel, commercial and/or serviced apartments. The tender closes at noon on Sept 21. Depending on what International Plaza's proposed use is, the Marina View government land sales (GLS) site may be a rival, Mr Wong said, adding: "GLS sites are a more straightforward route for land

acquisition. "But there is more flexibility for International Plaza, as it can be developed into a fully commercial development or a mixed development."

"Given their large quantum, both Marina View and International Plaza would appeal to larger developers or joint ventures. For the Marina View site, the winning bid is expected to be closer to \$2 billion."

Ms Tay Huey Ying, JLL Singapore's head of research and consultancy, noted that developers may deem it "advantageous to acquire sites for office development before land prices surge" on a recovery in the commercial market.

## African tropical forests store two-thirds more carbon than previously estimated

LONDON

TROPICAL mountain forests in Africa store more carbon in their above-ground biomass than all other tropical forests, according to a new study.

The study, published in journal Nature August 25, 2021, found that tropical mountain forests in Africa store 149.4 megagrams of carbon per hectare — two-thirds more carbon than the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) estimates of average 89.3 megagrams of carbon per hectare. One megagram equals one tonne.

The study, which analysed the storage capacity in numbers for the first time, was conducted by researchers at the University of York. The study makes clear the ecological damage that further clearing of mountain forests would cause.

The researchers examined carbon storage in the above-ground biomass of mountain forests on 226 selected plots spread over 44 mountain sites in 12 African countries — from Guinea in the west to Ethiopia in the east to Mozambique in the south. African forests, particularly in the Congo basin, show widespread low sensitivity of above-ground live biomass to climate.

Aida Cuni-Sanchez, lead author of the study, said: "The results are surprising because the climate in mountains would be expected to lead to low carbon forests. The lower temperatures of mountains and the long periods they are covered by clouds should slow tree growth, while strong winds and steep unstable

slopes might limit how big trees can get before they fall over and die."

The researchers also investigated tropical mountain forests lost from the African continent in the past 20 years. They found over 0.8 million hectares were lost in Africa since 2001, with the Democratic Republic of the Congo amounting for the highest loss (536,000 ha), followed by Uganda (65,000 ha) and Ethiopia (62,000 ha).

In terms of percentage, Mozambique and Ivory Coast lost over 20 per cent of their mountain forests over this period. These forests are under threat from logging, mining and land clearance for farming. If deforestation continues Africa at the current rate, a further 0.5 million hectares of these forests would be lost by 2030, the report warned.

African tropical mountain forests are not only rich in carbon, but also offer habitat for many rare and endangered species and regulate local temperatures. Beyond protected areas, other forest conservation mechanisms could be implemented, including effective carbon finance, said the study.

Most African countries have committed large amounts of land to forest restoration under the Bonn Challenge. Forest restoration is important to mitigate climate change. Launched by the Government of Germany and IUCN, the Bonn Challenge is a global goal to bring 150 million hectares of degraded and deforested landscapes into restoration by 2020 and 350 million hectares by 2030.

## New luxury eco-hotel to open on Bahrain's Unesco-recognised island

BAHRAIN

MANTIS Bahrain Hawar Island, in partnership with Accor and Bahrain property investment company Edamah, will open in the kingdom in 2024. Located on Hawar Island, the eco-retreat will be reachable only by boat or private helicopter.

Boutique-style in size, the shoreline hotel will have 72 rooms including overwater villas that will offer guests direct access to the sea and unobstructed views of the Arabian Gulf. Founded by conservationist Adrian Gardiner, all Mantis hotels blend luxury with eco-tourism and a focus on appreciating the natural environment.

As the first Mantis hotel in the Middle East, Mantis Bahrain Hawar Island will blend sustainability and responsible practices with Bahrain's traditional warm hospitality. Guests will be able to take part in morning hikes, meditation sessions, outdoor yoga classes and a variety of non-motorised water-sports.

There will also be five dining concepts on the island and the hotel will have chill-out zones, coffee stations and other social areas where like-minded travellers can come together and socialise. A variety of leisure and sports facilities are also planned for the site, including an adventure park, cycle paths and a water park.

"We are noticing that travellers are now, more than ever, looking for authentic experiences when travelling, while remaining conscious of the environment," says Mark Willis, chief executive of Accor India, Middle East, Africa and Turkey, the hotel group behind Mantis.

"In fact, they are becoming even more aware of the impact that an increase in tourism has on the environment and heritages sites, which puts sustainability at the centre of seasoned travellers' decisions-making. Mantis is the ideal brand to address these concerns."



Mantis Bahrain Hawar Island will open in 2024.

The Mantis resort will be surrounded by a wildlife sanctuary giving visitors the chance to get up close and personal with the unique biodiversity on the island, which includes sand gazelles, Arabian Oryx and Socotra cormorants.

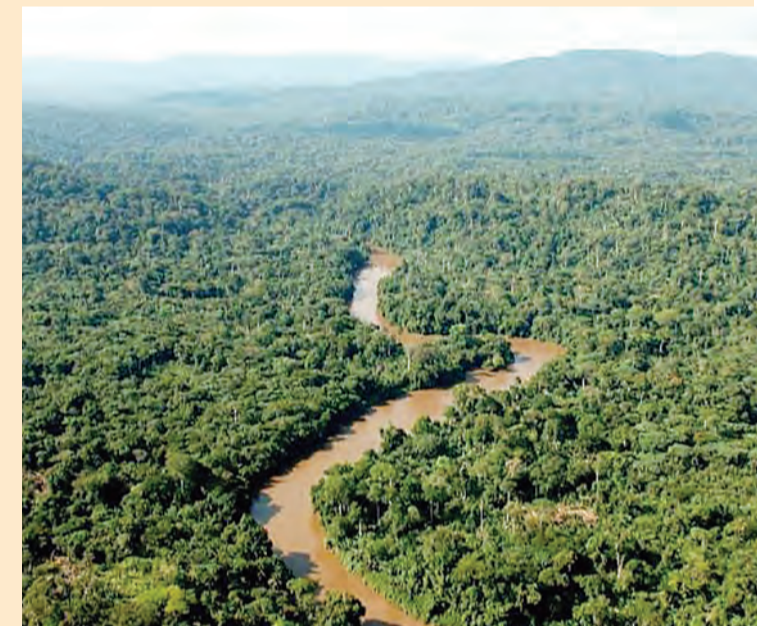
Located 45 minutes from the mainland of Bahrain, Hawar Islands are recognised by Unesco for their natural history. The water around the islands has thriving coral reefs and support a large population of dugong, thanks to natural sea grass

meadows. Mantis Bahrain Hawar Island is being built with ecosystems in place to sort waste, reuse biodegradable food waste, and reduce the use of water and energy using the latest technologies to minimise impact on the environment.

"The island's pristine environment has been virtually undisturbed, resulting in a vibrant ecosystem which will appeal to nature lovers. Our aim is to showcase this natural beauty while focusing on sustainability to preserve it for fu-

ture generations," said Edamah chief executive Amin Alarrayed. While it's the first Mantis hotel to open in the Middle East, Mantis Bahrain Hawar Island isn't the only new hotel bound for Bahrain.

Last month, Edamah announced two other resorts coming to the kingdom by 2024. The Avani Bilaj Al Jazayer Bahrain Resort and Tivoli Bilaj Al Jazayer Bahrain Resort will open as part of Bilaj Al Jazayer, a new waterfront leisure mixed-use master plan.



Congo forest is Africa's largest.

## China gets ready to invest in Afghanistan's mining sector

WASHINGTON

CHINA will be looking to boost its investments in Afghanistan's mining sector, as the Taliban take over the reins of the country following the withdrawal of the US troops this week, the former US ambassador to Kabul has said.

"The Chinese are comfortable thinking longer term ... to have significant investment in the mining sector and the hydrocarbon sector assuming that the Taliban remain in power for considerable future," Hugo Llorens said during a webinar organised by the Saxo Bank on Wednesday. "It's a potential victory for China ... the fact that Afghanistan has major resources of rare earth, an area where China dominates."

Mr Llorens did not elaborate further on the potential investments from China but said that Afghanistan is sitting on a trillion-dollar of "easily recoverable" resources including copper, iron ore and rare earth metals. "We were in advanced discussions with the Afghan government to give American and European mining companies some potential concessions. The problem is always security," Mr Llorens said. Chinese companies are already involved in the mining sector in Afghanistan. In 2007, the Metallurgical Corporation of China acquired a 30-year lease to mine copper at Afghanistan's Mes Aynak for \$3 billion, the largest foreign investment in the country's history. MCC's mining operations, however, have been plagued by political instability and the conflict between the Taliban and the former Afghan government.

"If the Taliban can provide China stable operating conditions, then the copper operations alone potentially could produce tens of billions of dollars of revenue, spurring the development of lithium and cobalt mining operations in the country," Michael Tanchum, a senior fellow at the Austrian Institute for European and Security Policy and a non-resident fellow at the Middle East Institute in Washington, recently said. The Taliban plan to unveil a new government in the coming days as the US leaves the country after a 20-year war.



