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# 7 people dead, five injured as 'cruiser' rams into carriage

#### By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

SIX passengers died on the spot another died upon admission to hospital when a Toyota Land Cruiser rammed into a cattledrawn cart carrying 12 people at Lugala village in Chamwino District, Dodoma Region. Regional Police Commander Martin Otieno said five others were injured in the road accident which occurred early yesterday, involving a Toyota land cruiser STL 9534 of the Water Department in Katavi Region. He cited speeding as the major sources of the accident, noting that Paschal Paul, its driver was coming from the capital going

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to Mtera in Iringa Region. As he was too speedy he was unable to control the vehicle upon seeing the cart ahead him, he said. The early morning weather in the area is foggy especially during the cold season, so with the cart on the same lane as the big car he failed to control the vehicle, thus hitting the cart and causing the death of seven people as well as two cows, the RPC explained The driver has been arrested for investigation and legal measures, while the Manzase ward councillor said the people in the cart were enroute to Lugala hills to dig up clay for pot making.

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# Loliondo: NGO raises voice, supporting President Samia



Prof Joyce Ndalichako, Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Labour, Youth, Employment and People with Disabilities), makes a presentation to Members of Parliament in Dodoma city at the weekend. The idea was chiefly to raise public awareness on the revised regulations on the administration of retirement and terminal benefits which came into force on Friday (July 1). Photo: Guardian Correspondent

#### By Guardian Reporter, Arusha

ONSERVATION activists are joining forces to support efforts by President Samia Suluhu Hassan to protect the Loliondo game sanctuary and the Ngorongoro special conservation area for the benefit of present and future generations.

Peter Mhagama, director of the Foundation for Environmental Protection in Tanzania (FEPT) based here, said in a statement at the weekend that the two areas are vital strategic areas for sustainable conservation and tourism development in the Great Serengeti-Mara ecosystem.

The area comprises the Serengeti National Park, the Ngorongoro Conservation Area along with the Maswa, Kijereshi, Grumeti and Ikorongo game reserves. The Loliondo Game Controlled Area plus the Ikona and Makao wildlife management areas is an extended tourism zone with the Maasai-Mara National Reserve in Kenva.

Expressing support for efforts by President Samia in protecting the ecology of Loliondo, Ngorongoro and Serengeti against human activities encroachment and damage, like farming and large herds of livestock, he stressed that

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# Pension formula: Unions, employers fully involved

#### By Guardian Reporter

THE Trade Unions Congress of Tanzania (TUCTA) and the Association of Tanzania Employers (ATE) participated in all stages of drawing up the new calculation of pension benefits, legislators were told at the weekend. Leaders of the two organisations made this observation at a seminar for members of

Parliament on the new pension regulations, an event organised by the Prime Minister's Office (Labour, Youth, Employment and People with Disability) Minister of State, Prof

Joyce Ndalichako.

Deputy Speaker Mussa Hassan Zungu opened the seminar, providing the forum for TUCTA president Tumaini Nyamhokya to dispel unfathomed rumours that the

organization was sidelined in drawing up the

new regulations.

He urged the public to ignore the rumours, underlining that the umbrella organization participated in all stages of deliberations. It would be unethical on his part to say that

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Angelita Msaki (2nd-R), manager of CRDB Bank Plc's Sabasaba Branch in Dar es Salaam, briefs African Continental Free Trade Area secretary general Wamkele Keabetswe Mene (in striped tie) at the bank's pavilion during the official opening of the 46th edition of the Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair yesterday. Left is the Industry, Trade and Investment minister Dr Ashatu Kijaji. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# Minister wants scout leaders' feuds to stop

#### By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

Tanzania Scouts Association (TSA) leaders are in a state of continuing misunderstanding and this wrangling has to stop, the responsible cabinet minister has declared.

Prof Adolf Mkenda, who as Minister for Education, Science and Technology is also ex-officio president of the association, issued this caution yesterday at a meeting to elect a new TSA board.

He condemned the wrangling,

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workers were not involved. "We fully participated," he emphasized. Besides being protected by the law, social security funds similarly come under regulations set by the International Labour Organization (ILO) which bind workers' leaders to actively demand that the funds be protected and be assured of continuity, he stated.

"In drawing up the new regulations, the voices of workers' leaders were fully heard. They were the ones who requested the 33 per cent lump sum payment," he specified.

Suzzane Ndomba, the ATE chief executive officer, backed this observation, noting that the process of drawing up the new regulations which commenced on July 1st, 2017 involved all the stakeholders, namely ATE, TUCTA and the government. Statements issued in public that leaders of the workers' unions did not participate in the process of drawing up the new formula for pension payment to retirees were factually inaccurate, she stated.

From the time that the process of getting the formula was initiated the stakeholders failed to agree, but from mid last year the overall leaderships of the principal stakeholders and select committees were fully involved at each of the stages of drawing up the new regulations, she said.

The new regulations were better than what was decided previously and there was no reason to reject them, she argued, while the deputy speaker assured MPs that the process was participatory.

Stakeholders like employers and workers; organisations agreed on the new pension regulations, he emphasized, appealing to the lawmakers to educate the public and specific constituencies on the new pension regulations.

Tabling the 41.48trn/- central budget estimates for fiscal 2022/2023, Finance and Planning minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba said the government has increased the lump-sum pension to 33 per cent from the 25 per cent set in 2018.

At that time it was explained that the measure was implementing the government's 2014 regulations on pension benefits. This was after pension funds for public sector employees merged into the Public Service Social Security Fund (PSSSF), sparking an outcry.

Former president Dr John Magufuli suspended the use of new formula set at 25 percent lump-sum payment, directing pension funds, except NSSF to revert to the old payment formula for a period of five years. During that period an agreeable payment system would be concluded between the funds, workers' unions and the government, the president had declared.

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determining ratios of land use in these areas must first consider wider national interests.

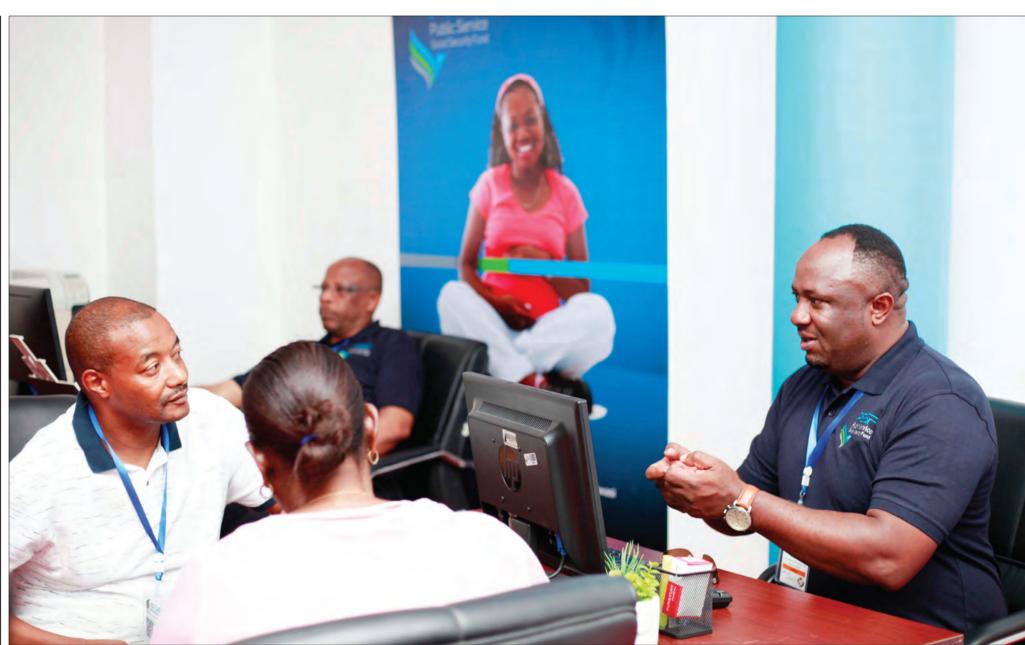
"The country's resources are the heritage of the current and coming generations," he said, underlining the foundation's appeal to local and international organisations to rally behind the government in the protection of these ecosystems.

The importance of the Loliondo sanctuary cannot be understated as the Serengeti National Park is among UNESCI World Heritage Sites, thus the sanctuary is essential in rescuing Serengeti ecology, he stated.

The Great Serengeti-Mara ecosystem is a key wildlife migratory system, lacking similar scenario worldwide, harbouring an estimated 1.5m wildebeest. The Loliondo Game Controlled area is special to the Great Serengeti - Mara ecosystem as a wildlife corridor, a dispersal area for migratory wildebeest and other wildlife species. It is also a feeding and calving ground for wildebeest and a major water catchment area for streams and rivers draining into the Serengeti National Park.

If the Loliondo Game Controlled Area is not well protected, the ecological integrity of the entire Great Serengeti - Mara ecosystem including the migratory system will be disrupted and eventually eliminated on the face of the earth, the director underlined

This ecosystem is also important for the tourism industry that funds conservation and other development activities for Tanzania and such facilities in the neighbourhood, he added.



Public Service Social Security Fund public relations manager James Mlowe (R) pictured at the weekend attending to members of the Fund at the PSSSF/NSSF (National Social Security Fund) pavilion at the on-going 46th edition of the Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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# Seven dead, five injured as 'cruiser' rams into carriage

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The casualties were rushed to Dodoma referral regional hospital, were the medical officer in charge, Dr Ernest Ibenzi said six people were being taken to hospital with injuries but one died on the way to the hospital. One of those admitted had been released and others were being treated, with one of the injured,

Jonas Cherehani, saying he left home early in the morning and took a ride in the carriage to reach a hilly area for quarrying activities. He could not remember what happened in the accident as he only regained consciousness in the hospital, he specified.

Villagers often go to the hills early in the morning to get clay which is

used for pots and similar products as an income generating activity, the councillor affirmed.

Reports show that 80 percent of road accidents countrywide arise from

reckless driving, with 12 percent involving faulty vehicles. Experts say six percent of accidents arise from unpredictable weather patterns and just two percent of accidents are due

to poor infrastructure.
Global figures as provided by the
World Health Organisation (WHO) in
2018 showed that each year upwards
1.35m people die as a result of
road traffic crashes. Millions more
are injured or disabled, with head
injuries the leading cause of death and
disability among motorcycle riders,
the report intoned.



Businessman Rostam Aziz (R) congratulates Tanzania Private Sector Foundation chairperson Angelina Ngalula on her June 20 election as first female chair of the East African Business Council. This was at a function TPSF hosted in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

### Minister wants scout leaders' feuds ended

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which has persistently reared its head among top officials of the association, urging that electing the new board be the last day of squabbling. TSA leaders must turn the page, he said.

The good deeds of past leaders should not be clouded by smearing, he stated, demanding that those who accepted to be leaders must not engage in acts of indiscipline.

Ethical behaviour is indispensable so it should be the last time for scouts to engage in frequent disputes as if they were in soccer clubs, the min-

ister intoned.

In view of the bickering in TSA, the government proceeded to form an interim committee under Chief Scout Mwantumu Mahiza to lay the framework to organise the meeting for electing the new TSA Board, he stated.

The meeting was tasked with picking names of three board members to be forwarded to the TSA Patron, President Samia, who will then appoint the Chief Scout, he elaborated.

Elected officials need to make sure they take protect, as an aspect of respecting properties of the association,

he affirmed, urging them to be guided by sentiments of justice, instilling ethics and discipline in TSA activities.

The new leadership should quicken efforts to strengthen the scouts' movement in schools and colleges in order to bring more committed youths in the fight against gender-based violence and child abuse

Chief Scout Mahiza said that TSA has put in place strategies to end dependence, having secured a building plot in the capital to house an international scouts' camp, a sports school, technical college and a commercial centre, for which President Samia pledged to provide construction funds.

Archbishop Gervas Nyaisonga, president of the Tanzania Episcopal Conference (TEC) said at the meeting that scouts' trustees are happy to see the scouts' movement being strengthened and commanding wider respect in society.

Ghulam Hussein, the Zanzibar minister for Education and Vocational Training, said the Zanzibar Scouts movement is strong and growing, having picked those who will team up to supervise amendments to the TSA constitution.

# Tanzania launches grievance redress mechanisms project

By Correspondent Friday Simbaya, Iringa

THE government has launched a grievance redress mechanism (GRM) to effectively address complaints from people who are affected by project activities as a key component of managing operational risks.

The mechanism has been launched for the Resilient Natural Resource Management for Tourism and Growth (RE-GROW) project in Southern Circuit.

Speaking over the weekend after launching the mechanism Minister for Natural Resources and Tourism Dr Pindi Chana said that new initiative will enable project implementers to address grievances in a timely and transparent manner, thus gaining positive social cohesion.

During the conference stakeholders also received a report on the implementation of the REGROW project.

"The mechanism can open up effective channels of communication, show that the REGROW project cares about the community and its well-being, preventing or minimizing the serious consequences of project activities to the community," she said.

She said that GRM would achieve its goals if the grievances are dealt with accordingly.

Project implementers should realize that complaints are feedback from the public and stakeholders on project implementation, hence the need to learn from those feedbacks and take actions, she said.

Dr Chana added that the project aims to provide more than 40,000 jobs to farmers and citizens living alongside priority parks and other non-direct for Tanzanians in general.

Mafinga Urban MP, Cosato Chumi commended the government for launching the mechanism saying it will help to improve relationship between project implementers and the public.

He said taking into considerations the size of the project, it is clear that some of its activities will affect communities, animals, the environment and many others within and outside the project implementation area.

REGROW is a government-funded government project from the World Bank (WB) aimed at improving the management and development of existing tourist attractions in Nyerere National Park (Matambwe), Ruaha National Park (RUNAPA), Mikumi National Park, Udzungwa Mountains National Park (UMNP) and Kilombero Nature Forest Reserve

(KNFR).
Other areas are Mbarali in irrigation schemes and monitoring of Ruaha river water sources to the lower section of the river.

# Msomera village to have demonstration farm

By Guardian Reporter

THE government has said Msomera village in Handeni district, Tanga region is set to have a demonstration farm that will be used to provide modern livestock farming learning sessions as well as a camp for artificial insemination of quality cattle breeds.

Deputy Minister for Livestock and Fisheries, Abdallah Ulega said on Sunday that the government's intention was to make sure villagers practiced livestock farming in a modern way. Ulega was in Msomera village to inspect the on-going construction of cattle dipping facilities especially at areas that accommodates ex-Ngorongoro residents.

He said the camp, through artificial insemination, will produce more than 4,000 cattle breeds for improved production of products such as milk and meat. Following an increased number of people voluntarily shifting to the new village, the government has allocated over 160m/- for construction of a milk collection centre.

He said the centre is likely to attract investors to buy milk or set up processing factories.

"Msomera village will be a special economic area for livestock keeping; we will construct all the required infrastructures including cattle dipping equipment. I have witnessed a cattle dipping exercise where more commercial livestock farming. than 1,000 cows were involved. We

preservation dam to be used by both livestock and humans," said the Deputy Minister.

Ulega said the livestock demonstration farm will include a special animal clinic; the thing is likely to attract more people to shift to the village for

Handeni District Commissioner, ence of enough pastures.

are also constructing a major water Siriel Mchemba said plans are to start providing education to the villagers on modern livestock keeping. He said the education would be provided by the government in collaboration with the private sector.

He said within a short period, the health of almost all the domestic animals have improved due to the pres-



Henry Jackson Medical Research International executive director Sally Chalamila (2nd-R) briefs Prime Minister Kasim Majaliwa on how the agency has been implementing the Medical-Assisted Treatment Programme targeting drug abuse. This was during the commemoration of International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking held in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Witnesses include Drug Control and Enforcement Authority commissioner general Gerald Kusaya (3rd-L) and Constitutional and Legal Affairs minister Dr Damas Ndumbaro (L). Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# Need to make water a top agenda and prioritise environmental conservation

By Felister Peter

TANZANIA is one of the African countries where the water agenda has not been given priority hence the need for concerted effort to make sure companies, individuals and governments put water on their top agendas.

Mina Guli, a marathoner who is this year running 200 marathons to promote protection of water sources, insisted that water sources such as lakes and rivers need to be protected as the precious liquid integrates with people's

Guli who is the founder and CEO of Thirst Foundation was speaking in Dar es Salaam over the weekend shortly after she completed a marathon which was part of the 200 marathons over the course of a year in some of the most waterstressed places globally.

Guli's 'Run Blue' marathon campaign was locally supported by the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) Tanzania.

"The world is facing a massive water shortage, with 40 per cent of the global population already experiencing water scarcity. The problem of water crisis is invisible, I have seen it and I want the world to see it too," said Guli, adding water issues impact all the people everywhere hence the need to step up for a change.

She added: "I am running in six continents with the idea of bringing people together towards protection of water sources. Water comes from rivers and lakes, it comes from the ecosystem."

She said the marathons show the urgency of protecting water sources as well as reminding people on why they should act now.

"Individually you can make an impact; but together we can change the world," remarked

An influencer and conservation ambassador with WWF, Mwasiti Almas stressed the need for communities to jointly act on water issues for a big impact.

She said it is important that water sources are protected accordingly together with provision of conservation education to children from primary to college level. "Once children are taught about conservation issues at early stages, they grew up knowing the importance of protecting water sources for them and future gen-

Joan Itanisa, Communications Manager at WWF Tanzania said: "We have been supporting a number of activities that are geared to promote conservation as well as protection of water sources. It is important that we all take actions to protect water sources by avoiding conducting human activities near water sources.'

She said WWF supported the Kisarawe marathon last year and has been taking part in the Mara sport's event in Mara Region, among many others.

"Our lives depend on water, without safe and adequate water there is no life. It is important to take care of the environment," added Itanisa.

#### **BISMILLAH RAHMAN RAHIM**



The family of the late Dr. Omar Ali Juma invites you for prayers in memory of THE LATE DR. OMAR ALI JUMA which will be held on Thursday 7th July, 2022 at Ngazija Mosque, at 4.00 p.m.

Your presence will be highly appreciated. All relatives and friends are invited.

May God rest his Soul in Eternal Peace. **Amen** 

### French government commends joint initiates to promote agro-ecology, organic farming practices

By Francis Kajubi

FRENCH government has commended joint initiates by the government and the private sector in promoting agro-ecology and organic farming practices.

France is confident that organic farming will lead to serving people's lives from non-communicable diseases that as a result of consuming food derived from conversional farming models that relies heavily on industrial

This comes after the Minister of Agriculture Hussein Bashe has told the National Assembly in May that the ministry through the 2022/23 fiscal year will finalize the drafting of the National Ecologic-Organic Agriculture Strategy that will provide the vision and guidelines for the agriculture system in the country.

Speaking at a special occasion held last Friday evening in Dar es Salaam to awards Dr Mwatima Juma a recognition golden medal for championing movements towards promotion of agro-ecology developments, Nabil Hajlaoui, French Ambassador to Tanzania, said that the medal has been provided by the French Agriculture Minister Julien Denormandie in recognition of Dr Mwatima's efforts of promoting organic agriculture.

"The French government is in full support with initiatives taken by the government of Tanzania in promoting and giving a deserved space for organic agriculture and agro-ecology in its development plans; adding that, the French government has been always ready to support Tanzania in every aspect that embeds prosperity of its people and in this regard it will continue extending such support in the agriculture sector," said Hajlaoui.

According to him, the medal to Dr Mwatima not only honors her dedicated efforts towards promotion of agroecology and organic agriculture but also environmental

conservation and women empowerment in leadership. He among other initiatives and efforts, the French gov-

ernment recognizes that Dr Mwatima is the pioneer and founder of the Practical Permaculture Institute of Zanzibar (PPIZ) that aims at reaching small scale farmers in the East African region with education on permaculture skills to promote future food and water security thus ensuring dynamic economic development.

In her appreciation remarks, Dr Mwatima Juma who also doubles as the Tanzania Organic Agriculture Movement (TOAM) Chairperson said the recognition medal not only motivates her in perceiving the best of her career but proves that the initiatives she puts in are recog-

According to her, agro-ecology and organic farming is the only way forward if Tanzania is to realize its mission of becoming a free-non-communicable diseases victim.

"Conventional farming with all it comes with is a death agency. The chemical we use in the name of big harvest kills soil fertility hence threating agriculture sustainability and people's heath in turn;

After we had killed soil fertility we are later subjected to food fortification to add up nutrients that should be derived from the soil we spoil," cautioned Dr Mwatima.

She underlined that the issue of food insecurity can be a history if the world is to embrace smart agriculture practices such as permaculture, agro-ecology and organic farming models.

During the 2022/23 financial year the ministry of agriculture had planned to issue a guiling manual for agriculture that stands climate change effects to the 26 municipal and district councils of the country.

However, the ministry is set at extending smart green agriculture technologies to ten district councils to assist farmers survive implications that come with climate change effects.

The ministry will also run a special sensitization programme on smart agriculture practices that guarantee environmental conservation.



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- communities that AKU can partner with to make this a reality. Also ascertain project impact over
- · Propose and undertake feasibilities reduction and adaptation measures to reduce harmful environmental practices.
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- · Establish the future sustainability performance management system.
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#### NEMC irked by wanton destruction of toxic waste at Mtibwa sugar factory

#### By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

THE National Environmental Management Council (NEMC) says toxic chemicals have been destroyed at Mtibwa Sugar Factory without adhering to environmental management laws.

This came to light during an impromptu inspecting visit at the factory by NEMC officials at the weekend.

In the circumstances, NEMC has prohibited local council authorities countrywide to interfere in destruction of chemicals without

thereby threatening the biodiver-

Speaking during the visit, MEMC director General, Dr Samuel Gwamaka said they have discovered that Mvomero district Council's environment Officer wantonly implemented the destruction of a consignment of expired chemicals from the factory without following laid down procedures.

