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## Tourism booms as major hotels report bookings for over 90 days

By Guardian Correspondent, Tanga

MOST three- to five-star hotels in Dar es Salaam Arusha and Kilimanjaro regions are booked for the coming 90 days, signaling speedy recovery from the slump occasioned by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Dr Ashatu Kijaji (pictured), the minister for Investments, Industry, and Trade, made this observation here yesterday, officiating at the ninth trade and tourism exhibition in Tanga Region, meant to showcase the tourism potentials in the region and within the vicinity

"Many hotels in the three regions are fully booked for the coming three months, in the wake of launching 'The Royal Tour' documentary starring President Samia Suluhu Hassan, to mobilise domestic and foreign tourists.

She implored service providers in the region to take up opportunities in tourism by providing acceptable services after tourists have been attracted to the country, urging those with the means to move into building high-quality hotels to accommodate tourists, investors and scores of other travellers.

The minister said her office is working with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism to see how to prepare a friendly environment in the tourism sector, in the wake of current opportunities.

Regional Commissioner Adam Malima said the regional exhibition is meant to provide business and entrepreneurship education to traders, as the region is endowed with noticeable tourist attractions

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# 500bn/- lined up to ease power outages

By Francis Kajubi, Dodoma

THE Energy ministry has allocated 500bn/- in its 2022/23 fiscal estimates for the national grid stabilisation programme for rehabilitating power transmission and supply infrastructure, thus containing recurrent power outages.

January Makamba, the minister, tabled fiscal estimates in the National Assembly yesterday tuned at 2.91trn/-, affirming that the program is set for completion in three years, with the ministry spending 4.42trn/- up to that point.

He listed 12 areas whose implementation will ease electricity supply in urban and rural areas, where 500bn/- is slated to cover the first phase. The program involves purchasing of 600 transformers, 380,000 electric poles and installation of electric cables covering 46,200 kilometers. It also expects to supply 700,000 new meters and build 14 power enhancement sub-stations, he said.

During fiscal 2022/23 work to connect 35,000 villages in 47 islands upcountry to grid electricity shall start, with 20bn/- allocated for the exercise, which will take up to 54.48bn/- by the time it is completed, he said.

A total of 500m/- will be allocated to research projects for clean and green energy, while extending connection to gas driven electricity in Mtwara, Lindi and Coast regions has been allocated 10bn/-, chiefly for connecting rural areas of those regions.

"Supporting small and growing energy generation projects by small and medium entrepreneurs will be enhanced, with 2bn/-

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Fatma Machano, a seaweed farmer from Tumbi village on Pemba Island, rows a canoe close to the Indian Ocean shoreline yesterday while heading for her shallow water farm to plant seaweed. Photo: Correspondent Rahma Suleiman

## Samia warns on car misuse as TASAF receives 19bn/- vehicles

By Getrude Mbago

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan yesterday directed the Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF) to properly use its newly launched

motor vehicles set to be deployed in all districts in the Mainland and Zanzibar.

The president in the ceremony in Dar es Salaam that the vehicles must be used for poverty alleviation activities, as the Toyota land

cruiser 'Prado' and 'hardtop' vehicles are intended to make it easy to reach targeted sections of the population.

Well handled, the vehicles can last a long

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## Rampaging jumbos crush three villagers

By Guardian Correspondent, Malinyi

THREE residents of Kilosa Mpepo village in Malinyi District, Morogoro Region, have been killed by rampaging elephants when heading for their farms.

Those killed have been named as Coletha Gimwalasa, Geoffrey Sawasawa and another one whose name was not immediately available, with relatives of the deceased - Eva Sawasawa and Moses Kitabu - saying that their loved ones lost their lives heading to their farms.

Coletha came face to face with a herd of elephants who must have already committed another incident nearby. Her grandchildren

alerted her of the elephant but it was too late, the beast attacked her and killed her instantly, Kitabu stated.

Interviewed villagers said for a long time they have seen elephant attacks but were unable to promptly report the incidents to wildlife offices due to lack of reliable communication in the area.

"Mobile communication is cut off at around 7:30 in the evening daily, thus we cannot communicate with TANAPA officials stationed at Kilosa town, and by the next morning the jumbos have already destroyed farm, said Sumna John, a villager.

Malinyi MP Antipas Mungusi said that officials from TAWA and TANAPA attended funerals of the deceased during which they listened to the villagers on the extent of the problem. He said the government needs to work more rapidly on mobile communication towers in the area, along with improving road links.

Kilosa Mpepo ward councillor, Bonaventure Kivanga said they had allocated plots for TAWA and TANAPA to build sentry posts to beef up the area's security against stray wild animals from the

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CRDB Bank Plc Group CEO and managing director Abdulmajid Nsekela (L) receives the Retail Banker of the Year award for 2022 in Dar es Salaam yesterday from Ericky Willy, the bank's head of agency banking and distribution. The latter collected it on the CEO's behalf during the May 23 - 27 Africa Banking 4.0 Summit held in the Kenyan capital, Nairobi. The summit's organisers congratulated Nsekela on his exemplary contribution to the development of the retail sub-sector in Tanzania and the bank's commitment to enhancing financial inclusion. Photo: Guardian Correspondent





East African Community senior human resource officer Theophile Bazimaziki introduces new administrative staff occupying various positions. This was at the community's headquarters in Arusha moments after they were sworn in yesterday. Photo: EAC

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allocated for the effort.

The ministry will also embrace the energy performance certificate and financing model, work with the private sector in implementation of rural power supply projects, he said, pointing at 53 projects that the private sector can take up with TANESCO under this model.

A total of 500m/- has been allocated for a pilot project for 'quick electricity connection to consumers' targeting public schools and primary courts in rural areas, meanwhile as 5.8bn/- will be used for generation of 200 megawatt of geothermal energy in Mbeya region, he stated.

"During 2022/23 the ministry will

finance solar power projects in eight districts targeting public offices in rural areas, for a total of 1.5bn/-," he told MPs.

The ministry has formed a team to evaluate appeal by urban residents living in areas designated as rural to be included in the 27,000/- power connection charges, to advise TANESCO and the Rural Energy Agency (REA) on the factual reality of those concerns.

"The team will work for six months and depending on findings the residents could pay 27,000/- instead of 380,000/- to get connected to electricity," he stated.

The ministry is working on turning debts it owes government institutions into shares where it will consider the

debts as money investment in such entities and therefore earn dividends in return, in a scheme he said reflects the debt to equity conversion model.

Similarly, during fiscal 2022/23 the ministry through the Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC) expects to take up a strategic petroleum reserve (SPR) to coordinate fuel importation, storage and distribution.

The government has already identified tank farms for construction of storage facilities in Kigamboni (Dar es Salaam), Chongoleani (Tanga), Zuzu (Mwanza), Isaka (Tabora), Makambako (Njombe), Kibilizi (Kigoma) and Mpanda (Katavi) regions.

Compressed natural gas (CNG) centers will be set up in Dar es Salaam

and Dodoma to serve commuter vehicles as well as saloon cars, with a total of 1bn/- set to be disbursed for this initiative, he stated.

The LNG project for Lindi and Mtwara gas output is proceeding with negotiations with stakeholders completed, with signing a hydrocarbon gas liquid (HGL) agreement expected towards the middle of this month, the minister affirmed.

REA projects during fiscal 2022/23 focus on phase three round two of connecting the remaining 3,448 villages, Mini-grid infrastructure covering 28,297 kilometers and a low voltage network covering 3,450 kilometers will be constructed aiming at connecting 75,622 clients, he added.

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time and serve TASAF operations to lift poor households from poverty, he stated, noting that while 123 vehicles were being handed over, 241 cars are to be procured in total, with the remaining 118 expected soon.

"I want these vehicles to implement only targeted initiatives and not be used for private errands," as the vehicles cost 19bn/- in total, she specified, hinting that the vehicles were purchased at nearly half the prevailing market prices, where a 'Prado' goes for 107m/- and 'hardtop' quoted at 75m/-.

Drivers and government officials often misuse cars by carrying charcoal, firewood and crops, when loading passengers in outreach areas, she stated, directing that government vehicles be installed with car track devices to ensure that they are used for designated activities only.

She affirmed that the TASAF programme has been successful at reaching sections of the poorest people, with households receiving cash transfers experiencing a 10 percent reduction in acute poverty, by TASAF data.

Up to now TASAF has helped to reduce acute poverty by 12 percent, aiding beneficiaries to meet basic needs by 10 percent, she said, citing testimony of TASAF beneficiaries transforming their lives to decent livelihoods, from a situation of not having two meals per day.

Changing mindsets and enable

families to construct houses and engage in smart commercial projects was vital, she said, pointing at rural households with significant numbers of animals but unable to use them to uplift their livelihoods.

Education is needed to change such mindsets to ensure that they build good houses send children to schools and set up income activities to boost their living standards, she said.

TASAF needs to invest in helping beneficiaries engage in entrepreneurship, connect them with civic agencies to improve such activities, including solving quality issues in packaging materials.

TASAF executive director, Ladislaus Mwamanga the programme has reached over 105,000 poor households, which are now ready to graduate.

Jenista Mhagama, the Minister of State in the President's Office (Public Services Management and Good Governance), commended TASAF for reaching out to the poorest and stimulating inclusiveness in the economy.

People living in difficult conditions have been able to improve their lives now engage in agriculture, livestock keeping, fishing and other income generating activities.

"People are able to send their children to school, access health services and specifically children go to clinics while expectant mothers give birth in health facilities," she added.

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Julius Nyerere National Park nearby.

Nothing has been done so far, while

TANAPA had raised the matter of obtaining a land plot to build their station, he added.

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including the Saadani and Mkomazi national parks.

The two occupy 4,345 square kilometres of protected area and obtain up to 12,220 local visitors per annum, with the major tourism site being Amboni Caves. The region also has excellent beaches, historical and cultural heritage attractions and the

nature reserves of Amani and Nilo in the East Usambara Mountains and Mazumbai in the West Usambara. These are good vacation areas located in cool and pristine areas, capable of attract a lot of tourists.

A number of live beasts were displayed at the fair, meant for locals to visit protected areas in the region and see such beasts in the natural environment, he added.

## Govt prioritises forests conservation - Majaliwa

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has said the government has given priority in forests conservation by implementing its intention to develop forests sustainability by deeds.

He said the government, through the President's Office - Regional Administration and Local Government (PO-RALG) has continued to coordinate the implementation of the national tree planting campaigns in every local council countrywide that aims to plant 1.5 million trees every year.

"During the FY 2020/21 27 local councils out of 184 surpassed their tree planting targets of 1.5 million trees each by planting 202,923,907 trees out of which 165,501,119 trees grew, equivalent to 81.6 per cent," he said.

The Prime Minister made the remarks here yesterday when launching the tree planting campaign at Mtumba Government City.

He added: "Tanzanians should continue to plant trees and fully participate in the preservation of trees and forests for the national development."

He said the tree planting issue and preservation thereof is important for the environment's sustainability of the country as it assists in fighting the effects of climate change. "Birds and wildlife depend on trees for food and others for shelter. Even humans and livestock depend on trees for food and other needs," he said.

He said the forests sector

contributes 45 per cent of raw materials for construction, protection of water sources and soil erosion.

The PM said in recognition of this importance, the government has given priority in forests conservation in deeds.

"Forests also contribute in raising both individual and national incomes hence the government continues with strategies that aim to benefit people living near forest reserve areas via livestock, beekeeping and carpentry projects," he added.

Speaking on the campaign to make Dodoma green, Majaliwa said during 2021/22 a total of 692,247 trees were planted in all districts of Dodoma region.

"Dodoma City planted 584,790 trees; Mpwapa District 21,450 trees; Bahi District (20,720); Chemba District (4,000); Kongwa (45, 5870); Kondoa (11,200) and Chamwino 4,500 trees," he said.

Majaliwa also instructed Tanzania Forests Services Agency (TFS) in collaboration with the team managing Dodoma government City to make sure various kinds of trees are planted in areas allocated.

For his part, the Minister of State in the Vice President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Government (PO-RALG), Selemani Jafo said they are well mobilised to prioritize the environment protection agenda.

The slogan for this year's World Environment Day to be observed June 5 this year is "Tanzania is One Only, Protect the Environment."



Education, Science, and Technology ministry's Deputy Permanent Secretary, Prof Caroline Nombo (C), cuts the ribbon as sign of receiving two reports on how to improve adult learning programme in Tanzania from the Institute for International Cooperation of the German Adult Education Association (DVV International)'s regional director East and Horn of Africa Frauke Heinze (L) in Morogoro Municipality recently. Looking on is the President's Office-Regional Administration and Local Government Deputy Permanent Secretary Dr Charles Msonde. Photo: Correspondent Michael Sikapundwa

## AfDB launches dedicated trust fund for circular economy

By Special Correspondent, Accra

THE African Development Bank Group launched its first Africa Circular Economy Facility during its 2022 Annual Meetings. The circular economy is a model of production and consumption that involves sharing, leasing, reusing, repairing, refurbishing and recycling existing materials and products as long as possible.

The Bank Group's Board of Directors approved the facility on 30 March. As a trust fund, it will channel finance and de-risk innovative circular economy business models beyond waste management. It will support the country-led African Circular Economy Alliance (ACEA) in integrating the circular economy into African green growth strategies.

The multi-donor trust fund will operate over a five-year period. It will receive initial support of €4 million from the Government of Finland and the Nordic Development Fund.

The facility will focus on three strategic areas: institutional capacity building to strengthen the regulatory environment for circular economy innovations and practices; providing support to the private sector through a business development program; and providing technical assistance to the African Circular Economy Alliance.

THE facility is the AfDB's first dedicated trust fund to support circular economy innovations and policy frameworks. It is unique in Africa. The highlight of the launch was an interactive discussion on the

benefits of the circular economy and the new facility. Discussants were Juha Savolainen, Deputy Director General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland—and temporary Bank Group Governor for Finland—and Dr. Kevin Kariuki, Vice President for Power, Energy, Climate Change and Green Growth at the African Development Bank.

Savolainen said: "Finland is committed to supporting the African Circular Economy Alliance and the circular economy as a pathway to green growth. The key to success in designing a circular economy roadmap in Finland has been the involvement of a broad spectrum of stakeholders, such as ministries, local governments and the private sector. We hope that sharing our experience

can help others to succeed in their circular transition."

Kariuki reiterated the AfDB's commitment to the promotion of the circular economy as a development strategy, saying: "Circular economy principles align with the AfDB's agenda to transition Africa towards green growth. It is indeed in line with the theme of this year's Annual meetings—achieving climate resilience and a just energy transition for Africa."

The African Circular Economy Facility will increase the Bank's portfolio of operations that align with the circular economy. This includes renewable energy, climate-smart agriculture and green manufacturing sectors. This will create new value-chains that generate new green jobs for the African youth."



NMB Bank's chief of retail banking, Filbert Mponzi speaks to leaders of the Association of Dar es Salaam motorcyclists and owners (CMPD) moments after the presentation of laptops to the association. The event was held at the bank's head office in Dar es Salaam. Left is the association's chairperson Michael Massawe. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Minister calls for environment protection to fight climate change

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

SELEMANI Jafo, Minister of State in the Vice President's Office (Union Affairs and Environment) has called Tanzanians to adhere to environment protection initiatives to fight the effects of climate change and the economy.

Speaking here on Monday to students of the Institute of Rural Development Planning (IRDP) after witnessing efforts by stakeholders of tree planting and environmental cleanliness as part of Environment week activities, he said drought persistence causes low crop production as more than 65 per cent of Tanzanians depend on agriculture for subsistence.

"29.2 per cent of the national income is derived from agricultural activities, more than 32 per cent of the country's exports is agricultural, hence if drought persists, our economy will be in danger," Dr Jafo said.

He mobilised for tree planting by students as well as environmental protection since, he said, experts say 62 per cent of trees planted are sustainable.

Citing the statement by the National Environmental Management Council (NEMC) as the country prepares to mark World Environment day, NEMC Manager for the Central Zone, Dr Franklin Rwezimula called on IRDP students to join the programme by experts aimed to engage themselves in writing of assessment reports on environment issues.

He added that as for now, the country is in short supply of experts who write environment assessment issues.

"IRDP is a big stakeholder as they teach experts in environment as they provide consultancy on the subject including its adverse effects, hence with NEMC we have been collaborating in various issues," he said.

Modesta Yohana, an IRDP student from the Institute's Environment Club said their club has been engaged in planting trees and gardening in order to make the Institute green.

She said they have been visiting various areas in the proximity of the Institute to mobilise people to plant trees to fight the effects of climate change.

# Minister instructs TMDA to conduct assessment of 'shisha' ingredients

By Francis Kajubi, Dodoma

Umyy Mwalimu, Health minister has instructed the Tanzania Medicines and Medical Devices Authority (TMDA) to conduct assessment within two months to determine ingrates mixed in "shisha" processing that had led to a rise in the number of drug addicts.

Shisha, also known as shisha tobacco, hookah tobacco, or flavored molasses, is a form of flavored tobacco that is designed to be smoked out of a water pipe.

Speaking yesterday about the 'World No Tobacco Day' climax in Dodoma, Umyy said shisha is mixed with some of the

ingrates that are said to be drugs such as cocaine.

"We need to be well informed first before issuance of new directives about everything related to Shisha," said Umyy.

She warned the general public that dealing shisha is illegal business and is considered as a criminal offense under the laws of the land.

Umyy directed that the evaluation of the contents of the shisha be carried out within two months and that finding of any drug ingrates would be a major reason to persuade the Prime Minister to pose a ban on shisha consumption and business.

Speaking of tobacco health implications and a way forward in controlling consumption, Umyy said in controlling the use of tobacco the ministry has formed a National Tobacco Products Control Committee.

She said the committee has representatives from the ministry and various departments where it will be responsible for providing advice on various aspects of tobacco control in the country.

"The committee will officially start work after it is launched and handed over all the necessary equipment so that it can fulfill its responsibilities," she said.

TMDA Acting Manager for the Central

Zone Seraphina Cleopace said they have not yet conducted a study to determine which chemicals are being mixed during Shisha processing.

"One of the reasons for conducting a special research is finding out ways of controlling the use of Shisha," she said.

Assistant Director of Non-Communicable Diseases in the Ministry of Health, Dr James Kapologwe said statistics show that 8.7 percent of Tanzanians (equivalent to 2.6 million people) smoke tobacco made products such as cigarettes.

He said 77 percent of tobacco smoke is generated from street bars, 31 percent in restaurants and 13.8 percent from homes.

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### REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR PROVISION OF STEEL PLATE & TANK ATTACHMENTS REFERENCE NO. MST-TZ-20220527

Daqing Oilfield Construction Group Co., Ltd. (hereinafter as DOCG) as a CONTRACTOR for Storage Terminal of EACOP Project, invites experienced and reputable contractors that have demonstrable capability, willingness, ability and availability to perform related works to express their interest in providing Steel Plates and Tank Attachments in Tanzania.

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

**There are two (2) packages planned for Storage and Terminal as follows:**

- Package-1: Steel Plate (Ref: MST-TZ-20220527-001)
- Package-2: Tank Attachments (Ref: MST-TZ-20220527-002)

Should you be interested in participating any or all of the packages, please provide below minimum requirements clearly specifying the package(s) of interest, including the reference number(s).

**Package-1: Steel Plate (Ref: MST-TZ-20220527-001)**  
**Brief Description of the Scope of the Materials:**  
The scope of the materials shall include STEEL PLATE thickness from 5mm-35mm, SA-537 CL2, SA-516 Gr70, the weight is about 7000t.

**Minimum Requirements:**  
Vendors expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:



- Company Profile;
- An experience list for similar equipment supplied to OIL & GAS INDUSTRY in the last five (5) years;
- Confirmation that they can manufacture or purchase the required materials in accordance with ASTM standards;
- A copy of their own and main suppliers ISO and OHSAS current certification or equivalent;
- A two (2) years look ahead shop loading charts for the facilities and equipment intended to manufacture, assemble and test;
- Compliance with petroleum (local content) regulations, 2017 and local company definition for Tanzania.
- Trade companies need to have official authorization from manufacturer.
- Evidence of organization HSE Management Systems & policy, procedure, and process in compliance with applicable Industry standards for similar works.
- Quality assurance & Quality control plan/ procedures in place for the execution of similar type of work. Copy of ISO or any other certification as applicable.
- Proof of registration/application to Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended.

Interested vendors with the capacity to provide the materials listed above should express their interest in English language by sending the above documents to [zhaoning@docgi.cn](mailto:zhaoning@docgi.cn); [qiaobaocai@docgi.cn](mailto:qiaobaocai@docgi.cn) (not exceeding 20 MBs) on or before 17:00 hours East African Time (EAT), on [16<sup>th</sup> June, 2022]. Subject of the email should be **EOI for MST-TZ-20220527-001/002 - VENDOR NAME**.

Companies satisfactorily meeting the above minimum requirements will receive, subject to the signature of a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), a detailed pre-qualification questionnaire for further evaluation by Company.

**DOCG reserves the right not to consider companies that submit an incomplete dossier.**

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

### REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR PROVISION OF STEEL PIPE, PIPE FITTING, GASKET & BOLT REFERENCE NO. MST-TZ-20220528

Daqing Oilfield Construction Group Co., Ltd. (hereinafter as DOCG) as a CONTRACTOR for Storage Terminal of EACOP Project, invites experienced and reputable contractors that have demonstrable capability, willingness, ability and availability to perform related works to express their interest in providing Steel Pipes, Pipe Fitting, Gasket & Bolt in Tanzania.

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

**There are three (3) packages planned for Storage and Terminal as follows:**

- Package-1: Steel Pipe (Ref: MST-TZ-20220528-001)
- Package-2: Pipe Fitting (Ref: MST-TZ-20220528-002)
- Package-3: Gasket & Bolt (Ref: MST-TZ-20220528-003)

Should you be interested in participating any or all of the packages, please provide below minimum requirements clearly specifying the package(s) of interest, including the reference number(s).

**Package-1: Steel Pipe (Ref: MST-TZ-20220528-001)**  
**Brief Description of the Scope of the Materials:**  
The scope of the materials shall include SA-106 Gr. B, API 5L GR. B Steel Pipe etc.

**Minimum Requirements:**  
Vendors expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:

- Company Profile;
- An experience list for similar equipment supplied to OIL & GAS INDUSTRY in the last five (5) years;
- Confirmation that they can manufacture or purchase the required materials in accordance with ASME & API standards;
- A copy of their own and main suppliers ISO and OHSAS current certification or equivalent;
- Compliance with petroleum (local content) regulations, 2017 and local company definition for Tanzania.
- Trade companies need to have official authorization from manufacturer.
- Evidence of organization HSE Management Systems & policy, procedure, and process in compliance with applicable Industry standards for similar works.
- Quality assurance & Quality control plan/ procedures in place for the execution of similar type of work. Copy of ISO or any other certification as applicable.
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**Package-2: Pipe Fitting (Ref: MST-TZ-20220528-002)**  
**Brief Description of the Scope of the Materials:**  
The scope of the materials shall include Pipe Fitting, such as Flange, Elbow and etc.