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## WHO puts coronavirus' new variant on watch

GENEVA

THE World Health Organization has said it is monitoring a new coronavirus variant known as Mu, which was first identified in Colombia in January.

Mu, known scientifically as B.1.621, has been classified as a "variant of interest", the global health body said on Tuesday in its weekly pandemic bulletin.

The WHO said the variant has mutations that indicate a risk of resistance to vaccines and stressed that further studies were needed to better understand it. "The Mu variant has a constellation of mutations that indicate potential properties of immune escape," the bulletin said.

There is widespread concern over the emergence of new virus mutations as infection rates are ticking up globally

again, with the highly transmissible Delta variant taking hold especially among the unvaccinated and in regions where antiviral measures have been relaxed.

All viruses, including SARS-CoV-2 that causes COVID-19, mutate over time and most mutations have little or no effect on the properties of the virus.

But certain mutations can affect the properties of a virus and influence how easily it spreads, the severity of the disease it causes, and its resistance to vaccines, drugs and other countermeasures.

The WHO identifies four COVID-19 variants of concern, including Alpha, which is present in 193 countries, and Delta, in 170 countries.

Five variants, including Mu, are to be monitored. After being detected in Colombia, Mu has since been reported in



other South American countries and in Europe.

The WHO said its global prevalence has declined to below 0.1 percent among sequenced cases. In Colombia, however, it is at 39 percent.

## Multiple mutations

Separately, South African scientists have detected a new coronavirus variant with multiple mutations but have yet to establish whether it is more contagious or able to overcome the immunity provided by vaccines or prior infection.

The variant, known as C.1.2, was first detected in May and has now spread to most South African provinces and to seven other countries in Africa, Europe, Asia and Oceania, according to research that is yet to be peer-reviewed.

It contains many mutations associated

in other variants with increased transmissibility and reduced sensitivity to neutralizing antibodies, but they occur in a different mix and scientists are not yet sure how they affect the behavior of the virus. Laboratory tests are underway to establish how well the variant has been neutralized by antibodies.

South Africa was the first country to detect the Beta variant, one of only four labeled "of concern" by the WHO.

Beta is believed to spread more easily than the original version of the coronavirus that causes COVID-19, and there is evidence vaccines work less well against it, leading some countries to restrict travel to and from South Africa.

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## Russia, Japan ink document on energy development at EEF

VLADIVOSTOK

RUSSIAN Energy Minister Nikolai Shulginov held a meeting with Japanese Minister of Trade, Economy and Industry Hiroshi Kajiyama on the sidelines of the Eastern Economic Forum (EEF), following which they signed a statement of intent on cooperation in the field of sustainable energy and also addressed bilateral cooperation.

The document stipulates bilateral interaction in terms of the supply of liquefied natural gas (LNG) and condensate, the development of renewable energy sources, the production of hydrogen, gas chemistry products as well as the capture and storage of CO<sub>2</sub>.

Both ministers head the Russian-Japanese Energy Consulting Council, as part of which a working group on cooperation in the field of hydrogen, ammonia fuel and carbon processing will be established.

Shulginov also invited the Japanese delegation to take part in the Russian Energy Week on October 13-16 as well as the World Energy Congress, which will be held in October 2022 in Russia's second-largest city St. Petersburg.

The sixth Eastern Economic Forum is being held in Vladivostok on September 2-4 in a hybrid (combined online and in-person) format, the main topic of the business program is "New Opportunities for the Far East in a Changing World."

Other programs that are part of the forum include Youth EEF, EEF Junior and Far East Street. The forum is organized by the Roscongress Foundation. TASS is the general media partner and the official host photo agency of the event.

## Duterte's daughter says she has 'running mate' offers for 2022 poll

MANILA

PHILIPPINES President Rodrigo Duterte's daughter said late Wednesday that politicians, including her father's closest aide and preferred successor, have offered to run with her in next year's election.

Sara Duterte-Carpio, mayor of the southern Davao City, is leading opinion polls here but has yet to disclose her political plans ahead of the deadline to file for candidacy in October.

In her official Facebook account, Duterte-Carpio said lawmakers Sherwin Gatchalian and Christopher "Bong" Go "personally expressed their offer to run as my vice president".

It was unclear when Go made the offer, but Duterte-Carpio's post comes a few days after Go rejected the ruling party's endorsement here as presidential candidate.

Duterte-Carpio said other possible running mates include former defence minister Gilbert Teodoro, who offered himself through common friends, and the son and namesake of late Philippine dictator Ferdinand Marcos.

Go and the camp of Marcos did not respond to requests for comment. Other candidates have publicly disclosed their intent to run as Duterte-Carpio's vice president.

Duterte-Carpio, 43, has been quoted in media as saying she was open to running for president.

"Whether or not she has already decided on her plans of running, there really is clamour from many sectors," political analyst and professor Edmund Tayao told Reuters. "Many politicians think she will be a formidable presidential candidate."

Philippine leader Duterte, 76, is prohibited by the constitution from seeking a second term, but his opponents believe he could extend his grip on power through an election of an ally.

Duterte has declared he will seek the vice presidency, if daughter Duterte-Carpio does not run for president.

The elder Duterte remains popular despite his anti-narcotics campaign that has killed thousands of suspected drug dealers and users. But his administration is facing growing criticism over its handling of the pandemic, with the Philippines battling the one of the worst coronavirus outbreaks in Asia.

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In this Sept 3, 2018 photo, the President of the Philippines Rodrigo Duterte looks on as he signs the guest book next to his daughter Sara Duterte-Carpio (left) during his visit to the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial museum in Jerusalem commemorating the six million Jews killed by the German Nazis and their collaborators during World War II.

## China's service trade fair eyes cooperation, opening up

BEIJING

THE China International Fair for Trade in Services (CIFTIS), opened in Beijing yesterday, aims to promote deeper cooperation and wider opening-up in service trade and beyond.

The trade fair has attracted more than 10,000 enterprises from 153 countries and regions. Among them, 2,400 firms will showcase their products and services offline.

Up to 18 percent of offline exhibitors are Fortune 500 companies and leading enterprises, up 9 percentage points from last year, according to the organizers.

"China will continue to ease market access in the service industry and further open up key service sectors," said Wang Bingnan, China's vice minister of commerce, adding that such events as the CIFTIS can help the country's export of competitive services and import of high-quality ones.

The city of Beijing received approval from the State Council last September during the 2020 CIFTIS to expand opening up in the service industry and build a national comprehensive demonstration zone to further such efforts.

The demonstration zone is expected to facilitate trade, investment, cross-border flow of capital, employment, transportation, as well as the safe and orderly flow of data by 2030.

In less than a year, a number of projects



Journalists work at the media center of the China International Fair for Trade in Services (CIFTIS) at the China National Convention Centre in Beijing on Wednesday. The CIFTIS was held from Sept. 2 to 7 this year. Xinhua

by leading enterprises and foreign investors have been established in the capital, with favorable policies and an improved business environment benefiting both companies and customers.

The workshop of Naton Group, a medical enterprise based in Beijing, specializes in making orthopedic products such as new generation knee prostheses and medical polymer materials.

"With frequent and in-depth exchanges in the industry, the tax cost brought by technology transfer was high," said Dong Xiang, vice president of the company.

"Beijing launched a pilot enterprise income tax policy for technology transfer, increasing the amount of exempted income from technology transfer from 5 million yuan (about 770,000 U.S. dollars) to 20 million yuan," Dong said. "The policy has also boosted the confidence of our continuous investment in research and development."

The changes in Beijing signify China's unwavering determination to push for higher-level opening up. In the process of building a new development pattern, many cities in China have become "hot

spots" for high-level opening up supported by a series of favorable policies.

Four pilot zones for deepening opening-up in service trade have been added in Tianjin, Shanghai, Chongqing and Hainan. Exemplary practices concerning innovative development in service trade are promoted across the country. A total of 16 new bases for cultural export have been set up. China is on the fast track in deepening reform and pursuing a system of an open economy.

China has been the world's second largest country in terms of service trade for years. During the 13th Five-Year Plan period (2016-2020), China's service import and export totaled 3.6 trillion U.S. dollars, posting an increase of 29.7 percent over the 12th five-year plan period.

"More win-win cooperation has been seen and a new wave of high-level opening-up is surging," said Zhuang Rui, a professor at the University of International Business and Economics.

Xinhua

## Israel criticizes US plans to reopen Jerusalem consulate

BY BLOOMBERG

ISRAEL'S foreign minister criticized US plans to reopen its consulate in Jerusalem that had handled contacts with the Palestinians, warning it could threaten the fragile Israeli coalition government.

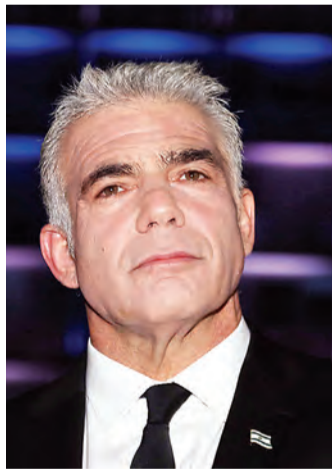
"We think it's a bad idea, and we've told the Americans we think it's a bad idea," Yair Lapid (pictured) said in a speech Wednesday. "We think this might destabilize this government, and I don't think the American administration wants this to happen."