"What I want to put right to local councils countrywide is that you should never destroy or deal in chemicals without informing the

following laid down procedures Government Chief Chemist and NEMC who are the sole authorities to issue permits to destroy hazardous waste," said Dr Gwamaka.

> He also called on all factories in the country to abide by the laws and regulations governing destruction of hazardous chemicals which has to be sanctioned by relevant authorities.

> "Disposing of toxic waste pose hazards to the biodiversity and the environment in general, hence they should be destroyed, I therefore call to all factories, whether textile factories or others to make

sure they first obtain permits from the Government Chief Chemist and NEMC before embarking on such destruction," he added.

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The NEMC boss also called on Myomero District Council to submit official documents on the destruction of the chemicals done.

For his part, NEMC Manager for Morogoro-Rufiji Zone, Amina Kibola beseeched people engaged in activities that produce toxic wastes, including chemicals from laboratories, factories and mines to abide by laws, regulations and procedures during such disposal.



Dar es Salaam Region-**Medical Officer Dr** Rashid Mfaume (L) undergoes a health check under Vodacom Afya-Call unit doctors Kelvin Katamboi (R) and Peter Ngaiza (2nd-R) at the weekend at the ongoing Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair. Looking on are Vodacom Tanzania Plc digital services unit officer Goodluck Moshi (3rd-R) and AfyaCall director Flourine Madomba. **Photo: Guardian Corre**spondent



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#### Land valuation experts told to abide by their work ethics

#### By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

DR Allan Kijazi, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development, has called on land valuation experts to assess themselves in their duties to avoid working on behalf of other people.

He said various researches made that show a big percentage of work performed by land valuation experts is influenced by people wanting them, the situation that does not provide a good picture as public employees.

Speaking here at a two-day task meeting last week by land valuation experts, Dr Kijazi said they should assess themselves what should be done to arrest the situation as they engage in a profession that does not abide by adhere to work ethics and official guidelines.

"It is essential to mobilise yourselves for change in your performance to abandon working habitually and have strong work ethics that will assist the ministry to provide quality service to the people," said Dr Kijazi.

For his part, Government Chief Land Valuer, Evelyne Mugasha said in order to avoid challenges facing land valuation, they have mobilised themselves to educate land values to be transparent in all what they do.

"Right now in our task, we have mobilised ourselves to provide that education mas well as being transparent, in the past a person did not know how much he will get as compensation, but now he is shown the computation of the valuation including the property he has on the land plot before putting his signature," she said.

According to her, the procedure has helped to remove challenges and cited the example of the SGR project saying there haven't been any disputes in regard to valuation as the entire process is transparent.



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If you are interested in submitting a proposal in response to this RFP, please prepare your proposal in accordance with the requirements and procedure as set out in this RFP and submit it by the deadline for submission of proposals set out in Section 3: Data Sheet - Site visit 14 July 2022 while proposal submission deadline 27 July 2022 (1:30pm - EAT).

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We look forward to receiving your proposal.

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Bid No: SMZ/BADEA-SAUDI-KUWAIT/H03/G/NCB/2022/01 For

PROCUREMENT OF DOUBLE CABIN PICK-UP FOR PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION UNIT

#### **Invitation for Bids**

Date: 4nd July, 2022

- 1. This Spe follows the General Procurement Notice for this Project that appeared in The Guardian Newspaper dated 29th
- 2. The Government of the United Republic of Tanzania has received a loan from Saudi Fund for Development, Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA) and Kuwait Fund For Arab Development intends to apply part of this loan to eligible payments under the contract for the consultancy services for Detailed Design and construction supervision of Rehabilitation and Expansion of Mnazi Mmoja Hospital in Zanzibar project.
- The MINISTRY OF HEALTH- ZANZIBAR now invites sealed bids from eligible suppliers for SUPPLYING OF DOUBLE CABIN PICK-UP FOR PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION UNIT.
- Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding procedures specified in the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Act No. 11 of 2016 and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Regulations unless otherwise stated in the Bid Data Sheet.
- 5. Interested Bidders may obtain further information from and inspect the Bidding Documents at the office of the Tender Board Secretary, Ministry of Health, P. O. Box 236, Mnazi Mmoja Street, from 8:30 am up to 3:00 pm on Monday to Friday inclusive except on public holidays.
- A complete set of Bidding Document(s) in English language and additional sets may be purchased by interested Bidders on the submission of a written application to the address given under paragraph 4 above and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of TZS 50,000/- Payment should be settled through the following Account details: Peoples' Bank of Zanzibar (PBZ), MINISTRY OF HEALTH - ACCOUNT. No. 0707968000.
- All bids MUST be accompanied by a "Bid Security" in the amount of Tanzania Shillings Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Only (TZS. 3,500,000/=) or its equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency of eligible countries.
- All Bids in One original plus two copies properly filled in, and enclosed in plain envelopes must be delivered to the address PROCUREMENT AND DISPOSAL MANAGEMENT UNIT, MINISTRY OF HEALTH, P. O. Box 236, Mnazi Mmoja Street, on / before Wednesday 03rd August, 2022 at 11.15 am local time. Bids will be opened promptly thereafter in public and in the presence of Bidders' representatives who choose to attend in the opening at the MINISTRY OF HEALTH, P.O. Box 236, Conference Room at Mnazi Mmoja street - Zanzibar.
- 9. Late bids, portion of bids, electronic bids, shall not be received, bids not opened and not read out in public at the bids opening ceremony and therefore shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of the circumstances.

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### 27 Indian companies is in Tanzania to explore investment opportunities

#### By Beatrice Philemon

A business delegation from 27 Indian companies is in the country to explore trade and investment opportunities and participate at the ongoing 46th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair.

India High Commissioner to Tanzania, Binaya Pradhan said this in Dar es Salaam over the weekend when speaking at the Multisectoral Business Symposium involving businesspersons from India and Tanzania.

The forum, which brought on board officials from the Business Registrations and Licensing Agency (BLELA) and Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC), was aimed at promoting products; enhance bilateral trade and from India are interested to and other foreign countries."

economic relations between the two countries.

He noted that India is among the largest trading partners in Tanzania with imports and exports grow-

"Last year we have seen growth where imports from India was \$2.3billion generated from pharmaceutical goods and textile products while Tanzania exports to India worth \$2.2billion generated from gold, coffee, cashew nuts, pulses, soybeans and recently they have added avocado fruit," he said.

According to him, Pharmaceutical goods were \$257.2million, and textile products were \$134.0 mil-

He said right now people

in the Port area, mining sector, building the pharmaceutical plant, and agro-processing sector to strengthen business links between the two countries.

invest in Tanzania, especially

He further said India and Tanzania are determined to work closely towards finding the best ways to unlock new potentials and reinforce the existing trade and investment opportunities that exist between our two countries.

Federation of Indian Export Organizations (FIEO)'s deputy director and delegation lead, Sunil Dutt said: "We are here to explore business opportunities, promote what we have, and share experience in business with other exhibitors from Tanzania

Tanzania's industries foresee healthy growth driven mainly by government investment in infrastructure, apart from the rise in the scale of activities this year, the scope of development is also seen to expand.

"With this objective, we have come with Indian companies representing these sectors so that Tanzanian buyers can consider sourcing quality Indian products," he said.

India is the leading trading partner of Tanzania, the bilateral trade between India and Tanzania has grown strongly over the years reaching USD \$3.23billion in 2021/2022 with India's exports of \$1.47billion.

He said it is evident that

tween the two countries are moving upwards, however there exists a vast scope of further expansion and this can be achieved by having more engagement and closer interactions between the two countries.

He said FIEO is an apex trade promotion body set up by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India in 1965 to promote India's international trade.

Currently, FIEO represents small, medium, and largescale exporting units spread on an India basis and today boast of a direct membership of over 35000 companies and they represent every products and services sector of India.

BRELA's director of comtrade and investment be- merce and business, Meinrad 

Rweyemamu called on the Indian delegation to share technology transfers with Tanzanians to help Tanzania have better products.

"We invite you to invest in Tanzania, BRELA is here to support you, so come and register your businesses or companies, we will protect your trademark and patents while in Tanzania," he said.

He said BRELA is mandated to support and facilitate the business environment and protect industrial properties in terms of Trademarks and patents as well as regulation of fair conduct of business.

He elaborated that registration of a business name takes two days, an Industrial license- three days, and Trade Mark registration takes 90 days.

"We invite you to come and register your business or your foreign brand, currently BRELA has been able to set up various reforms so as to promote the industrialization drive," he said



With this objective, we have come with **Indian companies** representing these sectors so that Tanzanian buyers can consider sourcing quality **Indian products** 

Deutsche Gesellschaft für internationale Zusammenarbelt (GIZ) GmbH

### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Health Advisor SRMNH**

As a federal enterprise, GIZ supports the German Government in achieving its objectives in the field of international cooperation for sustainable development.

The GIZ programme 'Improving Health Care Provision in Tanzania' (IHCP) is looking to fill the position of Health Advisor in the area of Sexual, Reproductive, Maternal and Neonatal Health (SRMNH).

#### **Duty Station: Dar es Salaam** Fixed term contract

#### Responsibilities:

- managing the area of Sexual, Reproductive, Maternal and Neonatal Health (SRMNH) ("the area of technical expertise") under the programme objectives, team agreements and agreements with the superior
- assisting programme initiatives to provide professional advisory services to the political partners (Tanzania Ministry of Health and PORALG), the commissioning party and related bodies, and to cooperate with a broad range of target groups in and outside of the Tanzanian government
- participation and representation of the programme in national forums in the area of SRMNH (e.g. Technical Working
- · innovation and knowledge management
- · supporting programme management on selected cross-cutting topics as assigned by the programme manager

#### Tasks:

#### Advising the partner institution(s)

- · advises the partner at national level for strategic and operational documents (e.g. policies, strategies, plans, guidelines, SOPs) in the area technical expertise
- contributes to preparing and implementing the coordination process, joint programme activities and work at the regional level in the area of technical expertise
- · deals with the design, preparation and implementation of workshops, seminars and other events on issues connected with the programme's areas of activity
- · develops and organises quality assurance measures and suggests necessary changes, improvements and initiatives

#### **Coordination tasks**

- · Develops, implements and monitors the implementation of operational and financial plans in the area of technical expertise, and integrates them into programme-wide plans
- · coordinates programme activities with programme management and advisors in other areas of expertise, and in cooperation with the partners
- supports the implementation of work packages in the area of expertise through preparing procurements of services and goods as well as grant making
- · monitors progress, quality assures and supports contractors and grant recipients in implementation of their plans
- compiles the relevant information for joint activities and assignments.

#### **Networking and cooperation**

- · supports cooperation, regular contact and dialogue with partners at the national and regional level · oversees Public Relations (PR) work and cooperates with local communities, relevant organisations, non-govern-
- mental agencies and individuals in the programme environment and with other projects to improve and maintain good working relationships in the area of technical expertise · communicates local interests and efforts, forwards these and encourages sharing ideas and information for the
- benefit of the programme

#### Knowledge management

- ensures knowledge transfer to programme information
- · develops ready-to-use strategies and technical concepts, including guidelines, manuals and procedures
- draws up reports and presentation documents · prepares appropriate input for various programme reports including annual reports, and contributes to the other
- reports required by the programme manager and GIZ Head Office · assists with research activities and studies on issues which benefit joint programmes.

#### Required qualifications, competences and experience

- · Master's degree in medicine, with specialization in a related field (e.g. Obs/Gyn, Paediatrics); additional qualifications in SRMNH-related topics are an advantage; MSc in public or reproductive health, or similar is an added advantage
- at least 3 years of experience in health service delivery in SRMNH
- at least 3 years' professional experience in a comparable position
- high level of professional and personal integrity
- proven ability for teamwork, co-creation and skill-transfer
- very good working knowledge of ICT and computer applications (e.g. MS Office, Excel)
- · fluent written and oral knowledge of the English, knowledge of German is an added advantage

#### Application:

Interested candidates should send their letter of application together with the CV and copies of academic certificates by email to **hr.giz-tanzania@giz.de.** 

Please use the subject line 'Health Advisor SRMNH'.

Closing date for submission: **15.07.2022** Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

GIZ Tanzania is an equal opportunities employer and encourages applications from all qualified and eligible candidates regardless of their gender, origin, religion/belief, disability or any other minority group.



#### **POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT** HERD HEALTH FIELD COORDINATOR

#### IITA-TZ-2022 - R4D-008 -NRS-DSM

The International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) on behalf of the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) invites applications for the position of Herd Health Field Coordinator. The Herd Health Field Coordinator will contribute to research for development of livestock value chains in Tanzania under the One CGIAR "Sustainable Animal Productivity for Livelihoods, Nutrition and Gender Inclusion" (in short, "SAPLING") Initiative implemented by ILRI, ICARDA and ABC- CIAT. SAPLING aims to enable 800,000 livestock producers - especially women and youth in 7 countries to engage in inclusive value chains and achieve sustainable productivity gains resulting in improved livelihoods.

Tanzania is one of seven focus countries identified as a priority given the importance of livestock in the livelihoods of its people and the commitment of public and private actors to transform food systems through sustainable livestock development. Smallholder dairy and poultry value chains have been selected as priority value chains in the country under the Initiative.

The Herd Health Field Coordinator will principally focus on piloting of integrated herd health initiatives in smallholder dairy, building on Maziwa Zaidi activities to catalyze enhanced uptake of proven dairy technology packages in pilot sites in Kilimanjaro and Tanga regions. The technology packages include delivery of bundled vaccine and artificial insemination services through inclusive business models involving empowered women and youth agripreneurs. Usage of information communication technology (ICT) or digital tools including mobile smartphone applications for farmer profiling and e-extension is envisaged.

Duty Station: This is a Nationally Recruited Position, and the incumbent will be based in Dra es Salaam, Tanzania

#### Key accountabilities

- · Coordinate herd health field research activities in Tanzania under SAPLING Initiative
- Lead implementation of herd health monitoring, learning and evaluation including questionnaire design and epidemiological data collection
- · Lead preparation of herd health reports and
- communication products from field activities Establish and manage client and stakeholder relationships
- Contribute to publishing results of research
- Maintain project work plan
- · Verify and analyse the accuracy of data and information used or generated by project partners; resolve any discrepancies or problems.
- Propose ideas to the project team for improving the implementation of the project based on experience on the ground

· Prepare records of project activities and ensure the timely processing and delivery of required reports

#### **Academic requirements**

Bachelor's degree in veterinary medicine and MSc in epidemiology, agribusiness, project management, economics or rural development

#### Specific experience required

- A Tanzanian in mid-career with at least 6 years' work experience; a minimum of 3 years of which should have been spent in the delivery of development projects working with an NGO or in the private sector
- Awareness and/or experience in use of digital ICT tools by animal health practitioners including Mobile apps
- · Field experience in livestock (preferably dairy) R4D in Tanzania - especially in linking farmers to inputs and services
- Experience with supervising/coordinating collection, storage and analysis of data related to agricultural households and associated value chains. Strong data analytical skills and knowledge of statistical applications such as using 'R', STATA or SPSS.
- An understanding of innovation systems and entrepreneurship
- · Proven experience with project planning, management and monitoring & evaluation.
- · Problem solving skills • Excellent leadership skills
- Excellent written and spoken English and Swahili

#### **General information:**

The duration of contract for the position is two years. This is a nationally recruited position and IITA offers a competitive remuneration package.

**Applications:** Applications curriculum vitae, copies of certificates, telephone number, email address, and names and addresses of two referees should be sent to the Country Representative, IITA-Tanzania, Plot No. 25, Mwenge - Coca-Cola Road, Mikocheni Industrial Area P.O. Box 34441, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania or by email to <a href="mailto:llTA-Tanzania@cgiar.org">llTA-Tanzania@cgiar.org</a>

Applicants are requested to please indicate the reference number for the position as indicated on the heading of the announcement in your application as well as on the subject of your email if sending by email. If sending by post or hand delivery, please indicate the reference number on your application as well as on the left-hand side of your envelope.

Please note that any applications without the reference number indicated will be automatically disqualified.

Closing date: Two weeks from the date of advertisement appearing in the newspaper. Please note that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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#### NATIONAL NEWS



Alex Mgeni, NMB Bank Plc's head of business banking, briefs the bank's corporate clients at a Business Executive Network meeting held in Mwanza city yesterday on newly introduced services meant exclusively for them. Photo: Guardian Photographer

# Dr Mwinyi welcomes Bohora community to invest in Z'bar

**By Guardian Reporter** 

ZANZIBAR President Dr Hussein Mwinyi has held talks with Mufaddal Saifuddin, spiritual leader of Dawoodi Bohoras and explained various investment opportunities the community can grab in Zanzibar.

The talks were held at Zanzibar state House at the weekend as the Dawoodi Bohoras leader and his delegation expressed interest to continue supporting President Mwinyi in his efforts to bring development to the people of Zanzibar.

During the talks, Dr Mwinyi (pictured) told Syedna Mufaddal about various business opportunities available in Zanzibar including the good business environment put in place by the Zanzibar government.

President Mwinvi also used the occasion to welcome investors and businessmen from the religious community saying the government has put in place robust strategies and pledged great cooperation with the community.



# 'Zanzibar Housing and Population Census preps 87 pct ready'

By Correspondent Friday Simbaya, Iringa

ZANZIBAR Second Vice President, Hemed Suleiman Abdulla has said preparations for the August 2022 National Housing and Population Census had reached more than 87 per cent.

He made the statement in Iringa Region over the weekend at the closure of the 21 days training of trainers of the coming national census. He said the addresses. exercise will be one of its kind to be conducted in the country as it will be conducted in a digital way with data collection will be done using tablets.

VP Abdulla said the census would be the sixth to be held since 1967 when the first one was conducted. He said this year's census will involve collection of information on buildings and residential

He urged the trainers to focus on the training they received and prioritize the principles of patriotism in executing their duties in order to achieve specific demographic goals that are essential for social and economic development.

"We will conduct our census in a unique way; other countries will come to learn from us. It connects two major

national practices which are real estate sector and the residential address," said

Deputy Representative of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Dr Wilfred Ochan expressed satisfaction with the readiness shown by the government to carry out the important task of conducting a population and housing

He commended Tanzania for conducting various censuses of population and housing which has generated high quality data that are used by the government to better serve the people.

Dr Ochan noted that the country is going to conduct a digital census by using tablets for the first time that will help generate high quality statistical data to be used by the government and various

stakeholders.

Chief Government Statistician, Dr Albina Chuwa from the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) said the training of more than 410 trainers which took about 21 days included a number of people including economists and urban planners.

Chuwa said the next step will be to train trainer at regional and district level.



Livestock and Fisheries minister Mashimba Ndaki addresses farmers and herders at Njinjo in Kilwa District, Lindi Region, yesterday on ways to resolve land-related and other disputes in the village. Photo: Mbaraka Kambona

#### TUICO reminds employees of responsibilities at workplaces

By Correspondent Sabato Kasika

THE Secretary General of Tanzania Union of Industrial and Commercial Workers (TUICO) for Dar es Salaam's Kinondoni Region Tushabe Bebwa has called on workers about their work responsibilities to avoid unnecessary disputes with employers.

Bebwa made the remarks at the weekend at the event to present prizes to best workers of Tanzania Steel Pipe Ltd (TSP) based in Ubungo, Dar es Salaam.

He said it is essential for employees to adhere to good relations with employers at work places by following labour guidelines, laws and regulations so that it becomes easy to demand for their rights.

"It will be easy for you to demand for your rights if every one of you will stick to your responsibilities fully by following up labour guidelines," he said.

Added he: "Good relations at work places is TUICO's aim, you cannot be going against laid down labour procedures and laws just because you are a member of this Union, the employee remains with the right to take steps against you."

He said prizes to best workers should spur to you to work hard in

order to increase production, but also to build good relationship with the employer.

"In regard to the issue of work contracts and better working environment, it is better as TUICO members to discuss with your employer, but also remind non-TUICO members that they cannot be incorporated in contracts for better working conditions, hence tell them to join the Union," he added.

TPS Human Resources Officer. William Msofe said this year the factory has 8 employees awarded with 40 roofing sheets each and certificates.

"Regarding the issue of hard work, I have no problem with factory workers, but there are a few with poor discipline whom I will deal with to put them on line," Msofe added.

He said the discipline issue is important everywhere including at work places and that the management will not tolerate any worker lacking discipline.

TUICO Chairperson at the factory, Ernest Paul called on the workers to prop up solidarity as a way to make them close to the employer so that whenever they have complaints, it should be easy to be listened to and implemented.

# Agroecological project enables farmers in Kongwa to harvest bumper yields

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

SOME farmers in Kongwa District, Dodoma Region have managed to realise good yields despite the intermittent and unpredictable rains that thwart production among most farmers during the 2021-2022 season.

The impressive record has been attained after the farmers have received effective knowledge on agroecological technologies through the 'Enabling a Resilient and Prosperous Community through Participatory Agro-ecological Practices in Semi- Arid regions of Central zone' project.

Under the financial auspices from Biovision Foundation of Switzerland, a three-year Biovision Watershed Agroecological Project (BVWSP) focused to improve agricultural productivity among the farmers within eight villages of Kongwa district through scaling out of validated agroecological tech-

Dry spell experienced from mid-March 2022 onwards left many farmers who had grown maize in their fields with little to nothing crop yields as opposed to farmers who had planted improved varieties of sorghum (variety Macia), maize (variety Tumbi 105, Situka) and pigeon pea (variety Mali) issued to farmers for planting by the Biovision watershed project.