**Package-3: Gasket & Bolt (Ref: MST-TZ-20220528-003)**  
**Brief Description of the Scope of the Materials:**  
The scope of the materials shall include Gasket(316L SS-FG, ALUMINUM), Bolt(A193-B7), Hex Nut(A194-2H).

**Minimum Requirements:**  
Vendors expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:

- Company Profile;
- An experience list for similar equipment supplied to OIL & GAS INDUSTRY in the last five (5) years;
- Confirmation that they can manufacture or purchase the required materials in accordance with ASME standards;
- A copy of their own and main suppliers ISO and OHSAS current certification or equivalent;
- Compliance with petroleum (local content) regulations, 2017 and local company definition for Tanzania.
- Trade companies need to have official authorization from manufacturer.
- Evidence of organization HSE Management Systems & policy, procedure, and process in compliance with applicable Industry standards for similar works.
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## Marine conservation efforts pay off for sea turtles in Pemba Islet

By Felister Peter

THE number of sea turtles is gradually increasing as more reptiles are building their nests and laying eggs along the Pemba Channel Conservation Area (PECCA).

The increase is attributed with conservation efforts as well as restoration of dune ecosystems at the Misali Island within PECCA—one of the old conservation areas in Tanzania established in 2006. It covers an area of 825.8 km<sup>2</sup>.

The conservation area was purposely established to preserve marine resources, specifically those which were at the danger of extinction, ensure sustainability of marine resources such as fish, coral reefs, mangrove forests and seaweed.

Speaking to journalists who visited the area under the umbrella of the Journalists Environmental Association of Tanzania (JET) with support from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) 'Tuhifadhi Maliasili' project, Head of Marine Conservation Department at PECCA, Omary Juma Suleiman was optimistic that the number increase further due to on-going conservation efforts.

"PECCA is home to two species of endangered turtles - green and hawksbill. This area is properly managed and protected by rangers. We don't allow any other activities here, we only provide permits to those coming to conduct research and tourists," said Suleiman.

He said authorities at the area conduct an evaluation of turtles every year specifically at Misali Island along the famous Mpapaini coastal line.

"We are yet to establish whether the number of turtles is decreasing because our records show a swelling trend. A total of 11 turtles built their nests in 2019 while in 2020, 10 turtles laid their eggs along the conservation

area," he added.

According to him, 20 turtles laid eggs at the area in 2021, and that from January to April this year, a total of 8 turtles had their nests along the area. He said by December this year, more turtles would have chosen the area for nesting.

The official noted that conservation activities are guided by the 2010 PECCA General Management Plan (GMP) whereas they have by-laws to ensure compliance by sea users including fishermen and seaweed farmers. He said violators of the by-laws are subjected to a jail term of between two and six months or pay fines.

He said efforts have been made to ensure the residents—most of whom depend on the sea for income generation, are assisted to establish alternative income generating activities that are environmentally friendly.

He said so far some villagers along the conservation area have supported to introduce beekeeping projects, engaging in carbon trade selling and aquaculture. The cultivation of aquatic plants includes fish and sea cucumbers farming as well as crabs fattening.

On mangrove, the PECCA boss asserted that there has been natural re-generation of the trees in the dune system. He said most of the residents are now educated on the importance of planting mangrove trees.

He said a number of initiatives are being taken to protect and conserve coral reefs whereas fishermen are educated to ensure they can fish-friendly within corals and ensure that they do not affect the existing ones.

In December last year, fisheries authorities in Zanzibar directed fishermen to stop fishing turtles because they were no longer safe for human consumption. They said research has shown that turtles have turned to eating sea algae, grasses containing various poisons and could be fatal to humans when consumed.



Ambassador Liberata Mulamula, minister for Foreign Affairs and East Africa Cooperation (right) with Kanen Mushi the Founder of Women in Diplomacy Tanzania (left) and the African Union (AU) Youth ambassador Diana Chando shortly after the ministry's budget for the 2022/2023 financial year was tabled in the Parliament on Tuesday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Govt launches regulations on ethics in public procurement

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

THE Government has unveiled regulations on ethics for public servants and tender officials involved in public procurement to ensure that procurement is done by adhering to ethics, transparency, equality and competition.

Speaking at the regulations' brief launching event here on Monday, Deputy Finance and Planning Minister, Hamad Hassan Chande instructed tender officers engaged in public procurement to abide by the regulations and warned that the government will not hesitate to take

steps against any officer who will perform his responsibility contrary to the regulations.

Chande said public procurement is an important area in regard to government spending as it involves more than 50 per cent of the government's budget every year.

He cited the example of the 2021/22 budget in which procurement bill amounted to 20.48trn/- or 56 per cent of the entire budget.

Meanwhile, the ministry's Permanent secretary, Emmanuel Tutuba said the government has formulated the regulations in order to control various challenges in public procurement

and supply in the country caused by various issues including lack of ethics by public officials.

He said these deficiencies are confirmed in various annual audit reports from the Controller and Auditor General (CAG) and Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) that have identified the existence of corruption due to non-adherence of laws and regulations governing public procurement.

"However, legal steps have continued to be taken to all those found to violate the laws and regulations regarding public procurement," said Tutuba.

Also, the Commissioner in the Public Procurement Policy Department, Dr Frederick Mwakibinga said the aim of the task force is to launch Ethics Regulations for Public Servants and Tender officials involved in public procurement to ensure that procurement is done by adhering to ethics, transparency, equality and with competition.

He said the regulations have clearly spelled out ethic basics to be adhered to by procurement officers every time in their undertakings, as well as the responsibilities of tenderers every time they are involved in procurement.

## Mavunde launches book on youth impact stories

By Correspondent James Kandoya

DEPUTY Minister for Agriculture Antony Mavunde yesterday launched a book dubbed: 'Feed The Future Tanzania Advancing youths,' impact stories on how they were lifted from poverty.

Advancing Youth (AY) is five-year activity funded by USAID designed to leverage USAID/Tanzania's investment in employment, education, agriculture, governance, and health-into a single youth-centred programme.

Speaking at the official launching, Mavunde said that it was very important to invest in youth development to fast track production process because they were the majority of the country's population.

He said the USAID's five years (2017-2022) Feed the Future Tanzania Advancing youths activity connects young people aged 15-35 years, in Iringa, Mbeya and Zanzibar regions.

He said it focused on increasing income opportunities for 33,000 young people by enhancing their employability, business acumen, leadership skills and participation skills.

"Tanzanian works hand in hand with partners, and we welcome more investment in the agriculture sector. We believe that growing the agriculture sector is the key to unlocking Tanzania's economy," he said.

"I am glad to hear that throughout the Advancing Youth project implementation, you have received opportunities to drive rural economies, and we see these as the success achieved by the youths. You are the engine of growth and we know that our nation is in good hands," he added.

He commended the USAID government through USAID for their commitments to investing in young people in the country.

Furthermore, Mavunde commended young people for being worthwhile partners; your stories of impact give hope to all and promise that future Tanzania will be better and more prosperous.

He reaffirmed the government commitment to continue partnering with USAID and young people to grow the sector and entrust resources.

According to him, the local government authority has provided more than 200 acres of land and 400m/- towards Advancing Youth (AY), and shall continue to invest and support young people even after AY.

USAID/Tanzania Mission Director Kate Somvongsiri said the launching of the book was the culmination of the activity's success working with Tanzanians youths.

She said the stories in the books show that youths can positively channel their energy and resourcefulness toward creating jobs, becoming leaders and deciding how to shape the future of their families, communities and country.

"US is proud and honored to celebrate over 60 years of partnership and collaboration with Tanzania government. The US government through USAID priorities investments in youth," she said.

The director added that if Tanzanian youths have access to and use land, quality health and education services, acquire high-demand skills they will be able to actively participate and be so far more productive.

She said with 65 percent of Tanzania's population currently between the ages of 15 and 35, Tanzania must harness the productive potential of youths for economic growth.

The director noted that to-date, USAID Advancing Youth activity has reached more than 43,000 young people and provided over \$ 2.3 million (equivalent to 5.3 bn/- in grants to youth-led agribusinesses).

Advance Youth Chief of Party (COP) Ngasuma Kanyeka said the stories of impact were at the core of what USAID's investment aimed to achieve, and what puts them in partnership with Tanzania government to improve the quality of life of you people.

She said AY has reached 42,000 youths in five years where the target was 33,000.



LIVESTOCK and Fisheries ministry's Permanent Secretary, Tixon Nzunda (C) showcases one of the bottles of processed milk at the National Dairy Development Conference (NDDC) in Mpanda Municipality, Katavi Region. Others are the President's Office - Regional Administration and Local Government (Deputy Permanent Secretary Leo Mavika, representatives from the Tanzania Dairy Board Leila Robin (L), Dalberg organization, Skeeter Godwin (2nd L) and Katavi administrative secretary Kayumba Torokoko (2nd R). Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Nzunda advocates for zero grazing

By Guardian Correspondent, Katavi

LIVESTOCK and Fisheries ministry's Permanent Secretary, Tixon Nzunda, yesterday campaigned strongly for dairy zero grazing and decried bitterly the tendency of moving livestock long distances in search of pasture and water, saying the tendency harms animal health and pushes the owner into a bottomless pit of poverty.

Addressing a two-day National Dairy Development Conference that opened here yesterday, Nzunda said the undying habit of trekking mercilessly animals in search of water and pasture is inimical to both the owner and animals, and called for an end to the herding tradition.

A disgusted PS asked: "A dairy cattle walks 55 kilometres a day and you

expect it to produce a lot of milk? It is simply impossible. We cannot go on with this tradition of taking animals long distances looking for water and pasture. Time has come for zero grazing in order to increase the amount and quality of milk in Tanzania," he appealed.

He told the meeting, which brought together livestock keepers, dairy experts, milk processors and leaders of public and private institution dealing with milk, that the practice has varied problems and disadvantaged. The tradition, he said, is a source of clashes, some of them fatal, between farmers and herders. It is also the main cause of low milk production at the source and under-supply of milk to Tanzania's dairy industries.

"It is a shame for our country to

witness livestock being a source of fierce clashes between farmers and herders instead of being a source of gratifying bounty," he told an attentive symposium, which he reminded that Tanzania is the second biggest owner of livestock in Africa, after Ethiopia while the nation does not benefit as much as it is supposed to from the sector.

A regional representative, Mwita Chacha, told the meeting that the Southern Agricultural Growth Corridor for Tanzania (SAGCOT) has improved milk production and processing in the zone by bringing together stakeholders and reviewing successes, challenges and problems in the entire chain from the dairy farmer, to processor and markets.

"Let me take this rare opportunity

to commend SAGCOT for a tireless effort to ensure that the sector plays a key role in contributing to the national economy yet transforming lives of smallholder farmers," he said.

Asas Ltd Marketing Manager Mohammed Salum told the meeting that their company is investing in the dairy farmer as a matter of strategy in order to increase the amount and quality milk produced at the grassroots level. The company sells to farmers improved breed-Jersey 39 and Fressian 45 and it gives them extension officers who treat animals and give farmers fitting dairy education. "We believe this strategy will result into increased milk production for the good of both sides," he said.

The representative of Milk Board of Tanzania, Leila Robin, pledged the board's unflinching support to dairy sector stakeholders, especially dairy farmers, so that the supply of milk to processors can steadily increase.



Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Policy, Parliament and Coordination, George Simbachawene (L) talks with Algeria ambassador to Tanzania Ahmed Djellal at his office in Dodoma yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Peter Mkwavila

# PM wants MPs to educate, mobilise people for Census

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

MEMBERS of Parliament have been called upon to mobilise and educate Tanzanians to participate in the Population and Housing Census slated for August 23 this year by providing correct data to enumerators.

The call was made here Monday by Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa as he was opening a seminar for MPs on the Census, saying the task to educate the public is supposed to be performed by all stakeholders including MPs as they have the utmost responsibility to serve

their constituents.

Majaliwa said it is important for the legislators to fully participate in the census in order to get correct statistics in regard to population, their residences and data on all buildings, the data that will enable to serve well the people.

"We would like to see every MP to be proud that all his constituents have been enumerated by providing correct statistics regarding the people and their residences," said PM Majaliwa.

He added that Tanzania is among few countries in the African Continent that

have conducted censuses during the entire period of the implementation of the United Nations Census Plan.

"Preparations for the event are going on well and are now over 80 per cent complete, and I would like to assure you that the government is well mobilised to make sure the Census will be carried out as planned, including the announcement of results in time according to national, zonal and international standards," stressed the PM.

Earlier, welcoming the PM to open the seminar, the Speaker of Parliament

Dr Tulia Ackson Mwansasu thanked census Commissioners and various experts for seminars and other training forums they have been providing the legislators at different times.

She said the Parliament likes to see the Population and Housing Census exercise goes on well so that statistics obtained should assist MPs on how to advise the government in its development plans.

For his part, Census Commissar, retired Speaker of Parliament Anne Makinda expressed her satisfaction seeing all groups she has met with, including MPs and Zanzibar Members of the House of Representatives have shown intention and in working together for the census success.

The slogan for this year's Population and Housing Census is "Census for Development. Come up to be counted."

# TOSCI stresses need to train seeds and seedling producers

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

TANZANIA Official Seed Certification Institute (TOSCI) has stressed the need for seeds and seedlings producers countrywide to come up as early as possible to be provided with training and registration to enable them continue with their businesses in a gainful way.

The remarks were made here yesterday by TOSCI director general, Patrick Ngwedigi saying since the completion of the launching of seeds and seedlings quality management system by inserting in the list of seeds to be inspected and controlled, it is now a good opportunity for producers to be trained for them to be registered.

He said seeds and seedlings producers are supposed to come up to TORCI offices countrywide for training on registration. He said when trained, these producers will be able to have a wider expert knowledge in regard to seeds and seedlings qualities to enable

farmers reap more benefits from their crops.

For his part, TOSCI director, Dr George Swella said already TOSCI has received guidelines that contain procedures in the management of horticultural seedlings including for vegetable and fruits including avocado, mangoes, oranges, bananas, papaws and grapes.

For his part, TOSCI Quality Control Officer, Zera Mwankemwa said so far more than 1,000 seedlings producers have been identified by the ongoing identification exercise and that they will be trained on seeds and seedlings production and if they satisfy set conditions, they will be registered.

Earlier, Minister for Agriculture Hussein Bashe instructed all producers of seedlings to be registered within six months after the launching of seeds and seedlings quality management system to simplify the control in sale of quality seedlings to benefit farmers in the country.

# Dr Shoo urges Tanzanians to maintain peace, promote justice

By Correspondent James Lanka, Moshi

THE Head of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania (ELCT) Dr Fredrick Shoo has urged Tanzanians to demonstrate peace to promote justice in the society.

Dr Shoo made the remarks in Moshi over the weekend when he addressed members of the Christian Council of Tanzania (CCT) during a special service to celebrate the CCT day which is celebrated every last week of May.

"In recent days we have witnessed moral decay in the society; this has also led to an increase in incidents of crime and others," he said.

He further said incidents such as killing of children and women were a result of moral decay among other things. The bishop called upon Christians to remain united and preach peace.

Kilimanjaro Regional Commissioner Steven Kagaigai commended religious leaders for their role in preaching love, justice and peace in the country for the sustainable development of society.

"The government recognises the contribution of religious leaders in maintaining love, justice and peace among Tanzanians for sustainable development," he explained.

The RC who also sent greetings from President Samia Suluhu Hassan also called on religious leaders in the country to continue to denounce evils in society, including the problem of moral erosion.

"Also, I urge religious leaders to continue to condemn evil practices in society including the problem of erosion of values for young people and even for public leaders including the problem of homosexuality," stressed the Kilimanjaro RC.




**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**  
**FOR PROVISION OF COATING & GLASS REINFORCED POLYESTER & INSULATING MATERIAL**  
**REFERENCE NO. MST-TZ-20220529**

Daqing Oilfield Construction Group Co., Ltd. (hereinafter as DOCG), as a CONTRACTOR for Storage Terminal of EACOP Project, invites experienced and reputable contractors that have demonstrable capability, willingness, ability and availability to perform related works to express their interest in providing Coating & Glass Reinforced Polyester (GRP) & Insulating Material in Tanzania.

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

**There are three (3) packages planned for Storage and Terminal as follows:**

- Package-1: Coating (Ref: MST-TZ-20220529-001)
- Package-2: GRP (Ref: MST-TZ-20220529-002)
- Package-3: Insulating Material (Ref: MST-TZ-20220529-003)

Should you be interested in participating any or all of the packages, please provide below minimum requirements clearly specifying the package(s) of interest, including the reference number(s).

**Package-1: Coating (Ref: MST-TZ-20220529-001)**  
**Brief Description of the Scope of the Materials:**  
 The scope of the materials shall include Coating, such as Rich Zinc epoxy, Epoxy, Polyurethane, Glass flake Epoxy, Zinc ethyl silicate, Silicone and Fireproof coating etc.

**Minimum Requirements:**  
 Vendors expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:

- Company Profile;
- An experience list for similar equipment supplied to OIL & GAS INDUSTRY in the last five (5) years;
- The brand is highly recommended to select from CARBOLINE, HEMPEL, JOTUN and PPP;
- A copy of their own and main suppliers ISO and OHSAS current certification or equivalent;
- Compliance with petroleum (local content) regulations, 2017 and local company definition for Tanzania.
- Trade companies need to have official authorization from manufacturer.
- Evidence of organization HSE Management Systems & policy, procedure, and process in compliance with applicable Industry standards for similar works.
- Quality assurance & Quality control plan/ procedures in place for the execution of similar type of work, Copy of ISO or any other certification as applicable.
- Proof of registration/application to Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended.

**Package-2: Glass Reinforced Polyester (Ref: MST-TZ-20220529-002)**  
**Brief Description of the Scope of the Materials:**  
 The scope of the materials shall include Insulating Materials like Cellular Glass, Polyisocyanurate, Polyurethane Foam and other accessories.

**Minimum Requirements:**  
 Vendors expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:

- Company Profile;
- An experience list for similar equipment supplied to OIL & GAS INDUSTRY in the last five (5) years;
- Confirmation that they can manufacture or purchase the required materials in accordance with ASTM standards;
- A copy of their own and main suppliers ISO and OHSAS current certification or equivalent;
- Compliance with petroleum (local content) regulations, 2017 and local company definition for Tanzania.
- Trade companies need to have official authorization from manufacturer.
- Evidence of organization HSE Management Systems & policy, procedure, and process in compliance with applicable Industry standards for similar works.
- Quality assurance & Quality control plan/ procedures in place for the execution of similar type of work, Copy of ISO or any other certification as applicable.
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**Package-3: Insulating Materials (Ref: MST-TZ-20220529-003)**  
**Brief Description of the Scope of the Materials:**  
 The scope of the materials shall include Insulating Materials like Cellular Glass, Polyisocyanurate, Polyurethane Foam and other accessories.

**Minimum Requirements:**  
 Vendors expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:


- Company Profile;
- An experience list for similar equipment supplied to OIL & GAS INDUSTRY in the last five (5) years;
- Confirmation that they can manufacture or purchase the required materials in accordance with ASTM standards;
- A copy of their own and main suppliers ISO and OHSAS current certification or equivalent;
- Compliance with petroleum (local content) regulations, 2017 and local company definition for Tanzania.
- Trade companies need to have official authorization from manufacturer.
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Interested vendors with the capacity to provide the materials listed above should express their interest in English language by sending the above documents to [zhaoning@docgi.cn](mailto:zhaoning@docgi.cn); [qiaobaocai@docgi.cn](mailto:qiaobaocai@docgi.cn) (not exceeding 20 MBs) on or before 17:00 hours East African Time (EAT), on [16<sup>th</sup> June, 2022]. Subject of the email should be EOI for MST-TZ-20220529-001/002/003- VENDOR NAME.

Companies satisfactorily meeting the above minimum requirements will receive, subject to the signature of a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), a detailed pre-qualification questionnaire for further evaluation by Company.

**DOCG reserves the right not to consider companies that submit an incomplete dossier.**

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




**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**  
**FOR PROVISION OF VALVE & COATING & BREATHING VALVE AND FLAME ARRESTOR & STRUCTURAL STEEL**  
**REFERENCE NO. MST-TZ-20220530**

Daqing Oilfield Construction Group Co., Ltd. (hereinafter as DOCG), as a CONTRACTOR for Storage Terminal of EACOP Project, invites experienced and reputable contractors that have demonstrable capability, willingness, ability and availability to perform related works to express their interest in providing Valve, Breathing Valve and Flame Arrestor & Structural Steel in Tanzania.

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

**There are three (3) packages planned for Storage and Terminal as follows:**

- Package-1: Valve (Ref: MST-TZ-20220530-001)
- Package-2: Breathing Valve and Flame Arrestor (Ref: MST-TZ-20220530-002)
- Package-3: Structural Steel (Ref: MST-TZ-20220530-003)

Should you be interested in participating any or all of the packages, please provide below minimum requirements clearly specifying the package(s) of interest, including the reference number(s).

**Package-1: Valve (Ref: MST-TZ-20220530-001)**  
**Brief Description of the Scope of the Materials:**  
 The scope of the materials shall include Ball Valve, Globe Valve etc.

**Minimum Requirements:**  
 Vendors expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:

- Company Profile;
- An experience list for similar equipment supplied to OIL & GAS INDUSTRY in the last five (5) years;
- Confirmation that they can manufacture or purchase the required materials in accordance with API&ASME standards;
- A copy of their own and main suppliers ISO and OHSAS current certification or equivalent;
- A two (2) years look ahead shop loading charts for the facilities and equipment intended to manufacture, assemble and test;
- Compliance with petroleum (local content) regulations, 2017 and local company definition for Tanzania.
- Trade companies need to have official authorization from manufacturer.
- Evidence of organization HSE Management Systems & policy, procedure, and process in compliance with applicable Industry standards for similar works.
- Quality assurance & Quality control plan/ procedures in place for the execution of similar type of work, Copy of ISO or any other certification as applicable.
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**Package-2: Breathing Valve and Flame Arrestor (Ref: MST-TZ-20220530-002)**  
**Brief Description of the Scope of the Materials:**  
 The scope of the materials shall include Breathing Valve and Flame Arrestor.