The Trump administration

merged the consulate with the US Embassy, which was moved from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem as Washington recognized the disputed city as Israel's capital. The Palestinians, who want territory in east Jerusalem for the capital of a future state, broke off relations with the US over the steps.

President Joe Biden has pledged to rebuild contacts with the Palestinians. The US Embassy reaffirmed on Wednesday that "the United States will be moving forward with the process to reopen our consulate in Jerusalem."

"The US is not reversing its



decision to move the US Embassy to Jerusalem, nor revisiting US recognition of Jerusa-

lem as Israel's capital," it said in a statement.

The Israeli coalition that this year ousted longtime Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is an unlikely alliance of nationalists and leftists, Arabs and Jews, religious and secular, meaning consensus is almost impossible on issues such as a peace with the Palestinians.

Lapid's comments come as the new government looks to repair its relations with the White House of President Joe Biden, which took a hit due to Netanyahu's close relationship with Trump, a Republican.

The foreign minister, though, portrayed Israel's problem with the Democrats as one of messaging, not policy.

"We are very much aware of the fact that the Israeli story has not been told in the way that it should have been told in recent years, especially within the Democratic party," he said. "We don't even need to change policies, we just need to explain better what it is that we are doing, and why it is that we are doing it, what motivates us and what kind of values we believe in."

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## China speeds up upgrading and transformation of business districts in cities

CHINA will attract high-end brands and resources at home and abroad to megacities with a permanent resident population of more than ten million, and build a number of world's top-class business districts in these cities based on their characteristics and urban renewal and transformation projects, according to a draft guideline issued by China's Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM) not long ago.

Metropolises of the country, including Beijing, Tianjin, Shanghai, Chongqing, and Guangzhou, have taken the lead in developing international consumption center cities with the approval of the State Council of China, said the MOFCOM.

Creating top-class business dis-

tricts is in line with the consumption upgrading trend, helps promote upgrading and transformation of traditional business areas, and benefits businesses with the cluster effect, said Bai Ming, deputy director of the international market research institute of the Chinese Academy of International Trade and Economic Cooperation under the MOFCOM.

Building international consumption center cities and world-class business districts will help accelerate the construction of the new "dual circulation" development diagram in which domestic and overseas markets reinforce each other, with the do-

estic market as the mainstay, Bai noted.

In December 2018, Jiefangbei Pedestrian Street, also Jiefangbei Central Business District (CBD), in Yuzhong district of southwest China's Chongqing municipality was listed among the first batch of pedestrian streets to be improved and transformed under a pilot project of the country.

The management committee of the Jiefangbei CBD then made efforts to upgrade the district from the green areas, traffic condition, exterior appearance of buildings, lights and other key aspects.

The efforts have effectively beau-

tified the district and improved the experience of visitors, thus making it more popular.

Today, visitors at the CBD can pay through facial recognition devices and have a flexible mechanical arm hand them the cultural and creative products they want. Stores on the pedestrian street provide customers with a great variety of products and become more appealing after the transformation.

Last year, the CBD received 160 million visitors and saw its annual retail sales of consumer goods reach 92.4 billion yuan (about \$14.29 billion).

"We held a lot of promotions in

the past without knowing where our customers were, a pain point of traditional retail methods that has been solved by digital management," said Wu Shengjun, deputy general manager of Shanghai New World Co., Ltd., which runs a shopping mall on the western section of Nanjing Road Pedestrian Street, a famous commercial street of Shanghai.

The shopping mall is developing and using a digital management system that provides real-time data on inventory and sale of goods, customers' consumption habits, and performance assessment of employees, thus able to adjust goods structure

and better meet consumer demands, according to Wu, who disclosed that the mall stores information about more than 200,000 products from over 500 suppliers in the system.

Last year, a department store on the east section of the pedestrian street became the first of its kind in the country to open an account for livestreaming show and introduce a sales model that shows counters in the store one by one online.

As the host of the show saunters among the counters and recommends products in front of the camera, salespeople answer inquiries from online customers timely and provide them with the same services as those for offline customers.

People's Daily



## Chinese enterprises important force boosting Africa's development - report

BEIJING

CHINESE enterprises are becoming a significant force behind Africa's development, boosting its economic development and improving people's livelihoods in the region, said a report released on Thursday by the China-Africa Business Council (CABC).

With rapidly increasing investment in recent decades, Chinese enterprises have facilitated trade and investment in Africa. They have also assisted the region with the COVID-19 fight and poverty reduction, said the report on Chinese Investment in Africa.

Investments by Chinese enterprises in Africa's infrastructure, manufacturing, and agricultural processing, among others, have helped host countries accumulate foreign reserves, promote technology transfer, and eliminate supply constraints, it said.

Based on the report's estimates, China's direct investment stock in Africa should exceed 56 billion U.S. dollars by the end of 2020, with private companies accounting for about 70 percent of the total.

Lin Yifu, dean of the Institute of New Structural Economics at Peking University, said Chinese investment has helped turn Africa's resources into competitive advantages and strengthen the region's weak links in funds, technology, and infrastructure.

Chinese enterprises in Africa have also actively supported local COVID-19 containment and prevention measures, promoted the resumption of work and daily life, and provided materials, vaccines, and technical assistance, the report said.

Despite the pandemic, the global economic slowdown, and trade protectionism, Chinese companies have remained optimistic and willing to invest in Africa, the report said.

A special survey conducted by the China-Africa Business Council on the reinvestment of nearly 100 key private enterprises from June to July 2021 found that the proportion of reinvestment in Africa is around 30 percent.

Wang Licheng, chairman of the CABC, believed that Chinese enterprises, especially private companies, will play an active part in promoting the high-quality China-Africa trade and investment cooperation, contributing to the region's social and economic development. **Xinhua**

## US sets itself goal to destroy the unity of world Orthodox Christianity, Lavrov says

VOLGOGRAD,

THE Russian Orthodox Church is under tremendous pressure from the United States, which set itself a goal of destroying the unity of world Orthodox Christianity, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said on Monday at a meeting with the public and young adults in Volgograd.

He noted that the Russian Foreign Ministry cooperated closely with the Russian Orthodox Church, which has its parishes in many countries.

"It is currently under tremendous pressure from a number of Western countries, primarily the United States, which set itself the goal of destroying the unity of world Orthodox Christianity.

An extremely destructive role in that is played by the patriarch of Constantinople who tried to split the canonical Ukrainian Orthodox Church. Such attempts are now being observed against Belarus and Mediterranean countries, in particular, Syria, Lebanon and in the Balkans where the Serbian Orthodox Church is being subjected to very powerful attacks," Lavrov said.

Russia's top diplomat stressed that the Russian Orthodox Church promoted its values abroad, which contributes to achieving Russia's foreign policy goals.

"[That concerns], first and foremost, the need to uphold traditional spiritual and moral values, which are currently under attack by neoliberal elites in a number of Western countries. This is also work to uphold our historical memory, our roots, the genetic code, if you like," he added. **Agencies**

## Iran's president slams US human rights abuses in Afghanistan

TEHRAN

IRANIAN President Ebrahim Raisi denounced on Wednesday the human rights abuses committed in Afghanistan by the United States during its two-decade occupation, and lambasted the damage to security, stability and peace caused by US presence across the world.

"Taking into account the number of women and children who have been killed, injured or maimed in Afghanistan over the years, we will see the extent of the silent catastrophe that has been going on in that country," Raisi (pictured) said in a cabinet meeting, quoted by the Iranian presidency's official website.

The US presence in different parts of the world, he added, "has never been security-creating, but detrimental to security, stability and peace."

Instead of being held accountable before the world's public opinion, Washington is now creating a negative atmosphere around other countries by "fabricating different excuses," Raisi said.

The commander of US Central Command Kenneth McKenzie announced the end of the US troop pullout from Afghanistan in a press conference on Monday, after nearly 20 years of presence in the Asian country.

The US-led military forces invaded Afghanistan in 2001 under the pretext of searching for Osama bin Laden, the alleged mastermind of the Sept 11 terror attacks.

Over the past two decades, the US-led operations on Afghan soil have caused more than 30,000 civilian deaths and more than 60,000 injuries, and turned about 11 million people into refugees. **Xinhua**

# Controversy lingers over US botched exit from Afghanistan

WASHINGTON

THE last couple of weeks have seen U.S. President Joe Biden's administration scramble to evacuate Americans and Afghans who helped the United States, after the Taliban overran embattled Afghanistan in mid-August.

The withdrawal, which officially concluded on Tuesday, has been lambasted as a debacle by both the left and the right in Washington.

Evacuations started last month with at least 122,000 people whisked out of the war-torn nation as of Monday, including over 5,000 Americans.