Of the four farmers interviewed by the Guardian recently, three who own and manage three acres of technology hub plot (THP) in Mlali-Iyegu village have expressed that the project has had a positive impact.

Philemon Mwijumbe, a beneficiary farmer from Mlali Iyegu village in Kongwa district said that most of the farmers in the area were failing to achieve bumper harvests from crops grown due to drought, caused by erratic and unreliable rainfall.

But he expressed his gratitude to the Biovision Watershed Project, for establishing the technology hub plot in his, being one among permanent learning sites to be used by multiple stakeholders to spearhead scaling of proven technologies at landscape level.

"Already as you could vividly see by looking around, he said, the project has immensely helped me improve crops yields as a result of using Fanya Juu/Fanya Chini contour terraces, and tied ridges, the technologies that have immensely helped in conserving moisture and preventing soil erosion and soil fertility loss)," he said.

Another farmer, Elizabeth Sabwalise, said that apart from receiving training on good crop husbandry, especially on soil and water, natural resources management (NRM)

practices and agroforestry, she has also learned the importance of diversifying and doing crop rotations.

"Before the BVWSP we used to realize poor crop harvests to the extent that we even failed to meet our basic needs as well as taking children to school," she said, and added: "But after being trained on how to cheat the effect of climate change my livelihood has stepped into a bright future".

Eva Joshua Mizambwa, on her side, said that she will never ever refrain from adhering to advice given to farmers by extension officers and / or researchers following agroecological practices implemented and good crop yields

Winnie Saigodi, a farmer from Moleti village who owns and manage an acre of intercropped field of sorghum (variety Macia) and pigeon pea (variety Mali) expressed her gratitude for the good work that the project is doing in extending validated agro-ecological technologies from plot level to landscape level.

"My farm was completely destroyed by massive soil erosion caused by both water and wind but now my land has been restored and I am grateful for the good agroecological technologies that the project has taught me such as planting of shelterbelts which has tremendously solved the fuel wood problem," she

Peter Ngowi, a senior scientific officer (Natural Research Management) at the International Crops Research Institute of the Semi- Arid Tropics (ICRISAT), informed this publication that the BVWS project purpose is to improve agricultural productivity and landscape scale natural resource management through participatory planning, diagnosis and implementation of integrated watershed management as well as promoting the use of innovative and agroecological based agricultural practices that enhance sustainability and household resilience.

He detailed that the BVWS project is being implemented in 8 villages of Kongwa district namely Sagara 'A', Sagara 'B', Laikala 'A', Laikala 'B', Mlali, Nghumbi, Lengaji and Moleti where during the 2021-2022 cropping season 50 farmers from each village were trained on improved agroecological practices.

He also added by saying that in order to impart improved agroecological practices knowledge to the younger generation, four primary schools have been trained on agroecological practices and the schools are namely Queen Elizabeth Academy (in Mlali Bondeni village), Visumi primary school (in Moleti village), Iyumbwi primary school (in Iyumbwi village) and Nghumbi primary school in

Nghumbi village

"The training involves making of Fanya Juu/ Fanya Chini (FJ/FC) contours, intercropping of cereals and legume crops, farmer managed natural regeneration-(FMNR) terraces, improved crops husbandry/ agronomic practices, use of tied riding and the importance of farm yard manure and intercropping of cereal and legume crops whereby a total of 400 farmers were trained," he detailed.

Elirehema Swai, the Coordinator for Research and Innovation at the Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI) Makutupora Centre) on his side said that the collaborative and participatory research work by TARI, IC-RISAT, the Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) and the University of Dodoma (UDOM) and Kongwa district council has managed to provide farmers with improved, but drought tolerant varieties of key economic cash crops that flourishes well in semi-arid agro ecologies of Kongwa. The seeds include Macia (Sorghum), Tumbi 105 (Maize) as well as pigeon pea (Mali).

The project is being implemented jointly by three partners, including TARI, LEAD Foundation, and ICRISAT with lucrative financial support from the Biovision Foundation for Ecological Development of Switzer-





# INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF SECURITY EQUIPMENTS TO GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML) TANZANIA

#### I. INTRODUCTION

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

The Company is in the process of Procuring Security equipment's and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expression of Interest for the supply of goods as detailed below.

NB: THE DOCUMENTS REQUESTED BELOW MUST BE SUBMITTED WHEN EXPRESSING INTEREST ON THIS SERVICE/WORK.QUALIFIED CANDIDATES WILL BE SUBJECTED TO ANGLO GOLD ASHANTI VETTING PROCESS.

#### Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME1463	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF SECURITY EQUIPMENTS TO
	GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML) TANZANIA

#### I. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	20%	
COMMERCIAL		
Company Profile		
Company Code of Conduct		
Company Code of Ethics		
Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	1.54%	
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)	1.54%	
Copy of 2021 BRELA search Registration Documents	1.54%	
Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association	1.54%	
Copy of Latest BRELA Application of Annual Returns	1.54%	
Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN	1.54%	
Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license.	1.54%	
Company Shareholding Structure (ownership of shares in percentage (%), Share certificates and Passport/Voter or National ID card for Management & Shareholders		
List of Directors	1.54%	
Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission	1.54%	
FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE	5%	
Audited & certified financial statements (2019-2020)	2.5%	
At least 1 reference from the applicant's banker regarding supplier's credit position	2.5%	
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	5%	
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.25%	
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	1.25%	
Environmental Management Plan / Programme / Policy	1.25%	
Health and Safety Programme	1.25%	
OTHER POLICIES	5%	
Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure	1%	
Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labour	1%	
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%	
Grievance Procedure	1%	
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme	1%	
PAST EXPERIENCE	5%	
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1.7%	
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.7%	
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.7%	
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01463)	60%	
Ability of supplying, installing and repair of the security equipment		
Having technical know-how on the system (provide certificate/any proof)		
Must supply exact the same Item as per attached data sheets/specs		
Ability to advice for any system changes/improvement		
Provide training and system support		
At least two years warranty protection		
Total	100%	

Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the SERVICE DESCRIPTION AND REFERENCE NUMBER (GGME01463) of the service they intend to express interest on THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL together with supporting information to GGML, which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline a statement of firm capability to provide the relevant Services, including similar contracts undertaken over the past three years. All LOIs and support documentation must be received by the GGML Office via e-mail at <a href="mailto:qeita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com">qeita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com</a> not later than

8.30AM 18<sup>TH</sup> July 2022 (the "LOI" Submission Deadline"). EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.



INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF SODIUM CYANIDE BRIQUETTES TO GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA

#### I. INTRODUCTION

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

The Company is in the process of procuring sodium cyanide and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expression of Interest for the supply of this reagent as detailed below.

NB: THE DOCUMENTS REQUESTED BELOW MUST BE SUBMITTED WHEN EXPRESSING INTEREST ON THIS SERVICE/WORK. QUALIFIED CANDIDATES WILL BE SUBJECTED TO ANGLO GOLD ASHANTI VETTING PROCESS.

#### Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01479	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF SODIUM CYANIDE TO GGML

#### **Specification:**

SODIUM CYANIDE (BRIQUETTES)					
Description	Specification				
Scientific Formulae	NaCN				
Specification	Sodium Cyanide Solid 98% +/-1% WT:WT				
	Typical Analysis:				
	Sodium Cyanide	98% WT:WT			
	Sodium Carbonate	0.90% WT:WT			
	Sodium Formate	0.80% WT:WT			
	Water	Remainder			
Packaging	Intermediate Bulk Container (IBC)				
	1000 kg net in plywood box with integral pallet and inter				
	nal .Pwoven bag with P.E - lining to UN 1689 and IMDG				

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Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license.	1.54%			
Company Shareholding Structure (ownership of shares in percentage (%), Share certificates and Passport/Voter or National ID card for Management & Shareholders	1.54%			
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# Repossession of old factories: When nature and market have better ideas

the regulatory authorities, including the National Development Corporation (NDC), on repossessing old industries whose purchasers or to whom they were transferred failed to put them back on their feet. At times such partakers have sought advice on design or feasibility from the Tanzania Industrial Research and Development Organisation (TIRDO) on what sort of factory or processing layout can work and at what cost. Reestablishing failed production lines is complex; many fail.

Yet with the passage of time, economic considerations which were largely ignored during privatization, mostly taking place largely 30 years ago, are now being noticed for what they are. The problem at that time, and it is also partly the case at present, is that regulators follow a fixed idea of a planned economy, making a fetish of any industrial layout so long as it exists, and will do everything in their ability to retain it in that format. Often the key issue isn't the market but other stakeholders, like employment numbers.

Despite this effort, investors have too often failed to follow the bidding of regulators, that all they need to do is to look for new technology and restore the same production lines.

Some of the factories, producing cloth, could definitely not have survived given the used clothing market which for all intents and purposes is new to those who purchase the products. All it needs is prior dry cleaning and placing in bales, for clothes which are seasonally purchased and discarded, all

PLENTY of work is being done by too often, or retained in wardrobes for some years, being worn once or twice during the relevant season. Protectionists scorn such clothing,

> Time has passed since the early 1990s when these changes were taking place, with urban areas expanding quite fast, such that older industrial areas now become part of a vastly expanded business district. In Dar es Salaam it is no longer just the government centre neighbourhood for banks and hotels, and Kariakoo in the western part of the ancient city centre, as a wholesale zone. The city centre on the one hand and the old shopping zone on the other hand have extended via major roads joining those areas, the fashionable Ali Hassan Mwinyi Road now simply extends the scenic sea front. Morogoro Road duplicates Kariakoo.

> With the breadth and length of the highway becoming a dense shopping mall especially around Manzese and its vicinity, the old Friendship Textile Mill is a sort of museum of post-revolution technology in China, shifted to Tanzania in the mid-1960s. We still celebrate these memories when an occasion is provided, but the practical bent of how to use the sprawling space at the mill has turned the page. The 'interior' of the mill is still a 'national heritage' of textile plant outlays, but the front part features big clients in the service industry, like importer of machinery, servicing upcountry buses and receiving luggage, plus wholesale frames. It is land, labour and capital that is now at issue, not planned economy.

#### Let's combat dilemmas stalking crop extension, fishing, livestock services

minute debates during the Question-and-Answer session on the final day of the parliamentary Budget meeting, one item that came across quite vividly was a contention on relevant technology and expectations of agro-sector revitalization. For one thing, budget funds were especially beefed up in this year's estimates, multiplied several times in like manner as the health sector component of the Budget was multiplied in the early years of the fifth phase government. These are fruits of a more responsible use of government funds - arising from a new tone in leadership, above the din of criticism.

parliamentarians were looking for in a number of questions was the supply of cold chain technology - or simply deep freezers - so that produce like tomatoes, not to speak of a whole series of flimsy greens, can be stored and marketed instead of thrown

Unless produce like that is lifted immediately as it is picked from the farm it rots up quickly, and the farmer chalks up losses, and that happens too frequently. The demand for deep freezers wasn't firstly for vegetables but fish, but the relevant deputy minister kept suggesting an alternative, namely the need to adopt drying techniques, preventing the catch from rotting.

This dilemma and the various technological solutions being put up relate to a core dilemma, of the way in which production techniques relate to population, thus to productivity and gain, or loss and and boost retail trade.

LISTENING to some last- poverty. While MPs - and the government - wish for an uplift in the way in which farmers, fishing peasants or cattle herders conduct their work, they expect a better income, whereas the market is different. Mostly having the same crop over a wide area, the extent to which they suffer losses is demonstrably high.

> Agro-sector produce that is now being adopted in many areas can produce good yields and a measure of wealth if some parameters are right, firstly if there is relative scarcity for the produce in local and wider markets.

> Traditional cash crops virtually require a weather catastrophe in a major producing country, for instance the famous Brazilian frost occasionally enabling the price of coffee to rise, when a huge supply gap opens up due to frost. Cotton, lacking similar price push mechanism, has steadily lost market value.

> The problem here is that policy makers think that we can retain 70 per cent of the population in rural areas, living off the land, improve their working tools and all of them get a market. Improved tools leave just a few efficient producers on the land, but the rest can't leave the land and move to towns unless they exchange the land for capital, to be able to do something else.

> If such property isn't being purchased, few industries come up, so there are too many people offering produce in rural areas, or services in towns. Land and building purchases create industry, raise collective purchasing power

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### Urgent need to enact proposed law on better sexual and reproductive health in East African countries

By Stephanie Musho

THE Ministry of Health in Kenya recently reported that about 700 teenage girls got pregnant daily over a two-month period, in this year alone. What is more is that during this period, 98 adolescent girls between the ages of 10 and 19 contracted HIV every week in this time

Worse still is that HIV positive women in the country continue to be stripped of their dignity and face abuse in the form of forced sterilization which is as a warped method of reducing HIV infection despite there being no scientific evidence to support these assaults. Moreover, consider that concurrently, 7 women die every day from complications arising from unsafe abortion.

This is only a snapshot of the depressing state of sexual and reproductive health and rights in the country.

If passed, all partner states of the EAC will be required to integrate sexual and reproductive health in their efforts towards universal health coverage. Additionally, countries will be required to harmonize their national health policies and regulations, more so, on and sexual and reproductive health rights

The grim reality however does not seem dire enough for Kenyan parliamentarians who have twice before - in 2014 and in 2019, failed to enact separate but similar legislation - the Reproductive Health Bills - that would have provided a framework to mitigate the prevailing circumstances, prevent future occurrences and ultimately bring down these figures.

The much-needed legislation was not passed despite the Constitution providing for the right to the highest attainable standard of health - including reproductive health in article 48 (1) (a).

Worse still is that policies are often drafted, and withdrawn at the whim of Ministry of Health officials, leaving Kenyans at the mercy of individuals and their biases. Take for instance the Standards and Guidelines on Safe Abortion which were developed to direct medical practitioners on how to administer safe medical abortion, in compliance with the law.

The then Director of Medical Services, Dr. Nicholas Muraguri arbitrarily withdrew the policy document. The High Court ruled in 2019 that Dr. Nicholas Muraguri and the Ministry of Health violated the rights of Kenyan women and girls in withdrawing these guidelines and ordered their reinstatement. This was not done. Consequently, women and girls in need of safe abortion, with very few - or no safe op-

In 2022, the Head of Reproductive and Maternal Health in the same ministry, Dr. Stephen Kaliti wrongfully stated that giving contraceptives to minors is a criminal offense punishable by a jail term of up to 20 years. In his erroneous statement that pointed to a proposed policy that is yet to be passed, Dr. Stephen Kaliti misled millions of Kenyans. To make matters worse is that the police then use such pronouncements to harass patients and service providers. Consequently, they are hesitant to give and seek services respectively, exacerbat-

The state of affairs is depressing. Nonetheless, there remains hope at regional level. On



The proposed law seeks to provide age-appropriate sexual and reproductive health information and services.

the floor of the East Africa Legislative Assembly is the East Africa Community Sexual and Reproductive Health Bill, 2021 (EAC SRH Bill); sponsored by Hon. Kennedy Mukulia; a South Sudanese national representing South Sudan in the

The Bill is anchored on article 118 of the East Africa Community Treaty which speaks to the commitment by partner states to cooperate in health specifically in the advancement of reproductive health and rights. If passed, all partner states of the EAC will be required to integrate sexual and reproductive health in their efforts towards universal health coverage. Additionally, countries will be required to harmonize their national health policies and regulations, more so, on and sexual and reproductive health rights.

Specifically, the proposed law seeks to provide age appropriate sexual and reproductive health information and services. Often, most people associate the term "age-appropriate" in the ambit of sexual and reproductive health

and rights only with adolescents.

Nonetheless, it cuts across the divide; including provisions for elderly persons on issues of menopause and andropause - which is a collection of symptoms, such as fatigue and a decrease in libido, experienced by some middle-aged or older men and attributed to a gradual decline in testosterone levels. Additionally, the Bill seeks to prohibit and facilitate the elimination of harmful practices from the community.

These include female genital mutilation, forced sterilization of HIV positive women and forced marriage among others. Which all remain pressing issues in all partner states of the East Africa Com-

munity. While it could be argued that countries are sovereign and will retain the current hard stance on sexual and reproductive health and rights; the Bill has a clause on monitoring and reporting where if passed, all countries will have to provide reports as to the state of implementation to the Secretary General who will then provide a

compiled report to the legislative assembly.

Where dissatisfied with fellow states' progress - or lack thereof, partner states can engage mechanisms including through the East Africa Court of Justice among others, to hold other states accountable to their commitments. This is a welcome prospect as countries - including Kenya have a history of selectively adhering to the rule of law at national level.

As the Bill comes up for public participation on June 26 2022, it is important that Kenyans and all other persons in the East Africa Community fully understand the issues articulated in the Bill. Thereafter submit informed memoranda to the East Africa Legislative Assembly. It is important that we #PassEACSRHBill to put an end to preventable diseases and prevent-

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#### By Guardian Reporter

HE theme for the 2022/23 budget endorsed by the National Assembly in Dodoma last Wednesday is Realizing Competitiveness and Industrialization for Human Development. It's top priority sectors are agriculture, livestock, fisheries, energy, investment and trade.

The National Bureau of Statistic's National Sample Census of Agriculture 2019/20 which covered both smallholder farmers and large scale farms from a total of 12,007,839 households in Tanzania (11,659,589 in Mainland Tanzania and 348,250 in Zanzibar) found that 7,837,405 households (65.3 per cent) were involved in agricultural activities.

Out of the total agriculture households capture in the report, a total of 5,088,135 (64.9 per cent) were involved in crops only, 2,589,156 (33.0 per cent) households engaged in crops and livestock, 154,291 (2.0 per cent) were involved in livestock only, whilst the least number of households were involved in fish farming (1,358) and pastoralism (1,465), jointly having less than one percent. There were 1,093 large scale farms, from which 554 were dealing with crop production only, 277 were dealing with livestock only, crops and livestock were 202 and 60 farms were dealing with fish farming.

By prioritizing agriculture, livestock, fisheries as top three in the budget allocation, this means investing in majority of Tanzanians with the aim of lifting millions out

It must be remembered that while tabling his ministry's budget estimates for the 2022/2023 financial year, Agriculture Minister Hussein Bashe said irrigation farming coverage will be increased from 727,280.6 hectares in 2021/2022 to 822,285.6 hectares in 2022/2023. Further, the ministry plans to irrigate 1.2 million hectares by 2025.

If fully implemented, this will be a milestone for agriculture sector

# Budget theme, priorities echo hope of relief for majority of Tanzanians



Finance and Planning minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba tables the 2022/23 national Budget estkimates in the National Assembly last month. File photo

dependence on rain-fed agriculture. And with promised mechanization and subsidized input as well as value addition, Tanzanian farmers will graduate from mainly subsistence to agribusiness.

And all this come as a time when the economy is showing strong signs of recovery from the Covid-19-induced stagnation. In 2021, the economy grew at 4.9 per cent compared to a growth of 4.8 per cent in 2020.

The increase was attributed to diverse efforts taken by the government, including the implementation of the Tanzania Covid Socioeconomic Response Plan (TCRP) and strategic investment, especially in energy, water, health, education, roads, railway and airports infrastructure.

Tanzania's public debt stock as of April 2022 was 69.44trn/- equivalent to in the country as there will be less 14.4 per cent increase as compared to 60.72trn/- in April 2021. This amount sustainability thresholds that are internationally acceptable during

includes domestic debt of 22.37trn/- equivalent to 32.2 per cent of the debt stock and external public debt was 47.07trn/-, equivalent to 67.8 per cent of the debt stock.

However, the stated amount for external public debt covering external non-concessional loans amounting to 14.27trn/- equivalent to 30.3 per cent of the debt stock. This means that, a large portion of the exter-

In November 2021, the government conducted the Debt Sustainability Analysis (DSA). Such an exercise was done in accordance with the

Government Loans, Guarantees and Grants Act, CAP 134. The conducted DSA revealed that debt burden indicators are within

nal public debt is concessional.

short, medium and long term.

Furthermore, the analysis revealed that the present value of public debt to GDP is 31.0 per cent which is less than a threshold of 55.0 per cent; the present value of external debt to GDP is 18.8 per cent as compared to the established benchmark of 40.0 percent; and the present value of external debt to export is 142.4 per cent as compared to the cut-off threshold of 180 percent.

The government plans to spend a total of 9.09trn/- on debt servicing during the financial year 2022/23, according to Finance and Planning Minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba. The amount is part of the14.94trn/- endorsed by the National Assembly in Dodoma. Out of the amount, a total of 13.62trn/- will go into recurrent expenditures, with the rest being channeled into development projects.

To further boost the economy, the minister said the Tanzania Agriculture Development Bank (TADB) is planning to disburse Sh78 billion worth of loans to the manufacturing sector during this new financial year. One of the milestones in the 2022/23 budget is the removal of fees for form five and six students in public schools. This relieves the parents of at least 10bn/- in financial burden.

This means that fee-free basic education that was being enjoyed by learners from primary level to form six now covers the entire pre-tertiary education in Tanzania. This is commendable.

And last week, the announced that Regional Administrative Secretaries and education officers will from now onwards verify and approve joining instructions for students so as to curb irregular contributions posted to parents by school administrations.

Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa made the directive when adjourning parliament in Dodoma on Thursday, saying that the government has heard the complaints from MPs and parents on the influx of contributions in public schools.

With 10 per cent of council revenues set aside as revolving fund for women, youth and people with disabilities, this budget seems to have touched all the right buttons.

If implemented to the letter as envisaged, the 2022/23 national budget is likely to lift millions of Tanzanians out of poverty and make this beautiful country a nice place to live for all.

# Tanzania's education system needs major reforms, not cosmetic surgeries

#### By Correspondent Thomas Lyimo

HE emphasis on improving education in our country has been like a nightmare that always goes and comes back. Some of our academicians have proved to have considerable thinking capacity which we cannot totally reject if our aim is to improve our education.