**Minimum Requirements:**  
 Vendors expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:

- Company Profile;
- An experience list for similar equipment supplied to OIL & GAS INDUSTRY in the last five (5) years;
- Confirmation that they can manufacture or purchase the required materials in accordance with ASME standards;
- A copy of their own and main suppliers ISO and OHSAS current certification or equivalent;
- Compliance with petroleum (local content) regulations, 2017 and local company definition for Tanzania.
- Trade companies need to have official authorization from manufacturer.
- Evidence of organization HSE Management Systems & policy, procedure, and process in compliance with applicable Industry standards for similar works.
- Quality assurance & Quality control plan/ procedures in place for the execution of similar type of work, Copy of ISO or any other certification as applicable.
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**Package-3: Structural Steel (Ref: MST-TZ-20220530-003)**  
**Brief Description of the Scope of the Materials:**  
 The scope of the materials shall include Structural Steel, such as Flat bar, Angle Bar, Channel Bar.

**Minimum Requirements:**  
 Vendors expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:

- Company Profile;
- An experience list for similar equipment supplied to OIL & GAS INDUSTRY in the last five (5) years;
- Confirmation that they can manufacture or purchase the required materials in accordance with ASME standards;
- A copy of their own and main suppliers ISO and OHSAS current certification or equivalent;
- Compliance with petroleum (local content) regulations, 2017 and local company definition for Tanzania.
- Need to have design capacity.
- Trade companies need to have official authorization from manufacturer.
- Evidence of organization HSE Management Systems & policy, procedure, and process in compliance with applicable Industry standards for similar works.
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## ZAECA opens investigation file on 308.8m/- tax on imported car

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR Economic Crimes Authority (ZAECA) has opened an investigation file on 308.5m/- tax evasion allegations involving a posh Mercedes car imported by businessman Toufky Salum Turkey and his firm Turkey Mifuko.

ZAECA Director Ahmed Makarani briefed reporters here yesterday that investigations were still continuing, after which the file will be forwarded to the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) for further steps.

He said the vehicle is still under surveillance even though it was handed to the importer until its fate will be known after investigations are completed.

Meanwhile, TRA Deputy Commissioner for Zanzibar, Juma Bakari Hassan said after issuing seven days for the tax to be paid, the vehicle owners have requested to pay the amount in instalments due to the

financial difficulties they face.

He said basically, the application for tax exemption was twice rejected even though the importers were defended by the director of Zanzibar Investment Promotion Authority (ZIPA), Sharif Ali Sharif, hence they are supposed to immediately pay the full amount of the demanded tax.

The vehicle valued at USD 2,014 has caused a huge debate in Zanzibar since it was imported in January this year via Malindi Port through HT motors Group Limited of the United Kingdom and ZARA freight Forwarders of Zanzibar as clearing agents.

Hassan added that the vehicle was allowed clearance after the importers executed an insurance bond saying they were still continuing with their tax exemption request procedures by the Zanzibar Minister for Finance and Planning.

He said twice the request was rejected hence the importers were required to pay the demanded tax.



Centre for Agricultural Mechanisation and Rural Technology Eng Fredy Magamba (R) shows Industries, Trade and Investment minister Dr Ashatu Kijaji one of the machines invented for growing maize, beans and other crops. Photo: Correspondent Woinde Shizza

## National Service opens new window for form six leavers to join its camps

By Guardian Reporter

THE National Service has opened window for form six leavers to mandatory join its camps this year.

Speaking at a press conference yesterday head of administration branch for the national service Brig. Gen. Hassan Mabena said the nation service has already allocated camps for training where they are supposed to report in the camps from June, 3 to 17 this year.

He said youth who have been selected are to join Rwamkoma camp in Mara, JKT Msange in Tabora, Ruvu JKT in Coast Region, JKT Mpwapwa and Matukupora in Dodoma.

Other camps according Brig. Gen. Mabena includes JKT Mafinga in Iringa, JKT Mlale in Ruvuma, JKT Mgambo and Maramba in Tanga, JKT Makuyuni in Arusha, JKT Bulombora, Kanembwa and Mtabila in Kigoma.

Other camps are JKT Itaka in Songwe, JKT Luwa and Milundikwa both in Rukwa, JKT Nachingwea in Lindi, Kibiti in Coast and Oljoro in Arusha.

"For students with disabilities, they are supposed to report at Ruvu JKT camp in the Coast region which has the infrastructure to serve people with such challenges," he said.

Brig Gen. Mabena said a list of names for all the selected students as well as their respective centres can be accessed at 'www.jkt.go.tz'.

"The head of the national service is welcoming the youth to join their fellows in receiving patriotism, national unity and vocational training as well as national service," he said.



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## African youth acquire skills to accelerate climate adaptation innovation, create jobs

By Special Correspondent

WINNERS of the Africa Adaptation Acceleration Programme's 2021 YouthAdapt Challenge have received training to equip them to produce and scale climate-related innovation and create green jobs.

The challenge competition awards business grants of up to \$100,000 to young entrepreneurs and small to medium-sized enterprises in Africa to develop innovative solutions on climate adaptation and resilience.

During the three-day workshop, the 2021 winners - 10 representatives of enterprises from Ghana, Nigeria, Cameroon, Kenya and Zambia - received training in financial management and fundraising. Winning enterprises also received training on budgeting and cash flow projection, record keeping, and executing solid business plans.

The 10 entities are developing solutions in critical social and economic sectors affected by climate change, including agriculture; waste management; water resources and sanitation; renewable energy and energy efficiency; waste management and ecosystem restoration. Half of the enterprises are women-led businesses.

The training also instructed participants in how to position their enterprises in the market in order to offer an attractive funding proposition. Ifeoluwa Olatayo of Soupah Farms-en-market in Nigeria said she learned a lot during the training, including "how best to review the company's finances and budget against unexpected shortfalls."

Another participant, Juveline Ngum Ngwa of Mumita Holdings Limited in Cameroon, acknowledged the importance of budgeting in her enterprise's overall success and security. "It allows us to better understand whether our business has enough revenue to pay its expenses," Ngum Ngwa said.

Carolyne Mukuhi of Kimplanter Seedlings in Kenya said: "We look forward to this great journey towards a successful, impactful climate-adaptable business. A great world together."

In addition to the training, the winning enterprises will be provided with mentorship and support to expand partnerships, knowledge sharing and learning through a network of young entrepreneurs in climate adaptation. The challenge also offers its winners an opportunity to participate in a 12-month business accelerator programme to help them scale up their businesses, deepen their impact and create decent jobs.

An annual competition, the challenge falls under one of the pillars of the Africa Adaptation Acceleration Programme, namely empowering youth for entrepreneurship and job creation in climate adaptation and resilience. The strategic goal is to strengthen inclusive growth and broaden investment and economic opportunities for youth in Africa by providing training, mentorship, and financing to youth-led businesses.

The Africa Adaptation Acceleration Programme is a partnership between the African Development Bank and the Global Center on Adaptation.

By Beatrice Philemon

SIXTEEN defence industries from India are in Tanzania to showcase their capability, products, weapon systems and the infrastructure to serve people with such challenges," he said.

Speaking during the India-Tanzania Defence Industries Cooperation Expo organised by the High Commission of India in Dar es Salaam yesterday, Minister for Defence and National Service, Dr Stergomena Lawrence Tax said seven of the industries are government owned and nine are private.

"We are happy to receive the Indian delegation, their visit will add value to our country as TPDF will get a chance to share expertise in various issues relating to the current security system," she said.

She called on Indian defence firms to establish companies in Tanzania to transfer knowledge to their

counterparts and even enter into joint ventures.

"Teach a man how to fish you will feed him instead of giving him a fish and he will be hungry again tomorrow, we want our defence forces to be able to fish," she noted.

Joint Secretary, Ministry of Defence from India and head of the delegation, Anurag Bajpai said they have been able to showcase virtual simulators for training, coastal radar systems, unmanned aerial system, vehicles, proven counter drone system and cross border surveillance system.

Tanzania soldiers will also be able to watch simple fast intercepting boats offshore, patrol vessels, warships to submarines including the solutions in the field of artificial intelligence and cyber security.

Apart from that, Indian industries can meet requirements of Tanzanian Defence forces and other civilian security agencies simultaneously. India is also self-reliant in air defence, air to air missile systems and strategic

weapon systems.

According to him, India has a robust and matured defence industry eco system meeting the diverse needs of Indian Armed forces backed by a strong, proven defence research and development ecosystem.

Indian ship building industry which was established in 1774 AD, over a period of time have matured and developed capabilities to design and manufacture defence and civil application naval vessels, OPVs, Fast attack crafts.

"I would like to highlight that many navies in Indian Ocean, African seas, ASEAN region, are using India built naval ships of various classes and serving them to their fullest satisfaction and we have also developed technologies for under water unmanned systems," he said.

He said India would welcome Tanzania to interact with our shipbuilding industries such as MDL, GSL, GRSE and L&T to know their capabilities and identify areas of

mutual interest.

India High Commissioner to Tanzania, Binaya Srikanta Pradhan noted that defence remains an important area between the two countries.

Chief of Operations and Training, Major General Jacob Mkunda lauded the Indian delegation for showcasing their capabilities and sharing expertise with TPDF, saying the expo will help Tanzania to improve its armed forces.

"We have managed to see a wide range of defence products that includes simulators that are good for training solutions, anti-drone systems aimed at providing comprehensive security against all classes of unmanned aerial system attacks, unmanned boat aerial vehicles for defence and commercial applications and others," he said.

Tanzania and India have been enjoying friendship since the Late Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere and the Late Mahatma Gandhi that's why the India embassy has decided to bring defence industries to Tanzania.



Motor vehicles at Chang'ombe flyover along Nyerere Road in Dar es Salaam following the launch on Sunday by Works and Transport minister Prof Makame Mbarawa. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Correspondent, Songea

TWO people have died in different incidents, including one in which Asamu Simba (31), resident of Asia Kovu area, Matarawe Ward in Songea Municipality was killed by his young brother using an axe.

Reports confirmed by Ruvuma Regional Police Commander, Joseph Konyo said that the incident happened on May 27 this year at 5:00 am.

It is claimed that after allegedly committing the murder, the deceased's young brother, who was living with his brother in the same house, tried to flee

## Two people dead in separate incidents in Songea municipality

using the deceased's motorcycle Reg MC 349 DAU.

RPC Konyo said earlier reports said on the fateful day the suspect was not allowed to use his motorcycle, and that when he inquired of his whereabouts, he was told he was sleeping in his room.

RPC Konyo further explained that thereafter, with the assistance of

neighbours they opened the door to the room in which Asamu was claimed to be sleeping, but found the body on the bed with a wound on the back and head.

He said the neighbours reported the matter to street officials and later the police arrived at the scene and found the suspect under neighbours' control lest he flees.

In another development, a man aged 25 to 30 years was torched to death using a burning tyre by an angry mob in Mjimwema B area, Songea Municipality on claims that he was a thief.

RPC Konyo said the incident happened May 27 this year around 7:00 am and that the police are still investigating the matter.

# Minister pledges to connect Ndanda villages to power by end of this year

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE government has assured Ndanda residents of power connectivity by the end of this year in the second round Rural Energy Agency (REA) phase three.

Deputy Minister for Energy, Stephen Byabato made the statement yesterday while responding to a question raised by the Ndanda MP, Cecil Mwambe.

The lawmaker had wanted to know when the villages in his constituency that are nearing the 33KV electricity lines to Masasi will be connected to the energy utility. "When shall the government connect the villages with electricity despite this big project that pass nearby to Masasi?" he asked.

In his response, the deputy minister said that a total 16 wards, 66 villages of

which 33 villages are connected with electricity while the remaining 36 villages do not have power.

He named some of the villages that do not have electricity as Mkungu, Chipite, Mkan'gu, Mumburu B, Muongozo, Mdenga and Mbemba which are crossed by the 33 KV power line from Mahumbika to Masasi.

He explained that the 36 villages in Ndanda constituency that are not connected to power will get electricity in the second round of REA phase three, adding that the project is implemented by a contractor, M/s Namis Corporate Engineers and Contractors and is scheduled to end by December, 2022.

In March, 2021, they promised to connect electricity to the remaining villages across the country in the next

18 months.

Byabato told the National Assembly here that the government through the Rural Energy Agency (REA) project has connected electricity to all districts in the country.

He added that the remaining villages which are yet to be connected to power were within the districts noting that the projects are underway to ensure that the entire country is connected to electricity.

Byabato further noted that the government in collaboration with the Tanzania Electric Supply Company (Tanesco) and REA is implementing the project of connecting electricity to the remaining villages.

According to the Ministry of Energy, by January, 2021 a total of 2,299 villages were lined up for power connection.



Swissport Freight Company Chief Executive Officer Mrisho Yassin (L) speaks to shareholders during an event held in Dar es Salaam recently. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

By Guardian Reporter

## Swissport Tanzania hails government for creating conducive business operations

SWISSPORT Tanzania has hailed the government for creating a conducive environment, something that ensures the company's steady business operations.

The company's chief executive officer, Mrisho Yassin said this yesterday in Dar es Salaam that their growth is highly contributed by massive support they receive from the government.

Speaking during the 37th Annual General Meeting which brought together various governmental, non-governmental and civil society stakeholders, Yassin said initiatives that are taken by the government to improve the business environment, stimulate the firm to make more investment and provision of quality services.

"Our business primarily works to ensure that best services are offered, and with the official launch of the Royal Tour Film, we expect the number of tourists to double which in turn will

boost the demand for our services and benefit the country at large. As such, we value the creativity, effort and immense support that the current administration under President Samia Suluhu Hassan and we as Swissport will do whatever necessary to ensure that this good cooperation thrives," he said.

He further pointed out that they also actively participate in the development of the country by paying the required taxes to the respective authorities, by playing a key role in providing employment opportunities and also by creating a reputable image of the country for the oncoming visitors by their operational visibility in airport entries like Julius Nyerere International Airport (JNIA) and Kilimanjaro International Airport (KIA)

"Let me take this opportunity to reassure our trusted customers that as a company, we are going to continue

providing good services while simultaneously helping to enhance the good reputation of our country," he said.

He highlighted that since now businesses are returning back to normal as the world is being opened up after devastating effects caused by Covid-19, the promotion of the Royal Tour will yield great gains for the country.

Dr Charles Kimei who is the company's Board Director insisted that they will continue improving operations so as to offer quality services to people.

He also seized the platform to encourage stakeholders to keep their trust to the company saying good things are coming on their way. "It is true that we sometimes go through hardships but the most important thing is to stand firm together while hoping for a bright future," he added.

## New Coca-Cola bottling plant launches in Ethiopia

By Guardian Correspondent, Ethiopia

STANDARD Bank's comprehensive funding solution has facilitated the opening of Coca-Cola Beverages Africa's (CCBA) new bottling plant in Ethiopia, which is set to bring further impetus to the growth of the country's manufacturing capacity.

The plant is located on a 14.4 hectares (ha) plot of land in Sebeta; a town located near the capital Addis Ababa, and will enable the expanded production of locally made beverage products.

"Ethiopia is an economy with massive economic potential and long-term growth prospects," says Taitu Wondwosen, Head Standard Bank Representative Office.

"Through our strong sector and investment banking capabilities, as well as a geographic presence in 20 countries and intrinsic understanding of the continent, Standard Bank is well positioned to continue partnering with our clients such as CCBA to unlock expansion in critical sectors such as manufacturing."

"In addition to providing financing to this deal, we have established ourselves as the primary banker to CCBA across key African countries in

which the bottler operates, a strong partnership that has been key in proving insights into the high-growth Ethiopian market to offer a unique solution," says Stephen Lovell, Head Corporate Financing Solutions.

Ethiopia is one of CCBA's largest and fastest growing markets across its footprint in 14 African countries, with five plants in Addis Ababa, Bahir Dar, Dire Dawa, Ambo (Ambo Mineral Water), and the latest being the Sebeta factory. With the addition of Sebeta, CCBA in Ethiopia has more than 3500 direct employees working in these factories with total production capacity exceeding 100 million cases a year.

"This investment and facilitation support from Standard Bank will be critical in growing our manufacturing capacity in Ethiopia and further support the downstream economy of wholesalers and retailers," says Daryl Wilson, MD CCBA in Ethiopia.

"Through our growing range of products, we look forward to giving consumers more beverage options as well as enhancing industries like food and catering, and tourism in the country."

CCBA in Ethiopia produces a range of drinks, including juices, water,

sparkling drinks and energy drinks.

The launch of the Sebeta plant will enable the production of Minute Maid Juice in mango, orange, lemonade, berry, and apple flavours. These and all other products remain a direct import substitute and contribute to the country's GDP growth.

Ethiopia's economy grew at a rate averaging 9.4% a year between 2010 and 2020, only slowing to 6.1% in 2020, due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The transaction is the latest in a growing partnership, with Standard Bank having supported CCBA in numerous ground-breaking transactions across the African continent. "As we continue delivering value for our clients, we ensure that we foster long-lasting, trusted partnerships. We have the reach, the expertise, and the resources to achieve our targeted growth across the continent, driven by the growth of the markets we operate in."

"Through our investment banking and sector capabilities, we continue to deliver deals that power positive impact across Africa. We are proud to play a pivotal role in landmark projects that are transformative for our clients and for the markets in which they and we operate," concluded Lovell.



MONTESSORI COMMUNITY OF TANZANIA (M.C.T)

## PREQUALIFICATION OF SUPPLIERS FOR PROVISION OF GOODS AND SERVICES FOR THE YEAR 2022/2023

MCT/Tanzania invites applications from eligible, competent, and qualified companies, suppliers, service providers, contractors, or Consultants to apply for Prequalification of goods and services for the year 2022-2023 for the under listed.

BID NUMBER	DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES
MCT/HQ/2022/2023/DSM/01	Provision of Catering services
MCT/HQ/2022/2023/DSM/02	Provision of Office Cleaning and Fumigation Services
MCT/HQ/2022/2023/DSM/03	Provision of Clearing & Forwarding Services
MCT/HQ/2022/2023/DSM/04	Provision of Computers & IT Services - (Printers, Laptops, Desktops, Computer hardware accessories)
MCT/HQ/2022/2023/DSM/05	Provision of Consultation Services
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MCT/HQ/2022/2023/DSM/18	Maintenance of offices copiers, fax machines
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MCT/HQ/2022/2023/DSM/26	Construction or Rehabilitation and Minor repair of Offices/Buildings
MCT/HQ/2022/2023/DSM/27	Provision of Research Services
MCT/HQ/2022/2023/DSM/28	Provision of Security Services for Office
MCT/HQ/2022/2023/DSM/29	Social Media Platform and Campaign Management
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**Note:**

- i) Interested eligible bidders have to pay a non – refundable fee of **Tz 50,000/= (Tanzanian Shilling Fifty Thousand Only)** through the Bank Account Number **NMB BANK 20301619152**, Account Name: **Montessori Training Association**
- ii) The Payment receipt MUST be attached to each application form submitted as a proof of payment. Any application submitted without the receipt will be rejected.
- iii) Bidders wishing to submit more than one bid must ensure that each bid is submitted physically in a separate envelope that is clearly marked with the Tender Number and description of the Tender.
- iv) MCT reserves the right to accept or reject any application, that does not meet the requirements of the Organization. Interested bidders may obtain the document or further information through phone number 0658 479695 or email address: [info@montessori.or.tz](mailto:info@montessori.or.tz)

**SECTION 1 - INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANTS**

- 1.1 Scope of Tender
  - 1.1.1 To prequalify suppliers for the supply of the goods and services detailed in the invitation for prequalification. It is expected that prequalification applications will be submitted to be received by MCT Tanzania on or before 1700hrs, 1st July 2022.
  - 1.1.2 Prequalification is open to All on equal terms to Suppliers, Firms, Companies, Public or Semi-Public Agencies, Groups, Joint Ventures, and all other identified Legal entities.
- 2.0 Submission of Application and Deadline
  - 2.2.1 All applications for prequalification shall be submitted in physically sealed envelopes marked with the Tender Name and Number under the following address;

**Executive Director**  
**Montessori Community of Tanzania**  
 P.O.Box 72457,  
 Telephone No: 0658 479695  
 Old Bagamoyo Road, Mbezi Jogoo, Near ART GALLEY  
 Dar es Salaam

- 2.2.2 The deadline date for applications is **1<sup>st</sup> JULY, 2022 1700hrs**
- 2.2.3 Failure to provide information that is essential for effective evaluation of the applicant's qualification or to provide timely clarification or substantiation of the information supplied may result in the application disqualification.
- 3.0 **Eligible Applicants**
  - 3.1 The invitation is open to all supplier's/service providers/consultants/contractors etc. from the United Republic of Tanzania.
  - 3.2 Applicants must not be under a declaration of fraudulent, collusive, corruption, or obstructive practices.
- 4.0 **Qualification Criteria**
  - 4.1 Pre-qualification will be based on meeting the minimum requirements to pass the criteria for the various categories as set out. A shortlisting will base on Applicant's General and Particular experience, personnel, capability, and financially sound.
  - 4.2 The applicant has to share accurate information concerning its firm/company/institution
  - 4.3 The Suppliers or Service Providers who will qualify according to the selection criteria will be invited by MCT to submit their quotations as and when required on MCT's needs.
  - 5.0 Following Documents Must be attached to form the part of the requirements criteria:
    - a) Business Certificate
    - b) Valid Business License
    - c) Valid Tax Clearance
    - d) Valid TIN & VAT Certificates
    - e) Related Work Experience
    - f) Board Certificate e.g., CRB, NBAA, TIC, etc.
    - g) Company Profile
    - h) Financial Capacity i.e., 6Months Bank Statement

ALL information given by the Applicant shall be treated in strict confidence.  
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**Executive Director**  
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## The bicycles still part of life as menas of transport

JUNE 3 is World Bicycle Day, marked much less as a means of transport but as an iconic instrument for regular physical activity of moderate intensity in tandem with walking, where cycling is an epitome of doing sports in urban areas for decades, at least in the West. The reason was ushering in the second industrial revolution after the Second World War where high rise buildings and mass commuter transport especially by the subway rail network (passing underground) implied less and less physical exertion in gong to work and coming back. Automation also reduced exertion at work, often just touching, pushing.

Enthusiasts writing on this day point out that the bicycle has significant benefits for health, in that at all ages the benefits of being physically active outweigh the trouble and even dangers involved in exercising, where accidents pose the most clear risk. Any level of physical activity is better than none, while as days go any exercising individual starts to discover that the body takes less and less 'punishment' with enthusiasm. Such is the case for instance with running or even walking some distances, meanwhile as riding a bicycle in a calm stretch, in urban area or relative countryside, can be more enticing, happier.

Experts emphasise that by becoming more active throughout the day in relatively simple ways, people can quite easily achieve the recommended activity levels. In that case obtaining the aid of an instrument is a helper, where the World Health Organization (WHO), points out that safe infrastructure for

walking and cycling is also a pathway for achieving greater health equity. Poor urban residents who cannot afford private vehicles often rely on walking and cycling in the poor countries, at least up to 20-years ago.