But last week saw a suicide bomb kill 13 U.S. service members, and at least 100 Americans have been left behind, sparking a growing chorus of criticism over how the United States handled the withdrawal.

U.S. General Frank McKenzie on Monday said no U.S. citizens were able to get out of Kabul's international airport on the last five flights, explaining that "although we continued our outreach ... none of them made it to the airport."

It remains unknown exactly how many Americans remain in the battle-ravaged country. "We believe there are still a small number of Americans, under 200 and likely closer to 100, who remain in Afghanistan and want to leave. We're trying to determine exactly how many," Secretary of State Antony Blinken said on Monday.

CNN correspondent Clarissa Ward reported that a family from the U.S. state of Texas had been trying desperately to get to the Kabul airport for two weeks. "They all had American passports. They had gone to Afghanistan to visit the mother's family. And essentially, the issue was they couldn't get past the Taliban. They were in touch with the U.S. military. The mili-



A CH-47 Chinook is loaded onto a U.S. Air Force C-17 Globemaster III at Hamid Karzai International Airport in Kabul, Afghanistan, on Aug. 28, 2021. (U.S. Central Command Public Xinhua)

tary was trying to facilitate their departure," she said Monday on CNN.

Meanwhile, Biden is being blasted for adhering to what critics label a deadline set by the Taliban, as well as for the message that such a move sends to Washington's enemies. But will that hurt Democrats in the lead-up to next year's midterm elections? While the elections are still a year away, midterm voters tend to be more politically plugged in than those who only cast their ballots in presidential elections, experts said.

Teresa Durant, a supermarket employee in her 50s based near Wash-

ington DC, told Xinhua: "I will remember Biden's decisions when I vote in the midterms." Brookings Institution Senior Fellow Darrell West said there is a good and bad news scenario for Biden on Afghanistan.

"The bad news is he botched the evacuation and voters are unhappy with that.

But the good news is most Americans support the troop withdrawal and think that 20 years of war was too much and it was time to end the military involvement," West said.

How this plays out in the midterms will depend on what happens to the

remaining Americans and the extent to which the new government lives up to its commitments, West said.

Clay Ramsay, a researcher at the Center for International and Security Studies at the University of Maryland, said there will be new crises and new causes for pain and anxiety between now and November next year, when the midterms are slated to occur.

"A year and two months from now, Afghanistan will be somewhere in the middle of the pile," Ramsay told Xinhua. "The political question is, do the Republicans want to identify themselves with this issue?"

They could be misinterpreted as wanting to be in Afghanistan still, or worse, wanting to return to Afghanistan.

I see little public interest in those views," he added. A Reuters/Ipsos opinion poll released Monday found that only 10 percent see the Afghanistan issue as America's biggest problem despite the wide coverage. **Xinhua**

## African businesses' vulnerability to cyber attacks worsened by pandemic - report

NAIROBI

THE risk of cyber attack among large and small business entities in Africa escalated at the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic when remote working gained traction, says a report launched in Nairobi on Wednesday.

According to the state of cybersecurity report in Kenya, South Africa and Zimbabwe, compiled by Liquid Intelli-

gent Technologies, threats to digital infrastructure in the three countries' private sector increased amid loopholes created by the rapid uptake of remote work during the pandemic.

The 2021 cyber security report for Kenya, South Africa and Zimbabwe revealed that the threat of hacking, data breaches and ransomware increased as companies intensified automation to boost effi-

ciency.

It says that 96 percent of South African businesses have leveraged cloud services to sustain operations in the pandemic era while 79 percent of them said they experienced a spike in cyber threats.

In addition, 90 percent of companies surveyed in South Africa said they had prioritized strengthening their cyber defenses to help avert attacks that could be a drain on finances

besides worsening reputational damage.

While 95 percent of Kenyan businesses had adopted cloud services, 78 percent reported an increase in threats to their cyberspace while 70 percent had prioritized installing firewalls to ward off attacks, according to the report.

The situation in Zimbabwe, according to the report, mirrored the one in Kenya and South Africa where chief infor-

mation officers and network administrators said that the risk of cyber attacks had intensified during the pandemic.

Lorreta Songola, Regional Chief Business Officer of Liquid Intelligent Technologies, Southern Africa, said that the increased use of emerging technologies like cloud services was accompanied by risk of sophisticated attacks like email phishing, malware, identity theft and data intrusion.

## Shanghai's Lin-gang Special Area welcomes over 40,000 enterprises in past two years



Photo taken on July 30, 2020 shows the beautiful scenery of the Dishui Lake in the Lin-gang Special Area of China (Shanghai) Pilot Free Trade Zone.

By Xie Weiqun

THE Lin-gang Special Area of China (Shanghai) Pilot Free Trade Zone has recently begun "rush hours" of project construction.

Thirty-one projects there were completed on Aug. 16, and 42 new ones were signed on the next day. On Aug. 18, 24 projects of the third quarter commenced, marking a new wave of construction.

Recently, 15 enterprises have signed to move in an industrial park specializing in marine and smart manufacturing industries in the Lin-gang Special Area. The total investment of these enterprises exceeded two billion yuan (\$309.5 million), and the total value of output is expected to hit 8 billion yuan.

The industrial park will have a property area of a million square meters and revenue of 30 billion yuan by 2025, and be built into a 100-billion-yuan estate with world-class ecology for the blue economy 10 years later.

Eyeing on frontier technologies, the Lin-gang Special Area is growing into a new source of growth featuring high-quality development. It will center on four core industries of integrated circuit, biological medicine, civil aviation and artificial intelligence, two advantageous industries of smart new energy vehicle and high-end equipment manufacturing, as well as two future industries of green remanufacturing and hydrogen energy.

The development of the whole industrial chain of the Lin-gang Special Area

came from the individual breakthroughs made by all business entities doing business there, said Wu Xiaohua, deputy secretary of the Working Committee of the Communist Party of China Lin-gang Special Area Committee.

Statistics showed that 765 projects were signed in the Lin-gang Special Area over the past two years with a total investment of 447.83 billion yuan. 40,329 enterprises were set up there during the same period, increasing 53.7 percent yearly on average, and registered capital surged 218.5 percent each year on average, reaching 674.2 billion yuan.

Gathering new momentum and seeing rapid industrial development, the Lin-gang Special Area is serving as a new source of growth and engine for Shanghai's economic development.

In August 2019, China issued an overall plan for the Lin-gang Special Area of China (Shanghai) Pilot Free Trade Zone, proposing to advance trade and investment liberalization and facilitation, including the free flow of investment, trade, capital, transportation and employment.

Over the past two years, the Lin-gang Special Area has constantly upgraded its business environment and optimized public services, continuously shattering the record of project signing and implementation.

Last year, the Lin-gang Special Area established an approval

and review center for investment projects, and this year, it further accelerated its approval services, striving for immediate project commencement on land approval and immediate production on project completion.

Besides, the Lin-gang Special Area has exempted enterprises' engineering costs in water, power and natural gas supplies. As of July this year, over one billion yuan of such engineering cost had been saved for 63 projects.

For finance, trade, integrated circuit and artificial intelligence enterprises in the Lin-gang Special Area, faster international exchanges of data means stronger competitiveness.

The Lin-gang Special Area has built a dedicated data link that directly connects its industrial parks to the International Communication Service Import and Export Bureau to improve internet access quality and experience of enterprise users. As of June this year, nine enterprises had applied for 11 such data links, six of which have been completed.

While improving infrastructure services and upgrading business environment, the Lin-gang Special Area is also advancing garden city construction and striving to achieve waste-free and low-carbon development, so as to build a high-quality, integrated and sustainable ecological environment system. **People's Daily**

## AU: J&J deal to ship virus shots from S. Africa to Europe halted

LONDON

AN arrangement whereby Johnson & Johnson (J&J) was shipping to Europe COVID-19 vaccine doses that were being packaged in South Africa has been suspended, African Union (AU) envoy Strive Masiyiwa said yesterday.

The shots packaged by J&J's South African partner Aspen Pharmacare Holdings Ltd. and already sent to Europe would be returned, Masiyiwa said at a news conference organized by the AU's disease control body.

The development came following an announcement that Aspen was in talks with J&J to increase production of COVID-19 vaccines and evaluate a potential license for Africa's biggest drugmaker, positioning itself for further developments in the inoculation sphere.

The discussions are underway as the AU and European Union look to bolster the supply of coronavirus vaccines to the continent, and could extend an existing agreement for Aspen to package and fill vials of the US company's vaccine at a plant in South Africa.

"Aspen is hopeful that the current discussions between Johnson & Johnson and Aspen, including a possible license for Africa, could make a meaningful contribution to improving equitable COVID-19 vaccine access for the continent," Chief Executive Officer Stephen Saad said in a statement.

South Africa is heavily reliant on the single-dose shot as it looks to inoculate as many of its 40 million adult population as possible this year. Most nations elsewhere on the continent are at the back of the line when it comes to vaccine rollouts, raising the risk of the emergence of dangerous new variants.