But the problem has always been lack of persistence to press on something, for example putting in place a single book policy until results are obvious.

It is undoubted that Tanzania is among the countries in Africa or probably in the world that have suffered much when it comes to the issue of how better to provide education. Lack of real remedy to the problems in our education system, has forced the government to embark on attempts to improve our education and this has led to several reforms, some of which are said to be poorly conceived.

Some few reforms are such as the fusing of Physics and Chemistry for secondary schools in 2015, use of GPA instead of division in form four results in 2012 and the recent recombination of History and Geography to form Social Studies for primary schools and removing Personal Development studies, and introduction of Civics and Moral Education in the 2016 primary school syllabus.

With multiple reforms in our education, it is a clear sign that we are not sure of where our education should take us as a nation. Some academicians and other experts in education have always been asking the basis from which the decisions for our education are made but in many occasions the government has failed to come up with satisfying answers.

Regarding the popular saying that the government is you and I, we may be encouraged to tirelessly propose some things which we

believe can make a difference in the way we provide our education so as to witness the desired results one of which being producing candidates who are self-reliant.

A single book policy is one of those issues which if implemented, can mean something in the way we provide our education. The doubt with the validity of a single book policy will slowly if not suddenly perish as we move together in this discussion.

There are many justifications for a single book in the education system, one of which being uniformity in the dissemination of information. With numeracy of books with varied contents in the book stores, there is a high level of disparity in the dissemination of information in the country by schools or other teaching centres.

There are books with irrelevant materials and others written using a very complex language which pupils cannot afford especially those of primary schools. This situation impedes the learning process, making attaining the national goals in education something hypothetical.

Correlation between syllabus and contents taught is another advantage of a single book policy. When what is expressed in a syllabus is also what is seen in the books, things will be encouraging. Confidence in learning will increase as teachers teach what they have faith in and pupils learn

Again, a single book policy will assist teachers in preparing lessons. This will be due to similarity in the arrangement of the contents of the syllabus and the contents of the books. Assisting a teacher in preparing lessons will mean a lot as a teacher performs many tasks. Easiness in preparing lessons will enable a teacher to engage in other tasks which are also of paramount importance such as teaching, composing exams and providing academic assessment



for pupils. Fair examination of the pupils is something also to result from a single book policy. If a single book which is a perfect reflection of the syllabus is what is used to compose examinations, there is an assurance of fair examination.

icy will enable education experts to make correct assessment of the trend of education as there will be no confusion in the selection of materials for teachers to teach or pupils to learn in the whole country. This will enable experts to say Additionally, a single book polwhether education is growing or

deteriorating.

Talking of our education is something causing tiredness and confusion as things to discuss are numerous. Before we get tired let us talk of cost reduction in education. A single book policy will enable the reduction of costs in

our education. Schools will need only a few books, meaning little amount of money to be directed in purchasing books. Parents also will have to buy few books for their children and hence a relief in cost of purchasing books.

With a single book policy, the

future of Tanzania is promising as little money will be spent on books and other funds will be directed to other areas of improvement in our education system.

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**FEATURE** 

LONDON

HE CEO of the Nairobi-based African Wildlife Foundation, Kaddu Sebunya - in London to mark AWF's 60th anniversary while fundraising and lobbying - shares his thoughts with IPS on the climate and food crises, how Africans have their voice, why western countries need a 'reset' with Africa, what Prince Charles should say to the Commonwealth, how China is eating western 'cake', and what worries him more than anything else.

#### (IPS) How are the crises of climate and food security impacting AWF across Africa?

"It has a huge impact because everything is interconnected. In Kenya, we lost about 78 elephants to drought in Tsavo National Park [in the nine months to April]. That's more than any poaching, higher than any cause of death of elephants in the last 15 years. Elephants are a key species - when they suffer, we know what's going to happen to the plants, the frogs, the butterflies, the trees. They are a key we use to measure the health of the ecosystem. The elephant can tell you a lot about what is going to happen to all other species, including humans.

Drought and food shortages: people are going to make different choices. They are going to change the way they live. In many cases, the resources suffer. Smaller choices mean a different diet, so they use more firewood, they are going to cut more trees. When there is food scarcity and drought they are going to rely on hunting for protein... For many Africans, 70 per cent plus are in agriculture - that's their livelihood. If there is drought they are going to pick other options. If the Maasai have lost 40 percent of their livestock in northern Kenya they are going to look for alternatives... The nearest resource is go-

Governments are sourcing from the same budgets. If there is drought they will change priorities. Always environment and conservation are going to be the last choice. Education is going to suffer. All these other sectors suffer because the budgets are being reprioritised to drought and health.

And at the global level, you see in central and west Africa the impact on migration. We see rural areas emptying and voung people moving to urban areas with no skills. Especially women and young girls suffer more. The young boys are recruited into terrorist groups or trafficked to Europe. So the repercussions of this are not just natural resources... it distorts the whole set-up, entire cultural systems, the entire social network and safety nets, and breaks down government systems... It's larger than just food... Societies are broken down. Bringing food in risks destroying local agriculture. This is why Ukraine is so important, raising the question of dependency on imported food."

#### What is AWF's response?

"Our work is to represent the voice of wildlife. Animals don't speak. Someone has to do that for them. We take that responsibility very seriously, in all these changes for us to be at the table, whether a board room, in corridors of parliament or community meetings, to be that voice for wildlife... The only long-term solution for drought is how we can manage nature better. But in most cases that is not factored in when we are talking about addressing the symptoms, when addressing famine so [the UN] bring in biscuits from Europe and elsewhere, high energy food... That's not a solution, that's a band-aid ... I was talking to someone from

# Here's voice for African wildlife: Interview with Kaddu Sebunya



Kaddu Sebunya believes new models, where the community is involved in the business, are successful and need replication across the continent. Credit: AWF

Ethiopia, he said the problem we have is all these NGOs and INGOs are bringing plastic into villages in Ethiopia and it doesn't come with the education of how you are going to dispose of all this plastic.

Historically it has been easier for international communities to talk to international NGOs who have been working on the continent or to talk government to government. It hasn't given us good solutions to our problems historically. And that's what we are asking that needs to be changed. It's going to take Africans to take ownership and responsibility and leadership, to permanently solve the problems Africa has. We don't have very good results where things have happened without African leadership. There are very few cases. Where that has been successful it has been very expensive, especially in our sector... They are either training thousands of rangers, they are bringing guns, they are buying and fuelling vehicles, and carrying on training to protect 1500 elephants. What we are doing, it is actually cheaper if you are supporting Africans who don't need guns to protect wildlife, they use a relationship with wildlife, who can be supported in developing their wildlife economies...

Sometimes we think our work is to make it cheaper and sustainable. Models that have been used are not sustainable. Governments cannot sustain areas that require thousands of rangers and vehicles, I mean Serengeti is the size of a country in Europe... Everything I am telling you is coming from our experiences, what works and doesn't work. The challenge we have now over the next 10 years is

how do we scale it up. A project we have been running in northern Rwanda for 30 years, the conservation of mountain gorillas, and how we have mobilised communities for them to have a stake in the tourism. Thirty years ago eco-tourism was an investor coming to the area, gets a concession, builds a wonderful lodge and he just had to hire local Africans and get a group of local women to dance for tourists, get a few households to sell crafts at the lodge and that model still exists... We said it's not enough. We raised the bar. Now we are talking about equity - communities must have equity in the tourism business and so in the lodges we build, like in Rwanda, Kenya, Namibia, Botswana, the communities own the lodge. The private investor is a management firm.

The hard work in that formula is how to mobilise communities in that business unit. What works for that is our relationships with government. You can't do that in isolation to policies and laws... the conservation approach is political, economic and social. It's not about the science of conservation. It's not about the behaviour of elephants and rhinos. You have to get involved in the political discussion, the social discussion, the economic discussion and that's how you start moving... We flipped the investment model. It takes a lot of time but it's extremely successful.

#### How is China's growing role in Africa affecting conservation

We work in China. Pre-COVID I was spending a lot of time in Beijing talking to policy and Communist Party officials. It's good. We have seen results. We are part of the groups that helped China ban the ivory trade about six years ago... I was in Beijing. The day that China announced it, the price of ivory fell by 70 percent. Demand fell 65 percent for our African ivory... it was huge. We are working with China on mainly three fronts: it's the Chinese footprint on our continent: the infrastructure they are building, farming, the industries they are setting up in Africa. We are asking them to be responsible in doing that. We are not stopping it... Initially, they were telling us it was not their responsibility, that's African governments' responsibility, it's the contracts they signed with the African governments and African governments need to tell them what they want and to care about it. We talked to them, we called them out. It was so important, they told me after huge arguments that went on for a year, to hear from an African NGO directly. So we are succeeding in that. The other approach we used is that making sure that African governments are making these conditions so we spend a lot of time with African ambassadors in Beijing... The last thing that China wants to hear is Europe asking them to do better in Africa or US asking them to do better in Africa... Right now we have a technical advisory role to the African delegation on the Convention on Bio-diversity [in talks hosted by China].

anything good comes out of this COVID it is Zoom, so we have created platforms where African youth interact with Chinese youth and they are having very very interesting conversations about Africa, about wildlife, educating each other. That's where the future is... Culturally we are very connected, family and extended families, cousins and aunts and uncles, it's so common between Chinese and Africans. The connection culturally is just so real. To the young people this is a globalised world... Culturally it is changing, we have seen that with consumption of African wildlife. We talk to older Chinese and they still think that owning ivory is a big deal, an investment. The young people want a Polo shirt and an Apple watch for their status, and so do the young Africans. They want to drive a Porsche, not have tonnes of ivory in their homes like their grandparents. We have a very good relationship with Beijing zoo

and Shanghai zoo where every year we have an exhibit for three months. One in Beijing, before COVID, 300,000 people were going in a day. The numbers in China are mind-blowing. They go with their families, they learn about the species and the habitat, they watch the videos. These are young middle-class families, they start questioning things. We have seen change in China.

#### How can the UK/EU change Africa policies and deal with China's growing presence?

[An] example is the Commonwealth. I think the UK has the opportunity to reset... I think the UK has an opportunity to change their role from big brother to maybe an uncle who sometimes is invited to a dinner and is sometimes left out of a wedding. But it's a huge opportunity for UK, and I don't see that happening as quickly as it should.

I told the European Union parliament and some folks here in the UK in the discussion about China that it's tiring when you hear UK officials or EU officials complaining about China. For an African it's really tiring. And I have been telling them: look China is not eating Africa's cake, China is eating UK, French and German and Italian cake in Africa... because for the UK to whine about China in Africa when half of Africa speaks your language, half of Africa believes in you and have common values. Seventy percent of African leaderships attended Oxford, Yale, Harvard, London University and you sit in London and complain about China? A huge population of Africans are British. I'm yet to find a Chinese

African or a community of Africans who speak Chinese. The western world has to think deeper to understand the options China has given Africans. And look in the mirror and ask why, and counter offer and have a serious conversation. The Germans are doing that by the way - they are rethinking their engagement and I hope that actually with the war in Ukraine is going to change the relationship between Africa and Europe. You have a continent that has the richest minerals and richest industrial resources on the planet and you rely on Russia and African governments are not for food? It's mind boggling. You rely on a country telling us we care about the en- you define as enemy. It's total neglect of a contivironment so we are not going nent that is so rich, because it's easier for Africa just to be exploited and do it that way and do the trade with Russia who is the enemy. But 'we' don't want to trade with Africa, we just want to continue exploiting. And see what's happening now. It's that reset. It can be led by the UK, especially now as it has exited the EU. But I don't see that thinking here. If I was to address the Commons that is what I would tell them. I don't see them taking on that opportunity the UK has through the Commonwealth which is coming up. I don't know what Prince Charles' address is going to be but that's what it should be.

#### 'Africa's resources are above, not below, the

Our work is to tell Africans that our wealth is above the ground. It's not underground as UK, France and others have told Africans. It's only when I come to Europe and North America where I hear Americans and Europeans say Africa is min-Our third thing is people to eral-rich. Out of 54 countries, there are less than people, especially the youth. If 10 countries that are mineral-rich, so where is this

idea that Africa is mineral-rich? And somehow Africans bought into that because Europe and North America only want the minerals in Africa. But the wealth of the continent is above the ground. We can feed Europe with organic food... you [the West] can achieve two objectives with one approach: you can get organic food out of Africa, stop the famine going on, but also you can offer Africa a better model of development, because if you don't, what happens in Africa won't stop in Africa, it will reach London and then the streets, whether in terms of refugees or in terms of flooding because of climate change, or just loss of biodiversity... It is so important that we start treating Africa as the last frontier for global solutions, whether it's health - the next virus is going to come out of Africa, no doubt. Africa is the last frontier of animals. It is in all our interests that the virus stays in the wild lands and the wildlife and that's the work of conservationists...

You want to solve climate change, you need to do something in a country that absorbs carbon... The source of energy for Congolese should be the most important solution for UK climate change policy. Because the Congolese population is growing - you know the largest French-speaking city is Kinshasa, it's not Paris. If those folks continue to rely on firewood as their energy source, you will have more carbon in the air and temperatures rising.

I sound cynical but you don't have to change your [western] way of life drastically, but if you help Africa to leapfrog [in technology and development] that change shouldn't be so drastic but the more you don't help Africa leapfrog, the harder it will be for everyone... So the choices Africans are making to their prosperity is so crucial to the rest of the world... guess what, Africa is chasing the western world... they want London in Kenya just as it is. They want to drive big cars, they want to own a village house and a summer house, planes.

#### What worries me more than anything

People need to know what Africans think. We don't have to be right but what is our opinion... More importantly, Africans need to hear from Africans. There is a growing movement in Africa that actually worries me now more than anything else among the young people who think that it's just 'the western world doesn't like us, that we just have to forget the rest of the world, that conservation is a lie, it is really about westerners wanting to grab our land, it's a quirky way of taking land out of production so Africa's doesn't develop.' That movement has been within my generation but a little bit silent.

The young people are picking that up and they are saying you know these are our resources, we can do whatever we want... I can't see my children or their children coming to Brussels to negotiate with Europe, going to the US and saying how can you help me to deal with the trees or listening to you... Our grandchildren they will cut down those forests, they will drain all the water, they will do whatever they want because already they are not listening to us... they are so independent they do what they want. Now when they get in power - in 20 years the 14-year-olds will be the ministers - they are not going to come and attend the Commonwealth, no! Not unless the Commonwealth changes. They are stubborn and angry with the rest of the world. They want to figure out their own ways, they are independent. They are like any teenager in London, so the rest of the world has 10 years to figure this out before that generation takes over. My generation we are more diplomatic, we are more forgiving. That group is not.

It's going to be tough. Anything now that Europe wants from us and I focus on Europe, what you want in 10 years you won't get it, you won't get a better deal, or you use force, which you have [done before] to get what you want. Yes, because it's going to be tougher. So this is the time to make a deal.

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# SUA launches programme to fight increasing antimicrobial resistance

By Guardian Reporter, Morogoro

THE Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) has launched a special three-year programme aimed to come up with solutions to help fight the increasing antimicrobial resistance in commercial poultry farming.

Funded by the International Centre for Antimicrobial Resistant - ICARS) of Denmark, the VABIEN -AMR programme is implemented by SUA under the supervision of the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries in Morogoro and Dar es Salaam Regions as well as Zanzibar.

Speaking during the launching event recently here, the director of veterinary services at the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries Prof 

programme which will provide dutensified poultry production comes is used in crop production, aquarable solutions to the modern poultry farmers, increase productivity, protect health of consumers and the environment as well.

He noted that inadequate vaccination and biosecurity measures have led to increased disease burden in poultry farms and higher antimicrobial use, something that can impact the safety of poultry products for human consumption.

"So this programme will provide solutions that will help poultry farmers to adopt scientific recommended practices including vaccines so as to fight antimicrobial resistance to the chickens," he said.

Reports show that commercial poultry production in Tanzania has an annual growth rate of 6.4 per-Hezron Nonga commended SUA cent in response to increased deresearchers for coming up with the mand for eggs and broiler meat. In-noted that the traditional fertiliser

with increased risk for poultry diseases if proper preventive and control measures are not instituted.

"To address this challenge, this project seeks to generate evidence at the farm level of how to optimize and increase uptake of vaccine regimes and biosecurity interventions that are both available and relevant, with an economic case for sustainable investment," he said.

He added: "Vegetable farmers always use poultry manure which sometimes has a number of chemicals, all these consumers are the ones with high risks, as they can be consuming unsafe veggies, so we hope that this three-year programme is going to transform things in the sector."

On poultry manure, Prof Nonga

culture, and other food production, which could lead to increased environmental contamination with antimicrobial residues and antimicrobial resistant pathogens and genes across the food chain.

This is because antibiotics are often overused in the poultry sector but may not be fully metabolized by poultry and therefore manure can pose risk.

"This project intends to introduce manure processing technology that will aid in treating manure in Tanzania, leading to safer fertilizer for organic and non-organic products, and ultimately safer food products. It is expected to have an added benefit of creating employment opportunities for small businesses for manure composting and fertilizer sales," he noted.

Programme lead from SUA said the study will help establish baseline Prof Robinson Mdegela knowledge, attitude and practices of actors in the value chain on vaccination and biosecurity measures in commercial poultry production.

"It will also analyze existing policy and regulatory frameworks that govern the use of vaccines and biosecurity measures in commercial poultry production; assess effectiveness of defined vaccination and biosecurity regimes in reducing disease occurrence and the use of antimicrobials in selected settings," he said.

The programme through its two projects will also develop and test a business model for sustainable vaccination and biosecurity interventions as well build capacity strengthen food safety. through training.

"Statistics show that excessive use of drugs in poultry production especially chickens has caused many deaths worldwide and it is estimated that by 2050 more than 10 million people are at risk of dying from poultry products by consuming drugs residues whose effects include Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) which threatens the effective prevention and treatment of an ever-increasing range of infections caused by bacteria, parasites, viruses, and fungi," he noted.

Chief veterinary officer from Zanzibar Dr Talib Salehe Suleiman said the project is of great benefit to the people of Zanzibar as most of the food comes from the mainland, so coming up with the solutions will bring huge relief and

Tanzania students

due to meet in Dar

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

cation Link (GEL).

OVER 400 Tanzania students who

were studying abroad are expected to

meet in Dar es Salaam during their graduation organised by Global Edu-

GEL director, Abdulmalik Mollel,

said over the weekend that it has been

a traditional for GEL to organise such

kind of event every year for abroad

students to celebrate with their par-

ents, guardians, friends and relatives

Mollel said the aim of the gradua-

tion is to build bridge for the students

to network among themselves, em-

ployers and investors who also need

human resource adding that in the

event there will be 200 medical doc-

tors who have graduated in various

after they complete their studies.

who studied abroad

### Govt sets aside 700m/- to support NARCO

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

THE government has allocated 700m/- to support the National Ranching Company (NARCO) to install water wells in its two ranches of Kongwa and Mzeri in Dodoma and Tanga regions respectively.

The envisaged project targets to ensure reliable and abundant drinking water for the livestock within the two key ranches.

In an exclusive interview with The Guardian, NARCO Managing Director, Prof Peter Msoffe said the project is part of the on-going chain of efforts by the government to revamp performance of the state-owned company.

"We deeply appreciate the diverse support that we keep on receiving from the government and we are well prepared to ensure the project is implemented professionally," he expressed.

He said NARCO is working round the clock to secure funds to install similar wells in all ranches across the

"Availability of water wells in ranches is vital to ensure professional management of the livestock within our ranches," he stated.

Prof Msoffe added that the company is preparing to implement another big project with an eye of assisting the government in combating the effects of climate change which among others, are expected to cause shortage of animal feed.

Through the project, he said the plan is to harvest and store enough grass feed in order to stand a better chance to feed the animals during the drought season.

"To start with, we are planning to implement the project at Dodoma-Kongwa ranch, as well as the Ruvu ranch," he informed.

Through financial assistance from the government the company has a number of projects to implement ahead, including implementing a key project for the production and marketing of crossbred cattle.

According to him, NARCO will procure standard breeding stock from within and outside the country with generally targets to improve livestock breeds among pastoralists from across the country.

"The improved cattle will be available at Kongwa ranch in Dodoma and Mzeri ranch in Tanga and the project is projected to help assist indigenous pastoralists to adopt keeping of crossbreed cattle for improving their income status," he expressed. NARCO is a parastatal organiza-



Bukoba district commissioner Moses Machali (2nd L) cuts the ribbon to mark the launch of a Tanzania Commercial Bank branch. With him are the bank's CEO, Sabasaba Moshingi (2nd-R), director of human resources Diana Myonga (R) and director of credit Henry Bwogi. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

tion under the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries responsible for large scale commercial ranching in the

The company is currently under- ute very positively to the commergoing rapid transformation intended to create an efficient and vibrant livestock industry. commercial entity that will contrib-

cial development of the country's

#### abroad universities. "Sometimes you may find that investors are in great demand of a cer-

tain skills but they don't know where to find them so this graduation will be the right bridge for them to interact and to select the human resources of their choice," he said He said apart from using the gradu-

ation as a platform to find various opportunities, it also used as evidence to parents and guardians that there are Tanzanian youth who can study abroad and come back home to build their nation to prove wrong the perceptions that many youth don't return home after their studies.