Since that time, motorcycles became a commonplace means of transport where bus connections are relatively poor, and owing to their more haphazard habits on the road, tended to discourage bicycle riding as transport in a fairly compulsive manner. There was a time where the rich and trendy urban youth in Western cities were taking on bicycle as a form of transport, especially those out of work, to reduce the physical dangers tied with excessive sedentary living. Experts list such dangers as including being overweight, which touches off other forms of incipient disability like high blood pressure, compelling greater physical activity.

Efforts by activist organisations worldwide to popularize the bicycle as a mobility solution for helping cities reduce emissions despite being more populated attained a measure of success in the West, and even China and a few other culturally austere countries.

This does not appear to have worked in Africa, any more than the polluting but far less costly bicycle was being popularized as an affordable means of family transport, but this largely failed. Selecting means of transport has to do not just with emissions (favouring the bicycle) or costs (the tricycle) but social standing, as a status symbol. It was unavoidable.

## Diaspora interest in investments rising but closing expectations gap not easy

SINCE the sixth phase government came into office, efforts to elicit greater interest in investing in the country among the country's Diaspora communities abroad have gathered pace, but as with seeking out foreign investments in general, there is a limit to openness which the country is as yet prepared for. It similar to what is observed elsewhere with variable parameters, as to what countries allow those from outside to do, or not to do. A key demand by members of the Diaspora since a conference was called in Arusha in liaison with US African-American congressional caucus in 2008, is dual citizenship; it failed.

As a matter of fact this issue has come up in various instances of a legislative sort, for instance during the fourth phase government where it appeared that top policy makers were favorably inclined to extending citizenship to members of the Diaspora who apply for it.

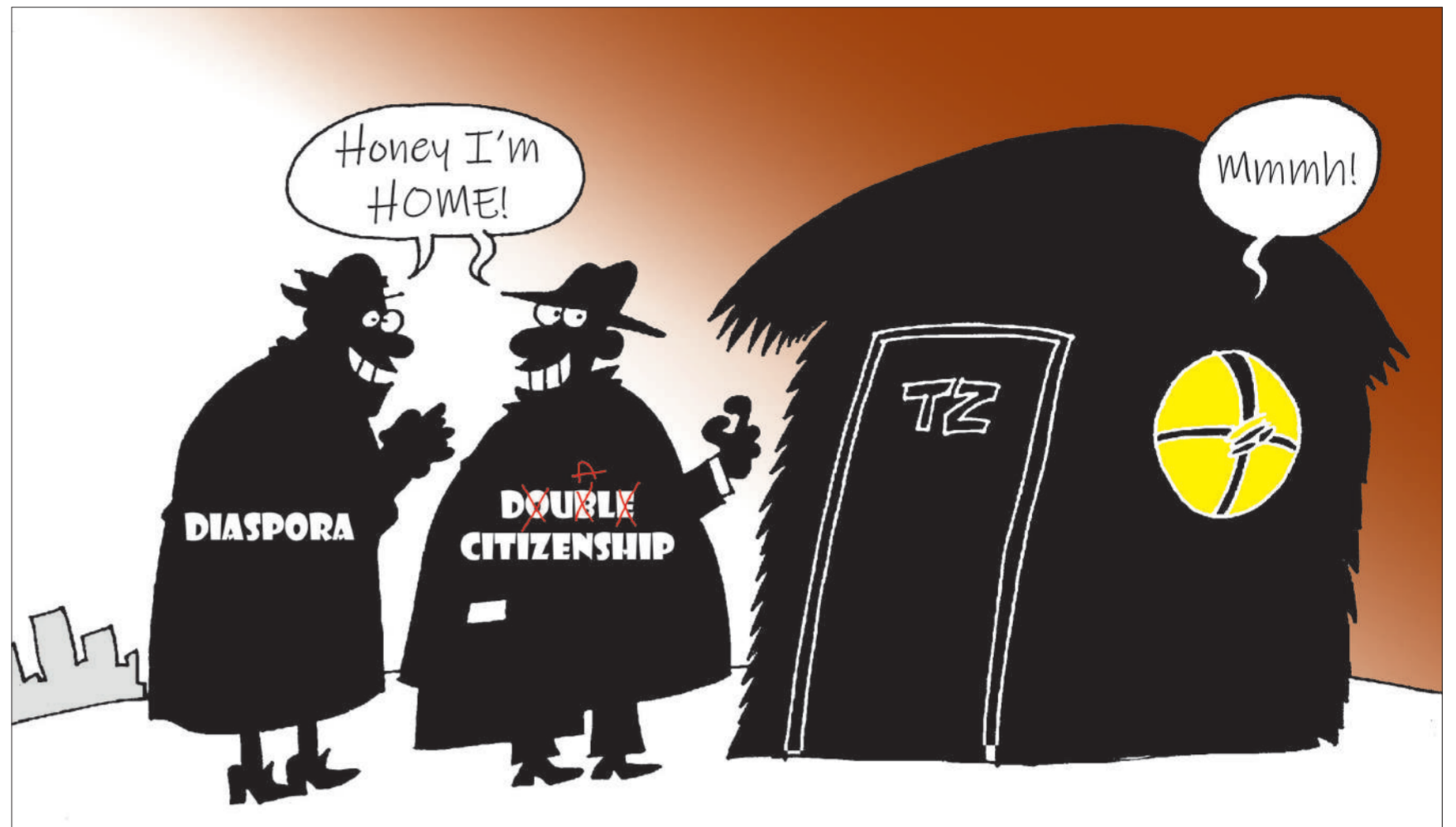
Yet it never reached the floor of Parliament as a bill to that effect, and despite being raised during the Constituent Assembly, it didn't bring about any workable consensus, and eight years later the matter remains where it was. This implies that no systematic change will occur in how the Diaspora relates to the country, limited to savings, not large investments.

There was plenty of such impressions in remarks from Foreign Minister Liberata Mulamula when delivering budget estimates to the legislature, underlining that working with the Diaspora community is a major goal

in the work outlook in the coming fiscal year. The minister significantly affirmed that the thrust of economic diplomacy relates to enticing foreign investors on the one hand, but also members of the Diaspora community. During the past year they have shown considerable interest in investing their savings locally, with remittances rising compared to the previous two past years, and definitely earlier.

There is more than one way in which such increase can be explained, one relevant aspect being physical increase in the numbers of Tanzanians abroad, those becoming adults or remaining there after finishing studies. Such categories add to numbers of those who send money to relatives for this or that project, even for their own future savings, though the tendency of coming back home after staying many years abroad aren't too high. People come back after studies but if they settle down and start families, they tend to stay.

The Diaspora is an inviting sphere of potential investment sources but not yet a pivotal concern, as so far, in relation to our needs, we seem to have plenty of foreign investment proposals to work upon. The relative opening up since the start of the sixth phase government has boosted industrial investment projects, while supply chain disruptions due to conflict have led to increased interest in energy and metals. Diaspora members can bring with them groups of land and property investors by the hundred if they have actual citizenship, but that is for the long term view.



By Rogia Al-Shafee

HERITAGE is the mirror of nations that reflects identity and authenticity of each culture. As Sudan is a multicultural and multilingual country it has a distinct cultural heritage that can play an important role in serving the country's issues and enhancing its capabilities in reconciliation, peace and stability.

Sudanow met Dr. Asaad Abdel Rahman, Secretary-General of the National Council for Cultural Heritage and Promotion of National Languages, who spoke about the role of intangible cultural heritage in achieving peace in Sudan.

He defined the intangible cultural heritage as the practices, expressions, knowledge and skills that communities, groups and sometimes individuals recognise as part of their cultural heritage. It is usually expressed in the forms of oral traditions, performing arts, social practices, rituals and festive events, knowledge and practices concerning nature and the universe and traditional craftsmanship.

He said the intangible cultural heritage (or the nonphysical intellectual wealth) has a role in national unity. He referred in this regard to the UNESCO's Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage 2003 and its guidelines for achieving peace, stability, recognition of the other and equality.

Here comes the role of the National Council for Cultural Heritage and the related authorities in preserving the cultural practices in Sudanese society that would enhance identity, reconciliation and stability.

Dr. Asaad said it is important to identify and define elements of the intangible cultural heritage that can be used for the service of society and the achievement of peace in order to protect them by classifying their resources and archiving them, to conduct studies and research on these elements and then to develop programmes and activities with the participation of all groups in the society in order to employ these elements in the achievement of peace.

He went on to say "an important area that can contribute to peace is the social practices, rituals, and ceremonies including religious ceremonies and team work (Nafeer) in which the youth of the region work together without being paid, as well as seasonal celebrations such as harvest festivals in agricultural seasons."

These practices in which all members of the society participate, regardless of their social status and age group, can be harnessed to serve the community to achieve peace and equality through cooperation.

Also important elements of heritage in performing arts such as dance, music and folk drama can be used to serve society in this regard, especially in countries as diverse and multicultural

## Role of cultural heritage in realising peace and stability



as in the Sudan.

Annual festivals and celebrations in which all different groups participate and highlight their heritage can be organized. This allows groups to be aware of each other's heritage thus helping to support communication and interaction. Museums, local associations and centres can be used as cultural spaces to practice such programs, Dr. Asaad said.

Heritage conservation activities can also contribute to peace by involving all sectors of local society, government agencies and civil society organizations.

This contributes to preventing and resolving disputes, establishing sustainable security and building peace and stability.

"There are examples of heritage practices in local social fields related to dialogue, conflict resolution and reconciliation such as Joudeya which is an old Sudanese practice that is active among the different tribes and communities in Sudan. It means overseeing the settlement of disputes and the resolution of disputes among members of society at different levels within the framework of local institutions, without resorting to formal or popular courts. We find it also in many Arab countries where it helps to organize common territories and natural resources to enable people to live in peace", said Dr. Asaad.

Concluding his speech to Sudanow, Dr. Asaad presented a number of guidelines and recommendations that

support the tangible heritage to play its role in achieving goals for stability and peace in Sudan. The most important recommendations are:

1. Completion of the comprehensive archaeological survey project in Sudan to make an archaeological map.
2. Completion of the community museums project to use them as cultural spaces and link them with local communities.
3. Promotion of heritage, both tangible and intangible through various media outlets in order to familiarize groups with each other's heritage to create rapprochement and interaction between groups.
4. Allocation of at least 4 hours of program time on radio and television to the Sudanese heritage to promote the virtuous values that heritage includes in the hearts of people and advance peace and discuss issues of heritage and its role in achieving peace and national unity.
5. Training of cadres working in the field of media by introducing heritage and its fields and the extent to which heritage can be used in preparing media programs that promote peace.
6. Inclusion of heritage, media, culture and tourism aspects in educational curricula.
7. Enacting of laws to protect heritage.
8. Forming a committee of experts whose mission is to explain the role of heritage in economic, social and political life, and in sustainable development in order to formulate

policies and strategies in this regard.

9. Establishing a unified body concerned with both tangible and intangible cultural heritage.

10. Coordination between all ministries related to culture issues.

11. The necessity of cultural planning in Sudan for the development of cultural policies and strategies.

12. Recognizing the contribution of safeguarding intangible cultural heritage to promoting the emergence of peaceful, just and inclusive societies based on respect for human rights.

13. Paying attention to practices, expressions and knowledge in the intangible cultural heritage that help groups and individuals to transcend and address differences in gender, colour, race, origin, class or residence.

14. To encourage scientific studies and research methodologies, including studies conducted by the communities and groups themselves, that aim to show expressions, practices and representations of intangible cultural heritage as contributing factors to conflict prevention and peaceful conflict resolution.

15. Organizing annual festivals and celebrations in which all the different groups participate and highlight their heritage. This provides opportunities to familiarize groups with each other's heritage and creates interaction and communication. Museums, associations, centers and local associations can be used as cultural spaces for the practice of such programmes.



Harare

Two decades ago, Trynos Mahamba left Zimbabwe for the United Kingdom, but back home, he has changed the lives of his relatives.

Since the day after he left, Mahamba (53) has been sending money home while Zimbabwe's economy faltered amidst violent land seizures from commercial white farmers during Zimbabwe's land reform programme.

In neighbouring South Africa, 44-year-old Davison Chihambakwe, who left this country in 2007, claims he has built a giant construction empire, and, with it, he said, has also made a difference back home.

Even in neighbouring Botswana, 39-year-old Langton Mawere, who left Zimbabwe in 2008 at the height of its economic crisis, has 'made it' back home. He has set up a property business by sending money for developments managed by others on his behalf.

Speaking from the United Kingdom, Mahamba says he sends money to his aged parents living in the Zimbabwean capital Harare. The money reaches them through WorldRemit – a money transfer company.

"I have made sure that without failure, I send about 2000 Pounds (sterling) to my ailing parents who are now in their eighties because they need monthly medical check-ups and food as well," Mahamba told IPS.

From South Africa, Chihambakwe says his family also benefits.

"None of my close relatives or family members are suffering back home because I make sure I send them money to meet their daily needs."

He sends the money through another international money transfer company Western Union, to his relatives like 32-year-old Denis Sundire, based in Harare.

Sundire says that his SA-based cousin has supported him since college.

"Davison (Chihambakwe) supported me since my college days, and even to this day, as I struggle to get a job, he still sends me money for my upkeep. That's why he is becoming more and more successful. He is so kind," Sundire told IPS.

Zimbabwe battles 90 percent unemployment, according to the Zimbabwe Congress of Trade Unions (ZCTU), although the government has downplayed that to 11 percent, claiming people are working in the



Workers pictured at a home in Zimbabwe's rural district, where 44-year-old Davison Chihambakwe, based in neighbouring South Africa, has helped upgrade and modernise some of the houses belonging to his family. He uses the money he sends after fleeing this country's economic hardships 15 years ago. Credit: Jeffrey Moyo/IPS

## Xenophobia-hit Zimbabweans saving country's ailing economy

informal sector.

Mahamba, Chihambakwe and Mawere all said they fled this Southern African country searching for greener pastures as economic hardships visited this country.

As a result, hundreds of Zimbabwean economic migrants who fled this country have over the years become the panacea to the African nation's worsening financial woes.

Zimbabwe's economic migrants like Mahamba, Chihambakwe and Mawere are breathing life into the country's faltering economy

through the remittances they send back home.

Chihambakwe boasts of modernising his rural village in Masvingo province in the Mwenzezi district. He claimed he has helped some of his poor villagers build modern houses, doing away with the thatched huts.

For many like Chihambakwe, helping his village and loved ones from his South African base has also increased diaspora remittances into Zimbabwe's economy.

According to the Ministry of Finance, remittances from outside the country were said to

have reached US\$1.4 billion in 2021, up from US\$1 billion a year before.

Yet even as Zimbabwe's economic migrants in countries like South Africa make strides, they frequently face xenophobic sentiments and, at times, attacks.

Many South Africans heap blame on migrant Zimbabweans for seizing local jobs and rising crime. In South Africa, the Quarterly Labour Force Survey (QLFS) results for the fourth quarter of last year showed the official unemployment rate reaching over 35 percent, the

highest rate since 2008, when the QLFS began.

Recently, a video of South Africa's Home Affairs Minister Aaron Motsoaledi launching a scathing attack on illegal foreign nationals went viral.

He (Motsoaledi) made the remarks on foreign nationals at an ANC regional conference in the Eastern Cape in South Africa.

Referring to migrants that he said have flooded South Africa, Motsoaledi said, "something is going wrong in our continent, and SA is on the receiving end."

"When people do wrong things in their countries, they run here."

"We are the only country that accepts rascals. Even the UN is angry with us that SA has a tendency, because of something called democracy, to accept all the rascals of the world," the South African Minister was quoted saying.

As Zimbabwean migrants breathe life into their country's struggling economy via remittances, with xenophobia climbing to new heights in South Africa, a gardener, 43-year-old Elvis Nyathi from Zimbabwe, was this year stoned by a mob in the neighbouring country before being burnt to death ostensibly for being a foreigner.

Recently writing in the Mail & Guardian, South Africa's Fredson Guilengue working for the Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung (RLS) regional office in Johannesburg, said "the issue of xenophobic attacks against foreign nationals has once again reached disturbing levels in South Africa.

The tensions are also exacerbated by an anti-migrant campaign dubbed Operation Dudula, headed by 36-year-old Nhlamhla 'Lux' Dlamini.

Dlamini was arrested and now faces housebreaking, theft, and malicious damage to property charges after Dudula members descended on a suspected "drug house" in Soweto in March.

However, even within the ruling ANC, there have been mixed messages about the operation, with some indicating support, although SA President Cyril Ramaphosa distanced his government from the Dudula machinations.

"The concerns that we have is that we have got a vigilante force-like organisation taking illegal actions against people who they are targeting, and these things often get out of hand, they always mutate into wanton violence against other people", Ramaphosa said.

## Pakistani artists, activists fight for refugee status for arrested Afghan musicians

PESHAWAR

The arrest of Afghan musicians in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province of Pakistan has elicited protests from local politicians, artists and rights activists who demand their release and say they should be allowed to stay as refugees.

"Four musicians arrested by police in Peshawar, the capital of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, for lack of visa and travel documents have been sent to jail and will be deported under the 14 Foreigners' Act," a police officer, Nasrullah Shah, told IPS.

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) is one of the four provinces of Pakistan located on the border with Afghanistan.

Police arrested the artists on May 27. They had been performing on TV and radio for years in Afghanistan, but the Taliban government's opposition to music silenced them. The group includes Saidullah Wafa, Naveed Hassan, Ajmal and Nadeem Shah.

According to Shah, they crossed into Pakistan illegally.

The musicians, however, insisted that there was a ban on music back home, and as a result, they faced economic problems.

"Since the Taliban took power in Afghanistan in August last year, there was an unannounced ban on musical activities, which has landed the singers and musicians in hot water," Saidullah Wafa, one of the arrested singers, told IPS. Taliban are notorious for killing musicians, and they will murder us if we go back," Wafa said. Before fleeing to Pakistan, he lived in the Afghan capital, Kabul.

He claimed that Taliban militants consider music against Islam and have killed many singers and others associated with it in the past. Fearing prosecution,

Local singers and instrumentalists joined rights activists and politicians in a protest against Afghan musicians' arrest in Peshawar. They fear that there could be serious repercussions if the musicians are deported back to Taliban-led Afghanistan. Credit: Ashfaq Yusufzai/IPS



we came to Pakistan to seek refuge, the 25-year-old said.

The Human Rights Commission of Pakistan has condemned the arrest and possible deportation.

"HRCP is concerned to learn that four Afghan nationals have been arrested by the KP police under the Foreigners' Act 1946; the court has ordered they be deported. All four face significant threats from the Taliban government in Kabul," it tweeted.

Local music journalist Sher Alam Shinwari, who writes

for Dawn newspaper, said the seized Afghan musicians are refugees. He said they cannot and should not be deported to the Taliban-led government in Afghanistan.

"Afghan musicians, since they arrived in Peshawar and elsewhere in KP, have never been involved in any unlawful activities. Secondly, they have re-joined their relatives already living in refugee camps or rented homes in and around Peshawar," Shinwari said.

Most have valid documents or ration cards, while some of

them carried artists' registration cards issued by local artists' organisations, he said.

Deporting Afghan musicians to the Taliban is tantamount to throwing them to the wolves because the Taliban had murdered several artists in the recent past, Shinwari explained.

Families of most of the musicians were already living in Pakistan, and their deportation would be a human rights violation.

Rashid Ahmed Khan, head of Honary Tolana, an organisation striving for musicians' rights,

told IPS that the arrested musicians would be in danger if sent back.

"They were taken into custody by police without a search warrant, sent to jail and handed over to the Taliban – which is an inhuman act. These famous artists moved to Peshawar last year when Taliban seized power in Afghanistan to save their lives," he said.

On May 30, local artists held a protest demonstration against the arrest of Afghan musicians in Peshawar and

urged the government to allow them to stay in Pakistan as refugees.

**Politicians also joined the protest.**

Sardar Hussain Babak, a local lawmaker, assured them that they would raise the issues on the floor of the parliament.

Some Afghan artists present at the protest said they had come to Pakistan for their safety and could not continue their profession in their own country.

They demanded police stop their action against the artists because they were guests in Pakistan and their lives were at risk in Afghanistan.

Local artists, including Saeeda Bibi and others, condemned the police action against the Afghan musicians and demanded their early release.

"Taliban have resorted to violence against the musicians, destroyed their equipment at different places, and shot dead people even participating in the wedding ceremonies in Nangrahar and other provinces of Afghanistan," Saeeda Bibi told IPS.

"We have applied for bail of the detained artists with the hope to get them released at the earliest," she said. "We have set a three-day deadline for police to stop action against the artists. Otherwise, Afghan and Pakistani artists would march on Islamabad and stage a sit-in until their demands were heard."

"We also appealed to UNHCR to take notice of the ordeal of Afghan artists so that they could live in Pakistan as refugees."

KP Information Minister Muhammad Ali Saif told IPS that the artists should be prosecuted in terms of the law.

"We have been hosting 3 million Afghan refugees for the past four decades, which is the glaring example of hospitality. They will be treated as per the law," he said.

There were no instructions to police regarding the arrest of Afghan musicians, and the court would decide about their deportation, he said.

# When the president attends a concert: It's more than entertainment



President Samia Suluhu Hassan presents award to the Hip Hop music star Joseph Mbilinyi 'Sugu' to appreciate his contribution to arts shortly before launching his book Muziki na Maisha: From the Street to parliament at The Dream Concert in Dar es Salaam on Tuesday evening. Photo: State House

BY SONGWA SONGWA

**T**HE chief guest at Joseph Mbilinyi's 'The Dream Concert' in Dar es Salaam Tuesday evening was none other than President Samia Suluhu Hassan.

That's a big deal. Why? Well, because presidents don't just attend concerts for the sake of it. Their itineraries rarely allow time for things entertainment in city joints. That's why when it happens, it does for more than the obvious.

The fact that the president accepted the request to grace the event itself tells volumes about her own personality and her intentions for the future of our country. The message here is that if you are doing something good, the president is with you.

For starters, Joseph Mbilinyi is a pioneer hip hop artist in Tanzania and 'The Dream Concert' was to mark 30 years since he ventured into hip hop which catapulted him to national fame, the wave with which he swam to politics.

The president also launched Mbilinyi's book entitled Muziki na Maisha: From the streets to the parliament. It's an autobiography about his hustles in the streets before finally making it to the debating chambers of that august house in Dodoma.

Going by the moniker Mr II which he later changed to Sugu, Mbilinyi did not launch his political career in the ruling party; he joined the main opposition Chadema through which he was elected Member of Parliament for Mbeya Urban Constituency twice from 2010 to 2020. He remains a staunch Chadema cadre and that's why when the president who is the national chair of the ruling CCM agrees to grace his event, it delivers somewhat sweet message about the personality of the leader.