Aspen switched focus to producing so-called steriles such as anesthetics a few years ago to tap a higher-value market than its traditional generic medicines, paving the way for a push into vaccines. Gaining a license would allow Aspen to produce a fully-owned African COVID-19 shot manufactured locally, easing a dependence on other nations.

The World Health Organization (WHO) recommends against using spare doses of COVID-19 vaccine to give booster shots to countries' fully-vaccinated populations, since the priority is to ensure the global population is vaccinated, the agency's head said.

Speaking in Berlin at the opening of a new epidemic intelligence hub, WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus urged countries with spare vaccines available to donate any deliveries they received in the near term to COVAX or other initiatives aimed at sharing doses with poorer countries.

"For now, we do not want to see widespread use of boosters for healthy people who are fully vaccinated," he said. "We call on countries that have contracted high volumes of vaccines to swap near-term delivery schedules with COVAX and the African Vaccine Acquisition Trust, or AVAT." **Agencies**



# SPORT

## Will Haji Manara win Yanga fans' hearts?



New Yanga spokesman, Haji Manara. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

Haji Manara has widely been the center of the talk in Tanzania after his move from Simba SC to the club's age-old rivals, Yanga.

He enters a record of its kind in the country and sets a record when it comes to switching from one of the two rivals to the other.

He becomes the first indigenous leader to cut between rival teams between the two biggest clubs in the country, Simba SC and Yanga.

Many players who have played football in the past have been cross from one side to the other in these clubs.

Several well-known players have moved from Simba SC to Yanga and vice versa. They are, among others, Omary Hussein 'Keegan', Mohamed Hussein, alias 'Mmachinga', Juma Kaseja, Hamis Gaga, Zamoyoni Mogella, Athuman Idd 'Chuji', Said Mwamba 'Kizota', Edibily Lunyamila, Athuman China, Godwin Aswile, Willy Martin, Nico Bambaga, Selemani Mathew, Ally Yusuf 'Tigana'

Never before has a leader left Simba SC and move to Yanga and vice versa, be it an elected leader or a hired leader.

Here I am talking about the natives. Haji becomes the first. For foreigners, Senzo Masingiza Mbatha shocked soccer lovers last year, moving from Simba SC to Yanga.

First of all, these clubs have their own cultures. For instance, if an individual is a Yanga bus driver, he should be a Yanga fan.

If an individual is a Simba SC cleaner, the particular individual should be the club's fan. And now the fanaticism has shifted to stock sales.

If an individual wants to buy Simba SC shares, one must be the outfit's fan. The same could be said of Yanga.

Simba SC and Yanga fanaticism garner priority in various fields. It is the first criterion as well.

A person is not trustworthy until the individual is known to be either Yanga or Simba SC fan. After that, the rest will follow.

Haji has made it difficult for the country's sports followers to conclude the way the fanatics should judge him.

One can look at the issue of Haji in three chapters. The first chapter is that Haji is at the moment an angry citizen, showcasing his grudges against his former employers.

He did not leave Simba SC peacefully. He had been pushed out of the club and anger and grudge have filled him to the brim.

He may have done what he did in retaliation. He is currently all over the internet in yellow and green jerseys.

His sarcastic content against Yanga and their fans in the past is what Simba SC fans will be facing now that the charismatic official has moved to Yanga.

He can now do twice as much to show his new employers that he is a true professional and that he has left Simba SC and he has no plans to turn back on

Yanga.

I think for now he will be an ardent Yanga fanatic way better than true Yanga followers.

Apart from that, it is also possible that Yanga also benefited from Manara as the official adds a taste to their club.

He will adorn Yanga kits the same way he used to adorn Simba SC kits and Yanga will create an attraction even for youngsters.

But this will further be contributed by the quality of the team.

Simba SC clashed with Manara. Simba SC's fans were fond of Manara because his words were being supported by Simba's success and the outfit's fans' enthusiasm.

Manara could not have been so close to Simba if the outfit's strikers had been the likes of Michael Sarpong who turned out for Yanga in the 2020/21 season.

The third thing that is important to investigate and know is that Yanga's move to appoint Manara as the outfit's spokesman may also help other people, who will cross over to the outfit in the future, for employment and their professionalism, no matter where their will is.

For example, once all that happened, Manara is still doing a clean job at Yanga so much that the team can continue to shine without any problem.

Is it true that even a Yanga team doctor should be a Yanga fan?

What would Yanga do if there is a good professional doctor they can have, but he is a Simba fan?

Will the club opt-out of taking him? I think the biggest fear is sabotage against them.

This fear has swallowed up the fact that there are things that have to be done professionally regardless of the will.

After some years Manara may have opened the doors of a professional approach to hiring administrators regardless of the fanaticism.

Yanga has taken this 'risk', and Manara has as well taken this 'risk' because despite being in the outfit he may have uprooted the root of the controversy.

Most of the players, who have moved from Simba to Yanga and vice versa, did a good job.

Said Mwamba was mainly a Yanga player and was raised by the outfit since he left Tabora, but, when it came to his job, he did well when he moved to Simba. He used to score goals as well for the outfit.

Mogella and Gaga did a good job when they went to Yanga even though they were previously accomplished players at Simba.

Mogella won the East and Central African Club Championship in Uganda with Yanga, putting a scintillating showing for the club on the pitch.

This is what Manara is facing now. If he does his job well at Yanga then he may open the doors for other people to work hard in these clubs regardless of their fanaticism.

Initially, it seemed so impossible that other important professions such as coaching also lacked people of this type.

The late Joel Bendersa and Syllersaid Mziray remain the only indigenous coaches to have coached Simba and Yanga at different periods.

After that, so far no native coach has ever set that record although we are aware that the profession often carries professional people who do not like to betray their teams.

Players can betray a team but it is rare for coaches to do so, but still, so far the coaches are not trustworthy.

Manara sometimes will not have a very hard time working with Yanga officials because he was raised by the outfit.

His father, Sunday Manara, was a popular Yanga player. Haji was playing with his fellow children, whose fathers were either playing for or leading Yanga, at Kaunda Stadium before his father started training with his fellow players.

Will Haji be an 'angel' or a 'devil' at Yanga? While at Simba, he looked like an angel but now he will look like a devil.

With the official working for Yanga he, to Simba followers, also looks like the devil.

## SPORTS

## The critics are right: No commentator may ever equal late Kashasha in soccer

By Correspondent John Kimbute

THE soccer pundits' fraternity is still reeling from the loss of Alex Kashasha, without question the first in rank for that profession, who succumbed to disease mid-August while receiving treatment at the Kairuki Hospital in the city of Dar es Salaam, at around the age of 64.

He was a household name for his precision in explaining what happened at this or that moment on the pitch and covering his observation with a technical stamp of what the move represents in soccer diagnosis.

As a historian and friend of his, a colleague at TBC said of him, he was first and foremost a scientist in soccer, not just a field commentator.

He was a bar-raising teacher - as he was universally known, as 'Mwalim Kashasha,' despite that media reports have been completing the title to 'Mwalimu' in the likeness of the Father of the Nation, factually his name was never pronounced that way.

It was always the soft-ending 'Mwalim Kashasha,' rather than an assertive tone on the title as the newspaper and online write-ups would make it appear.

To wit, the Father of the Nation, across the border in Kenya, was also known or referred to in the soft ending manner, for instance, its veteran Attorney General, the late Charles Njonjo, also a Nyerere critic of the first hour, once said in the Kenyan legislature, in a bemused manner 'Mwalim Nyerere surprises me a lot,' he stated, insisting that his clothing fashion consisted in putting on a coat but without a shirt, seeing it as perplexing.

The bar he raised is unlikely to be reached by anyone in the current generation of commentators, and those who may come later will not simply have to work hard to reach that bar, but rather it is a matter of whether someone else may appear, having his talent and vocation of knowing the game.

The intensity of observation he showed on the game and thorough immersion in the technicality of what each move of some significance - for instance, a gesture that is noticeably creative and even out of the ordinary - could have made him a first-class surgeon if he had directed his skills to medicine. Or an excellent painter, etc.

His TBC colleague, Masoud Masoud, aptly sets out the issue, and he did so while his colleague was at the beginning



The late Alex Kashasha.

of his height of fame in the profession, that the crucial issue about his abilities was his vocation to read practically all there is to be read in soccer.

Having that kind of disposition in an atmosphere where we routinely lament the lack of a reading culture, how social media has replaced books as the anchor of even the most professional mindsets once they leave classrooms is, to say the least, surprising.

He once said in an interview - with the same Masoud - that he read 58 books on soccer, by varied authors, writers.

There is also a hidden contribution that Mwalimu Kashasha made to the profession, and via the profession to the language as a whole in repudiating the native inclination of trying to translate everything to Swahili - as he instead sought to absorb technical terms as they are, in the sense that they are soccer

terms firstly and English words second.

That is how English itself became a scientific language, not by rejecting Greek or Latin but by absorbing the breadth of the technical terms they used, only inserting them in the English framework of speech.