"Our current systems and policies encourage our youth to come back after their studies abroad. Majority of them go there to acquire knowledge, skills and come back home to use the knowledge they acquired to contribute to their nation so parents should not fear for their child to go abroad for studies," said Mollel

According to Mollel, those students who are graduating could have stayed abroad to find good jobs because many countries still need man power to work in their industries but they returns home because of their patri-

Mollel said some of youth who graduate abroad sometimes come back home with their friends and investors who were attracted by good news about the easiest of doing business in

"Networking is the most important thing to consider because you may find that some youth were studying in Malaysia, India, Canada, Mauritius, United States of America, United Kingdom, or Japan but they don't know each other so when they meet they exchange opportunities they have," he said

The Director said normally in the graduation they invite hopeful abroad student to witness how their fellows managed to graduate and take it as catalyst for them to work hard to make sure they study hard and gradu-

Mollel said GEL normally invites owners of abroad universities where Tanzanian students attended their studies to participate in graduation ceremony to witness how the graduates enjoy with their parents, guardians and friends.

"We usually invite ambassadors and foreign investors so that they can see different opportunities available in Tanzania and we tell abroad universities to bring their students here

# Improved, modern technical skills, supporting working tools crucial

By Correspondent Devota Mwachang'a

IMPROVED and modern technical skills, relevant supporting working tools and conducive environment are vital to effective communication and best technical tools in disseminating educational information

The remarks were made in Dar es Salaam recently at the communication workshop on 'Shule Bora' programme organized by Cambridge Education Tanzania to communication stakeholders from nine regions.

Programmes Communications adviser from Cambridge Education Tanzania, Daniel Harris said: "To strengthen information about program flows amongst society, stakeholders should have self-assessed

communications skills on planning public. strategy, writing skills, social media, presentation skills, data interpretation and graphic design."

Harris urged communication officers to ensure quality and inclusive education is attained.

Sylvia Lupembe Head government communications unit at the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology suggested the involvement of experts including those from Information and Technology departments in the communicadelivering of information through

digital communication means. Fred Elisha, Information Officer at Kigoma-Ujiji municipality said the training is important as it helps them to know the kind of skills they

Dodoma Region Information Officer, Sara Kibonde said the communication workshop was effective as it opened participants' minds as well as reminding them of the need to deliver the right message to the people.

"I was not aware about the Shule Bora programme, but now I know its outcomes. The training will help us in preparing our communication plans," she said.

Raymond Kanyambo, the protions workshops, as they part in grams Communications Manager said that communications experts need to work together and ensure that all quality and inclusive barriers are addressed.

"Education outcomes in Tanzania have remained a challenge. This lack in giving information to the is due to various barriers that need

to be addressed through well woven effective communication approaches," he noted, adding, they are ready to provide all necessary support to ensure that all the expectations are met.

Kanyambo said the programme also includes parents and community engagements, strengthened management systems to improve school safety and tackle violence; ensuring teachers are addressing gender and special educational needs in class; providing safe spaces and support for girls to share concerns; and to continue attend-

ing school during menstruation. The Shule Bora program is the £ 89 million (271bn/-) directly funded by UK aid from the British government. It is implemented with technical assistance from Cambridge

Education Tanzania, ADD International, International Rescue Committee and Plan international.

The seven-vear programme will improve the quality and access to education for over 4 million children in Nine regions of Katavi. Rukwa, Kigoma, Simiyu, Mara, Singida, Dodoma, Pwani and Tanga supports innovative initiatives that ensure children are in school, are safe, learning well and progress to secondary school.

The programme was launched in Kibaha District, Coastal Region in April this year by Vicky Ford, the UK's minister for Africa, Latin America and Caribbean, Minister for Education. Science and Technology Adolf Mkenda and Minister for Regional Administration and Local Government Innocent Bashungwa.



Information, Communications and Information Technology minister Nape Nnauye (holding handset) in jovial mood while being briefed on Airtel services and products after unveiling of a new site at Msomera village in Handeni District, Tanga Region. With the site operational, residents of the village will enjoy the firm's services and products more conveniently. To the minister's left is Airtel Tanzania managing Director Dinesh Balsingh. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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ROM the worst drought in four decades threatening famine across the Horn of Africa to extreme heat in South Asia, the war in Ukraine and the unequal pace of pandemic recovery, global food systems are under extraordinary pressure.

The combined result is expected to leave more than 320 million people severely food insecure this year, compared to 135 million two years

Until recently, efforts to bolster such an overstretched global food system have focused on a single aspect, such as developing hardier crop varieties, reforming subsidies or reducing food waste, but any system is only as strong as its weakest link.

New varieties, technologies or incentives to increase vields are meaningless if there is no water to irrigate the soil, or if the infrastructure is not there to get the harvest to market.

Policymakers and scientists are increasingly recognising the need for a new approach that considers all aspects from farm to fork, a philosophy that goes beyond individual commodities, and even beyond agriculture as a sector.

A "systems approach" allows for a greater understanding of the bigger picture by considering the broader context in which food is produced, distributed, and consumed, and how those systems function within related systems such as health and

Just as the G7 agriculture ministers warned against short-term responses

# World leaders must look at the big picture to solve food crisis

to the food crisis that come at the cost of medium and long-term sustainability, CGIAR believes a systems approach is necessary to minimise the trade-offs and unintended consequences that have contributed to food crises for decades.

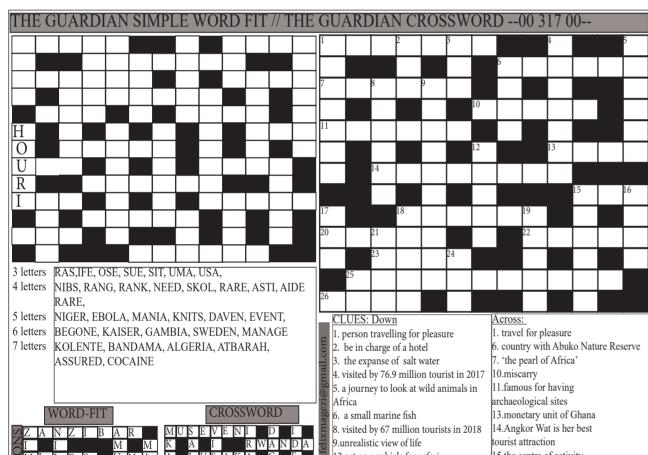
Put simply, systems thinking is a holistic approach that accounts for the interplay of all elements, assessing and addressing both the potential benefits and harms of new develop-

For example, when applied to food, it raises questions such as: does this new seed or practice require additional natural resources and are they available? Is a particular innovation accessible and practical for women as well as men? What repercussions will it have for the environment, trade, food prices, livelihoods and nutrition?

Adopting such a framing can then inspire a so-called "innovation systems approach", which fosters productive engagement between key actors, including farmers, governments, enterprises, universities, and research institutes, and directs more targeted investment towards effec-



A family shares a meal in Yemen, with food provided by the UN World Food Programme. File photo



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tive innovations in line with the G7's recommendations.

The major advantage of such a systems approach is that it can be applied

At a global level, rebalancing food systems requires a complete understanding of our natural resources worldwide, and how they intersect with food production across different regions in different scenarios.

Research shows that agriculture, which produces fuel crops as well as food, is one of the major contributors of greenhouse gas emissions, meaning agricultural innovations must be considered alongside energy innovations to ensure one avoids jeopardising the other.

Understanding how innovations and decisions made in one country can have ripple effects thousands of miles away is made easier through models such as the International Model for Policy Analysis of Agricultural Commodities and Trade (IMPACT), while connecting food systems with land and water systems through cross-disciplinary research can help manage agriculture's contribution to climate change.

At a national level, addressing country-level priorities by understanding the different levers at play can unlock multiple benefits.

For example, when Bangladesh identified a gender gap in agriculture in 2012, the government worked with CGIAR scientists to develop the Agriculture, Nutrition, and Gender Linkages (ANGeL) program to achieve its dual goals of greater women's empowerment and improved nutrition.

The program featured agricultural training as well as nutrition behaviour For example, bean change communication and gender sensitization trainings to increase women's empowerment, diversify production and improve the quality of house-

Finally, a systems approach tackles localised needs more effectively by addressing the multiple factors that contribute to and compound poverty and hunger.

For example, bean breeders at the Pan-Africa Bean Research Alliance (PABRA) developed a demand-led research model that has resulted in more than 500 new varieties of beans according to the different needs, tastes and preferences of both farmers and consumers.

By refining agricultural research with an end-to-end approach, scientists developed the new varieties most likely to be successful with consumers and therefore adopted by farmers, doubling bean productivity in Uganda and Ethiopia between 2008 and 2018.

Ultimately, people do not only eat food: they grow it, sell it, buy it, cook it and share it. And so, food systems transformation requires dealing with such

complexity by harnessing science and technology, learning from analysis and data, interpreting ambiguity and potential conflicts to develop multiple solutions to tackle interconnected challenges.

These benefits could be fully realised with greater investment into research across the agri-food system as a whole, which in turn starts with a shift in mindset towards more systemic thinking.



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08.00 AM HABARI NYEPESI
08.10 AM KUMEPAMBAZUKA III
09.00 AM HABARI ZA BIASHARA
09.10 AM MATANGAZO
09.20 AM BRAND TALK
09.30 AM KUMEPAMBAZUKA
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23.00 HRS NEWS BRIEF
23.03 HRS AFAO TIZII
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THURSDAY

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06.00 AM AMKA NA BBC
06.30 AM NIPASHE
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09.00 AM HABARI XA BIASHARA
09.10 AM MATANGAZO
09.20 AM BRAND TALK
10.00 AM NEWS BRIEF
10.03 AM DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS
10.10 AM HIZI NAZO
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21.05 HRS MATANGAZO / MUZIKI
21.00 HRS NEWS BRIEF
21.05 HRS KIPIMA JOTO
23.00 HRS WEEKEND SHOW
01.00 - 05:00 HRS MUZIKI
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FRIDAY

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16:00 HRS CHAGUO LAKO
15:00 HRS NEWS BRIEF
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22.15 HRS NEWS BRIEF
23.03 HRS NEWS BRIEF
23.03 HRS WEEK END SHOW III
01:00-05:00HRS MUZIKI
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SATURDAY

05.00 AM HALI YA HEWA /
KUMEPAMBAZUKA I
06.00 AM AMKA NA BBC
06.30 AM NIPASHE
06.50 AM COMMERCIALS
07.00 AM NEWS BULLETIN
07.15 AM NEWSPAPERS REVIEW
07.30 AM KUMEPAMBAZUKA FAMILIA
10.00 AM NEWS BRIEF
10.03 AM DEATH
ANNOUNCEMENTS
10.15 AM SUNDAY SPECIAL
11: 00 HRS TOP 20
13.00 HRS NEWS BULLETIN
13.10 HRS DEATH
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13.30 HRS NANI ZAIDI
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13.30 HRS NANI ZAIDI
16.00 HRS NEWS BRIEF
16.03 HRS DEATH
ANNOUNCEMENTS
16.30 HRS MAMBO YA PWANI
18:00 HRS AFRICAN PANORAMA
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22:103 HRS MAMBO MSETO
22:00 HRS NEWS BRIEF
23:03 HRS RAFIKI I
23:00 HRS NEWS BRIEF
23:03 HRS RAFIKI II
01:00 - 05:00 MUZIKI
MCHANGANYIKO

SUNDAY

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# BUSINESS

# Stanbic Bank develops new product for serving retirees

#### By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

STANBIC Bank Tanzania has announced the launch of a new proposition called Hekima Banking targeting retirees and soon-to-be retirees.

Hekima Banking is a comprehensive banking solution which caters for the unique needs of the target customers including transactional, savings and investments, is meant to give the pensioners peace of mind while their money works for them.

The solution which was launched in Dodoma by Jenista Mhagama, Minister for Public Service Management, President's Office, includes an interest-bearing account which gives the account holder, access to the Stanbic Financial Fitness Academy, Insurance facilitation, and the services of a trusted Hekima financial advisor.

Mhagama commended Stanbic Bank for solutioning for retirees and understanding the importance of equipping them with financial education noting that it will save them from scammers who target them upon receiving their

She said that by providing them with education, retirees will now have the tools and knowledge that will enable them to continue enjoying a good quality of life even after retirement.

Hekima Banking is part of Stanbic Bank's efforts to promote financial inclusion by enabling pensioners to continue accumulating wealth and maintain their independence so as to improve and maintain their quality of life.

Speaking during the launch event, Stanbic Bank Director of Retail Banking, Omari Mtiga said: "We've taken the complexity out of banking for pensioners by allowing customers to understand how their funds can work for them at their convenience enabling them to take full control of their financial future. Hekima

offers more than just a transactional account. We equip you with tools to properly manage your pension to ensure long-term financial stability for you and your family."

Armed with an understanding of the needs of the demographic, Stanbic is dedicated to ensuring that its customers enjoy their golden era of retirement, changing people's prejudice toward seeing retirement as the end of life. "Your retirement from work should not mean retirement from your aspirations. We

walk with you on your journey to retire well because we believe you can achieve your dreams and aspirations even during retirement," added Mtiga.

The launch of the event started off with a financial fitness session from Stanbic Bank Tanzania and training on insurance products from Strategies, to equip the attendants with financial literacy and insurance solutions.

A customer can open a Hekima account with 10,000/- at any of Stanbic Bank branches or by calling our contact centre by completing an account opening form providing a passport or NIDA

The launch event was also attended by representatives from NSSF, Stanbic

# ID and one passport size picture. Bank customers and staff.

# EABC chair promises to create better investment environment

#### By Guardian Reporter

THE East African Business Council (EABC) chairperson Angelina Ngalula has pledged to create a conducive environment for investment for the member state of the council.

In June this year at an EABC conference in Kigali, Rwanda, member states elected Angelina as a new chair of the seven-member East African Commu-

Angelina said one of her tasks in collaboration with other leaders was to promote a better investment climate for member states to attract investors.

"This is important, we will make sure we have a common voice as a council by creating a conducive business environment, but undermining the strengthening of infrastructure to attract investors to our countries," said Angelina.

In addition, she said he would also encourage businesses to pay due taxes on time to help the government build infrastructure such as roads and railways which are the basis of investment when it comes to infrastructure.

"But also for our countries, we have a challenge of locally produced goods not finding a large domestic market, this challenge is due to the quality of the product being low and its cost being high compared to imported goods, this we will work and ensure domestic products are quality and they are sold at a friendly price, but also traders should advertise their businesses because the current world must advertise your business, "said Angelina.

EABC CEO, John Bosco Karista said the council has great confidence in their new Chairperson and will give her the necessary cooperation to achieve the goals.

"This council was established 25 years ago and for the first time we get a woman chairperson, this is a great opportunity for her to make a contribution towards achieving the goals of the council," said Karista.

He said one of the challenges facing the council was the presence of the Covid-19 pandemic, and the Ukraine war crisis which has largely affected trade in many areas and so their new chairperson is going to meet it and they will give her greater cooperation to ensure they overcome those challenges.

Tanzania National Business Council (TNBC) Executive Secretary Godwill Wanga congratulated Angelina on her election and asked her to go and over-

see the East African Council. "As the Tanzania National Business Council, we trust her very much and we believe she will help as well," he said.

# Minister Jafo launches company to boost environmental conservation



Dr Selemani Jafo (2nd-L), Minister of State in the Vice President's Office, Union and Environment, and Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET) Recycle Company (T) Ltd (PETCO) chairman Unguu Sulay (3rd-L) at the launch of the firm in Dar es Salaam over the weekend. Left is Confederation of Tanzania Industries executive director Leodgar Tenga. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

#### By Guardian Reporter

HE Minister of State in the Vice President's Office overseeing Union matters and the Environment, Dr Selemani Jafo, has launched Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET) Recycle Company (T) Ltd (PETCO). It hjas been formed by eight partners out to boost plastic collection and recycling in continued efforts to conserve the environment.

The minister lauded the partners for coming up with the great idea in 2018 and ensuring that their packaging is not a threat to the environment.

"You have proven to be responsible corporates and we as government fully support the initiative and will work closely with PETCO to ensure this is well executed for the well being of our environment," he said.

He said the new move will create over 5000 jobs per year hence a boost to the economy as the different stages of PET will require different individuals

to handle the processes.

Hon Jafo called on other corporates to join the founding partners who include A-One Products & Bottles Ltd (MeTL), Coca Cola Kwanza Ltd, SBC Tanzania Ltd (Pepsi), Nyanza Bottling Co. Ltd, Bonite Bottlers Ltd, Sayona Drink, Cool Blue Pure Drinking Water and Silafrica Ltd in making this a life-

"I congratulate you eight founding partners for this great initiative. You have proved how much you are mindful about the environment and I am sure others will follow suit," he said adding that the funds raised by these companies to facilitate the process should be used appropriately.

The National Environmental Management Council Director General Dr. Eng. Samuel Mafwenga said in a statement that his council has been working closely with PETCO since the concept was conceived four years ago.

hand to ensure the objectives are met and NEMC will play an over sight role to ensure smooth execution of the entire processes," he said.

The PETCO Board Chairman, Unguu Sulay said the founding members have already injected over \$100,000 towards the project. "The funds will be used for ongoing consumer and public education, awareness activities to promote environmental responsibility, and encourage PET collection and recycling," he said.

He said as manufacturers, importers or dealers in PET products and packaging, they are responsible for such products after their useful life. "The PET plastics industry acknowledges that the convenience and life-saving qualities of plastics aside, a solution for postconsumer plastic packaging is critical in order to minimize its impact on the environment.

According to the Chairman, the pro-"We will continue working hand in cess will involve raw material productother environmental stakeholders."

ers, converters, brand owners, retailers, consumers, and recyclers with PETCO fulfilling the PET industry's' role of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), which encourages the incorporation of environmental costs associated with PET products throughout their life cycles into product market costs and shifts responsibility for used containers from government to private industry.

Sulay said PETCO will be responsible for recruiting recyclers and subsidizing recycling through contracts for all PET recycled in the country; developing new high-value end-uses for reusable plastics (rPET); administering a resin levy to fund collection and recycling targets; training and empowering collectors; and promoting PET collection and recycling.

The launch was also witnessed by the Confederation of Tanzania Industries executive director Leodgar Tenga and



Institute of Public Relations in Tanzania (IPRT) training coordinator Dr Titus Simsamba (R) and the Vice Chancellor of Kenya's Daystar University, Prof Laban Ayiro (L), congratulate each other immediately after signing a memorandum of understanding under which the two partners will be collaborating in providing training on customised strategic communication and leadership senior executives, communications officers, HR personnel as well as officers at corporate levels. The signing ceremony was held in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# IPRT, Kenyan university sign a strategic partnership for training communication executives

#### **By Guardian Reporter**

THE Institute of Public Relations in Tanzania (IPRT) and Kenyan based Daystar University have entered into a strategic partnership that will see the two partners collaborating in providing training on customized strategic communication and leadership.

The training targets senior executives, communications officers, HR personnel as well as officers at corporate levels.

IPRT Training Coordinator Dr Titus Simsamba and the Vice Chancellor of Daystar University Prof. Laban Ayiro represented the two institutions in the signing of the agreement that marks the

beginning of a joint journey in fulfilling journalists will be in a position to the important responsibility, during a participate in various professional brief signing ceremony held in Dar es training courses offered by experts Salaam over the weekend.

"Under this agreement, our institutions will collaborate in many ways with the main objective being to increase the effectiveness of the training we provide to the participants of our courses," said Dr Simsamba at the event attended by various stakeholders including trainers from Daystar College and their colleagues from Tanzania.

Dr. Simsamba further noted that through the agreement various stakeholders of communication and leadership in the country including

from Daystar College as well as local experts through IPRT.

"The good news is that this important step comes just a few days after we completed our very first training programme that was held in Morogoro region.

"Through the one-week training, participants had the opportunity to study a number of courses such as Corporate Communication, Crisis Management, Brand Management, Effective Communication, Personal Communication and

communication as well as a range of professionals to enable them pursue courses that focus on producing quality communication skills.

"The training not only ended in the classroom but also the participants had the opportunity to visit Mikumi National Park in Morogoro Region where they refreshed their minds and enjoy themselves by visiting the tourist attractions available in the park while supporting the efforts made by Madam President Samia Suluhu Hassani in promoting local tourism, "he said

Prof. Laban Ayiro, applauded the cooperation, saying it aligned very much with the university's mission of providing training for communication

their calling of service to human cultures with a sense of creativity, skill, knowledge and values.

"For us this has been a great start as not only will we be coming to train but we will also have the opportunity to learn more from our Tanzanian colleagues.

This is primarily because the training we offer is more practical and thus, we have been engaging in discussions that at the end of the day build us all up. The main goal is to make sure that after the completion of the training all participants get what they expected to

He further said the move by the two institutions from two neighboring countries that make up the East African Community is a continuation of the strong relations between the citizens and the governments that make up the community, especially in the whole academic field through communication and leadership.

One of the participants in the training held in Morogoro region recently, Fr. Masoke Edward said the training came at the right time as it has been very productive to all the participants including religious leaders who meet and communicate with various groups of people.

**BUSINESS NEWS** 

# Shinyanga traders blame rice price rise on scarcity and climate change

By Guardian Correspondent, Shinyanga

ICE traders in Shinyanga Region have said that the rising price of the grain is due to its scarcity in the market.

They revealed this at the weekend as they spoke to reporters here.

Juma Ally, one of the traders, said the rice supply for this year has been dismal due to the effects of climate change as there were little rains this season that saw small rice harvests that in turn spurred its high prices.

He said in the past they used to buy a bag of unmilled rice at between 40,000/- and 45,000/- but now it has risen to 90,000/and 102,000/-.

He added that this has seen the rising rice price at shops from 1,000/- per kilo

to2,000/-. "The price for rice will continue going up because

of little supply at the market and if the unfavorable weather conditions persist," said Ally.