In developing democracies like ours, tolerance amongst politicians and parties is not easy to come by. It's so much so when one is a president and the other is a member of an opposition party. That is why President Samia's presence at the concert said how tolerant and unifying she is.

The other reason this attendance was significant is the type of event: hip hop artist celebrating 30 years in the game and launching a book. This is important because for decades, hip hop genre in particular and Bongo Flava in general, have struggled to earn their place as respected careers in our society. To date, many parents still hesitate to allow their children to pursue a career in music. That's why President Samia's presence at Sugu's event was a massive endorsement, for free.

Taji Liundi, Master of Ceremony grabbed the opportunity to disassociate hip hop and Bongo Flava from hooliganism, saying that the presence of the president was testament to that. He said the genre is about employ-

ment and business. The president nodded in agreement.

The event was attended by top Chadema cadres including its national chairman Freeman Mbowe. The president was obviously informed in advance about who would attend the event. Accepting the invitation means she is not hesitant to meet her political opponents as is the case with many politicians.

Speaking before welcoming the president, Mohamed Mchengerwa, Minister for Culture, Artists and Sports showered Sugu with praise, calling him an active representative of many youth in the country who use their talents to earn a living.

"Through music, he has been defending the rights of youth in our country," he said.

"Artists like Sugu who defend arts in the country are valuable assets to us as a ministry."

When the president took to the podium, she had some heartwarming words about Sugu, endearingly calling him "my son." That's also a big deal. You don't get that from any other president.

"It's a special day. I thank my son Joseph for extending the invitation to me to grace this event," she said.

"When I received the invitation, I did not hesitate to accept it because I am a mother to Joseph and all mothers want to see their children succeed." Wow!

The president went on to say that he knew Sugu not only remotely through his hustles in music but closely when they were in the august house. She hinted that Sugu is a nice guy contrary to perceptions of many.

"I remember when he once differed with the Speaker who ordered his removal from debating chambers. Some people think he is a difficult person but he is not," she said.

Sugu, who recently settled for Jongwe as a moniker, succeed not only to have the president at the event but ministers, permanent secretaries as well as heads of diplomatic missions.

Accompanied by equally seasoned musicians such as Lady Jaydee, MwanaFA, AY and others, the event was a momentous happening in the history of our country.

The 50-year-old Jongwe is not only a musician-turned politician, he is a human rights activist known for speaking out against injustice. He started to rap in 1990, in his youth when he was still in school.

Sugu's inspirations were mainly American musicians such as Ice Cube, Niggaz With Attitude and above all Tupak Shakur who likely inspired his first aka Mr II.

Sugu was the first Tanzanian rap artist to have major success with his music, inspiring many other artists and changing public perceptions about hip hop and music in general in the country.

All the best Jongwe, Sugu Moto Chini.

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# Living in harmony through equitable sharing of water

By Correspondent Deodatus Mfugale

**P**ASTORALISTS in Mbwade village of Kilosa District in Morogoro region usually face water shortage during the dry season but in recent years they experienced reduced flows of Ilonga River even during the rainy season because farmers in Chanzulu village located on the upstream side of the river had made abstractions at various points of the river. Only a small amount of water reached Mbwade, on the downstream side of the river during the rainy season and almost none during the dry season. Tensions have been growing over the years between the two parties.

However, in August 2021, representatives from the two sides held several meetings to discuss what they should do so that both parties get a fair share of the available resource. Representatives of the District Executive Director participated in these discussions in response to a letter of complaint written by Mashahidi wa Maji from Mbwade.

"We finally agreed that farmers in Chanzulu should remove all barriers placed along the river in order to let water flow freely downstream. We also agreed that where such barriers may be employed temporarily when farmers are irrigating a particular area and once the job is done, the barriers should be removed. This is a major success we have recorded in working with Shahidi wa Maji (Water Witness) Organisation," says Isaya Ngeke, Chairman of Mashahidi wa Maji in Mbwade village.

Mashahidi wa Maji is a group of individuals elected by the village and given the task to guide the community in their quest to ensure equitable distribution of water among the various users. In this case, they strive to make sure that there is equitable use of water within the pastoralist community as well as between them and farmers upstream.

Mbwade residents elected 15 members as part performance of the Fair Water Futures project being implemented by Shahidi wa Maji (SwM) and a total of five villages in Kilosa and Kilombero Districts of Morogoro region. SwM has partnered with Water Witness International of UK to conduct the project which is funded by Hewlett Foundation of USA.

The project aims to accelerate accountability among duty bearers to deal with challenges facing the water sector and ensure availability of water and equitable sharing for small farmers, pastoralists and fishermen. It is about activating laws, rules and regulations that govern fair distribution of water. "But the water users must initiate the process by holding duty bearers accountable. They have to understand their problems and identify the duty bearers responsible for solving them as stipulated in existing laws, rules and regulations," explains Tondelo Gungulundi, Programme Officer for Shahidi wa Maji.

Sometimes solutions to problems are within the water users and do not need the intervention of duty bearers, hence the establishment of mashahidi wa maji who spearhead efforts to look for solutions locally and to various authorities. "The process to look for solutions should begin in the community," adds Gungulundi.

Perhaps reducing water abstraction by destroying weirs is only part of the solution as it does not guarantee a sustainable supply of water for both people and livestock in Mbwade village. Two options are on the table; one is to construct a dam that would collect water during the rainy season, partly from the flows of Ilonga River. The other is to drill deep wells and construct drinking troughs for livestock. People could also set up stand pipes and get water from the wells. But the pastoralist community is divided. "Some of us are against the idea of dams because livestock will shit and urinate in the water and so contaminate it. Eventually they will die. And once the dams are constructed, people won't pay for watering the livestock at the troughs we are using now," says Ngeke, adding that Masai are difficult people when it comes to contributing for their development.

The to-do list drawn by Mashahidi in August last year includes construction of a new trough for watering livestock. The village has two facilities but they do not meet the demand; they need at least one more. They had agreed to seek intervention of the District Executive Director's office but it could not be acted upon due to lack of funds. It is earmarked for action in the 2022/2023 financial year.

Another agenda requiring action was rehabilitation of two dams that are no longer in use after they were filled with sand in previous rainy seasons. The facilities were constructed during the District Agriculture Development Programme and there are allegations that the construction was poorly done. Having been abandoned for more than a decade, the cost of rehabilitation would be prohibitive. However, mashahidi believe the dams could still be revived and intend to engage relevant duty bearers for action. There is also the issue of pollution of Ilonga River by large scale farmers and sisal factories located upstream on which mashahidi had agreed to write to Wami-Ruvu Basin Office for action. The letter has not been sent.

"There are a lot of things that we have not done but I believe we will catch up; the beginning is always slow. Shahidi wa Maji organization has raised our awareness and opened our minds on how to look for solutions to our water problems. We were completely ignorant, but we have learned our lessons and we will take action," says Ibrahim Kindeti (29), a member of Shahidi wa Maji and the leader of the Masai (Laigwenan) at Mbwade village. Commenting on implementation of the



A Shahidi wa Maji from Mbwade village in Kilosa district speaks at a meeting with Mashahidi wa Maji from Chanzulu village. The meeting was held recently in Chanzulu village, Kilosa district. Taking notes is a Shahidi wa Maji and Laigwenan of Mbwade Village.

Fair Water Futures programme, a pastoralist in Mbwade village, Njoli Parsula Kiparen, says that in the face of the unending water crisis in the village some pastoralists reduce their herds by selling some livestock especially during the dry season. They also transfer some of the livestock to villages where there is no serious shortage of water. "We have learned that we are the solution to the problem; we have to take the initiative and then engage authorities to take action," he says.

While pastoralists in Mbwade have taken a slow start in solving the problems they face, their counterparts in Lungongole Village in Kilombero District have recorded significant success. Through Mashahidi wa Maji, the village government is working with Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agency (RUWASA) to supply pastoralists with water through the authority's water supply master plan that will be implemented beginning the 2022/2023 financial year. The group has also been instrumental

in piloting meetings to discuss locations where water supply points will be located and three areas have been earmarked for the purpose. "Three pastoralists have offered the village a total of four hectares on which the water supply points will be constructed together with drinking troughs for livestock," explains Paulo Peter Kidaha, the chairman of mashahidi wa maji in Lungongole village. "We want to make all necessary preparations so that the water supply project runs smoothly as soon as it begins," he adds.

Lungongole village is inhabited by farmers and pastoralists. The village has been surveyed and through land use planning, pastoralists and farmers have been allocated separate areas. There are also two dams: Mkombei dam that supplies water to pastoralists and Kasemkila dam that supplies water to farmers. However, pastoralists claim that farmers invade their land and divert water from their dam for irrigation. The situation is

at its worst peak during the dry season when both parties need water badly. "We don't want to escalate the conflict so we are handling the situation with caution. Whenever farmers invade our land we secretly take photographs which serve as evidence and take them to the village government and higher authorities so that we can reach an amicable solution," says Magreth Mahona, secretary of Shahidi wa Maji in Lukongole Village.

The village does not face acute water shortage and pastures even during ordinary dry seasons. This makes it a victim as there is a huge influx of livestock from other villages that are not blessed with abundant water supply. Mashahidi wa Maji have strived to get a solution to the problem by engaging village and district governments. The three parties have agreed that come July this year, they will conduct an operation to drive out all livestock from other villages in order to avoid overstocking and hence depletion of water supply

and pasture. "The operation will go on throughout the dry season," says Kulwa Mwita, a member of the village's Mashahidi wa Maji.

Lugalila Sulagi Matata is the leader of pastoralists in the village. He says that large herds of livestock enter the village and most of them come from villages in Ulunga District. From time to time Matata takes part in impromptu meetings convened by Mashahidi wa Maji to discuss problems and look for solutions. The discussions are not confined to solving problems only; sometimes the group discusses measures to conserve the environment and improve social services. "A lot of things have changed since we started participating in the Fair Water Futures project. Now we know how to look for solutions to our problems and how to engage authorities. Mashahidi wa Maji has become an instrument of engagement and a starting point of local solutions to our problems, and the changes we recorded bear witness to their efforts," he says.

By Guardian Correspondent

**R**ICE constitutes the second staple food produced in many parts of Tanzania. The importance of this crop has been rising due to more and more people in urban and rural settings developing higher appetite for rice as compared to other types of food, leading the commodity to serve both as food and cash crop in the country and neighboring areas.

Rice production has been rising over the years enhancing the country's food security status. This has essentially been the result of more land being put under the crop (increased acreage), more players coming on board and use of inputs and improved technology tools.

But due to the impact of the COVID-19 world pandemic and the current bitter Russia-Ukraine war, prices of many commodities like food, oil and fertilizer have shot up, negatively impacting the lives of Tanzanians. Besides that, the country still faces a horde of challenges largely emanating from an uncondusive environment.

During the past year, rice producing regions of Shinyanga (Kahama District) and Mwanza embodying Sengerema and Magu districts, were hit by drought. Growers in these areas depend heavily on rain and do not use industrial fertilizers, leading to low yields of five to seven bags per acre.

In the 2020/2021 Kilombero River Valley, Ifakara, Dakawa and Malolo production season, rice production wasn't much as expected.

Rice researcher from Bonn University in Germany, Julius Kvesigabo said that if only growers could stick to better improved agricultural practices, they could easily harvest 40 bags per acre against the current meagre yields level of seven.

## It's time for Tanzania to strongly curtail rice farming predicaments



System of Rice Intensification (SRI) interventions and their potential effects on paddy yield and commercialisation in Kilombero district, Tanzania. (File)

He said that Rufiji and Ruvu river valleys in the Coast Region also engage in paddy growing, but on subsistence level and devoid of using any inputs.

"As a result, yields are in the region of three to five bags," he said.

Largescale paddy growing is practiced in State Farms of Kapunga and Mbarali. Kapunga produces 25,000 tonnes in a mix that includes paddy processing allowing ex-farm rice sales.

Kapunga is a project that contributes a lot towards national efforts to avert famine threats in the country.

Contract farmers under this project have been able to harvest ten tons per acre due to conducive or enabling conditions. These conditions involve the supply of improved seed, fertilizer and agro-chemicals on credit on top of ploughing and harrowing of paddy fields, planting and combine harvesting. In this way the growers are enabled to harvest up to 49 bags per acre and enjoy a good share of the expanding market demand.

In the immediate short term, paddy growing in Tanzania has come face to face with the problem of inputs, artificial fertilizers in particular. This is compounded by the removal of subsidy, which has led the price of a 50kg bag to rise from 47,000/- to 130,000/-, scaring away the small grower.

It has been suggested that some domestic and foreign business people see the importation of rice as a solution, but this contradicts the national decades' old food policy.

It's high time for the Ministry of Agriculture to hold regular consultations with stakeholders to remove these bottlenecks to food production, so as to provide a national consensus on enhancing Tanzania's ability to produce its own food and export the surplus.





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## African Union leader warns EU bank sanctions hit food purchases

ADDIS ABABA

THE chairman of the African Union warned EU leaders has said that their decision to expel Russian banks from the SWIFT financial messaging system risks hurting food supplies to the continent.

The war in Ukraine and Russia's blockade of its neighbour's ports, combined with African conflicts and climate change, have already sent world cereal prices surging and exacerbated food crises in Africa.

On Tuesday, Senegalese President and AU leader Macky Sall warned Europe that its banking sanctions -- part of a raft of EU sanctions aimed at forcing Russia to abandon its invasion -- aren't helping.

Speaking by videoconference to EU leaders in Brussels, Sall acknowledged that Russia's blockade of Odessa had harmed Ukrainian food exports, and



Africa Union headquarters in Addis Ababa

he backed UN-led efforts to free the port. "I would also like to tell you that our countries are very concerned about the collateral effects of the disruption caused by the blocking of SWIFT payment system," Sall added.

"When the SWIFT system is disrupted, it means that even if the products

exist, payment becomes complicated, if not impossible.

"I would like to insist that this issue be examined as soon as possible by our competent ministers in order to find appropriate solutions," he said.

On Monday, the EU leaders agreed to add Russia's largest bank Sber-

bank to the growing list of lenders to be excluded from the Belgium-based SWIFT network, which facilitates inter-bank payments.

In March this year, European Union made official the list of Russian banks that were to be expelled from SWIFT, the high-security system that allows financial transactions and underpins the global economy.

The final list targets seven banks considered to have close links with the regime of President Vladimir Putin and are seen as complicit, either directly or indirectly, in financing the war.

Notably, the ban excluded two of the country's biggest institutions, Sberbank and Gazprombank.

The two were exempted because they handle most of the payments related to gas and oil exports, on which the EU heavily depends to produce energy. Around 40% of the gas consumed by the bloc comes from Russia.

It shows that while EU unity has been consistently strong throughout the crisis, it still bumps into limits when faced with the crucial question of energy supplies.

The expelled institutions are VTB Bank, Bank Otkritie, Novikombank, Promsvyazbank, Rossiya Bank and Sovcombank, as well as VEB, Russia's development bank.

The list was unanimously adopted by member states on Wednesday and will enter into force in 10 days to allow both SWIFT and EU business to adapt to the measures.

"Today's decision to disconnect key Russian banks from the SWIFT network will send yet another very clear signal to Putin and the Kremlin," said European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen in a statement.

Since SWIFT is a Belgium-based company and therefore subject to EU law, the sanctions mean the seven banks will be completely prohibited

from using the system to send payment messages to any other bank or institution connected to SWIFT anywhere in the world.

Today, SWIFT, which stands for the Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication, links more than 11,000 financial institutions in more than 200 countries and territories. It sends over 42 million messages per day that facilitate domestic and international business deals.

Although the system is by far the leading intermediary for financial transactions, it is not the only one.

Alternatives to SWIFT include China's CIPS, India's SFMS and Russia's SPFS, as well as more rudimentary methods such as tax and phone messages, which are time-consuming and pose security risks.

About 50 percent of Russia's bank are connected and use SWIFT, while others rely on SPFS and other bilateral instruments.

## CRDB Bank Plc boss Nsekela named retail banker of the year

By Guardian Reporter

CRDB Bank Plc Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Abdulmajid Nsekela has been named Retail Banker of the Year 2022 in Tanzania for his pioneering role in banking innovations.

Nsekela was recently honored at the Movenpick Hotel & Residences in Nairobi, Kenya, during the Africa Bank 4.0 Awards ceremony.

The event was part of the 8th African Bank 4.0 Summit - CEO Exclusive, which was organized by BII World, a specialist provider of educational, research, and consulting solutions to corporate and governmental organizations.

The award was received on Nsekela's behalf by Mr Erick Willy, CRDB Bank Plc's head of agency banking and distribution who attended the summit together with other CRDB's senior staff.

According to Mr Willy, the event specifically sought to identify how key players such as banks and telecommunications companies can collaborate to close the digital divide and improve access to financial services for customers in Africa's most remote areas.

"Those honored were

financial sector industry leaders who dared to innovate without patience and conducted market interventions that ensured inclusive finance in East Africa," Mr Willy said during a briefing session at the bank's headquarters in Dar es Salaam yesterday.

The award came after a week-long series of workshops and forums conversing with Africa's top CEOs and ministerial officials in the financial sector on how digital technologies are unlocking new pathways for rapid economic growth, innovation, employment, and access to all forms of services in Africa.

The jury credited Nsekela's contribution to the development of the retail sub-sector, the far-sighted digital strategy pursued by CRDB Bank, and Nsekela's commitment to financial inclusion. In its decision, the BII World jury highlights that in the course of Nsekela's 3 years as CEO, CRDB Bank has played a bigger roll on revolutionizing Tanzania's retail sector.

In his acknowledgement when Ericky presented the award to him at his office in CRDB Bank Headquarters, Nsekela said the award is

a profound honor for him, colleagues, and Tanzania as a whole. He said besides giving him a strong sense of accomplishment, the award reverberates his desire to keep innovating for the change.

"With profound humility, I am deeply honored to be named Retail Banker of the Year by BII World organizers of Africa Banking 4.0 Summit. I am dedicating this award to our customers and the hard working staff of CRDB Bank Plc and our subsidiary in Burundi," Nsekela said.

During Nsekela's tenure as CRDB Bank CEO, the bank has been innovating a number of solutions that brings banking services closer to people and increase financial inclusion. In 2020, the Bank enhanced its SimBanking App which currently enables customer to perform more than 90 percent of their transactions digitally, including self-account opening and purchasing insurance premiums.

"SimBanking plays a pivotal role in driving financial inclusion in the country and so far over 100,000 customers have been on boarded through



CRDB Bank Group CEO, Abdulmajid Nsekela showcasing his Retail Banker of the Year award awarded from the Africa Banking 4.0 Summit, which took place recently in Nairobi. The Africa Banking 4.0 Summit organizers credited Nsekela's contribution to the development of Tanzania's retail sub-sector and CRDB Bank's commitment to financial inclusion. PHOTO/CRDB BANK

the digital platform," said the Nsekela.

During the period, the Bank also introduced the Hodari Account for small scale traders. The bank also rolled out a tailor-made financing mechanism for petty traders, commonly known as Machingas, and a renowned financial literacy campaign known as 'Tupo Mtaani Kwako'.

The CRDB Bank Hodari Account allows traders to receive payments digitally and connects them to a variety of bank opportunities, such as loans and training. The Tupo Mtaani Kwako campaign, on the other hand, which was launched in 2019, aims to accelerate financial inclusion in Tanzania and has so far reached over 500,000 people.

With its financing solutions for micro and medium entrepreneurs, such as asset financing loans, investment loans, capital loans,

and CRDB Malkia loans that targets women MSMEs, the bank managed to record a significant growth in retail lines last year.

Loans to micro and small entrepreneurs increasing by 36 percent from Sh75.9 billion in 2020 to 103bn/- in 2021, and loans to small and medium enterprises increasing by 17 percent from Sh481 billion in 2020 to 563bn/- in 2021.

Similarly, over the last two years, the bank has played a larger role in assisting the MSMEs sector in navigating the COVID-19 pandemic. The bank implemented a number of initiatives, including loan restructuring, easing loan repayment terms, and allocating more funds to SMEs to the retail sector.

Toward end of last year, the Bank extended its wings to reach out to special segment after introducing Al Barakah banking targeting individuals who are sharia compliant.

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This year, in an effort to assist the government's post-COVID recovery efforts, CRDB Bank reduced interest charged on agriculture loans, the country's largest employing sector, to a single digit rate of 9 percent from 20 percent. The Bank also reduced interest charged on personal loans from 16 percent to 12 percent.

## Foreign banks' business in Kenya fall Sh12 billion

NAIROBI

REPRESENTATIVE offices of foreign banks in Kenya contracted marginally last year, hampered by continued constraints in international trade in the period as economies reopened from Covid-19 restrictions.

Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) data contained in the 2021 annual banking supervision report shows that the nine representative offices conducted business worth Sh3.3 billion compared to \$3.4 billion in 2020.

They remained well below the \$4.67 billion transacted in 2019.

Representative offices carry out research, marketing and liaison roles on behalf of their parent banks. They are however barred from conducting commercial banking services which include deposit-taking unless they open a full-fledged subsidiary or branch.

They recorded significant jumps in volumes in correspondent banking and specialised finance, while trade finance deals fell in the period.

Their correspondent banking deals rose from Sh37.4 billion in 2020 to Sh78.6 billion last year. Correspondent banking involves transactions originating from other overseas branches conducted through the Kenyan office where the local parties or partners are based.

Specialised finance deals rose from Sh23 billion in 2020 to Sh50.7 billion last year, while there was also a Sh2.5 billion increase in corporate finance deals to Sh12.7 billion.

They were however held back by steep falls in trade and project financing deals last year, which indicated fewer companies looking to set up base in the country compared to the previous year.

Trade finance deals, which are the biggest line of transactions the offices handle, fell by Sh12 billion to Sh129.1 billion last year. Project finance deals shrunk from Sh20.1 billion in 2020 to Sh1 billion last year.

Global trade was heavily disrupted from 2020 as economies locked down in a bid to prevent the spread of the Covid-19 pandemic. This also translated to more conservative investment activity, thus reducing cross-border financial flows that fuel the business of representative offices.

## Global regulators push ahead with crypto bank capital rules

LONDON

GLOBAL regulators said this week that they will complete work by year end on how much capital banks should hold to cover cryptoassets on their books.

Last June the committee proposed that banks set aside enough capital to cover losses on any bitcoin holdings in full.

Certain tokenised traditional assets and stablecoins could, however, come under existing capital rules and be treated like bonds, loans, deposits or commodities.

Earlier this month TerraUSD, a stablecoin tied to the U.S. dol-

lar, collapsed.

"Recent developments have further highlighted the importance of having a global minimum prudential framework to mitigate risks from cryptoassets," the Basel Committee said in a statement.

"Building on the feedback received by external stakeholders, the Committee plans to publish another consultation paper over the coming month, with a view to finalising the prudential treatment around the end of this year."