And that is precisely how progressive use of Kiswahili as a technical language is anchored, as seen everyday especially in mechanical petty business, with 'skrepa, or skreper, copper, chuma, dongo' types of material they buy or cleaning shaft, bolt, being free in that aspect of innovation.

What the side street technicians are doing in adopting technical terms of car parts etc in everyday work is what Mwalimu Kashasha did in soccer commentary, not just talk about 'the ball' being shot and getting out but precisely what shot it was, and from what angle.

He brought weights and measures or scales to the football pitch, so that listeners could grasp - as if with Richter scale of measuring earthquake intensity - just what had taken place on the ground. Commentary shifted from reporting, entertainment, to diagnosis.

Even if the late language and soccer commentary teacher will not be emulated too soon to have someone else of his perception of the game on the broadcasting podium, the seed he planted will doubtlessly later germinate and blossom.

The whole point is competition on the job and between channels, so that imitators who were taking a sip at his voice and then mouthing some phrases in a bamboozled and mocking fashion may be buried with Caesar.

Those who come later will strive to learn the real thing, the broadcasting art backed by the science of football, a field of specialization that colleges are starting to realize also exists.

## Mbwana Samatta joins Royal Antwerp on loan

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

TANZANIA's senior national soccer team 'Taifa Stars' skipper, Mbwana Samatta, has joined Belgium's Royal Antwerp as the team announced that the forward is on loan at the club from Turkey's Fenerbahçe until the end of the season, with the option to buy.

Since joining the Turkish Super Lig outfit from England's Aston Villa, the African star has struggled in front of goal.

In the 2020/21 campaign, he scored just five times despite making 27 league appearances. It was alleged that the Tanzanian footballer had the option to move permanently on a 4 million euros deal.

Samatta, who goes to a team that will face Fenerbahçe in the UEFA Europa League, used to wear jersey number 33 at the side and had only six goals.

In the battle for his signature, Royal Antwerp has clashed with several clubs including Troyes and Montpellier of the French Premier League.

Montpellier put on the table 2.5 million euros. Samatta's pricing has opened the door for Fenerbahçe to capture Angers' Stéphane Bahoken as his successor.

Samatta played his final game for Fenerbahçe on Sunday after coming from



Mbwana Samatta

the bench against Altay S.K in the former's 2-0 win.

Nonetheless, he has been shipped to the Bosuilstadion Antwerp where he is expected to rediscover his scoring form under manager Brian Priske. "The 28-year-old striker from Tanzania comes over from Turkish [club] Fenerbahçe, who we will meet in the UEL group stage. He will be hired until the end of the season with a purchase option," a statement from Royal Antwerp read. "Samatta became champion two years ago at KRC Genk, where he played a total of five seasons. In 191 games, he scored 76 times and handed out 20 assists."

"In 2020, he made the move to Aston Villa in the Premier League, after which he moved to Fenerbahçe. Good luck at the Tawny Owl, Ally!"

With this move, he becomes the seventh player from Africa in Priske's squad. Others include Abdoulaye Seck (Senegal), Alhassan Yusuf (Nigeria), Nill De Pauw (Congo), Luete Ava Dongo (Congo), Brunny Nsimba (Angola) and Opoku Ampomah (Ghana).

He is expected to join with the rest of his teammates after the international window as they continue their Belgian top-flight campaign.

The African star led Taifa Stars' attack when they confronted DR Congo at the Stade TP Mazembe, Lubumbashi in yesterday's African qualifiers for the 2022 World Cup. Samatta could make his debut when Antwerp travel to Kehrwegstadion for their league fixture against Stefan Kramer's KAS Eupen.

After five matches played so far, the four-time Belgian kings are placed 15th on the log having accrued five points from five games. Their last outing ended in a 2-2 draw at home against OH Leuven. During his time at Genk, he wrote his name in the history books being the first Tanzanian to feature in the UEFA Champions League having featured against Salzburg on December 20, 2019.

## Coastal Union ropes in Mwadui FC goalie

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

MAINLAND Premier League's Coastal Union has opted to boost the team, roping in Mwadui FC goalkeeper Mussa Mbisa.

Mbisa has joined the club, popularly known as 'Wagosi wa Kaya', on a two-year contract and has already been introduced by the club's management through its social media pages.

The goalkeeper, last season, was criticized by many football stakeholders in the country for conceding careless goals when Mwadui FC featured in the domestic top-flight.

The goalie is expected to have a fresh start in the Coastal Union squad, which last season survived relegation with an aggregate victory over Championship squad, Mwanza's Pamba FC, in the play-offs.

Meanwhile, the Coastal Union leadership has announced the names of the players released as the club readies for the Mainland Premier League season as well as the Federation Cup.

The side has also entered into a two-year contract with American coach, Melis Medo, to coach the team.

Medo replaces Juma Mgunda who is now the Technical Director of the outfit, 1988 Mainland Premier League champions.

Coastal Union statement said that former Mgunda's assistant, Joseph Lazaro, will continue to be the team's assistant coach.

Medo had been Gwambina FC's head coach since May this year after coaching several clubs in Kenya including Wazito FC and Sofapaka FC.

A list of 12 players released by the side has been posted on its Instagram page.



## Ronaldo's record goal reminds us: No one does drama like Portugal's captain

By Mark Ogden, Senior Writer, ESPN FC

If anyone is still wondering whether Manchester United are getting a Cristiano Ronaldo whose best days are firmly behind him, just ask the shell-shocked Republic of Ireland players who thought they had denied him a goal-scoring world record in Estadio Algarve, only to see the Portugal captain smash it and then add to it in the space of seven wild minutes at the end of a 2-1 World Cup qualifying victory.

Nobody does remarkable football drama quite like Ronaldo, but this historic night in Faro was up there with all of the great moments of his incredible career, largely because, for 89 minutes, he was having one of those nights when everything seemed to be going against him and his team. But at the end of it, he had claimed the international scoring record solely for himself, having been locked on 109 goals alongside former Iran striker Ali Daei since netting twice against France at Euro 2020.

"I'm extremely happy. I needed one goal, and I've scored two," Ronaldo said. "I'm very happy for the two goals that gave us the victory and for breaking the record."

"This record is mine, and it is unique. I'm extremely happy, and it's another one for my career. It's about motivation and the desire I have to continue playing football, also from this last contract I made, in which I was happy to return home."

"If we get up every day with the ambition to motivate and do better, to make the fans and our children happy, that is essential," he added. "It's another record for the museum."

Ronaldo is now on 111 goals for Portugal after scoring his 110th with a stunning header from an 89th-minute Goncalo Guedes cross. And the 36-year-old, who completed his return to United from Juventus on Monday, did it again with another header from close range in the sixth minute of stoppage time from Joao Mario's cross.

That goal prompted Ronaldo to race away in celebration, ripping off his top in the process. That led to him being yellow carded by referee Matej Jug, a booking that means he is suspended for Tuesday's qualifier against Azerbaijan in Baku and therefore able to report earlier for duty at Old Trafford once again.

But while this ended up being a memorable occasion for the right reasons for Ronaldo, it could so easily have come to a shuddering halt after just 10 minutes.

With Portugal having been awarded a penalty following a Jeff Hendrick foul on Bruno Fernandes, Ronaldo grabbed the ball for the

spot kick, sensing an easy opportunity to break the record. But at the same time, he lashed out at Ireland defender Dara O'Shea, who fell to the ground. Jug was called to review the penalty decision by VAR, but for some reason, he was not asked to check the Ronaldo incident.

It was a very fortunate escape from a red card, but if Ronaldo thought his luck was in, he would have thought otherwise moments later when Ireland goalkeeper Gavin Bazunu, a 19-year-old Manchester City player who was relegated to English football's fourth tier while on loan at Rochdale last season, dived to his right to save Ronaldo's penalty. That was the seventh penalty miss from 21 taken in Ronaldo's Portugal career.

Whisper it, but United manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer might want to have a quiet word with his new signing about allowing Fernandes to continue as the first-choice spot-kick taker at Old Trafford. Good luck with that, Ole.

From the moment Bazunu saved his penalty, Ronaldo cut a frustrated figure. This really wasn't how the script was supposed to play out, especially at a stadium where he had scored more goals (10) than anywhere else in his international career. This wasn't one of the citadels of Lisbon or Porto, but an unremarkable stadium with two temporary stands on Portugal's Algarve coast.

Due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the tourism industry in the Algarve, the Portuguese Football Federation chose this venue to "contribute to the region's economic recovery" because it is also the home to one of the largest expat Irish communities outside North America. But ongoing COVID-19 measures saw the attendance restricted to just 7,831 supporters, with no travelling fans allowed. So, when Sheffield United's John Egan headed Ireland ahead just before half-time, it really did seem like the omens were against Ronaldo and Portugal.

A tactical switch by Portugal coach Fernando Santos at the start of the second half, which saw Ronaldo move to the left and substitute Andre Silva play through the centre, gave Ronaldo more freedom to create his own chances.