For their part residents of Shinyanga said the rising price of the grain is hitting them hard, especially those at the low income bracket and many have started eating maize meal instead as they cannot afford to eat rice anymore.

One of rice farmers, Athumani Mashoto called ion the government to invest in dams for irrigation and stop depending on rains, saying this will ensure adequate food supplies and tame inflation.

Shinyanga Regional Commissioner, Sophia Mjema recently told a public meeting here that the Phase VI Government expects to establish a huge irrigation scheme in the region, the step that will tame rising prices of food crops.

Tanzania's food stocks decreased by 4,602 tonnes from 207,899 recorded in



January 2022 to 203,297 tonnes recorded in February,2022 according to the Bank of Tanzania (BoT) Monthly Economic Review

for March, 2022. According to the Central Bank report, the decrease in food stocks

held by the National Food Reserve Agency (NFRA) was due to sale of 4,601.6 tonnes of maize and cereals to the Produce Board of Tanzania and Njombe Region for Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) purposes.

The report however noted January, 2022 to 185,774/- in that the prices of the main food February, 2022 while the crops were generally higher in price of the 100kgs of round February 2022 as compared to the potatoes also increased from corresponding period in 2021.

"On month-to-month basis, in February, 2022 prices exhibited a mixed trend,

with prices of maize, beans and finger millet decreasing, while those of rice, sorghum potatoes round increased," the report noted.

According to the report, the price of 100kg sack of maize however decreased from 65,864/- in January 2022 to 62,326/-in February while the 100 kgs sack of beans slightly decrease from 185,156/- to 184,175/-during the same period.

The price of 100kgs of sorghum also decreased from 115,376/- in January, 2022 to 121,141/- in February, 2022 while the price of finger millet decreased from 167,409/- in January, 2022 to 166,730/- during the same period.

The price of the 100 kgs sack of rice however increased from 181,992/- in 78,459/- in January to 82,214/-

# Morogoro farmers benefit from soybeans processing training

By Correspondent Michael Sikapundwa, Kilosa

OVER 100 farmers from Kilosa, Mvomero, and Morogoro districts of Morogoro Region have benefited from twoweek training on soybeans processing to help fight malnutrition.

The training is conducted after a successful implementation of the Tanzania-China, Joint soybeans project that commenced in the districts last year. The beneficiary villages include Peapea and Kitete villages

(Kilosa), Makuyu (Mvomero) and Mtego wa Simba (Morogoro).

Officiating at the training during the weekend, Morogoro acting Regional Administrative Secretary Dr Rosemary Lwegasila said the training will not only help the villages fight malnutrition but also increase income.

The project is implemented collaboratively by the Morogoro regional office and the China Agricultural University

"The training equips farmers with essential processing technology to help them add value to the soybeans by producing other products like milk, meat, oil, bits, flowers, and animal food. The technology will help them produce products to access protein and other nutrients like vitamin C, B1, and B2 as well as minerals like calcium, magnesium, potassium, phosphorus, and manganese," she noted.

Lwegasila noted that a nutrition report of 1991 -2018, shows 26.4 percent of children in Morogoro have been affected by chronic malnutrition (stunting). So processing soybeans training will be accompanied by educating the community and provision of flour processing machines to enable them to access protein and other vitamins in another way" she explained.

The Tanzania Demographic and Health Survey's Key Findings Report for 2015-2016 shows that 34 percent or 3.3 million children under five in the country suffer from chronic malnutrition.

This is to say that one in three children under five in Tanzania is stunted due to a chronic lack of essential nutrients such as vitamins and minerals, which are needed for growth and development.

Anastasia Kihali, training facilitator said awareness about fighting malnutrition from consuming sovbeans is very high in the second phase of the project compared to the first phase in 2021, citing the way children and their parents participated fully in processing soybeans by using local machines and modern ones.

"The public is advised to consume soybeans instead of thinking about meat because nutrients obtained from soybeans are more than those found in meat and fish and considering that children have greater nutritional needs than adults in order to grow and develop, giving them soybeans could be the best option," she explained.

Fatuma Mkamba, a soybeans farmer from Peapea village commended CAU for bringing the projects which are now benefiting hundreds of poor families in the region.

"These two projects have changed our negative perception that a farmer has to think about his family's food security and not only commercial matters. Before processing soybeans for other products like milk my concentration was on the external market only rather than the health of children," she said.

Project coordinator, Ernest Mkongo insisted on the use of an automatic soybeans milk machine which is sold at 400.000/-.

He said the machine has the capacity to produce over 50 litres of soybeans milk per minute because boiling and filtration processes are done at the same time compared to the local ones.

The soybean is one of the economically most important crops in the world, providing vegetable protein for millions of people and ingredients for hundreds of chemical products.

# South African entrepreneur seeks to turn caterpillars into tasty snacks

#### **JOHANNESBURG**

A START-up entrepreneur from South Africa wants to change the way edible caterpillars popularly known as "mopane worms" are viewed and

For many people, particularly from western European backgrounds, the idea of eating insects is still riddled with fear and inhibition.

But they can be a valuable source of nutrition and farming them is not detrimental to the

South African chemical engineer Wendy Vesela has found ways of turning the spiky green and black caterpillars -- which are packed with protein and iron -- into a flour that can be used in savoury biscuits, sweet chocolate protein bars, cereals or smoothies.

When steamed and sliced, mopane pieces can also be used as pizza toppings.

Vesela says she has found domestic and international customers for her organic prod-

Edible insects and worms may indeed be gaining popularity in Western cultures.

But food anthropologist Anna Trapido insists that the trend should not be seen as just another dietary fad, a "kind of adventure tourism, where you get a badge" for eating them.

"Mopane need to be treated with respect because they are part of people's emotional, spiritual, culinary genres," she said.

In Vesela's home province of Limpopo, where she grew up in a town not far from the worldfamous Kruger National Park, mopane is a staple food, cooked in a sauce of onions and toma-

- 'More protein than steak'-

The caterpillars are "a healthier option of protein", she said. And it's "not a worm. So people have just to get over that fear."

Vesela tried to woo reluctant customers with biscuits and protein bars at a recent food fair in Johannesburg's upmarket Sandton district.

"I won't eat a worm. I'm sorry, it's disgusting. But if you give it to me in the form of a chocolate... it's really delicious," said Gail Odendaal, 38, walking away with a bag of protein bars.

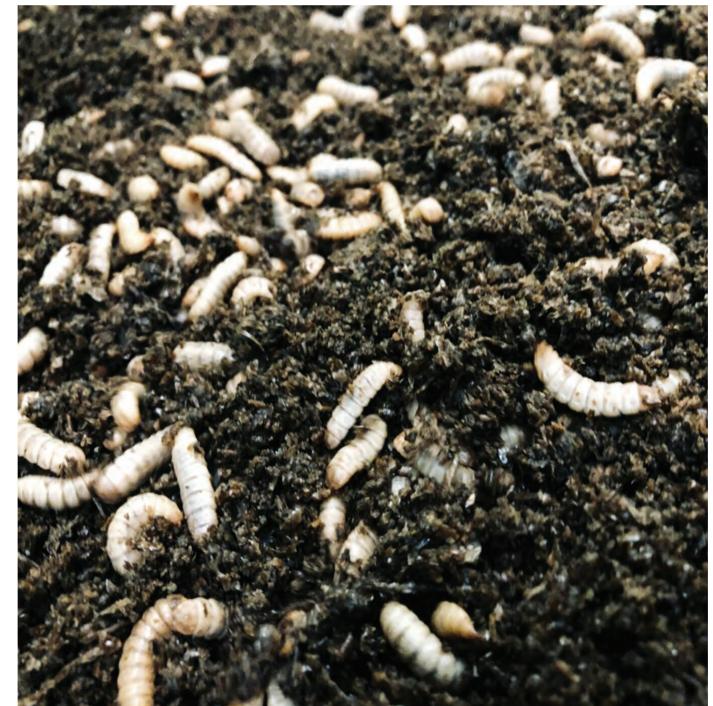
Mopanes are environmentally friendly, too, requiring no extra water or land, as they breed and feed on mopane trees, which grow in hot and dry regions of southern Africa.

They are a better source of protein than many other foods on the market, said dietitian, Mpho Tshukudu.

"It's high in protein, in essential fats and minerals, especially iron. It has more iron than the most expensive piece of steak," she said.

With demand rising since she started her venture seven months ago. Vesela plans to expand the business and have multiple harvests a year.

She now hires rural women to gather mopanes when they are in season in December and April. The mopanes are gutted, boiled and dried to then be used whole or milled.



# Airtel inaugurates money transaction drive

#### By Guardian Reporter

AIRTEL Tanzania has yet again made its money services more affordable to encourage the use of mobile financial services for money users by

launching 'Airtel money bila tozo ofa". The move came after the restructuring of the

mobile money levy by the government. In his statement Airtel Money Director Isack Nchunda shared the company commitment to support government initiatives to ease the cost of mobile money transactions, lauding the government to reduce the levy to help boost mobile money transactions.

Airtel will further reduce the total transactions charges by absorbing cost of levy when sending and withdrawing money using Airtel Money upto 29,999/-, making it easier for a common man to transact through mobile money. Now, customers will be able to send or withdraw money without any additional cost due to levy.

Nchunda added, majority of unbanked mobile money users send/withdraw amounts up-to 29,999Tshs. Discount of levy charges will allow all these customers to send and withdraw money without the burden of levy. This will benefit customers especially in middle/lower income segments by making transactions more affordable

and allow customers to transact more freely. In addition, if a customer is using Airtel App to send money to another Airtel customer, it will

save levy amount across all denominations. Speaking during the announcement of the new initiative in Dar es Salaam, Airtel Money Director Isack Nchunda said Airtel move to reduce the total charges to absorb the cost of Levy is Airtel's intention to make financial services usage more affordable and promote financial inclusion. "We have seen how Mobile Money services have revolutionized the way people utilize and promote financial economy."

Nchunda added: "We're certain Bila Tozo Ofa will encourage more Tanzanians to transact freely and choose Airtel Money as their preferred mobile money service for all electronic money transactions and hence continue improving their daily lives while saving a lot."

Nchunda stated: "Airtel Money Bila Tozo Promotion will promote business across the country by making payments easy and affordable. It will build inclusive financial ecosystem as every Tanzanian will have access to affordable Airtel Money service to cater for their day-to-day transactions - be it payments, sending and receiving money".

Nchunda noted that for Airtel Tanzania continues to invest in expanding its Airtel Money distribution infrastructure to provide the best mobile money services across Tanzania.

"We are proud to have deployed more than 3,000/- Airtel money exclusive shops across the country, to complement the existing Airtel Money Wakalas network of over 150,000/- Airtel Money Wakala."

"We will continue to deploy state of the art services and ensure our customers enjoy accessible and affordable quality services wherever they are 24/7 at the comfort of their homes or businesses."

#### **BUSINESS NEWS**

# Using tax incentives to attract foreign investment in the mining sector is not a perfect choice



N 30th April 2022, this paper reported that the government intended to introduce tax incentives to attract more investments in the mining sector, taking advantage of the soaring prices of metals and other minerals, it said. Having worked with trade unions and civil society organizations (CSOs) in Tanzania on the need to curb tax evasion, tax avoidance, and scrapping spurious tax incentives in the mining sector, our Correspondent Gerald Kitabu reached out to Daniel Oberko (pictured), Tax, Trade and Digitalization coordinator for the Public Services International (PSI), Africa and Arab countries and shared insights on how tax incentives will be a solution to attract foreign direct investments. Here are the excerpts:

**OUESTION.** Do you think the upsurge in prices of gold and the need to take advantage of it are enough reasons to grant incentives to new investors?

ANSWER: No, I don't think so. Companies are driven by profits and would take advantage of the high prices of gold by themselves. When prices of minerals increase, companies' ramp up productions, increase profits and reward shareholders. The existing companies would take care of the increase in gold prices.

Secondly, opening new large-scale production unit is a complex, costly, and time-consuming undertaking. By the time one is established, the windfall period might have elapsed, and the so-called tax incentives meant to attract new investors may be of no use. Shortages and price peaks generally disappear in a relatively short period of time.

Finally, some of the drivers of the price hikes in the last two years are temporary. The Ukraine-Russia war would certainly come to an end and demand for certain mineral resources due to the war would reduce.

Q: Should government still provide tax incentives to attract investments in clean energy tech-

nologies and the demand for rare metals?

A: Again, government should be cautious. Clean energy sources typically require more materials than their fossil-fuelled counterparts. Take an electric car for example; it needs six times the mineral input compared to a traditional internal combustion engine. What this means is, companies who decide to go into clean energy technologies would go after the mineral resources that enable them stay in business. It is a response to current trend of events and profits, not tax incentives. With or without tax incentives they would still do business.

#### Q: What if Tanzania does not provide new incentives and other countries do in a bid to attract these investors?

A: If neighbouring countries have similar mineral resources, these countries do not do themselves any good by using tax incentives to attract investors. It goes against domestic resource mobilization. The companies stand to gain and causes a raise to the bottom. In the end, it is the producing countries that will lose.

#### Q: What are your final words on

A: A sustainable way of cashing in on the high prices of, and high demands for gold and other minerals is to ensure existing companies' increased production lead to increased employment, enhanced capacity of revenue collection agencies to effectively execute their duties, diversified economy and investment in public goods and services.

For Tanzania, we must understand that the increased contribution of the gold and mining sector to the GDP is because of initiatives taken earlier by previous governments, and that should be the focus. Initiatives like joint venture mining projects between government and mining companies, acquiring free carried shareholding, and sharing future economic benefits from mines on a 50/50 basis through and annual true-up mechanism, should all be maintained and improved.

### Retail forex traders in Africa face hard time with regulations, losses

**By Special Correspondent** 

RETAIL forex trading in developed nations is fiercely regulated and it is still surprising that as we speak several African countries are yet to do same. The number of active Forex traders in Africa continent is estimated at 1.3 million with Nigeria, South Africa and Kenya taking the lead. Although the number is lower if compared to other continents, it keeps increasing daily

It should be noted that many forex traders in Africa face risk of massive losses and brokerage scams due to absence of retail forex trading regulation in about 90% of African countries.

regulators supervising retail forex trading are Kenya, South Africa and Mauritius.

Retail forex trading in Malawi is not regulated by the government so Malawian traders should be careful.

Counterparty risk is the most prominent risk faced and it is the probability that the other party in the trading transaction may default in its trade obligations. In the context of the forex trading, your broker serves as your counterparty, regardless of where it is operating from.

This implies that retail forex traders in Malawi and other African countries without regulation are exposed to counterparty risk as there's no local regulatory body that can take up the case for you in case broker goes bankrupt and fails in its obligations.

If your broker is in a country under sanctions it also constitutes counterparty risk. For instance, if your broker is from a conflict area, your trading can be affected. This is because your money transfers will be scrutinized by international Anti money laundering (AML) agencies to ensure it's not used to fund terrorism.

Trading in Africa doesn't provide for adequate compensation should things go wrong just like some developed countries have compensation funds.

Karan from Safe Forex Brokers South Africa agrees that traders from African countries where forex trading is not regulated are at great risk. He argued that if a broker goes bankrupt, retrieving funds will be difficult without government arbitration.

He went further to say that

many African traders who have been victims of fraudulent or bankrupt brokers have had to silently swallow the loss because they know retrieving their funds will be a herculean task without government support. He also said that these retail forex traders are not compensated in any form, when they suffer losses that warrant compen-

This is true as a compensation fund pays financial compensation to investors who suffer pecuniary losses for no fault of theirs such as broker going bankrupt, broker being fraudulent, negligence from the broker, system glitches, etc. Due to absence of regula-

countries in Africa that have among many countries in Africa, there is no provision for compensation funds for Forex traders. Even in South Africa, where retail forex trading is regulated, the compensation schemes does not offer any compensation in case of misappropriation of funds by regulated brokers.

The Nigerian capital market regulator even published a warning on its website telling those who trade forex that they do so at their own

While it is commendable that the Nigerian market regulator came out to clarify its position, other capital market regulators in Africa have shied away from being unequivocal.

However in some other climes, it is not so. For instance, Ireland investors and forex traders are compensated with 20,000 Euros, and in UK, the FSCS has raised its compensation to GBP 85,000 when they suffer losses due to the broker's negligence.

For example, Pepperstone broker which is regulated in both UK & Kenya, has investor protection for UK based traders of up to £85,000 in case it goes into liquidation

but similar protection is not available to traders based in Kenva.

Although, there is a privately run global compensation scheme for Forex traders, known as the Financial Commissionset up to protect consumers' interests. But, the benefit is limited because only few forex brokers are members.

Forex scammers have also shifted focus to Africa due to the lack of adequate regulation on the continent. Forex scams are a fraudulent trading system geared towards luring you with the promise of unrealistic returns on your investment with little or no

The perpetrators of this Currently, the only three tion of retail forex traders act succeed on most occasions with new traders, especially the ones who enter the market with the mentality of quick wealth.

Forex Ponzi schemes which is the promise of getting you fixed periodic profits with a small deposit also plague Africa. These scammers take advantage of low investor awareness and low standard of living to promise huge returns and a better life only to end up defrauding victims.

Some fake brokers may lure the uninformed public with promotions and offers that are outrageous with suspicious terms and conditions such as 'risk-free' investments in forex. Risk is an integral part of forex trading, so, a broker saying an investment is risk free is a scam.

Many new traders in Africa go into forex trading with the wrong mindset of getting rich fast and after they lose a significant amount of their funds, it dawns on them that there are no guaranteed profits in forex trading.

This notion thrives in Africa partly because there is inadequate/detailed risk warning to potential traders on what the trade entails.



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# Argentina economy minister quits as crisis builds

#### **BUENOS AIRES**

ARGENTINA'S economy minister Martin Guzman, the architect of a recent major debt deal with the International Monetary Fund (IMF), resigned on Saturday as deep splits emerged in the ruling coalition over how to handle mounting economic crises.

Guzman, a minister since late 2019 and a close ally of President Alberto Fernandez, posted a letter on Twitter announcing his decision, adding he maintained "confidence in my vision of the path Argentina should follow."

The center-left Peronist president is facing his lowest approval rating since taking office in 2019, with cracks in his coalition, inflation running above 60 percent, the peso currency under growing pressure and sovereign bonds at record

Guzman, a moderate, had clashed with powerful Vice President Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner, a militant two-term former president, who has criticized his handling of the economy and

called for greater spending to alleviate high poverty levels.

The resignation leaves the ministry leaderless just as Guzman was expected to travel to Europe to negotiate a \$2 billion debt deal with the Paris Club of sovereign lenders. It also deals a blow to Fernandez's weakening power base.

"It is the chronicle of a death foretold," said Mariel Fornoni, director of the Management and Fit consultancy, adding that a painful loss in midterm elections last year for the government had hurt President Fernandez badly.

"Now he has lost another piece of his board, perhaps the most important, and is increasingly

Investors, already jittery about the country's economic outlook, have pushed bonds down toward 20 cents on the dollar in recent weeks. All eyes now will be on Guzman's replacement.

Guzman, 39, said "there should be a political agreement within the governing coalition" to choose his successor.

The president's office said that it did not yet



**Argentina's Economy Minister Martin Guzman** 

know when a replacement for Guzman would be announced. Fernandez had summoned members of his Cabinet and allies to an emergency meeting, one government source

"The president deeply regrets the decision but respects it. He is analyzing his next decisions," said another government source with knowledge of the matter.

Miguel Kiguel, former secretary of finance in Argentina, told Reuters that whoever takes over will have a tough time, noting that inflation could hit 80 percent this year and there is a

gap of nearly 100 percent between official and parallel exchange rates.

"We don't know who's coming, but this will be a very hot potato," Kiguel said. "Whoever comes is going to have a very complicated time."

Guzman was the driving force in sealing a new \$44 billion deal with the IMF earlier this year to replace a failed program from 2018. However, he was unable to tamp down sky-high inflation, exacerbated by the Ukraine crisis, while soaring energy import costs have hit the country's currency

#### **Excluding Russia from Security Council** possible only if UN is disbanded – diplomat

#### **MOSCOW**

**EXCLUDING** Russia from the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) is possible only if the entire organization is disbanded and created anew, Russian First Deputy Permanent Representative to the UN Dmitry Polyansky



Commenting on Ukrainian President Vladimir Zelensky's calls to strip Russia of its permanent UNSC member status, Polyansky said those remarks "do not stand up to

"Naturally, all normal people realize that this scenario will be possible only if the UN is disbanded and created anew," he told the Soloviev Live TV channel.

In his words, Kiev's task was to "stir up" UN Security Council member states, who are growing increasingly tired of the Ukrainian issue.

"Both Zelensky and Ukraine's envoy to the UN are wasting their breath, claiming from time to time that we [Russia] have no right to this [UN Security Council] seat, that we retained it unlawfully after the breakup of the Soviet Union," he said. "This is total nonsense, we have explained it, and even UN officials have provided due clarifications."

Earlier, Polyansky said Ukrainian President Vladimir Zelensky was allowed to speak before the UN Security Council on Tuesday remotely and without prior consultations with other council members, which violates the existing

During his speech, the Ukrainian leader urged the UN to designate Russia as a "terrorist state" and exclude it from the UN Security Council, where the country has the permanent member status and veto powers.

# Xi's speech hailed for drawing blueprint for HK's future

#### **BEIJING**

PRESIDENT Xi Jinping on Friday made an address at the meeting celebrating the 25th anniversary of Hong Kong's return to the motherland and the swearing-in ceremony of the sixth-term government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

The speech by Xi, also general secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission, has elaborated the significance of adhering to the "one country, two systems" principle, and drawn a blueprint for a brighter future of Hong Kong, experts and professionals worldwide have said.