Countries which are members of Basel are committed to applying its agreed principles in

their own national rules.

The committee also said it has agreed to a finalised set of principles for supervising climate-related financial risks at banks.

"The principles, which will be published in the coming weeks, seek to promote a principles-based approach to improving risk management and supervisory practices to mitigate climate-related financial risks," Basel said.

The committee has also agreed that the euro zone is one domestic jurisdiction when it comes to calculating an extra capital buffer for large, globally systemic banks which are based

there.

Treating their intra-euro zone exposures as domestic, which attracts lower capital charges than non-domestic exposures, should reduce the size of the extra capital buffer requirements for some euro zone lenders.

The European Central Bank, which regulates big euro zone lenders, said it was a step toward a more integrated banking sector in Europe and the creation of a truly domestic market.

Fitch Ratings said last December the change could see some banks like BNP Paribas drop out of the extra global buffer requirement altogether.



# Banks, financial institutions urged to train local gov't loans officers

By Beatrice Philemon

IN a bid to avoid the risk of loans default, banks and financial institutions have been urged to come up with a new scheme to equip skills to district loan officers to carry out credit appraisal process and loan analysis before lending to borrowers.

The Opposition ACT Wazalendo Vice Chairperson Tanzania Mainland, Dorothy Semu said this recently at the just-ended one day workshop on Women Economic Empowerment and Justice through Financial Inclusion in Tanzania including a Reflection on Political Parties' Election Manifestos.

The event was organized by the Women Action towards Economic Development (WATED) and involved members from ACT Wazalendo, CUF and representative from the ruling party Chama Cha Mapinduzi.

She said majority district loan officers have no skills on loan analysis processes and when a client applies for loan, they are issued without checking the borrower's credit history, include checking his/her repayment behaviour, time taken to pay monthly installments, how a borrower has treated his or her different debt obligations.

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reas where people have a project or business to see if the borrower has the ability to repay the loan or not, that's why a lot of loans from the district councils are defaulted.

Due to this impediment, people are using this opportunity to form illegal groups and access loans from lenders or the bank.

Also she called on the district councils across the country to provide loans to all women, whatever political affiliation they have, because all women have right to access such loans.

"We discovered loans are issued for women from one political party that is not fair, all women are equal and have right to access loans services," She said.

She called on lenders from the district councils in all areas where they are to learn from Moshi Urban District council on how they issued loans.

Advocate Clarence Kipobota said a research he conducted with other people in four regions indicates

that lack of movable collaterals, poor infrastructure to reach many women especially those in rural areas, high cost of financial services (and products) due to inefficiencies in delivery channels are the main challenge facing women in accessing loans.

Also, high lending rates in the financial sector, absence of specific law for microfinance sub-sector, cultural norms and beliefs and limited ownership of mobile phones.

A research was conducted in Arusha, Mbeya, Dar es Salaam and Mwanza Regions involved entrepreneurs and individual persons from various stakeholders that includes the formal and informal financial institutions in terms of Village Community Banks (VICOBA); the Saving and Credit Cooperative Societies (SACCOS), commercial banks, Rotational Saving and Credit Organizations (ROSCA).

The research findings shows that a total of 261 individual respondents were interviewed in four re-

gions, out of whom 151 that is equivalent to 57.9 percent are women and 110 that is equal to 42.1 percent are men.

Due to this impediment, Tanzania should come up with new comprehensive law and policy on financial inclusion that will assist women to access affordable financial service to meet their needs in accordance with the business or project they have within their localities.

There is need to do it because current Tanzania does not have specific law and policy on financial inclusion.

Also there is need to review legal and policy framework to ensure that it address challenges facing financial inclusion in a more comprehensive ways and ensure that there is nothing that prevent women to have access to affordable financial products and services that meet their needs.

According to him, the said frameworks are reformed in order to

reflect specific needs of gender groups especially women and PWDS.

"For instance, while almost all policies reviewed above acknowledge presence of some harmful traditional practices affecting women's access to financial services and products, still the framework does not offer sufficient solutions to overcome the challenges," he said.

Also the law and policy on microfinance are more on 'regulating' and not 'facilitating' the practice of financial inclusion to flourish positively in favour of low income population.

There are also perceived concerns that statutory requirements set to formalize Microfinance Institutions are complex.

On the other hand, the requirements set for individual persons to access financial services and products do not adequately address common challenges which women have been facing - like absence of collaterals and high interest rates of loan repayments.

Also he urged the ministry of Finance to facilitate an enactment of specific law and formulation of policy on financial inclusion that will address specific needs of women and other vulnerable groups especially in relation to economic empowerment because majority of women are not benefit from loans.

## Will banks share prices remain high after 2022 dividends payouts?

By Correspondent Geoffrey Nangai

TANZANIA'S two largest banks in terms of assets and deposits CRDB and NMB Bank had an impressive performance last year that prompted them to issue dividends to shareholders this year.

Data also shows that the two banks CRDB, NMB registered enormous gains with stocks growing by 37.5 and 37 pct per cent respectively in Quarter1, 2022.

According to Stock analysts who spoke to The Banker this week, stocks of companies that have issued dividends will continue to perform impressively in the market attribute to high appetite for such shares.

The Zan Securities Chief Executive Officer Raphael Masumbuko said the market is generally witnessing a boom cycle in domestic equities, increased earnings and dividends which are compounding an upward surge in share prices.

"We remain cautiously optimistic given the current volatile global macro-environment. Our market will experience slight spillover effects from inflation and surging prices as we head towards the end of quarter 2, 2022," he said.

On his part Imani Muhingo the Orbit Securities Head, Research & Financial Analytic shared the same sentiments arguing that dividend payouts will help to stimulate the stocks market in the coming weeks.

"Already we have started to see the share price of companies that have issue dividend payments or already paid dividends appreciate in the last trading session. This will create demand for such stocks which will consequently lead to price increases," he said.

According to DSE data, in Quarter 1, 2021, CRDB Bank traded 29.5 million shares generating an equity turnover of 10.1bn/- while NMB that generated 2.4bn/- after trading 1.01 million shares.

Data further indicates that the Banking, finance and investment (BI) sector was the second-best sector on the bourse with Tanzania's biggest banks NMB and CRDB benefited from recovery of the economy and overall monetary support from the Bank of Tanzania to the banking sector through expansive monetary policy to provide cost effective loans in a bid to increase liquidity in the economy.

The CRDB share price gained 44 per cent last year after opening 2021 at a price of 195 per/-share, and closing the year at 280/- per share. NMB share price however slightly reduced from 2340/- to 2000/- being a 15 per cent depreciation in value.

BANKING&FINANCE

# Many customers now want banks, financial institutions to be more sustainable: report

LONDON

MORE than two-thirds of consumers want their bank or financial institution to become more sustainable, according to a new report from cloud banking platform Mambu.

The "Is the grass greener on the sustainable side?" report surveyed 6,000 consumers on their attitudes to green finance globally and revealed that while most are in favor of greener financial options, customers have little trust in the industry's sustainability credentials.

Almost half (48 percent) said that access to green financial services had become more important to them over the past five years, and 67 percent believe that their financial institu-

tion is guilty of greenwashing.

Two in five (42 percent) of consumers believe that their bank or financial institution clearly communicates its sustainability commitments, but only 37 percent know about the organization's climate pledges or commitments.

Customers surveyed also expressed confusion over the exact definition of "green finance," with over a third (35 percent) admitting they did not fully understand the difference between green finance (a product that has been designed to protect the environment or to manage the impacts of finance and investments on the environment) and ethical finance (which takes into account not only financial

returns but also environmental, social and governance factors).

The report showed that adoption of green finance practices was far from mainstream, as well as indicating a need for greater education and communication within the industry.

Just over a quarter (26 percent) of consumers have knowingly made use of a sustainable banking product or service. But of those that did the vast majority (84 percent) were more satisfied with these services than with traditional banking products.

The survey showed that consumers want banks to be more transparent and also want greater power in holding them to account. Nearly three-fifths (58

percent) would like more control over how and where their money is invested - to align with their personal values.

Meanwhile, more than half (55 percent) would like a say on the types of green financial products and services their financial institution develops.

"Our research shows that consumers are increasingly looking for ways to make greener financial decisions, but remain skeptical about how strongly banks are committed to the sustainability agenda," Anna Krotova, director of sustainability at Mambu, said.

"Consumers want to play a more active role in making green finance the future of finance, and there's a huge opportunity

for forward-thinking players to get ahead in this transition."

Mambu helps financial institutions to build sustainable financial products quickly and cost effectively.

Specifically, 42 percent of consumers would welcome incentives and loyalty programs that reward them for making greener financial decisions. The same percentage would like to hear more about sustainability commitments during the launch of financial products and services.

Consumers are less interested in the granular details of sustainability targets. Just over a quarter (26 percent) would like to receive monthly sustainability reports from their banks, while just 20 percent are interested



in benchmarking or scoring themselves using a sustainability index or rating system.

Customers cited sustainable credit and debit cards (45 percent), green savings accounts

and bonds (42 percent), green loans (31 percent) and green mortgages (31 percent) among offerings they would most like to see when it comes to in-demand green financial products.

# Transfer pricing documentation: How often should it be updated?

By Donasia Massambo

ONE of the most frequently asked questions in my capacity as a transfer pricing consultant, is how often a tax payer is required to update their transfer pricing documentation. As the deadline for maintenance of transfer pricing documentation is fast approaching, this question becomes even more relevant for tax payers with related party transactions during the year.

This article aims at providing clarifications on how often a taxpayer with related party transactions is required to update their transfer pricing documentation per the Tanzanian transfer pricing requirements.

## Transfer pricing documentation requirements in Tanzania

The Tax Administration (Transfer Pricing) Regulations 2018 require taxpayers with related party transactions to prepare contemporaneous transfer pricing documenta-

tion and have it ready by the time of filing their annual tax return (i.e., six months after the financial year end). When the transfer pricing documentation is requested by the TRA, it needs to be submitted within 30 days upon request. If the total magnitude of the related party transactions during the year is 10 billion TZS and above, then the taxpayer is required to file the transfer pricing documentation with the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) along with their tax return. These requirements are stipulated under Regulation 7 of the Transfer Pricing Regulations.

There is also a penalty clause, which provides that failure to comply with Regulation 7 results to a penalty that is equivalent to a minimum of 52.5 million TZS. In addition to this, failure to comply with the arm's length principle results to a penalty of 100% of the tax liability resulting from the transfer pricing adjustments.

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## Meaning of contemporaneous

Contemporaneous means happening or existing at the same time. In the transfer pricing document, a taxpayer is required to demonstrate that the transactions entered with its related parties, are conducted at arm's length. In other terms, the price charged between related parties should be similar to the price charged by independent third parties under similar circumstances.

Therefore, to interpret the contemporaneous documentation requirement in simple terms, it means, related party transactions need to be documented and benchmarked

against independent third-party transactions that are happening at the same time. So, if a tax payer is preparing a transfer pricing document for the financial year ended 31 December 2021, then the transactions documented should be benchmarked against independent third-party transactions that also took place in the year 2021.

## Compliance with contemporaneous documentation requirement

In order to comply with the contemporaneous documentation requirement, one has to prepare and

update their transfer pricing documentation on a year-on-year basis.

Firstly, this ensures that, the transactions documented are benchmarked against transactions taking place under the same circumstances. For example, in 2020, there are industries that were significantly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic which ultimately had an impact on their overall profits. If transactions that took place in 2020 are compared with independent third-party transactions that took place in 2019, then most likely the transactions may not be considered at arm's length due to the significant difference in the economic circumstances in which the two transactions (although similar) took place.

Secondly, preparation of transfer pricing documentation on a year-on-year basis, cushions a taxpayer from the risk of being penalized for not meeting the deadline for maintenance of transfer pricing

documentation, which is six months after the financial year end. I have witnessed scenarios where taxpayers were penalized 52.5 million TZS per year for maintaining one transfer pricing documentation covering multiple years. For example, if a transfer pricing document is submitted to the TRA covering the years 2019, 2020 and 2021, most likely the document was prepared in the latest period which is 2021. Therefore, it may be interpreted that the taxpayer did not have the documents for 2019 and 2020 ready when they were due.

## Best practices

A typical question that follows after responding to the first question, of how often a transfer pricing documentation needs to be updated is, what if my transactions have not changed from the last time, I prepared my transfer pricing document?

Preparation of transfer

The best practice is to review the transactions on an annual basis and update the transfer pricing documentation, to ensure it is compliant with the contemporaneous documentation requirements. Generally, the cost of being compliant is significantly minimal compared to the cost of non-compliance.

# Nigeria's Sproutly is virtual banking app for children



LAGOS

**N**IGERIAN fintech startup Sproutly is a virtual banking app for children under the age of 17, providing digital savings products and a debit card with built-in parental control.

Launched in June 2021 by Pierre Nwoke, Maxwell Agu and Prince Akachi, Sproutly provides kids with an app-based savings account and linked debit card to allow them to save, manage and spend their money, while at the same time allowing parents to control outflows and set targets via a parents app.

Parents can also apply for overdrafts to serve kids immediate needs through the Sproutly Overdraft feature, with Sproutly also offering a tuition fee collection service called Bursary.

Nwoke told Disrupt Africa the idea for the platform came about when he tried to open a savings account for his teenage brother in 2020.

"He was done with secondary school and

preparing for university admissions, and I must say it was one hell of a journey to open a savings account for him being underaged. We ended up doing so after one year and using one of my banks and my debit card for the entire period he was trying to open an account," Nwoke said.

"We also had major concerns as to how he managed funds - being the last child with a lot of older siblings had its perks for him and we never really paid attention to his spending habit until he was about getting into the university. That was when we realised we had to set some measures as to how he spends."

Noticing there was no platform that allowed them to do so, and recognising that this was a challenge faced by many, Nwoke and the team set about building Sproutly.

"We took about three months researching pre-existing viable options and alternatives people use currently, like digital banks offering something close to what we wanted to build, and it was an amazing, eye-opening

journey. Parents had an earful of experience to share," he said.

"We had instances of parents who had children below the age of 18 schooling in the diaspora, parents who had kids that spent like money grew on trees, to parents who wanted a platform that would help educate kids financially. Others wanted access to products such as child-friendly loans and quick bail-outs when they needed to provide for their kids. Then we stumbled upon the issue of tuition collections and debts."

Sproutly was built to solve all this, initially focusing on a few core challenges, but the startup does have plans to expand the scope of its offering. The startup has been operating in extensive private beta, and has over 7,000 kids and 3,000 parents on its waitlist. Active in Nigeria initially, Sproutly wants to expand to Ghana and Kenya later this year. It offers a mix of free basic and premium plans, and is in the process of raising a pre-seed funding round.

# BoU's Atingi receives central bank governor of year award

KAMPALA

**B**ANK of Uganda Deputy Governor Michael Atingi-Ego has been awarded the Central Bank Governor of the Year Award.

The award, presented in Accra, Ghana, is part of the prestigious annual African Banker Magazine that recognises central bank governors for driving economic stability in their respective countries by taming inflation as well as ensuring a stable exchange rate regime.

The award comes at a time when Bank of Uganda is seeking to tame growing inflationary pressures that have seen inflation rise above the 5 percent target. Yesterday, Uganda Bureau of Statistics indicated that inflation had risen to 6.3 percent in May, up from 4.9 percent in April due rising food, fuel and other commodity prices.

Mr Atingi-Ego, who is also an economist, has been pivotal in ensuring economic stability amid a number of challenges, among which include Covid-19 and the runaway commodity prices.

He holds a Doctor of Philosophy in economics from the University of Liverpool, Master of Arts in Economics from Cardiff Business School in UK and a bachelor's degree in Economics from Makerere Uni-

versity. Mr Atingi-Ego has been running the Central Bank since his former boss Emmanuel Tumusiime Mutebile died in late January.

The African Banker Magazine was launched in May 2007 with focus on banking and finance in Africa, with concentrated coverage of news from banking, finance, insurance, and currency, direct and indirect financial investment as well as stock and capital markets.

The event was held under the patronage of the African Development Bank, being part of the programme of the Bank's annual meetings, which ended on May 27.

The African Banker Awards celebrate excellence in African banking, recognising both individuals and institutions that drive transformation.

Others awards included the African Banker Icon and Finance Minister of the Year, which went to Ms Vera Songwe, the UN undersecretary general and executive secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa and Ms Vera Esperançã dos Santos Daves de Sousa, Angola's Finance Minister, respectively.

A total of 22 awards were presented at a ceremony that attracted more than 300 banking and financial services professionals.



BANKING&amp;FINANCE

# Johari Rotana hotel reopens after two year's closure

By John Badi

**J**ohari Rotana has re-opened after a two-year closure with so much optimism in light of the world reopening and tourism regaining momentum across regions.

With travel restrictions being lifted globally, the number of international tourist arrivals in Tanzania has gradually been increasing thus positively influencing the hospitality sector.

Joerg Potreck, General Manager of Johari Rotana, said: "Our re-opening could not have been at a better time with Tanzania named "Africa's Leading Destination" in 2021 and the influx of tourists in the country. It's an exciting time for us all and my team and I are all geared up to welcome our guests back to Johari Rotana."

Conveniently located in the MNF Square complex in Dar es Salaam's Central Business District (CBD), the spectacular property offers 253 keys including 193 hotel rooms with an average size of over 50 sqm, suites ranging up to 150 sqm, as well as 60 fully furnished and serviced apartments.

Providing fantastic views of Dar es Salaam Harbour and the city, the rooms, suites, and apartments are spread across 15 floors starting from the 13th floor of the 65,000 sqm mixed-use project.

"Setting new standards in architecture, design, technology, offerings, and service excellence, Johari Rotana, our first property in East Africa, heralds a new hospitality experience in the region. We are confident that our spacious rooms and suites, wide selection of food and beverage venues, advanced meeting and conference facilities - including Tanzania's largest ballroom - and unsurpassed wellness and recreation facilities will appeal to our guests and provide a competitive advantage in the market," continued Potreck.

Offering diverse dining experiences, Johari Rotana features four stylish dining venues, including the lobby lounge Kibo, an all-day dining restaurant Zafarani, an upscale Chinese restaurant Noble House and the signature Hamilton's Gastropub.

The hotel also boasts the largest meeting and conference facility in Tanzania, a 900sqm ballroom with a 6.5-meter ceiling height that can also be divided into three smaller venues.

The property also features six additional meeting rooms with captivating views of the waterfront a dedicated business centre, Class-A offices, and an indoor parking facility, making it an ideal choice for both business and leisure guests.

# China's banking sector ratchets up supports to boosts economy

BEIJING

**A**S the fallout of COVID-19 continues to weigh on the world's second-largest economy, China's banking sector has ratcheted up support measures to boost the economy, channeling funds to where they are needed the most.

In times of increasing downward pressure, financial institutions, as a supporting force for growth, are expected to step in and energize firms while implementing pro-growth measures, analysts said.

At a State Council executive meeting earlier this month, China's policymakers announced a new package of 33 measures to stimulate growth, urging lenders to extend stronger credit support to market entities undergoing great difficulties.

China's market entities, totaling 158 million as of the end of last month and major job creators for the economy, have been under greater strains amid economic pressure at home and mounting challenges abroad.

The meeting decided to double the scale of the support facility for inclusive loans to micro and small businesses, as well as its share of the increase in the loan balance.

Banks are encouraged to defer, within this year, principal and inter-

est repayments on loans made to micro, small and medium-sized enterprises and self-employed households, truck loans, and home loans and consumer loans owed by individuals facing temporary difficulties, according to the meeting.

These new preferential policies represent banks' continued credit support to smaller enterprises in the country. To assist businesses to survive and thrive, China's banks have been fine-tuning measures to direct more funds to smaller firms since the start of this year.

Official data showed that outstanding loans to small and micro businesses nationwide stood at 53.54 trillion yuan (about 8 trillion U.S. dollars) as of the end of April, of which inclusive loans to small and micro firms reached 20.5 trillion yuan, up 21.64 percent from a year ago.

As part of efforts to ease the burden on businesses, China has also adopted value-added tax (VAT) credit refunds, which have seen solid implementation so far.

In the COVID-hit metropolis Shanghai, for instance, the People's Bank of China Shanghai Head Office has issued a guideline, requiring stronger coordination across fiscal and taxation organs to ensure that market entities get their share of VAT credit



Peoples Bank of China Headquarter in Beijing

refunds without impediments and delays.

As of May 29, VAT credit refunds in the city reached 45 billion yuan and benefited over 60,000 firms, data from the central bank showed.

On top of relief measures, banks are also on the move to bolster key areas of growth, with proactive steps taken in sectors such as manufacturing and infrastructure.

According to a guideline unveiled by the China Banking and Insurance Regulatory Commission on May 13, lenders are urged to optimize the

structure of loans to firms in the manufacturing industry and prioritize advanced and high-end equipment manufacturing.

Pan Helin, a researcher at Zhejiang University, said that financial institutions can develop more convenient credit products and services with lower interest rates, so that the diverse demands of manufacturing firms can be satisfied.

As emphasized in several high-level meetings recently, the country this year will reinforce infrastructure construction amid its efforts to stabi-

lize growth.

Zeng Gang, deputy director of the National Institution for Finance and Development, said that banks, pursuant to policy arrangements, should focus on local infrastructure projects and provide necessary credit support based on financing demands on the ground.

For the next step, China will continue to guide financial institutions to lower financing costs and strengthen support for key areas and weak links while keeping the total credit at a stable level, the central bank said.





## Kremlin does not trust Zelensky's promises not to attack Russia with US-made rockets

MOSCOW

MOSCOW does not believe Ukrainian President Vladimir Zelensky's claims that Kiev will not attack Russian territory, should it obtain US-made long-range multiple launch rocket systems, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters yesterday.

"No," the spokesman said, answering a question whether the Kremlin trusts Zelensky's words. "In order to trust, there must be previous experience when such promises were fulfilled. Unfortunately, such experience is completely nonexistent," Peskov explained.

"On the contrary, the entire history of events proves that, starting with Zelensky's main campaign promise to end the war in Ukraine's southeast once and for all, [the promise] was not fulfilled, and the Minsk Agreements were not implemented, they sunk into oblivion, and by Ukraine's fault at that," the spokesman pointed out.

"So we don't really have any trust credit for the Ukrainian side," he noted.

On Tuesday, Zelensky said in his interview for US Newsmax TV channel that Kiev has no intention to use US-made long-range multiple launch rocket systems to attack Russian territory.

## Africa reports nearly 1,400 monkeypox cases in 2022 -WHO

BRAZZAVILLE

SEVEN African countries have cumulatively reported nearly 1400 monkeypox cases so far this year, with 1,392 suspected and 44 confirmed cases, the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Tuesday in a statement.