Fernandes, who struggles to impress with Portugal, once again found it difficult to make an impact, with Santos favouring the ball being played through Bernardo Silva. Neither Fernandes nor Silva seemed capable of getting the ball to their talisman, and it was painful to watch at times as Ronaldo increasingly threw his arms in the air in exasperation.

# Transfer window review: Who made the best transfer, worst window?

ESPN

THE transfer window closed on Aug. 31, with Europe's top clubs spending plenty of money to enhance their squads even amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the financial constraints that has brought.

Manchester United splashed more than €120m on Jadon Sancho and Raphael Varane, while also bringing back Cristiano Ronaldo; Arsenal spent the most of any Premier League club on six new players; Liverpool picked up RB Leipzig defender Ibrahima Konate for €41.5m, while Manchester City and Chelsea broke the bank for statements signing each (Jack Grealish and Romelu Lukaku.)

In Europe, Real Madrid and Barcelona were hit hard by financial issues and had to move stars on, as were Inter Milan, but Paris Saint-Germain led the way both with the €70m signing of Inter full-back Achraf Hakimi and the free transfers of world-class players Lionel Messi, Gianluigi Donnarumma, Sergio Ramos and Georginio Wijnaldum.

**But what do our writers think of the window?**

**\*Who signed the best defender?**  
Gab Marcotti: If you include wing-backs (or full-backs who attack), then I'd suggest PSG with Hakimi. If you're sticking to actual one-one-one defenders, it's probably a toss-up between David Alaba (Real Madrid) and Varane, though I'd lean toward Alaba simply because while neither had a great season, Alaba's was better.

Long-term, I'm a big Dayot Upamecano (Bayern Munich) guy, so if I'm buying futures, that's where they're going.

Rob Dawson: Manchester United. Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's team conceded too many goals last season, 12 more than champions Manchester City. Solskjaer wanted a new centre-back, and the club managed to get Real Madrid's Varane for €41m. A Champions League and World Cup winner signed during the peak years of his career is a great addition and, judging by his performance on his debut at Wolves last weekend, the 28-year-old will do well in the Premier League.

Mark Ogden: Leicester City. You can't ignore the quality of Varane or the potential that Liverpool have signed in Konate, but Jannik Vestergaard has been one of the best and most underrated defenders in the Premier League during his time at Southampton, so to sign him for just £15m is a fantastic piece of business by Leicester. Wesley Fofana's broken leg could have derailed Leicester before the season even began, but they moved quickly and smartly for the Denmark international.

Julien Laurens: The sun must have got to your head on holiday, Mark, because picking Vestergaard ahead of the incredible defenders signed this window – Varane, Konate, Sergio Ramos, Alaba and Upamecano, just to name a few – is crazy. My pick goes to Hakimi at PSG. Yes he cost €60m from Inter Milan, but he's already proven what an impact he will have this season. He is arguably the best right-back in Europe right now and it was a great coup to get him.

James Olley: Historically, Manchester United have often had to fend off Real Madrid for their best players, yet this time they've prised a crown jewel away from the Spanish giants. United have been searching to find Harry Maguire the right centre-back partner for years, and they've landed one of the world's finest in Varane for the relatively modest price of £41m. It's hard not to see him adjusting well to the Premier League and improving United almost immediately.

**\*Who was the best free transfer/value for money deal?**

Ogden: Ronaldo. I know Gab will argue against me until the end of time over the financial benefits, or otherwise, of Ronaldo's return to Manchester United, but the €15m initial fee is relatively insignificant, with €8m in add-ons, and will be paid over five years. The wages will, of course, be huge, but United are a commercial juggernaut and I believe they will end up making more money out of Ronaldo than he costs them. Oh, and he'll score loads of goals too.



Lionel Messi

Marcotti: I assume we're all picking around the top end of the market and since everyone has taken either a Messi or Ronaldo stance, I'm going to do the same and go with Messi.

Why? I think he's more important to PSG (especially in light of Mbappe not extending his contract yet), in terms of image and on the pitch, than Ronaldo is to United. I think commercially as well, Messi moves the needle for PSG more than Ronaldo does for United, mainly because United are already huge, the Premier League is already huge and Ronaldo's agent Jorge Mendes, I think, has a much clearer idea of what his client is worth than Jorge Messi. So yeah, whenever we hear about a player "adding x million to a club's commercial revenues" we also have to consider that the agent, if he's smart, will know this and will incorporate it into the price.

I'd also give an honorable mention to Bayern's signing of Marcel Sabitzer for €15m. Coach Julian Nagelsmann knows him from RB Leipzig, he adds depth to a midfield area filled with expiring contracts, and he's a quality footballer.

Laurens: There can be only one winner here: Messi. No transfer fee, not even a signing-on fee and you get one of the best players in the history of the game, if not the best: PSG win this transfer window with Messi alone. No one never thought it could happen and yet they concluded the deal in five days once it became clear that Barcelona weren't able to register his new contract.

Dawson: Yes, it's hard to look beyond Messi's free transfer to Paris. He instantly makes PSG better on the pitch and probably favourites to win the Champions League, while also making the club more appealing off the pitch to fans, sponsors and broadcasters. His impact will be huge.

Olley: Messi and Ronaldo moving in one summer is the stuff of fantasy, and the fortunes of both in the autumn of their careers will be fascinating viewing. For the sake of variety, I'll opt for Gianluigi Donnarumma. Italy's goalkeeper was a key figure in their Euro 2020 success and at just 22 years old, PSG may have their No.1 for the next decade – all without paying AC Milan a penny.

**\*Who paid over the odds to get what they want?**

Olley: Brighton owe Gareth Southgate a bottle of something expensive. Ben White's call-up to the England squad for Euro 2020 enabled Brighton to hike up their valuation of a promising young centre-back who Arsenal ultimately decided they had to sign at all costs. He is a likeable character, but there is a view within the game that the Gunners overpaid. He could, of course, improve, but he'll need to. And when was the last time a centre-back actually got better during his time at Arsenal?

Laurens: English clubs always have to pay a premium for English players and we saw it again this summer with Grealish. He is not worth £100m and there was a reason why Aston Villa agreed to put a release clause in his contract: they never thought someone would pay this amount for their star player. Manchester City did, but it is too much for someone who has never played a single game in Europe.

Dawson: Grealish is not yet a £100m player, but City were so convinced of his ability that they decided to pay his release clause at Aston Villa. City hope the fee will look like value for money by the end of his contract and Grealish certainly has a high ceiling. City don't make many wrong moves in the transfer market and they believe they've got it right again with Grealish.

Ogden: Arsenal spending £50m to sign Ben White from Brighton smacked of a desperation to be seen to be doing the right thing by recruiting young English talent. At 23, White is a long way from the finished article and his fee was artificially inflated by his late call-up into England's Euro 2020 squad. Arsenal needed a commanding, proven centre-back to help solve their defensive problems, but ended up paying far too much for a promising rookie.

Marcotti: Harry Kane would have been the answer here, but yeah, you know how that went. And obviously, it would have been Mbappe if he had moved. I think Grealish's fee is very high considering his lack of international experience at club level. Yes, he's a unique talent, but he's also 25 years old, so it's not as if you're paying for 15 years of future service.

**\*Who had the worst window?**

Dawson: Barcelona. President Joan Laporta's hands have been tied by the financial mess he inherited at Camp Nou, but there is little doubt Barcelona are weaker now than they were at the end of last season. Laporta insists he is trying to look after the long-term future of the club, though that might come with some short-term pain. They certainly do not look to have the same fear factor now that Messi and Antoine Griezmann have gone.

Laurens: Another vote for Barca. Losing Messi is enough to make your transfer window a bad one. If you add the fact that you let another big player join your direct competitors for the title, for the second summer in a row (Griezmann after Luis Suarez last year) and that you could not even register your new signings until the day before the start of the season, it has been a really tough ride.

Marcotti: Everybody is picking on Barcelona and, I guess, they're the obvious choice. We just don't know how bad the situation truly was financially. Maybe it's true that they needed to give away both Messi and Griezmann. It feels hugely improbable, but hey, Leicester winning the Premier League was hugely improbable.

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Among Europe's elite, I'd suggest Liverpool's strategy of looking to kids (Curtis Jones, Harvey Elliott) and contract extensions (six first-teamers penned new deals, including Virgil van Dijk and Trent Alexander-Arnold) while making just one signing after losing Wijnaldum is a bit short-termist. But again, we don't have a clear picture of their finances.

Ogden: Plenty of clubs had bad windows, for different reasons. Barcelona and Real Madrid won't remember the summer of 2021 particularly fondly, while Newcastle fans once again had little to get excited about. But considering their clear objective was to sign a centre-forward to replace Sergio Aguero, Manchester City somehow ended up missing out on Kane and Ronaldo. Yes, they paid £100m for Grealish, but they would have been better using that money to fund a deal for Kane.

Olley: Barcelona's mismanagement caught up with them this summer, culminating in Messi's exit and the chaotic departure of Griezmann back to Atletico Madrid. They parted with Griezmann on loan with an obligation to make the deal permanent for €40m, two years after paying Atletico €120m for him. So, to summarise, Barca gave Atletico Madrid €80m, Suarez on a free, a La Liga title and Griezmann in exchange for Griezmann. No wonder they're in a mess.