#### A better chance at develop-

"Since its return, Hong Kong, amid China's monumental reform and opening-up efforts, has been breaking new ground, functioning as an important bridge between the Chinese mainland and the rest of the world. As a result, it has made irreplaceable contributions to our country's economic miracle marked by long-term, stable, and rapid growth," Xi said in his speech at the meeting.

Stephen Perry, chairman of Britain's 48 Group Club, said "China has, along with Asian nations, the best potential growth -- 30 percent of world growth comes from China.'

As part of China, Hong Kong has a very important role to play, Perry said, noting that the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area "will be the leading region in China.'

Pui Jeng Leong, a media veteran in Brunei, said that he was impressed by Xi's speech at the celebration, adding that over the years, he has found that change such a good policy, and

better at speaking Mandarin, and their recognition of the motherland is growing stronger.

Backed by the large mainland market and linked to international capital, Hong Kong's political, economic, social and business environment has further improved, laying a solid foundation for the city's future development, he said.

The Chinese president noted in his speech that "Be it the global financial crisis, the COV-ID-19 epidemic, or social unrest, none of them have stopped Hong Kong from marching forward.

Selcuk Colakoglu, director of the Turkish Center for Asia-Pacific Studies, said despite all the challenges, Hong Kong's social vitality and average life expectancy now rank among the highest in the world, and "Hong Kong's status as an international financial, trade and shipping center has been consolidated and enhanced.'

For Cavince Adhere, a Kenyabased international relations scholar, political stability is the foundation of progress. He said that by adopting the Hong Kong National Security Law and improving the city's electoral system, Hong Kong's stability has been further guaranteed.

This provides a strong platform for the city's greater integration with the rest of China, thus a better chance for Hong Kong's sustainable growth, said

#### Long-term adherence to 'one country, two systems'

Stressing that "one country, two systems" "serves the fundamental interests of not only Hong Kong and Macao, but also the whole country and the nation," Xi said in his speech that "There is no reason for us to Hong Kong people are getting we must adhere to it in the long





President Xi Jinping delivers a speech at the swearing-in ceremony of the sixth-term government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre on Friday. (PHOTO / HKSAR GOVERNMENT)

Echoing Xi's words, Masood Khalid, former Pakistani ambassador to China, said Hong Kong's economic achievement and the fact that it is becoming comprehensively intergrated with both the Chinese mainland and the international market are a testament to the success of the implementation of "one country, two systems."

Citing the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge, the Hong Kong section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link, and the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area as examples, the former ambassador said that the central government of China has carried out a series of infrastructure projects for Hong Kong, from which the people of Hong Kong have benefited.

Referring to "one country, two systems" as "a policy without precedent," Robert Lawrence Kuhn, chairman of the Kuhn Foundation, said President Xi has demonstrated the central government's "ringing endorsement" for "one country, two systems.'

Xi has made it clear that Hong Kong will continue to make "contributions to the rejuvenation of the Chinese nation, and that Hong Kong's future is bright," said Kuhn.

A brighter future

"I can confidently say I have witnessed the development of Hong Kong's business sector," said Dewan Saiful Alam Masud, president of the Bangladesh Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce Hong Kong, told Xinhua.

President Xi's speech offered both encourage ment and reassurance to Hong Kong, he noted.

"With the valuable support from the central government, I am certain that valuable opportunities for Hong Kong people and businesses will emerge, hence allowing Hong Kong to make positive strides towards emerging as an even stronger and more appealing business hub," Masud said.

"I'm optimistic about the future of Hong Kong," said Andrey Karneey, head of the School of Asian Studies at Russia's Higher School of Economics.

While retaining its speciality, Karneev said, Hong Kong will gradually discover new spheres of development, and could become a global art or design hub.

Sharing Karneev's point of view, Yaroslav Lissovolik, program director of Russian think tank Valdai Discussion Club, described Hong Kong's development over the past 25 years as "very suc-

"Hong Kong has not only developed into a global financial center, but also a center attracting international talent," Lissovolik added.

#### **Suspected driver in Texas migrant** deaths was on meth, lawmaker says

#### **SAN ANTONIO**

THE suspected driver of a truck packed with dozens of migrants who died in blazing heat during a Texas smuggling attempt was allegedly under the influence of methamphetamine when police encountered him, a US lawmaker told Reuters, citing information from law enforcement.

San Antonio police officers found Homero Zamorano Jr, a Texas native, hiding in brush near the abandoned tractor-trailer on Monday, according to documents filed in federal court on Thursday. Fifty-three migrants lost their lives, making it the deadliest such trafficking incident on record in the United States.

US Representative Henry Cuellar, a Democrat whose district includes the eastern part of San Antonio, told Reuters on Thursday that Zamorano was found to have had methamphetamine, a powerful synthetic drug, in his system.

Cuellar said he was briefed on the matter by US Customs and Border Protection (CBP), but did not know how authorities made that determination. A CBP official, speaking on the condition of anonymity, separately told Reuters that Zamorano had methamphetamine in his system.

Reuters was not immediately able to independently confirm the accounts of the alleged drug use.

Zamorano, 45, appeared in federal court in San Antonio on Thursday where human trafficking charges against him were read. If convicted, he faces a maximum sentence of life in prison or the death penalty and up to a \$250,000 fine, he was told.

He was accompanied by public defender Jose Gonzalez-Falla, who declined to comment on the case. US Magistrate Judge Elizabeth Chestney said Zamorano would be held in custody until his next hearing, on July 6.

Officials described finding the trailer's rear door ajar with bodies stacked inside that were hot to the touch. In nearby brush, officers discovered other victims, some deceased. They found Zamorano hiding near the victims and escorted him to a local hospital for medical evaluation, prosecutors said. Mexican officials said he had tried to pass himself off as one of the survivors.

#### 'Where you at?'

The truck had been carrying migrants from Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador and was found in a desolate, industrial area near a highway on the outskirts of the US-Mexico border.

Temperatures in the area that day had soared as high as 39.4 C, and authorities called to the scene found no water supplies or signs of working air-conditioning inside the cargo trailer.

Prosecutors allege Zamorano conspired with Christian Martinez, 28, who was also charged with a human trafficking offense. Martinez on Monday sent a photo of a truck load manifest to Zamorano, who responded by saying, "I go to the same spot," a federal investigator wrote in a court

### New professions expected to continuously improve people's lives in China

NEW professions have sprouted up and enjoyed rapid development in China, as new industries and new business forms and models have constantly emerged with the country's economic and social development, scientific and technological progress, as well as industrial structure adjustment and upgrad-

China's Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security (MOHRSS) recently released a list of 18 more new professions. Before that, the MOHRSS had successively released 56 new professions in four batches since it resumed work for the release of new professions in 2019.

The new professions include robotics engineering technicians, data security

engineers, digital solution designers, carbon sequestration assessors, energy efficiency and carbon neutral building consultants, and family education mentors.

The releasing of new professions reflects trends in technological and social transformation. The recently announced new professions can be roughly divided into three categories: those generated by the development of digital economy, such as robotics engineering technicians; jobs driven by China's goal of peaking carbon dioxide emissions before 2030 and achieving carbon neutrality before 2060 like carbon sequestration assessors; family education mentor and some other new professions incubated by China's new development stage, philosophy and paradigm as well as people's aspiration for a better life.

According to an official with the MOHRSS, such newly released professions as robotics engineering technicians and additive manufacturing engineers were defined according to the Statistical Classification of the Digital Economy and Its Core Industries (2021) issued by the National Bureau of Statistics of China in June 2021.

Identifying professions related to digital economy represents an important innovation in China's occupational classification and is of great significance for promoting the development of digital economy and technologies and improving the digital literacy of the whole society, the official pointed out.

The announcement of new professions enjoys a strong social foundation, and reflects continuous improvement in people's quality of life.

Chinese people's increasing demand for high-quality family education has boosted the emergence of the family education mentors; homestay stewards suits the ever-increasing individual needs of tourists.

As the construction of urban rail transit is advanced at a fast pace and more and more relevant facilities have been put into operation, the country has seen its talent gap in the industry surge to several hundred thousand.

The identification of the profession

of urban rail transit maintenance personnel is expected to provide a solid guarantee for the travel safety of urban

The emergence of new professions has without doubt widened the options for job hunters, said Xu Ming, director of the National Governance Modernization and Social Organization Research Center. New professions feature flexibility and integration of interest and work and provide an opportunity for achieving personal values, which makes them particularly favored by young people,

Xu added. Against this background, new employment forms represented by new professions have gained strong momen-

tum, which helps boost employment, and improve its quality and structure.

After the solicitation of public opinions about the 18 new professions, the MOHRSS will improve relevant information and then officially incorporate the new professions into China's National Occupation Classification Code (2015 edition).

In an effort to enable new professions to better improve people's lives, the MOHRSS will, together with relevant departments, formulate new occupational standards and guide training institutions in conducting training in accordance with these standards.

**People's Daily** 

# move to expel Russian diplomats'

#### **MOSCOW**

BULGARIA has not been pursuing an independent policy for quite a long time and its decision to expel 70 Russian diplomats was made under the pressing of external forces, Russia's Permanent Representative to the European Union Vladimir Chizhov said on Friday

"I think that one can speak about Bulgaria's independent foreign policy only with regard to the remote past," he said in an interview with the Rossiya-24 television channel, commenting on Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova's words that Bulgaria had made this decision at the request of external forces.

According to Chizhov (pictured), Bulgaria's support for NATO's steps and its voting in favor of anti-Russian sanctions also indicates its political de-

He slammed the decision to expel Russian diplomats as strange and warned against jumping at the conclusion about severing diplomatic relations between Moscow and Sofia.

On Tuesday, Bulgaria's authorities announced their decision to declare 70 Russian diplomats and technical staff of Russian diplomatic missions personae non grate and expel them



These people and their family members, 200 people in all, are to leave the country until July 3. It means that the work of the Russian embassy and consulates general in Bulgaria is prac-

On Thursday, Russian Ambassador to Bulgaria Eleonora Mitrofanova sent a note to the Bulgarian foreign ministry demanding this decision be cancelled as having "unprecedented, scandalous, absolutely ungrounded and provocative character, which undermines the basis of relations between the two

She said on Friday that the Bulgarian foreign ministry has ignored her note, and she is looking at raising the issue of the closure of the embassy in Sofia before the Russian government.

#### Ethiopia, partners launch 30m USD initiative to reduce maternal malnutrition

#### **ADDIS ABABA**

THE Ethiopian government and its partners have launched a new multisectoral nutrition initiative that envisages reducing maternal malnutrition, child wasting and stunting in the coun-

newly launched program, dubbed "Addressing Maternal Malnutrition, Child Wasting and Stunting in Ethiopia," will be implemented through a partnership agreement between the Ethiopian Ministry of Health, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and Action Against

The UN Children's Fund, in a statement issued late Friday, said the 30 million U.S. dollars program will reach at least one million pregnant women and three million children with vital health and nutrition services during its five years period.

The initiative is also expected to promote long-term improvements to the population's nutrition as well as socioeconomic indicators by making Ethiopia's health and food systems more resilient and encouraging healthier, more productive communities.

Meseret Zelalem, Director of Maternal, Child Health and Nutrition at the

Ethiopian Ministry of Health, said the program is in line with the Ethiopian government's commitment to reducing stunting and ending child malnutrition in the East African country.

"The government of Ethiopia has a strong commitment to accelerate the reduction of stunting and ending child malnutrition by 2030 as a key strategy for human capital development and inclusive economic development," a UNICEF statement quoted Zelalem as

Ethiopia has experienced a steady reduction in the prevalence of stunting over the past two decades from 58 percent in 2000 to 37 percent in 2019, according to UNICEF.

However, despite the progress, more than 5.8 million children under five years are affected by stunting and 1.2 and also head of the African Youth

ing maternal nutrition is important to President Xi Jinping wrote back to ensure women's health and achieve him twice in the year. better pregnancy and birth outcomes in Ethiopia.

UNICEF stressed that given the scale national Studies. In June last year, of malnutrition in the country, there is he and 44 other representatives of an urgent need to accelerate the proviorerseas students at the university sion of vital nutrition services for vulnerable people.

Xinhua

# 'Bulgaria didn't act independently in NATO's new strategic concept exposes Washington's hegemony pursuit

FEATURING anti-China rhetoric, NATO's new strategic concept laid bare the intentions of the United States, the military alliance's de facto leader, to incite bloc confrontation by demonizing other countries and exploit the organization to maintain its hegemony worldwide.

NATO leaders on Wednesday approved the 2022 Strategic Concept, a blueprint laying out top imperatives and challenges for the next

It sets the alliance's joint position on emerging challenges, calling Russia the "most significant and direct threat" to NATO's security and accusing China of posing "systemic challenges" for the first time.

As a relic of the Cold War, NATO, which should have disbanded long ago, has become a handy tool for the United States to contain other countries, in particular, China and

It is clear that the new document, covering the alliance's priorities and goals for the next 10 years, was actually designed to guide NATO on how to maintain American hegemony in the future.

Such self-serving intentions deserve high alert from both Europe and the Asia-Pacific.

Through the updated NATO document, the United States has tried to realize three strategic goals -fomenting confrontation between Europe and Russia to continuously cripple Russia; urging Europe to strengthen its defense and using European resources to ease the pressure on American defense in Europe, and forcing the U.S. allies to join hands in suppressing China.

This exposes America's established Cold War mentality, in which

The document lays out NATO's vision for an evolving Alliance that will remain able to defend its members against modern threats and commits NATO to become more agile, more capable and more effective. Asia and Europe are the country's geopolitical cards, and only by sabotaging the relations between the two

perpower hold up its hegemony. Unfortunately, although NATO has repeatedly claimed that its positioning as a regional alliance remains unchanged, it, in fact, has done quite the opposite.

continents, can the world's sole su-

In the Asia-Pacific, the alliance has joined the United States in implementing the latter's divisive strategy and anti-China agenda for the sake of the Western dominance in the re-

In recent years, some NATO members have also worked with the United States to send planes and warships to China's adjacent waters for military operations, in a bid to stoke tension and provoke conflicts.

Yet the malicious intentions of the United States and NATO's erroneous words and actions have aroused

the vigilance of people of insight all over the world, who have publicly opposed the U.S.led NATO expansion to the Asia-Pacific region and called for strengthening cooperation with

Former NATO Secretary General Javier Solana said NATO's expansion and its pursuit of a stronger presence in Asia will make it more difficult for NATO members to interact with other countries that do not see China or Russia as enemies or rivals, who do not want to take sides between China, Russia and the West. Solana warned that a "global NATO" or "NATO plus" could divide the world into adversarial

Before the new Strategic Concept was released, NATO members carefully negotiated "language that describes the security issues China presents for the Euro-Atlantic area while avoiding rhetoric that some allies would deem to be too inflammatory," according to U.S. media outlet Politico on Tuesday.

"We don't have a border with China, so it's a completely different context," Portuguese Minister of Foreign Affairs Joao Gomes Cravin-

ho was quoted as saying.

History has proved that only mutually-beneficial cooperation, rather than playing bloc politics, can win over regional countries.

Thus, Washington's selfserving geopolitical intentions and vicious attempts to drive wedges across the world are doomed to fail. China is always a builder of world peace, a contributor to global development and a guardian of international order.

China does not stir up trouble, but it is not afraid when others do. China will firmly and forcefully respond to any act that infringes upon China's interests.

Xinhua

#### China achieves win-win situation for economic growth and environmental governance - Cameroonian student in China

#### By Shi Yuanhao, Bai Ziwei

JOSEPH Olivier Mendo'o, a Cameroonian student studying in China million are affected by wasting, it said. Delegation in China, found the year The UN Children's Fund said improv- 2021 truly memorable, as Chinese

> Mendo'o is a PhD candidate at Peking University's School of Interwrote a letter to Xi to send their best wishes to the Communist Party of China (CPC) for the 100th anniversary of its founding.

In the letter, they conveyed the thoughts and experiences they have had while studying and living in China, and expressed their appreciation of the achievements China has made under the CPC's leadership, as well as their recognition of the CPC's people-centered philosophy of development.

On June 21, 2021, Xi wrote back to them, encouraging them to gain a deeper understanding of the real China, share their ideas and experiences with more people and play an active role in promoting friendship between the peoples of all countries.

Not long after that, Mendo'o, together with more than 30 other representatives of young foreign participants at the Global Young Leaders Dialogue (GYLD), a mechanism initiated by Chinese think tanks for the sharing of ideas and mutual learning among young people from different countries and fields, wrote a letter to Xi to congratulate the CPC on its 00th birthday.

Besides sharing their trips to and impressions of various parts of China, these young foreigners expressed their hope of serving as a bridge so as to better promote exchanges and communication beween China and foreign countries.

On August 10, 2021, Xi sent a reply letter to these young people. In his letter, Xi encouraged them to further exchanges and mutual learning, and contribute to the building of a community with a shared future for humanity.

"The two letters from President Xi showed his care for foreign youths and earnest hope of us playing an active role in promoting people-



to-people bonds. They have made us more eager to learn more about China," said Mendo'o.

To see the China as it is, Mendo'o has visited and carried out field investigations in many places across the country over the past seven years when he has studied and lived in China.

He has been to north China's Shanxi province, southwest China's Guizhou province, northwest China's Ningxia Hui autonomous region, southeast China's Fujian province, and north China's Hebei province, among many other regions, and gained first-hand knowledge about and a deeper understanding of the development and changes in the Chinese society.

During his trip to Shahao village, Xingxian county, Lyuliang city of Shanxi province, Mendo'o spent some time with the first Party secretary of the village, who was sent to assist the village with poverty alleviation, and understood what it was like to be a village official in China.

"The first secretary knows so well about every family, such as how many children a family has and which family lost a cow, which surprised me so much. And I learnt afterward that every first secretary in Chinese villages is familiar with the situation of local families and works hard to solve the difficulties in people's life just like the official I met," Mendo'o recalled.

His experiences in Shanxi made

Mendo'o know better about the CPC's place in Chinese people's hearts.

"During my visit to Jinggangshan city, east China's Jiangxi province, an old man explained to me why Chinese people often say 'follow the instructions and guidance of the Party'. He told me that the CPC has always maintained close ties with the people and followed a people-centered philosophy in all of its work, so the people naturally trust the Party," Mendo'o told People's Daily.

Because of this experience in Jiangxi, Mendo'o has been particularly interested in China's practice in poverty alleviation.

"All the 832 once impoverished counties in China have got rid of poverty, and nearly 100 million poor rural residents in the country have shaken off poverty. China has achieved the poverty eradication target set out in the United Nations' 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development ahead of schedule," he said.

In order to dig deep into the great achievements to find out the secret of China's success, Mendo'o read about China's poverty alleviation policies and learned about the country's relevant measures, such as relocation of impoverished residents to more habitable places and the "pairing assistance" program under which developed provinces and cities provide assistance for less developed ones.

Through frequent visits across the country, Mendo'o has witnessed the tremendous changes in mountainous areas of China.

"In Guizhou, I saw bridges built among high mountains make travel easier for local people and help them embrace a better life; in northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region, I learnt that the country has led local people in wind prevention and sand fixation endeavors, which has effectively reversed desertification and achieved a win-win situation for economic growth and environmental governance," he said.

"China's development experience is of global significance. The country's fight against poverty and people-centered development philosophy have offered precious inspiration to other countries, especially African countries," Mendo'o noted.

At first Mendo'o learned Chinese merely out of interest; and now he has become a China hand. Over the past years, he has engaged more and more in the efforts to enhance the friendship between Chinese and African youths.

He has co-founded the China-Africa Youth Federation with his friends and frequently taken part in exchange activities for Chinese and African youths like China-Africa Young Leaders Forum held by the International Department of the Central Committee of the CPC.

"I'm helping African youths get a better understanding of China. And I hope more Chinese youths will know better about Africa," Mendo'o said.

Noting that young people play a critical role in strengthening the friendly ties between China and Africa, Mendo'o stressed that he is willing to continue making contributions to promoting the friendship between the Chinese and African people.

**People's Daily** 

#### New Delhi slams US panel report on religious freedom in India

#### **NEW DELHI**

INDIA has slammed the United States ity and its democratic ethos.' Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) over what it de-cial media platform quoted its comscribed as biased and inaccurate com- missioner David Curry, saying the ments on India.

the comments reflect a severe lack of pression of critical voices -- especially understanding of India, its constitution- religious minorities and those reportal framework and its plurality.

"We have seen the biased and inaccurate comments on India by the US Commisrepresent facts time and again in mission on International Religious Free- its statements and reports in pursudom (USCIRF)," Arindam Bagchi, India's ance of its motivated agenda. Such foreign ministry spokesperson said in actions only serve to strengthen conresponse to a media query on Saturday cerns about the credibility and obevening.

"These comments reflect a severe said. Agencies

lack of understanding of India and its constitutional framework, its plural-

On Saturday the USCIRF on its socommission is "concerned about the According to India's foreign ministry, Indian government's continued reing on and advocating for them."

"Regrettably, USCIRF continues to jectivity of the organization," Bagchi



Indian students participate in a procession to protest against barring Muslim girls wearing hijab from attending classes at some schools in the southern Indian state of Karnataka, in Kolkata, India. File photo

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Aruti Aces B outfit's players celebrate a wicket when the squad took part in one of the 2022 Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) SiSi Cup 30 Overs Division B League ties that took place in the city.

# **Aruti Aces B outfit storm into** 2022 DC SiSi Cup 30 Overs **Division B League semis**

By Guardian Reporter

ARUTI Aces B side has stormed into 2022 Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) SiSi Cup 30 Overs Division B League's semifinal after commanding a resounding seven-wicket win over Sandy's Super Strikers in the last eight stage's clash played recently.