The cases have been reported from Cameroon, Central African Republic, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Liberia, Nigeria, the Republic of the Congo, and Sierra Leone, said the WHO regional office for Africa, noting that the number of cases in 2022 is slightly fewer than half of the cases reported in 2021.

While the virus has not spread to new non-endemic countries in Africa, within countries with outbreaks, the virus has been expanding its geographic reach in recent years.

Until 2019, monkeypox in Nigeria was reported mainly in the south of the country but since 2020, the virus has moved into central, eastern, and northern parts of the country.

"We must avoid having two different responses to monkeypox - one for Western countries which are only now experiencing significant transmission and another for Africa," said Matshidiso Moeti, WHO regional director for Africa.

"We must work together and have joined-up global actions which include Africa's experience, expertise, and needs.

This is the only way to ensure we reinforce surveillance and better understand the evolution of the disease while scaling up readiness and response to curb any further spread," said Moeti.

Monkeypox was first detected in humans in 1970 in the African region

and since then most cases have been reported in rural and rainforest areas. For decades, only a few cases were reported sporadically. Then in 2017, there was a sudden spike, with more than 2,800 suspected cases reported in five countries.

This surge continued, peaking in 2020 with more than 6,300 suspected cases, with the DRC accounting for 95 percent of the total. The numbers then dropped in 2021 to around 3,200 suspected cases.

"Africa has successfully contained past monkeypox outbreaks and from what we know about the virus and modes of transmission, the rise in cases can be stopped," said Moeti.

"It is critical that the continent has equal access to effective monkeypox vaccines and that globally we ensure vaccine doses reach every community in need.

While parts of the continent might have built up some immunity against the disease, there are populations that are particularly vulnerable such as health workers and contacts of cases."

Since the global eradication of smallpox in 1979, monkeypox has emerged as the most prevalent orthopoxvirus infection in humans. Vaccination against smallpox has been shown to be protective against monkeypox.

A new vaccine against smallpox and monkeypox has been approved but is not yet widely available. Monkeypox is common in wild animals like primates and rodents, but humans can also get infected.

Symptoms include skin rashes, fever, headache, muscle ache, backache, swollen lymph nodes, chills, and exhaustion. The rash eventually forms a scab, which later falls off, indicating

## Moscow: Russia and Saudi foreign ministers praise OPEC+

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov met Saudi counterpart Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud in Riyadh on Tuesday and both men praised the level of cooperation inside OPEC+, the Russian foreign ministry said.

The comments were issued amid Western media reports that some members of OPEC+, an alliance of OPEC members and their allies, were considering removing Russia from the group.

"They noted the stabilizing effect that the tight cooperation between Russia and Saudi Arabia has on world markets for hydrocarbons in this strategically important sector," the ministry said in a statement on its website.

There was no immediate comment from Saudi Arabia outside of business hours.

Lavrov arrived in Saudi Arabia on Tuesday and is expected to meet with other foreign ministers from the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states, Saudi state media reported.

OPEC+ is set to stick to an oil production deal agreed last year at its meeting on June 2 and raise July output targets by 432,000 barrels per day, six OPEC+ sources told Reuters last week, rebuffing Western calls for a faster increase to lower surging prices.

OPEC+ was formed in 2016 and assigned production cuts among its members to keep oil markets stable and act against price collapses, particularly as economies shrank sharply during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Russia is a leading member of OPEC+, along with some ex-Soviet states and other countries.

The Wall Street Journal, quoting OPEC delegates, suggested that exempting Russia from OPEC+ could potentially pave the way for other producers to pump significantly more crude as sought by the United States and Euro-

pean nations.

Lavrov's meeting with his Saudi counterpart came shortly after the European Union agreed on significant cuts to imports of Russian crude as part of its latest sanctions linked to the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

**Russia to halt gas supplies to companies of Denmark, Germany**

Russian energy giant Gazprom said Tuesday that it would no longer supply gas to Denmark's largest energy company Orsted and will halt deliveries to Germany under the Shell Energy Europe contract.

Orsted has notified Gazprom Export that it would no longer make payments for gas in rubles, and Shell Energy Europe Limited said it would not pay in rubles for gas supplies to Germany, Gazprom said on Telegram.

The cuts will be effective from yesterday, it added.

Russian President Vladimir Putin signed a decree on March 31 on new rules regarding natural gas trade with "unfriendly" countries and regions. According to the decree, existing contracts would be halted if these buyers refused to pay in rubles.



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# Xi vows closer relations with Zambia, UAE

CHINA stands ready to work with Zambia and the United Arab Emirates in supporting each other's core interests and upholding the shared rights and interests of developing countries, President Xi Jinping said on Tuesday.

Xi made the remark in separate phone conversations with Zambian President Hakainde Hichilema and UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

While speaking with Hichilema, Xi hailed the robust development of bilateral ties, saying that the friendship between China and Zambia is unbreakable.

Both countries should strategically handle their relationship and support each other on issues concerning their core interests, Xi said.

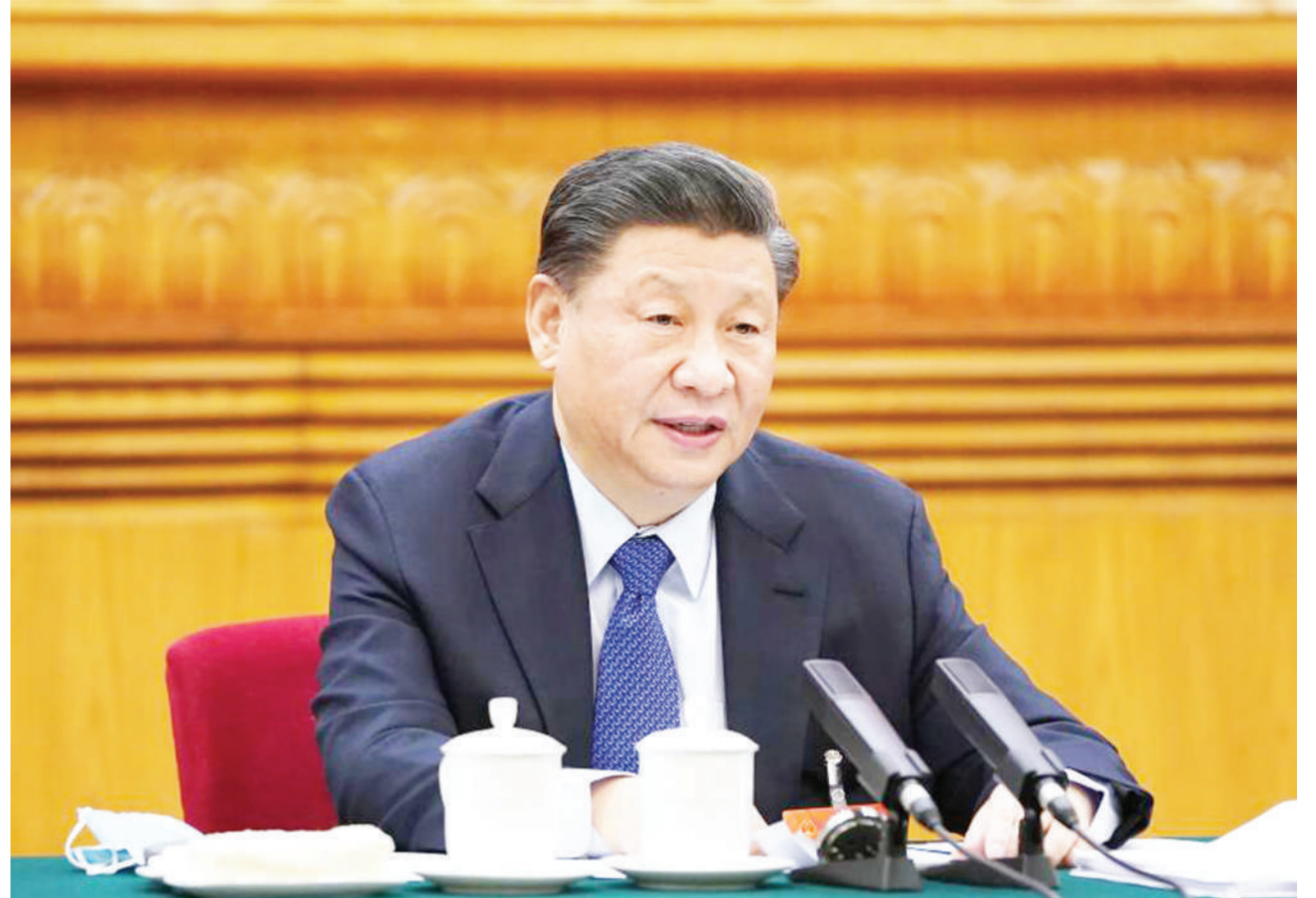
He called for strengthening strategic communication and policy coordination between China and Zambia, fully implementing the "nine projects" under the framework of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation, deepening mutually beneficial cooperation in various fields and working together to combat the COVID-19 pandemic.

Noting that both China and Zambia are developing countries, Xi said that strengthening solidarity and cooperation with African countries, including Zambia, is China's sustained, resolute and strategic option.

He underlined the need for China and Africa to pursue an independent foreign policy, resolutely uphold international fairness and justice, and safeguard the international system with the United Nations at the core, as well as the international order underpinned by international law.

China is prepared to work with African countries to advance high-quality cooperation on the joint construction of the Belt and Road, and intensify cooperation in the fields of healthcare, poverty reduction, trade, investment, green development and the digital economy to help Africa realize economic recovery and sustainable development, Xi said.

Hichilema expressed his appreciation for China's assistance in his country's national construction and devel-



Chinese President Xi Jinping

opment, as well as in its fight against the pandemic. He said that Zambia is willing to strengthen exchanges and mutual learning with the Communist Party of China, consolidate the traditional friendship and promote the greater development of bilateral ties with the spirit of mutual trust and cooperation.

Zambia resolutely upholds the one-China policy, and it supports the China-proposed Belt and Road Initiative, Global Development Initiative and Global Security Initiative, and wants to work with China to implement them actively, Hichilema said.

In the telephone conversation with the UAE president, Xi said that the China-UAE comprehensive strategic partnership has been constantly improving, with their friendly cooperation in various fields reaching the best level in history. He mentioned the countries' joint work in pandemic response and his

meeting with Sheikh Mohamed in February when the latter came to China to attend the opening ceremony of the Beijing Winter Olympics.

China is willing to work with the UAE to consolidate their friendship, solidify their mutual trust and deepen their cooperation in order to make their comprehensive strategic partnership more meaningful and deliver more benefits to the two peoples, Xi said.

He stressed that China resolutely supports the UAE in safeguarding its sovereignty, security and stability, and also supports it in exploring a development path suited to its national conditions.

China would work with the UAE in supporting each other's core interests, jointly upholding the basic norms governing international relations and safeguarding the common interests of developing countries, Xi added.

He called for strengthening bilateral cooperation on pandemic response and the Belt and Road Initiative as well as promoting bilateral cultural and people-to-people exchanges. China will maintain close communication with the UAE on inter-

national and regional affairs, bolster coordination with it on the Global Development Initiative and the Global Security Initiative, jointly uphold peace and stability in the Middle East and advance the improvement of the global governance system so that it will become more equitable and reasonable, Xi said.

The UAE president said that he values the brotherly friendship with President Xi and will do his utmost to promote bilateral ties.

He reiterated that the UAE will firmly stand with China as always, and their partnership will surely enjoy a brighter future benefiting the two peoples.

Xinhua

## Smart technologies facilitate construction of barrier-free environment in China

"It is 10:32 a.m., Beijing Time."

After Wu Tao, a young man with visual impairment, opened an app on his mobile phone, the system automatically began to read the time on the screen out loud.

"With the help of the assistive touch feature, I can scroll up and down to reset the time on my mobile phone," Wu said. He tapped the screen deftly and set the alarm clock for half an hour later.

The visually impaired man couldn't have been able to use his mobile phone so easily without its barrier-free designs that support tactile interaction.

"Although many apps support screen reading, the effect of the text-to-speech feature can be affected by noises in the environment," said Zhou Juejia, secretary general of the technical committee of Xiaomi Corporation, a major Chinese smartphone manufacturer. The company has carefully designed the tactile interactive system of its products so that people with visual impairment can quickly locate the user interface elements, including various widgets, according to Zhou.

"By helping visually impaired users quickly locate unread messages and switch from one song to another whenever they want, we have brought them a better user experience," Zhou added.

A series of new technological products and advances have been made to help people with special needs enjoy digital life.

Chinese telecom operators have explored a model that allows people with disabilities receive telecom services via remote video. Many websites and apps have simplified the procedures for booking tickets, online car-hailing, etc. for them, and launched new features such as the text-to-speech service to help special groups share the fruits of informatization.

Since January 2021, a campaign aimed at making Internet apps



Luyang district, Hefei city, east China's Anhui province, gives out electric wheelchairs to people with disabilities for free, Dec. 14, 2021. File photo

more suitable for the elderly and barrier-free has been carried out nationwide to pool resources to help special groups tackle the difficulties in enjoying intelligent services, according to an official with the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT).

For over a year, China has witnessed positive results in the construction of an environment for information accessibility, with more complete transformation standards, more diversified scenarios covered and mature infrastructure, the official said.

A total of 375 websites and apps had been transformed for the convenience of old and physically impaired people and passed relevant assessments as of the beginning of May this year. They made

breakthroughs in better satisfying the needs of the elderly and people with disabilities for traveling, shopping, getting medical and telecommunication services, and handling other affairs, helping them enjoy intelligent services.

The brick-and-mortar service halls of three major Chinese telecom operators - China Mobile, China Unicom and China Telecom - specially designed and rolled out a service for people with special needs that enables them to reach customer service staff by pressing one button. It has benefited over 100 million people.

People with disabilities have special needs for digital technologies, but they seldom express their needs online, noted Tang Kaixin, product general manager at the social responsi-

bility department of Douyin, a Chinese online video-sharing platform. Tang believes that only by carrying out massive field research and in-depth analysis of users' needs can the platform continuously optimize its products based on the feedback and win the recognition of users.

"We have established and operated communities involving more than 300 visually impaired users on social media platforms, so as to better listen to the voices of users and improve the user experience of our products," Tang said.

To increase the penetration rate of barrier-free products, it is necessary to promote the sharing of technologies between enterprises, said an MIIT official.

This year, the country will enhance policy guidance, invite professional institutions to strictly evaluate the results of app transformation for physically impaired people, and summarize experiences and practices that can be replicated and promoted promptly, the official pointed out.

Through both online and offline channels, the achievements of enterprises' special services for the elderly and people with disabilities can be fully publicized, which will encourage the whole industry to launch more considerate, practical and user-friendly products for special groups, according to the official.

People's Daily



César Manzoki

## Uganda Premier League top scorer ready for move to Simba SC

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

CENTRAL African Republic striker César Manzoki has said he has a limited chance of continuing to serve Uganda Football Champions, Vipers SC after his contract expires.

Tanzania's football giant, Simba SC, has shown interest in seeking his services.

Inspired by his lethal attributes, Manzoki has scored 18 goals this season defending his golden shoe in the Ugandan Premier League after scoring 12 goals last season and executing eight assists to clinch the award.

The DR Congo-born striker made the statement following his contract with Vipers SC expiring at the end of the 2021/22 StarTimes Uganda Premier League, making a significant contribution to the outfit's successful pursuit of the Uganda Premier League title.

Manzoki said his agent had told him there are many offers sent to him alongside Vipers SC which is vying to keep him, so he is currently preparing to announce where he will play next season.

"My exclusive contract with the team had expired after I was contacted directly to play in the Champions League," Manzoki noted.

Having played for DR Congo's AS Vita Club, Manzoki had already left Congolese Premier League, Linafoot, for Tunisia.

A spell in Tunisia was an unfortunate experience that did not prevent him from trying his luck again abroad, even plying his trade in a league considered inferior.

The footballer revealed: "There is a small percentage of me staying here and there is a large percentage of departure, there are offers I have including the remaining one given to me by the team leader, as well as other offers including Simba's."

Manzoki pointed out: "So in the next few days I think I will have completed another process that is going to change my history in football."

"It is a matter of patience as it is a matter of registration, so you do not need to wait until the process is complete to discuss, but it will be bad if we talk about it and then the deal fails to materialize," the attacker that is contested by Simba SC of Tanzania noted.

The St. Mary's Kitende Stadium, located just outside Kampala, is where Manzoki has made his name and has become a darling to the fans.

He has gone as far as attracting the attention of the Central African Republic's national side.

After three friendly matches for DR Congo's Leopards, Manzoki has indeed chosen to join Central Africa's national team, his goal is to play in the 2023 AFCON tournament in Ivory Coast.

"There are players who prefer to play for France or play for their country. That is the same case with me. I decided to go and play for CAR," Manzoki said.

Manzoki, aged 25, still has a bright future ahead of him. At the end of his contract with Vipers SC, he is reportedly in contact with clubs in North Africa, Asia, and even Europe which will pose a huge competition to Simba.

## Scores turn out for World Cup trophy viewing session in Dar

By Guardian Correspondent

THOUSANDS of Tanzanians yesterday turned out in large numbers at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam to witness and take pictures with the FIFA World Cup trophy brought to the country by Coca-Cola Tanzania.

The event was adorned with entertainment staged by various artists and a screening of the Royal Tour film.

The World Cup trophy landed in the country on the morning of May 31, it was received by President Samia Suluhu Hassan at the State House in the city before being taken to the venue the same day to allow Tanzanians to take pictures with it.

The ceremony was graced by various new generation music artists, including Chege Chigunda, and Kheri Sameer Rajab 'Mr. Blue'.

Other famous domestic artists that graced the opening hours of the event were 'Mzee wa Bwax', Seif Mwinijuma 'Sholo Mwamba', Juma Kassim 'Juma Nature', and Karama Masoud 'Kala Pina', concluding the two-day World Cup trophy tour in Tanzania sponsored by Coca-Cola Tanzania company.

The government commended Coca-Cola Tanzania for making the FIFA World Cup tour a success, promising to use the tour as a catalyst for improving football infrastructure to not only enable Tanzania to bid for hosting the 2027 AFCON tournament but also to accelerate the promotion of the sport.

Deputy Minister for Culture, Arts and Sports, Pauline Gekul, said this during the FIFA World Cup trophy tour night gala, held in the city on May 31, and attended by more than 300 people invited by Coca-Cola Tanzania.



Former Brazil national team player, Juliano Belletti (R), who participated in the 2002 World Cup finals, waits for a pass from Coca-Cola Tanzania's Marketing Manager, Kabula Nshimbo, during the former's visit to Tanzania's national side 'Taifa Stars' training camp at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam yesterday. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

Pauline noted that Coca-Cola and FIFA have supported Tanzanians that are required to back their government's efforts to achieve the rapid growth and development of talent in the country, along with the construction of infrastructure that meets international standards.

She disclosed: "President Samia Suluhu Hassan made the remarks during the visit to the State House, Minister for Culture, Arts and Sports also emphasized, and I would like to state publicly that with this value given to us by Coca-Cola Tanzania and FIFA to be one of the four countries that have not qualified for 2022 World Cup to be visited by this trophy, we should put it into practice."

Pauline pointed out: "Tanzanians should have confidence in the government, the ministry, and President Samia's positive plans in the sports sector."

"We are working to ensure that these sustainable plans to develop our football are implemented and bear fruit. Let us assure you that

what you have said is in the implementation so that Tanzanians know that we have work to do," the Deputy Minister noted.

"We are using this motivation brought by Coca-Cola to ensure we visit regions to promote football so that in the next few years we will not be one of the countries hosting the trophy tour, let us have our ticket in hand," Pauline insisted.

Coca-Cola Africa's Senior Marketing Director, Nelly Wainaina, said they feel happy for their two countries, Kenya and Tanzania, to host the tour, adding Tanzanians should use the tour as motivation for seeking development in football.

He thanked the FIFA delegation, led by former Brazil national team player Juliano Belletti, for landing safely in the country with the trophy.

Wainaina further thanked Coca-Cola partner companies including Nyanza Bottlers, Bonite Bottlers, and other FIFA-sponsored companies, for being an integral part of the tour and attendance last night.

Earlier in the day, during a press briefing on the FIFA World Cup trophy tour, Coca-Cola Tanzania's General Manager of Commerce, Hellen Masumba, was delighted to be part of bringing the excitement brought about by the tour.

Hellen noted: "For many years Coca-Cola has been FIFA's partners in giving people real excitement through the FIFA World Cup Tour."

She revealed: "The arrival of the trophy is undoubtedly an opportunity of its kind for Tanzanians to connect with the rest of the world through the world of football where they will be able to see it more closely."

"Our partnership with FIFA in bringing this famous trophy is a sign that we recognize and appreciate what they believe and truly love the customers and consumers of our products, especially the game of football," Hellen stressed and welcomed Tanzanians at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium.

## Tanga RC opens up on Coastal Union's success in 2021/22 Federation Cup

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

TANGA Regional Commissioner Adam Malima has revealed he partnered with Coastal Union's leadership to achieve the team's plan to make it to this season's Azam Sports Federation Cup (ASFC) final.

Coastal Union secured a place in the showdown's final last Sunday, commanding a 6-5 victory over Azam FC in the second semi-final that took place at the Sheikh Amri Abeid Stadium in Arusha.

The Tanga club registered the victory in a penalty shootout considering the regular 90 minutes came to an end with the two teams still level 0-0.

Malima, who accompanied Coastal Union fans to Arusha to support the outfit, said the deal with the officials came after they found out the outfit had little chance of finishing either first or second in this season's Premier League.

Securing qualification for the Federation Cup final turned out to be Coastal Union's only opportunity to finish the season on a high.

The Regional Commissioner noted: "I sat down with the Coastal Union officials and we agreed that there is a great opportunity for the outfit to take part in one of the continental tournaments via the Federation Cup, if you look at the league two clubs (Simba SC and Yanga) have established their stranglehold on the league's top two positions."

"After reaching the Federation Cup semi-finals we asked ourselves why should we not play in the final?"



Coastal Union's midfielders, Abdul Suleiman (L), and Victor Akpan, jubilate after the former scored in the club's NBC Premier League tie that took place in Tanga recently. PHOTO: COURTESY OF COASTAL UNION

"We will play the final against Yanga here in Arusha, we will make sure we fight well to achieve the goal of playing in a continental tournament, we are in good shape and we are not kidding."

Yanga booked a place in the Federation Cup with a 1-0 win over age-old rival Simba SC in the first semi-final which took place at the CCM Kirumba Stadium in Mwanza last Saturday.

Coastal Union booked a place in the Federation Cup's last-four stage after dispatching Kagera Sugar 5-4 in a penalty shootout of the last eight clashes that took place on April 11.

The Federation Cup final match will be played at the Sheikh Amri Abeid Stadium on July 2, the venue had as well hosted the tournament's semi-final between Coastal Union and Azam FC.