**\*What's your pick for the biggest move in January?**

Laurens: Paul Pogba. I don't see him extending his contract at Manchester United in the next six months or even after that either. So instead of letting him leave on a free in the summer, I can easily imagine United deciding to offload him to Real Madrid in January to cut their losses and getting something for a player who came with a £89.3m transfer fee in 2016.

Marcotti: I have no idea. I'd be purely guessing. Given how Barcelona keep finding new debts and liabilities under the sofa, I wouldn't be surprised if somehow the situation degenerates further and Laporta has to sacrifice another important asset.

Dawson: Mbappe. January isn't usually the time for big transfers, but then you also don't expect a club to offer over €200m for a player with less than one year left on his contract, as Real Madrid did. Or to see it turned down. It would not be a huge surprise to see Real Madrid return with another bid for Mbappe in January, although there is no guarantee it would be accepted by PSG.

Ogden: Kane was very deliberate when he ended speculation over his future last month by saying he would be staying at Tottenham "this summer." The England captain's reasons for wanting a move have not changed, so don't be surprised if City make a new attempt to sign him in January. Much will depend on how Spurs are performing at the time and whether they can sustain their promising start to the Premier League season. But, make no mistake, the Kane saga is not over. Olley: Agents often describe January as a "tidy-up" window and historically, big deals don't happen mid-season. City may push again for Kane, but it's hard to see Daniel Levy relenting in the space of five months. Mbappe's situation is unusual given it is a case of when – not if – he joins Real so, for the sake of variety, I'll go for Houssem Aouar. He might not command the highest fee – Lyon were willing to take around €25m this summer – but they need the cash and he's not without admirers in England. It isn't hard to see one team taking a gamble on him.

**Gwiji** by David Chikoko





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Transfer window review: Who made the best transfer, worst window?



Junior and senior tennis players that featured in a past Masika tennis tournament, which took place at AICC courts in Arusha, pose for a photo at the showdown's climax. PHOTO: COURTESY OF FRATERN MASIKA

## Paralympic Committee officials tour Z'bar today

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

THE Tanzania Paralympic Committee (TPC) members are today expected to tour Zanzibar to promote and develop sports among people with disabilities in the country.

Ramadhan Namkoveka, TPC secretary-general, said in the one-day tour, they will be accompanied by Tanzania Amputee Football Association (TAFF) and National Sports Council (NSC) officials.

He said the visit aims to develop sports among people with disabilities in the Isles.

Namkoveka said Zanzibar is giving priority to sports among people with disabilities, adding amputee football is among the popular sports in the Isles.

He said the tour will also help Zanzibar to form its national amputee football team and clubs, as well as setting up an amputee football association.

Namkoveka revealed: "Tomorrow, TPC, TAFF, and NSC officials will tour Zanzibar. The aim is to promote sports among people with disabilities in the Isles, amputee football is popular in the Isles and we want to promote and develop it."

"The visit will also be used as a way of sharing experiences and information between officials from the two sides," he said.

The TPC official disclosed that the tour is a result of the partnership between the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and his committee, working together to develop sports among people with disabilities.

He said TPC and ICRC entered the agreement in 2018 and TAFF and Tanzania Wheelchair Basketball Federation (TWBF) are a fruit of that agreement.

The benefits which TAFF and TWBF have gained from ICRC and TPC agreement include the acquisition of sports equipment, capacity building through seminars and courses.

"We are happy that through our agreement with ICRC we have managed to have sports federations like TAFF and TWBF which have been in the forefront of promoting sports among people with disabilities especially women," he said.



National Microfinance Bank (NMB) Chief of Retail Banking, Filbert Mponzi (L), hands over sports gear to Bunge Sports Club's chairman, Abbas Tarimba (C), for the NMB and Legislators festival that will be held in Dodoma tomorrow. Standing (R) is Bunge Sports Club's vice-chairperson, Esther Matiko. PHOTO: GUARDIAN CORRESPONDENT

## Simba Kings boost pursuit of qualification for 2021 APL semis

By Guardian Reporter

SIMBA Kings' cricketers have improved their quest for booking a place in the last four of the 2021 Advanced Cricket Players League (APL) after notching an eight-wicket win over Royal Rhinos in Dar es Salaam on Wednesday.

Due to the rain intervention, the game was reduced to 17 overs as the rains had started in the fourth over of the first innings.

Royal Rhinos were the first to take the crease, posting 91 runs for the loss of eight wickets in 17 overs.

Kibwana Salum and captain, Arshaan Jasani, were the batsmen with meaningful contributions, as they notched 31 runs and 37 runs respectively.

Their plan to register a bigger total was dealt a blow early on, given one of the key performers, Nandakishan Pottachira, had a brief stint at the crease, scoring paltry four runs.

Opener Pottachira was caught by Royal Rhinos' wicket-keeper, Abbas Adamji, from Johnson Nyambo's bowling.

Top-order performers, Zamoyoni Ramadhani, Ally Mpeka, and Nasibu Kelvin, as well as brief spells, failing to repel Simba Kings bowlers' onslaught.

Promising cricketer, Jasani, showcased his resoluteness and, to some extent, steadied the ship with several good shots he played.

Overcast condition, which happened before the downpour, was very well utilized by Simba Kings' youthful bowler, Johnson Nyambo, and their captain, Jatin Darji.

Nyambo had the best bowling performance, ending with a four-wicket haul and giving away 23 runs in a four-over spell which included a maiden over.

Darji, who notched one wicket in four overs, is a player with a lot of tricks up his sleeves, as he bowls leg-spin, outswingers, and inswingers.

The cricketer is moreover a batting sensation when he is on roll. Darji led his team on the day with his batting prowess as well.

With a modest target of 92 runs in their sight, Simba Kings hardly drained a sweat, reaching the target in 15.3 overs and dropping two wickets.

Simba Kings' openers' early dismissals did little to weaken the squad's resolve.

Opener Ivan Ismail did not last long at the crease, getting out with 18 runs to his name, fellow opener Kheel Suchak had a much shorter



Simba Kings' Johnson Nyambo poses for a photo with the best player of the tie's prize he won because of his stellar showing in his outfit's Advanced Players Cricket League (APL) match against Royal Rhinos, which took place at Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club's oval on Wednesday. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TCA

spell, posting three runs.

The experienced Darji laid his hands on the bat and forged an unbeaten partnership with equally experienced cricketer, Athumani Kakonzi, to see to it Simba Kings mount a successful chase.

Darji ended as the batsman with the most runs notching 40 runs not out consisting of three fours and a six.

Kakonzi made full use of his presence recording 17 runs not out. Their chase was hugely boosted by 14 extra runs given away by Royal Rhinos' bowling unit.

The fixture's best player of the match's prize was won by Simba Kings' youthful cricketer, Nyambo, for his impressive bowling spell

which led to the downfall of Royal Rhinos' top and middle order.

With Royal Rhinos suffering a loss to Simba Kings, Chui Challengers, led by Zafar Khan, have as well exited the showdown.

Abhik Patwa-led Twiga Titans too hardly had a good event, as they lost all fixtures they featured in, the squad has one clash to play.

Chui Challengers and Twiga Titans are two star-studded sides crashing out of the showpiece event.

The tournament pace setters, Tembo Stars, skipped by Riziki Kisetu, have showcased scintillating displays in all fixtures they have featured in.

## 2021's Masika tennis tournament set for next week in Arusha

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

THIS year's edition of the Masika tennis tournament will be held next week at AICC courts in Arusha, the showdown's organizers disclosed.

Richard Fanuel, one of the competition's organizers, said it will be held on September 11-12.

Fanuel pointed out unlike in the past, when the tournament solely brought together veterans, this year's competition will be a junior event.

The Masika tennis tournament is held annually to honour the late Justin Gustaph Masika who was a sports lover in the country and Arusha in particular.

He said more than 50 juniors from around the country will compete at the two-day showdown and winners will be awarded medals and trophies.

"All is set for this year's edition of Masika tennis tournament, we have invited juniors from all regions in the country which take part in the event and we expect it to be a very competitive event," he disclosed.

Fratern Masika, one of the tournament's sponsors, said they have decided to change the tournament to allow more young players to play the game.

He said that they are of the view that Masika tennis tournament will be a platform for grooming future tennis players.

Masika stated: "The Masika tennis tournament is held in honour of our father, Justin, who died some years ago, he was a true lover of sports and tennis in particular."

"In the past years we were organizing veterans tournaments, but, for the sake of promoting the game among the children, we decided to make it a junior event and it will be annually," he said.

Masika said depending on circumstances, the organizers have planned to, in the future, organize a tournament for both juniors and veterans.

He said due to the COVID-19 outbreak, last year there was no Masika tennis tournament.

Dismas Philipo Lume was the tournament's 2019 edition's winner, with Fratern Masika settling for the runner-up spot.

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