## Abramovich files lawsuit at EU general court

LONDON

ROMAN Abramovich has filed a lawsuit at the EU's general court against the European Union Council, which imposed sanctions on the former Chelsea owner as part of measures targeting Russia and President Vladimir Putin's close allies.

The EU in March included the Russian oligarch on its list of individuals targeted with frozen assets and travel bans over their role in the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Officials from the Council and the EU's court could not comment on the details of the legal case when contacted Tuesday.

Abramovich was forced to sell Chelsea after being sanctioned by the British government for what it called his enabling of Putin's "brutal and barbaric invasion" of Ukraine.

The sale of the Premier League club for £2.5 billion (\$3.2bn) -- the highest price ever paid for a sports team -- was completed Monday by a consortium fronted by Los Angeles Dodgers part-owner Todd Boehly.

It marked the end of the trophy-filled, 19-year tenure of Abramovich. The European Commission, the EU's executive branch, said Portuguese authorities confirmed that the sale of Chelsea by Abramovich -- who holds a Portuguese passport -- does not benefit him or an entity associated with him, and that the proceeds would only be released for humanitarian activities in Ukraine.

"This follows close engagement between the European Commission, Portugal and the United Kingdom aimed at ensuring that the sale is fully in line with the EU sanctions legislation," the Commission said in a message to The Associated Press.

"The effective implementation and enforcement of EU sanctions are a priority for the Commission."

When it sanctioned Abramovich in March, the EU said he "has had privileged access to the [Russian] president, and has maintained very good relations with him. This connection with the Russian leader helped him to maintain his considerable wealth."

(Agencies)

## Barca to seek \$750m cash injection - sources

BARCELONA

Barcelona will seek approval from the club's members for a cash injection of up to €700 million (\$750m) to help overhaul the squad this summer, sources have confirmed to ESPN.

The Catalan club announced on Tuesday that they will hold an extraordinary assembly on June 16 for members to vote on the potential sales of Barca Licensing & Merchandising [BLM] and future television rights.

Barca say they want "authorisation for the acquisition by one or more investors of a minority stake in the social capital of the BLM business (up to 49.9%)."

They are also asking for members to allow them to sell "up to 25% of income for the exploitation of television rights corresponding to [LaLiga] to one or more investors."

Members will be provided with more information on June 3 and then, 13 days later, will be able to vote electronically on whether to grant the club permission to sell off the assets.

Sources have told ESPN the sale of a stake in BLM could bring in around €200m (\$214m), while the club's television rights could bring in as much as €500m (\$536m) depending on the final terms and lengths of the potential deals.

The sources add that while there are drawbacks long-term -- the club will make less from merchandising sales and television rights for the duration of the agreements -- there is a belief that the cash injection is essential to fix the club's current financial problems.

Barca are currently working with a spending cap of -€144m, the only negative limit in LaLiga, and the sales would allow them to increase that cap and invest in the squad this summer.

President Joan Laporta has previously said if Barcelona can pull off all the financial operations they are working on, there will be no need for "painful sales" this summer as they seek to improve coach Xavi Hernandez's squad.

Members have already approved the sale of 49% of Barca Studios and negotiations continue with regard to selling a stake in the club's in-house production company, which is separate to the €700m.

Barca have already agreed deals to sign Chelsea defender Andreas Christensen and AC Milan midfielder Franck Kessie this summer on free transfers, while they're also working on the transfer of Bayern Munich striker Robert Lewandowski, among others.

LaLiga president Javier Tebas said on Tuesday that Barca are not in a position to sign Lewandowski, who has expressed a desire to leave Bayern, but Laporta responded later in the day by telling him to keep his nose out of the club's business.

"I would ask Tebas to abstain from making comments about if Barca can sign a player or not," Laporta said. "He's quite clearly harming Barca's interests."

"I don't know if he's making these comments voluntarily or involuntarily. If voluntarily, it's a clear sign that he wants to damage the club's interests. If not, it's further proof of his verbal incontinence and desire for prominence."

(Agencies)

## Where are the Black managers in European club soccer?

By Andrew Jones

AS the fallout from Brian Flores' lawsuit against the National Football League continues to unfold, American football isn't the only sport to have an embarrassing lack of Black head coaches.

As another European club soccer season concluded Saturday with Real Madrid beating Liverpool 1-0 in the UEFA Champions League Final, the world's biggest leagues continue to have a bevy of Black players of African descent, only for these same players to barely get near the managerial ranks following their playing careers.

Of the 98 clubs that consist of the big five UEFA leagues (England's Premier League, Spain's LaLiga, Germany's Bundesliga, Italy's Serie A and France's Ligue 1), only two currently have managers who are Black: Frenchmen Patrick Vieira of Crystal Palace and Antoine Kombouare of Nantes.

Three of those five top leagues in the world feature no Black managers and have had years of this despite the number of Black players who play in LaLiga, the Bundesliga and Serie A.

The Premier League is the only one of the European big five that has clear data on the numbers of Black players in its competition (33%), but one can turn on any game in the other four prominent leagues and see a large representation of Black players.

Despite those managerial statistics, there have been some notable achievements from Black soccer managers in the last few months to further prove that they are just



Patrick Vieira of Crystal Palace was one of just two Black managers in the biggest five domestic soccer leagues in Europe during the 2021-22 season. (Agencies)

as capable as their white counterparts of being great tacticians.

At the top of that list is Vieira, the legendary Arsenal player and 1998 World Cup-winning midfielder. Elegant, intelligent and intense when he was a player, Vieira has transformed himself from one of the great midfielders the game has ever seen to become one of its best young managers. Crystal Palace finished the season comfortably mid-table, 12th in the competitive Premier League.

In addition to a great league campaign for Vieira, he guided Crystal Palace to its first FA Cup semifinal since 2016. Reigning UEFA Champions League and Club World Cup champion Chelsea proved just a bit too much for Palace in the 2-0 semifinal defeat for Vieira's team, but Palace once again showed how dangerous it is to any opponent by having two clear chances to score.

Those close moments for Cheikhou Kouyate and

Marc Guehi could have easily placed the Eagles back into the FA Cup Final after six long years. It would have been a remarkable feat considering they were without the services of terrific talent Conor Gallagher, ineligible to play against his parent club on loan from Chelsea.

The reason for Crystal Palace's great season is because Vieira has vastly improved Palace's style of play from a boring, somnolent team under his predecessor Roy Hodgson into an enthralling, exciting array of lightning-quick attacks. Hodgson represents the many white managers (Sam Allardyce and Steve Bruce are two others) who continue to be recycled by relegation-threatened Premier League clubs or promotion-hopeful Championship sides in England. These retreat decisions by English clubs further the trend of indirect discrimination of Black candidates to manage in the sport.

Former Chelsea star forward and Dutch inter-

national Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink has been vocal about these problematic anti-Black cycles repeating themselves, as well as noticing how his white peers, such as his former Chelsea teammate Frank Lampard and Liverpool legend Steven Gerrard, get great head-coaching gigs right after retirement. Hasselbaink, who currently manages Burton Albion of EFL League One after tenures in charge of Northampton Town, Queens Park Rangers and Royal Antwerp, has expressed his doubt that a Rooney Rule in English and European club soccer would vastly improve Black managerial hiring.

"Don't get me in because I am Black and it ticks a box, just to make them look good," Hasselbaink said to Sky Sports. "I have had that feeling before. These owners have eight to 10 Black players playing for them, so why not put a Black manager in the process without the Rooney Rule? It is not easy to get in front of people and get the opportunity."

"I am not attacking the person and I like to see him where he is now, but if you look at Frank Lampard or Steven Gerrard in their first jobs, what they get ... that is an opportunity that has been given to them."

With Flores' lawsuit accusing NFL teams of violating the spirit of the Rooney Rule by interviewing minority candidates despite no genuine interest in hiring them, Hasselbaink has evidence.

Besides Vieira, there are other Black managers who have recently achieved notable success.

Aliou Cisse, who scored a famous win over Vieira when his Senegal side defeated then-world champion France in the 2002 World Cup opener, has led

Senegal to back-to-back World Cup trips and an Africa Cup of Nations title as manager. Cisse's fellow 46-year-old Otto Addo led a Ghana team in crisis as an interim manager to defeat its more talented, bitter rival Nigeria for a spot in the 2022 World Cup in Qatar. At the center of Addo's temporary hire was new Ghana technical adviser Chris Hughton, arguably the most successful Black manager in Premier League history.

In America, Colorado Rapids Jamaican-born manager and former national team player Robin Fraser was a nominee for the MLS Coach of the Year award last season. Along with the Chicago Fire's Ezra Hendrickson, Fraser is one of only two Black managers in MLS right now, a league that has had only seven full-time Black managers (Ruud Gullit, Denis Hamlett, Vieira, Aron Winter and Thierry Henry were the other five) in its 28-year history, making his historic accomplishment of following Vieira's nomination for Coach of the Year in 2016 more noteworthy.

Maybe the most impressive Black soccer manager story right now is located outside of Europe and America. South African Pitso "Jingles" Mosimane, 57, has become one of the world's best managers for Egyptian powerhouse Al Ahly. Following his five South African Premier titles with the Mamelodi Sundowns, Mosimane was hired in September 2020 by Al Ahly to become the first non-Egyptian Black coach in its 114-year existence. All Mosimane has done in his 20 months in charge of Al Ahly is guide them to back-to-back African Champions League titles and an Egyptian Cup crown.

Unfortunately, all of those Black managers are primarily coaches due to being accomplished past professional players. Without distinguished soccer-playing resumes, it's difficult for Black men or women to become managers in top leagues or for top clubs. It's almost impossible at the moment for a Black person without a notable playing career to become a manager in any notable league in Europe, MLS or anywhere else.

It shouldn't take Vieira or any Black person in soccer being extraordinary at his or her playing career to be considered for a prime managerial job. Without his incredible pro career, Vieira would never be close to even coaching a team of teenagers at any prominent club, let alone obtaining one of only 20 coveted jobs in the world's best professional soccer league. And just like with Black NFL head coaches, Vieira's margin of error is lower than his white colleagues; the legendary midfielder should still be the manager for Ligue 1's OGC Nice following their midseason firing of him two years ago.

Although there hasn't been a European equivalent to Flores, where a coach has brought a lawsuit on any of the big five UEFA soccer leagues for their appalling decimal percentage of Black managers, the groundswell advocating for Black managers will only get louder and louder in soccer's vocal push to end anti-Black racism and racism in all forms.

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## Champions League final chaos must not happen again because football, fans deserve better

By Gabriele Marcotti, Senior Writer, ESPN FC

THE French government and UEFA have announced inquiries into events before, during and after Saturday night's UEFA Champions League final. These were the sort of scenes the European game hoped were long behind them: supporters (including children) being pepper-sprayed, ticket-less individuals forcing their way through or over gates, fans being mugged and intimidated, supporters being penned in for hours in dangerous conditions.

Truth isn't just the first casualty of war; it's also the first casualty in situations like we witnessed Saturday night. Different camps defending their corner, half-truths and outright fabrications, mistrust and tribalism, cultural differences and accusations, age-old prejudices and historical fears... all amplified by social media and sometimes decontextualised by a 24/7 news cycle.

What we need now is a full investigation: calm, transparent and independent. In fact, we need multiple ones, and it's right that UEFA commissioned an independent inquiry to go with the French one. What's not helpful is comments like

those from the French sports minister, Amelie Oudea-Castera, who said Liverpool "let its supporters out in the wild" as if they're rabid animals.

French interior minister Gerald Darmanin said that more than two-thirds of the 62,000 Liverpool supporters who he claimed showed up at the Stade de France had presented fake tickets. That may or may not be accurate, just as it may or may not be true that the actions taken by law enforcement were, as he claims, "proportionate" and helped "prevent deaths or serious injury." But I'm not sure how you can make such a claim less than 36 hours after the match, and I'm not the only one.

"I would just say we are incredibly surprised that someone in that position would make comments in the first place at this point, when we haven't had adequate time to understand what happened," said Liverpool CEO Billy Hogan. He was referring to Oudea-Castera, but he might as well have been talking about Darmanin. "There hasn't been an independent investigation to establish all the facts... There needs to be that independent, transparent investigation into what happened. We should know all the facts to make sure the scenes that

we've all seen, absolutely disgraceful, from Saturday do not ever happen again.

"Everyone should be focused on getting the investigation right and less about making inflammatory comments that attempt to deflect responsibility for what happened on Saturday night."

He's right: we know bad things happened. The "who" is important, but so are the "why" and "how," and in situations like these, your best-case scenario comes in two parts.

The first is that those who did wrong are held accountable. On this occasion, that list might include organizers, law enforcement, local

criminals, ticket-less fans and those who sold forged tickets. I pray for justice, but I'm not holding my breath on this one. Such was the chaos, such is the willingness of those with oversight to close ranks, such is the desire of victims to put everything behind them that, frankly, justice here might end up feeling like a bonus. But there's a secondary aspect: learning from mistakes and ensuring they don't happen again. Here, I'm a tad more optimistic for the simple reason that, in addition to reputational damage, there's money at stake. Lots and lots of money.

The Champions League final is the European

game's answer to the Super Bowl. It's not just the game itself and the VIPs who attend, either; it's the whole carnival around it, one that UEFA hopes to monetise and commercialise further, turning it into a weeklong event. Saturday night saw not just rank-and-file supporters treated badly -- Liverpool fans might have had to endure more, but it was by no means an easy ride for Real Madrid's faithful either -- but also many of the VIPs, corporate partners and high rollers who make it a point to attend these events.

Indeed, there was a perverse democratizing effect to Saturday's events. You might have driven up in a Rolls-Royce, clutching

your €12,000 hospitality package ticket, but once you're out of the car, blocks from the first security cordon, you're a mere civilian, facing the same obstacle course of queues, crushes and, if you're unlucky, heavy-handed policing.

It might sound cynical and crass, but that, more than anything, is what is likely to spur action. Along with ordinary fans, there were corporate sponsors, commercial partners, politicians, players past and present, club officials and federation officials who ended up with an evening to forget. And their voices matter, sometimes more.

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## 2022's COSAFA Cup tournament in numbers

### CAPE TOWN

The 21st edition of the COSAFA Cup will be staged in Durban from July 5-17 as the top sides in the region battle it out for the coveted trophy in what is a busy time for national teams with Africa Cup of Nations and African Nations Championship qualifiers. We add up the numbers on what is sure to be another thrilling tournament.

1 - Namibia's triumph at the 2015 COSAFA Cup was their first in the competition and made them just the fifth country to lift the title in all. They also had a 'first' in 2016 when they hosted the tournament for the first time.

2 - The South African coastal city of Durban will play host to the COSAFA Cup for the second time, having first staged the event in 2019. Durban is also home to the COSAFA Women's Champions League and COSAFA Beach Soccer Championship this year.

2 - Mozambique (1997 & 2009) and Eswatini (2016 & 2021) are the only sides to have won the bronze medal on more than one occasion. Mozambique also have two silvers to their name in 2008 and 2016, but never gold!

3 - South Africa have lifted the Plate trophy the most times having done so three years in a row between 2017 and 2019. They finally got their hands on the real thing again when they lifted the main trophy in 2021.

3 - Lesotho reached the COSAFA Cup semifinals for three tournaments in a row between 2017 and 2019 but come up short on each occasion. They finished third in 2018, and fourth in 2017 and 2019. They did reach the final in 2000 but lost both legs 3-0 to Zimbabwe.

4 - The most goals scored in a single COSAFA Cup match is four by Seychelles striker Phillip Zialor in their 7-0 win over Mauritius in 2008.

4 - Zimbabwe's Sunday Chidzambwa is the most successful coach in COSAFA Cup history with four titles, won in 2005, 2009, 2017 and 2018. He has never been beaten outright in a COSAFA Cup match, having coached in 19 games.

5 - Eswatini have been to the semifinals of the COSAFA Cup on five occasions (1999, 2002, 2003, 2016 & 2021), but have yet to reach the final. They are one of five COSAFA sides never to have reached the final along with the island nations of Madagascar, Mauritius, Seychelles and Comoros. They came close again last year when they were edged by Senegal in their semi-final clash.

5 - The disproportionately high number of own goals scored in Malawi's favour in their COSAFA Cup history, three times by Angola (Moises, Fernando & Ito), once by Zimbabwe (Nyamupanedengu) and once by Namibia (Tjihero).

6 - The number of titles won by Zimbabwe after their back-to-back triumphs in 2017 and 2018, when they defeated Zambia in the final on both occasions (3-1 and 4-2). Zambia now have five tournament wins after their victory in 2019, while South Africa also have five having lifted the trophy in 2021. Angola are on three wins and Namibia one.

6 - Aside from their five tournament wins, Zambia have also finished runners-up on six occasions, more than any other nation. Four of those runners-up medals came between 2004 and 2009, before they also picked up a silver medal in 2017 and 2018.

6 - The number of goals scored by Zimbabwe forward Ovidy Karuru at the 2017 COSAFA Cup, which saw him finish as top-scorer at the tournament and also claim the record for the most goals in a single competition.

6 - The number of guest nations that have appeared at the COSAFA Cup in the past. Tanzania lead the way with three appearances (1997, 2015 & 2018), while Kenya (2013), Ghana (2015), DR Congo (2016), Uganda (2019) and Senegal (2021) have also appeared. The Senegalese have the best finish after they were runners-up last year.

7 - The Seychelles stunned Mauritius 7-0 in the 2008 COSAFA Cup, which remains to this day the biggest ever margin of victory in the competition. It also remains the only ever victory for the island nation in the competition, having played 28 games so far!

9 - The number of goals scored in the COSAFA Cup by Eswatini forward Felix Badenhorst. It is the most in the competition's history and one more than Zimbabwe legend Peter Ndlovu.

9 - The number of nations that appeared in the first ever COSAFA Cup. There will hopefully be 14 teams competing at this year's tournament in Durban, with at least one invited guest nation.

AGENCIES

## Yanga head coach in need of left fullback



Yanga head coach, Nasreddine Nabi.

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

**Y**ANGA head coach, Nasreddine Nabi, has made it clear that he wants an aggressive left fullback to improve the squad.

The 2021/22 NBC Premier League leaders recently announced to have released Burundian midfielder, Said Ntibazonkiza.

Yanga further revealed it has canceled plans to sign Ugandan fullback, Mustafa Kizza because the footballer has not participated in matches for a long time.

Nabi stated that his squad, which is well-positioned to participate in the 2022/23 CAF Champions League, needs to be stronger to avoid embarrassment as was the case this season.

The team suffered an early exit in the 2021/22 CAF Champions League, succumbing to a 2-0 aggregate loss to Nigeria's Rivers United FC in the showdown's first preliminary round.

Nabi said he needs a competent

left fullback that would have the qualities, namely blocking opposing wingers' moves, overlapping, and whipping in dangerous crosses.

The tactician noted such qualities are crucial for his outfit given the side is eager to

perform well in the 2022/23 edition of the premier continental showdown.

He said he would be happier should Yanga rope in a foreign defender, adding that he has tasked the outfit's registration committee's officials with seeking the footballer.

Nabi's statement comes three days after Yanga had knocked age-old rival Simba SC out of the 2021/22 Azam Sports Federation Cup (ASFC) semi-final, beating the latter 1-0 in Mwanza last week.

The Jangwani Street side is as well in a good position to clinch this season's NBC Premier League, leading the rest of the pack.

Yanga managed to execute three crosses from the left flank when the side took on Simba SC in the ASFC last four.

Kibwana Shomari was Yanga's left fullback in the duel, the footballer was injured in the 60th minute of the game when he collided with Simba's attacker Kibu Denis and was taken to hospital for treatment.

Two of the three crosses were executed by the defender, and one was whipped in by substitute Farid Mussa.

Mussa had replaced Shomari once the latter had been taken out, the former whipped in a pinpoint cross later in the game, but attacker Heritier Makambo failed to make the most of it.

The coach revealed: "We need a good left-back and I believe my leaders need someone to help Shomari."

Nabi pointed out: "Shomari is a very good player that has a lot to offer in our team but we need Mussa's strength as well in the position."

"The incoming defender should for that matter be more competent in knowing how to prevent moves and support attacks," the tactician said.

The gaffer recently disclosed that he would not sign any player who has not played competitive matches for a long time no matter how popular the footballer is.

## Mwembeni basketball outfit stretches winning run in 2021/22 regional league



A section of Mara basketball players participate in one of this season's regional league matches held in the region recently. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

By Guardian Correspondent

MARA's Mwembeni basketball team has continued to make its presence felt in this year's edition of the region's basketball league after beating Bunda Dribblers 72-53 at the Matumaini court in Musoma early this week.

Makubi Thomas had a good day, guiding Mwembeni to the win with his 21 points, followed by teammates Emmanuel Sunday and Mahemba Boniface who scored 14 points apiece.

Other players in the Mwembeni team, who chipped in, are Raphael Maganga who scored 11 points, and Robert Mabula that slotted in nine points.

Bunda Dribblers' Alpaxed Mnuhi notched 18 points, followed by teammate Raphael Maganga and Robert Mabula who scored 11 and nine points respectively.

Mwembeni outfit is leading the remaining sides in the showdown, having come out victorious in all three clashes the side has taken part in.

In the first game, the club cruised to a 44-36 victory over Young Vita and later commanded a 75-35 victory over Fox.

In the third match, the league leaders had no mercy for Bunda Dribblers, notching the 72-53 victory.

Young Vita is sitting third in the showdown's standings, having registered six points from four games played.

Bunda Dribblers that have notched four points is occupying the fourth position, followed by Fox that has also notched four points, and North Mara has collected

three points and is sitting sixth.

The Young Vita team secured the third position after walloping Bunda Dribblers 59-29 and later notching a 44-36 win over Mwembeni.

Young Vita then hammered Fox 79-62 and thereafter cruised to a 70-56 victory over North Mara.

Mwembeni Queens lead the regional league's women category after collecting four points from two games played.

The league leader has come out victorious in two games. In the first game, Mwembeni Queens recorded a 29-18 victory over Tanesco Queens, in the second game, the league leader defeated Young Vita Queens 42-12.

Tanesco Queens is positioned second in the women's category's standings having garnered three points from two games played.

The second-placed squad had, in the first game, convincingly won 26-9 against Young Vita Queens, and the former thereafter garnered a 29-18 win over Mwembeni Queens.

Mara Regional Basketball Association (MARBA)'s Chairman Alloyce Renatus said the league is held in the home and away format and later there will be playoffs.

Renatus praised the participating clubs for displaying impressive showing.

"I truly believe they always want to restore the status of the sport in the region as was the case in the past," the official noted.

## Flexibles by David Chikoko

IS HE STILL DRIVING YOU CRAZY OR 'IT IS OVER' AFTER THE ACCIDENT?