The encounter's eventual winners made it to the last four in style whilst missing so many frontline batsmen and bowlers that helped them hold sway in

Sandy's Super Strikers had won the toss and elected to bat, scoring a formidable 152 runs all out in 29 overs of the 30-over clash.

There was some real good batting contribution by Mohammed Ali, Wasif Ali, and Harivadan Patel that made their

way back with two-digit figures. Harivadan was the top run-getter having notched 54 runs, blasting seven

boundaries and a sixer in his stint. Wasif was five runs short of a halfcentury in his 43-ball spell, which ended with the performer cracking five boundaries and six.

The top-order cricketer in the process made up for the flaws of opening cricketer Anand Monani that had endured a dismal showing.

Monani that is as well Sandy's Super Strikers' skipper was dismissed early on without a run to his name falling victim to Aruti Aces B squad's Jatin Prajapati bowling tricks.

Opener Mohammed chipped in with his 16 runs, whilst Anwar Mohamed slotted in at middle order and ended with 10 runs to his name.

The in-form Abhijit ended with a fourwicket haul for Aruti Aces B side in five overs a 5.40 economy rate.

Fellow bowlers, Emmanuel Peter and Prajapati compounded Sandy's Super Strikers' batting unit woes as the duo registered two wickets apiece.

Aruti Aces B squad ultimately managed to win the quarterfinal in some style, given the performers, in response, completed the chase in 23.1 overs.

Credit ought to go to the batting unit's openers Raza Vakil and Imran Khan that picked up the chase in the right mode.

Khan that posted 55 runs not out looked extremely relaxed, batting confidently from the very first over and striking Sandy's Super Strikers opening bowler for two boundaries.

The opening performer was very much complimented by Vakil that was equally ruthless.

Vakil struck Sandy's Super Strikers bowlers hard and his shots were awesome coming off the willow as the

cricketer hit the cover drive. The opening batsman hit Sandy's Super Strikers bowler Abhishek Rathod and the straight drive between long off

Vakil eventually did run out of steam but he had already set the chase well.

and long on was classic.

Aruti Aces B outfit is blessed with quite a few gifted players like Vakil.

After the cricketer's dismissal, in came Raza Baloch that went on to strike a big six off Sandy's Super Strikers' Tejas Patel

Baloch scored a quick 20 runs, giving company to Khan that also hit a clean six above long off that was akin to a simple flick of the wrist.

The clash was eventually won by Aruti Aces B squad in 23.1 overs for the loss of

four wickets. Khan returned not out and was in

the end adjudged the best player of the match. The DC-organized showdown has

brought together 16 teams that have been grouped into four. Group A has Aga Khan SC B, Caravans

Cricket Club B, Dar Black Panthers, and Malabar Cricket Club (MCC). Shree Kutchi Leva Patel SC (SKLPSC)

B, Sandy's Super Strikers, Patel Brotherhood A side, and Tamil Nadu Sports Club form Group B.

Group C constitutes Strikers B, Lions Castilla, K&P Constructions side, and Estim A squad.

Aruti Aces B side, Union SC, Upanga SC B, and Gymkhana B outfit are the clubs that make Group D

# Biashara United relegation a window into potentials of local clubs, pitfalls

By Correspondent John Kimbute

**EVERAL** Premier analysts appear to a difficult time absorbing the factual relegation of Biashara United from the top flight into what is known as the Championship.

The difficulty arises from the fact that the club did well in the previous season to appear among the top four, and given the sequence of good performance of then-champion Simba SC, participated in the second tier of the continental championship.

They put up a good performance Confederation tournament.

One pundit for instance tried to map out what Al Ahly Tripoli would either feel or react to hearing that their opponents in the Confederation Cup, who gave them a difficult time, had been relegated from the Premier League here.

The Libyan side is likely to be astonished at the news, which for once makes it that the Premier League is an especially difficult tournament if hard hitters of the previous year failed to put up a sufficient fight to remain in the tournament.

But the likely difficulty of the league does not explain everything, as it is also likely that there was vision adjustment, even a sentiment of relaxation.

For starters, Biashara United was founded in 1990 as Police Mara and in 2013 it was transformed into a civilian club side, renamed Biashara United Mara (BUM), having moved from the fourth division in 1995 to the First Division in 1997, which



Biashara United's players participate in training in Mara to shape up for the 2021/22 Premier League and CAF Confederation Cup fixtures. PHOTO: COURTESY OF BIASHARA UNITED

became the Premier League the their head coach from Francis following year.

ownership and management of the recruitment at that time being club had to do with changing rules, an assistant coach at hard hitters especially in the continental and Kakamega Homeboys. world federation, FIFA, limiting institutional clubs to one.

police team and one prisons team, and in the military there is a National Service side, to avoid any duplication.

This situation brings up the first enigma, of why a club that rose rapidly to the Premier League, did well to come to the top four in the 2020/21 season to feature in the the club. second-tier continental tourney, relegated.

In the absence of any 'investigative reporting on the ins and outs of what happened at the club, a few pertinent aspects are observable appear that the key issue was on the side, picking an assistant from the business side.

settled for the big time, just managed downhill, which implies that their to be in the Premier League, and at earlier good performance was that times showed nervous weaknesses they a good coach. in CAF appearances.

record is that the club side changed

Baraza to Patrick Odhiambo, both The change in the pattern of Kenyan tacticians, with the second

Before exiting the side in May 2021, the former coach had to project that In that sense, there is one the side opens their account for the new season by facing debutants Gwambina FC on September 6, seeking to put into play a different strategy.

As he left with a month or so to the conclusion of the season, and the side clinched the fourth position at the last minute, his departure cost

He was offered the same position could lose bearings so much as to be at Kagera Sugar, a club with more assured financial backing, and within weeks his impact at the new club was visible to all and sundry.

He was named Coach of the Month for January 2022 in the NBC from the outside, and it would Premier League, while his former other side of the border not far from It appears that the club never their Musoma home base, was going

As the market rules, he was soon One significant factum in the taken away by others, and their efforts to find a substitute did not

hit on a lucky find as it was in their earlier recruiting hit.

The better coach effect was visible in other teams, not just in the local Premier League but everywhere, while recruiting such a coach is one thing - as one can't tell who may succeed and who might find it more difficult.

Retaining the coach for several years, or registering initial success in the first year is not the easiest thing

In the past season, Simba SC had mixed results, Yanga was on cloud

This way, it is not easy to blame Biashara United for botching up the Premier League season, as they definitely couldn't have changed their resource base too rapidly to obtain some speedy forwards in the short registration window, or cut their second coach tenure within a couple of months after coming in, etc.

Depending on their resource base they could climb back to the Premier League, but experience shows that the 'conference' is brimming with experienced 'starters,' the way Ihefu SC has bounced back to the top flight.

It just needs to reorganize itself, but with other misdemeaours haunting them, it will be tough.



Gymkhana Cricket Club's players in a group photo after lifting the 2022 Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) SiSi Cup 40 Overs Division A1 League's silverware with four-wicket victory over Strikers Cricket Club in the final which took place recently. PHOTO: COURTESY OF DAR ES SALAAM CRICKET

# Simba new coach set to be involved in analyzing new signings

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

SIMBA SC Chairman Murtaza Mangungu has dismissed some comments from some Tanzania football analysts about the arrival of the club's new head coach Zoran Manojlovic, at a time the management has already roped in some players.

Manojlovic was announced as head coach of Simba SC on Tuesday, one day before the 2021/22 season came to a close, with the side announcing the departure of Zambian midfielder Rally Bwalya and center back Pascal Wawa from Côte d'Ivoire.

Mangungu dismissed the analysts' club and not just make decisions be-

comments about the Serbian coach cause we have that opportunity." after being interviewed by reporters earlier Friday

The Simba official disclosed: "There has been a lot of talks that the coach comes to the team and then finds leaders deciding to bring in players."

"Let me just assure you that our new coach will be well involved in analyzing the current players, then he will see who stays and we will also register by listening to him and advis-

ing him next time." "We can't just register players at a high cost and then just leave them, we want fans to be satisfied with the

"Coach Manojlovic will participate in the registration of all players at Simba SC."

Simba SC has already announced Zambian forward Moses Phiri, who will be part of its squad for next season's Premier League and CAF Champions League, which is scheduled to officially start in August.

In another development, Mangungu backed the club's Chief Executive Officer Barbara Gonzalez, who is lately at war with some of the club's stakeholders.

Barbara has been widely accused of being the obstacle to Simba SC development.

The situation became apparent after the departure of the club's former Head of Information and Communication, Haji Manara.

Barbara as well faced criticism from the club Directors' Board member, Kassim Dewji, that was recently interviewed by a radio station.

Ghanaian midfielder Bernard Morrison also cited the CEO as the source of his departure from Simba SC, particularly after the footballer refused to sign a new contract which he claimed was of little interest to him.

Mangungu said Simba SC's leadership had heard many complaints and

ridicule against the club's Chief Executive Officer but everyone accusing the official was asked to produce evidence that has not been put forward.

In an interview with reporters last Friday, Mangungu queried: "When you say Barbara has shortcomings, what are the shortcomings?"

"Now you say she has limitations and you do not mention them, how will we know?'

"Morrison says he is not satisfied, there are places he can file complaints, there are TFF, Soccer Players

Union, CAF, and even FIFA.' "The contract is two-sided, there is a player's side and Simba."

"Barbara is the executor of board's order, she does not do (activities) on her own, everything she oversees is the board's decision, her accusers may have blamed her based on her gender."

"If we test her on her success, Barbara is very successful, we clinched Premier League top honour, Federation Cup trophy and we even did well in the continental stage.'

"Simba also sold players, this season has not been good, if you say it is not enough due to this, it is not right because there are ups and downs."

#### Ronaldo asks for **United exit to play UCL** - sources

LONDON

CRISTIANO Ronaldo has made an official request to leave Manchester United this summer so he can continue to play Champions League football next season, sources have confirmed to ESPN.

The news was first reported by The Times.

The Portugal captain returned to United a year ago for a second stint at Old Trafford and scored 18 goals in 30 league appearances, but the team finished sixth in the Premier League and did not qualify for next season's elite European club competition.

Ronaldo, 37, has a contract with the Red Devils until June 2023, with an option to extend it for a further year, but has now asked to be transferred.

Sources have told ESPN that United have informed Ronaldo that he is not available for transfer this summer and that they expect him to stay for the remaining year of his contract.

ESPN understands that Chelsea, Bayern Munich and Napoli, among other clubs, are interested in adding Ronaldo.

Despite his stated respect and love for United and their fans, the former Real Madrid star feels he needs the motivation of playing in the Champions League in the last stage of his career. Ronaldo is said to view playing in the Champions League and competing for major trophies as essential.

United has appointed Ajax head coach Erik ten Hag to replace interim coach Ralf Rangnick, and during his unveiling last month, he said that Ronaldo was part of his plans for the coming season.

Ronaldo first joined United from Portuguese side Sporting CP in 2003.

He scored 118 goals in 292 games before leaving for Real Madrid in 2009, where he remained until joining Juventus in 2018.

Ronaldo failed to win the Champions League with Juve in his three seasons with the Turin giants, but he lifted the trophy with United in 2008 and four times with Madrid. He was the top scorer in Serie A for the last two seasons he was in Turin and scored 101 goals in 134

The former Real Madrid star has won 32 titles in his career, including seven league titles and five Champions

He captained Portugal to Euro 2016 glory and the 2019 **UEFA Nations League.** 

A five-time Ballon d'Or winner, Ronaldo is the men's world-record holder for most goals scored (117) in internationals.

He is set to captain Portugal at the World Cup later this

(Agencies)

#### Barcelona chief: I will do everything to keep De Jong

BARCELONA president Joan Laporta has insisted the club have no intention of selling Manchester United target Frenkie de Jong this summer.

Sources told ESPN earlier this week that United had agreed an initial €65 million fee with Barca for the Dutch midfielder, though it was said that there were still "significant" hurdles to overcome.

De Jong, 25, is United manager Erik ten Hag's top summer target but he is also a target of other clubs.

"Frenkie de Jong is a Barca player and he is considered as one of the best players in the world," Laporta told reporters on Saturday. "We know other clubs wants him, not just [Manchester] United and we have no intention to sell him. I have a feeling that the player wants to stay.

"He is happy at Barca and I'm going to do everything I can for Frenkie to remain."

De Jong is under contract with Barca until June 2026 and has said publicly that he would like to stay at the

Barca paid €75m for De Jong when they signed him from Ajax in 2019 with another €11m in potential add-

United are looking to bolster their midfield after the departures of Paul Pogba and Nemanja Matic at the end of the season. Matic has joined Roma on a free transfer while Pogba will join Juventus.

Barca sold 10% of their domestic television rights to Sixth Street last week for €207.5m and sources told ESPN on Friday that they are hopeful of selling another 15% of their rights in order to further ease their perilous financial situation and raise up to €200m for

Barca's gross debt still stands at around €1 billion and they are operating within a LaLiga salary limit of -€144m, which is the only negative cap in the league. The limits will be updated later this summer.

Barca face stern competition to sign Brazilian winger Raphinha from Leeds United this summer. Chelsea are reportedly prepared to pay £60m for the Brazilian winger while Tottenham are also monitoring the situation.

"We have spoken to Leeds," Laporta said of Raphinha. "We know he is a player that would like to come to Barca but there are also other clubs interested." Laporta clarified that Raphinha's potential arrival to the Camp Nou would not stop Barca from attempting to keep Ousmane Dembele at the club.

"It wouldn't exclude Dembele because the coach [Xavi] sees them as compatible," he said.

Dembele's contract at Barca expired last month and he is a free agent.

(Agencies)

# The Messi, Ronaldo era is over: How to work out the best players in the world

By Ryan O'Hanlon, ESPN.com

WARDS stupid, but we awards. In the United States, awards are such a prominent aspect of sports culture that we've reached the point where we're now arguing over semantics. With the Most Valuable Player (MVP) Award given in all the major sports, there's no real agreed-upon definition. Does it go to the most important player? The most outstanding? The best? Of course, it says "valuable" in the name, but what even is value? Are we talking value provided on the court? In the locker room? To the franchise's overall open-market valuation?

Like I said, it's dumb, but it's important. Awards voting serves as a historical record. Look at the top 10 in MVP voting in any given season in any given sport and you'll have a pretty good sense of who the most important players were that year. The order of those players often won't make a ton of sense, but the group of players usually serves as an accurate cast of key characters. Same goes for the All-NBA teams and the NFL's All-Pro

In soccer, we've got the Ballon d'Or, yes. But that is riddled with inconsistencies and the voting population isn't the most scrupulous. So many votes come down to a single game or two; people are swayed by rivalries, or the one time they saw that one player shine. Beyond the Ballon d'Or, most leagues have (POTY) awards, but the one else is close. processes are opaque and like in the Premier League, there's not a unanimously recognized single POTY award. In fact, there are more than one: Premier League POTY, Professional Football Association (PFA) Players' POTY, Football Writers' Association (FWA) POTY, PFA Fans' POTY.

Plus, these things are all skewed toward attackers and they don't have much of a place in the culture of the sport. Did you know that Antoine Griezmann and Cristiano Ronaldo have the same number of Spanish LaLiga Player of the Year wins? Didn't think so. They each have one; Lionel Messi has nine.

- O'Hanlon: Why trades don't happen in soccer

However, there's group of 14 European sports magazines -- two from both Germany and Netherlands, one each from England. Spain, Portugal, Turkey, Rus-Belgium, Den-France, Hungamark, ry and Italy -- that have been maintaining a consistent process that produces an American-sports style historical record.

Every month, the members of European Sports Media (ESM) vote on a best XI across the continent, and after each season, they add up the number of appearances in Team of the Month to determine the Team of the Year. This website contains ESM data going all the way back to the 1995-96 season. So, what can it tell us?

\*The Messi-Ronaldo era is officially over



Messi has made the ESM Team of the Month 84 separate times, and the Team of the Year in 14 different seasons -- both of which are way more than anyone else. In second, for both, is Ronaldo, with 51 appearances and nine Team of the Year spots. No one else has made more than 34 appearances. If you can extricate yourself from the never-ending arguments between people with CR7 in their Twitter handles or pictures of Messi holding a baby goat as their avatar, those numbers paint a pretty good picture of the era we just lived through. Messi is the most dominant and consistent player of the past 30 years -- and no one else is close. Ronaldo is the second-most dominant and consistent player of their Player of the Year the past 30 years -- and no

> In each of the previous 16 seasons, either Messi (14) or Ronaldo (9) has made the ESM Team of the Year. And then, this year happened. Neither Messi nor Ronaldo even made a single Team of the Month appearance.

The attackers who did: Karim Benzema (Real

Madrid): 6 Robert Lewandowski (Bayern Munich): 6

Mohamed Salah (Liverpool): 5 Vinicius Junior (Real

Madrid): 4 Kylian Mbappe (Paris

Saint-Germain): 2 - Dusan Vlahovic (Juven-

tus): 1 Erling

land (Borussia Dort-

mund): 1 Pierre-Emerick Au-

bameyang (Barcelona): 1 Rafael Leao (AC Mi-

lan): 1 - Sadio Mane (Liverpool):

The three attackers who made the 2021-22 Team of the Year were Benzema, Lewandowski and Salah. You can't really argue about that, can you? Though someone will find a way...

To put a slightly finer point on it, the last time the ESM Team of the Year didn't feature either Messi or Ronaldo was in 2004-05. The team:

- GK: Petr Cech (Chelsea) - DEF: Fabio Cannavaro (Juventus), Carles Puyol (Barcelona), John Terry (Chelsea)

- MID: Frank Lampard (Chelsea), Mark van Bommel (PSV), Deco (Barcelona), Ronaldinho (Barcelona)

- FW: Arjen Robben (Chelsea), Samuel Eto'o (Barcelona), Andriy Shevchenko (AC Milan)

Most of those guys are now managers, or coaches, or middling football executives. Ronaldinho recently spent time in a Paraguayan prison, where he won a suckling pig in a smallsided soccer tournament. Anyone else's back just seize up? No? Just me?

\*Is Kevin De Bruyne the best midfielder of the modern era?

Manchester The City midfielder has made ESM's Team of the Month 24 times. That's more than all but five other players: Messi, Ronaldo, Roberto Carlos (34), Dani Alves (31) and Sergio Ramos (26). This past season, De Bruyne made five appearances -- more than any other midfielder. The two other members of the Team of the Year's midfield were Real Madrid's Luka Modric (4) and De Bruvne's teammate at Man City, Bernardo Silva (3). And the only other midfielders to make more than one appearance were Barcelona's Pedri and Liv-

erpool's Thiago Alcantara. Among the many things you might have noticed about the list of players with more appearances than KDB: none of them

are midfielders. The five most selected midfielders after De Bruyne are:

- Xavi (Barcelona): 24

- Zinedine Zidane (Juventus/Real Madrid): 23 - Frank Lampard (Chel-

sea): 18 - Andres Iniesta (Barce-

lona): 18 - David Beckham (Man United, Real Madrid, AC

It might seem absurd to lump KDB in with some of

Milan): 14

those names -- and especially to put him ahead of them -- but I think these lists, in particular, do a really nice job of awarding a player for consistent excellence.

Rather than just looking

at a player's performance after the season ends, which invariably leads evaluators to overweight what happened in big games and matches toward the end of the season, this process rewards you just as much for playing well in September as in April. And, well, except for the one year he was hurt, De Bruyne has been a comprehensively dominant player in each of the past eight seasons. In seven of those eight, he has averaged at least 0.70 non-penalty goals+assists per 90 minutes -- elite attacking production despite of the Month appearances playing in the midfield.

He still lacks a true signature moment in a major tournament -- and he has yet to win the Champions League -- but he's the best midfielder of his generation. And even that might be underselling just how good he is.

\*Joao Cancelo and Trent Alexander-Arnold are both better than you think

Even if you think you've found true solitude, in a remote, snowy forest accessible only by helicopter and toboggan, if you so much as dare whisper the letters "TAA," someone will still inevitably pop out from behind a tree and a scream: "BUT CAN HE DEFEND?" Yet while Alexander-Arnold's reputation remains complicated for some, the ESM list has a pretty clear opinion on the Liverpool full-back: he's one of the best players in the world.

TAA has already made 11 total appearances in the berto Carlos (1997-98). And

only twice has a player appeared in all nine teams of the month: Messi in 2011-12 and Van Dijk in 2018-19. Van Dijk made the team

again this year (four Team of the Month appearances); he has now made it in all three of his full seasons for Liverpool. What makes this kind of record-keeping particularly interesting is how it allows you to compare players across positions,

Van Dijk has 18 Team of the Month appearances, which ties him for 19thmost with Iniesta, Lampard and Shevchenko and puts him one behind Luis Suarez and the Brazilian Ronaldo. That's fun! Among center-backs, he's sixth -- after Terry, Gerard Pique and Puyol (22); Paolo Maldini (23); and Ramos (26).

\*The media love Thibaut Courtois

Team of the Month -- tied

with the likes of Marce-

lo, Neymar and Kaka. Six

of those appearances came

this season, which earned

him his second appear-

ance in the Team of the

Year. There are 52 players

with more total appearanc-

es than Alexander-Arnold,

but they were all born at

least four years before

he was. If he keeps up his

current pace, he's going to

end his career right around

where Roberto Carlos and

The youngest player

ahead of TAA on the list is

Manchester City's Cancelo.

who turned 28 in May. He

has made 12 appearances

in the Team of the Month

and has made the Team of

the Year for two campaigns

running. In fact, this season

he led all players in Team

with seven. He didn't make

the team in September or

October, but he then ran

the table from November

just 17 other times has a

player made the Team of

the Month at least seven

- Messi (Barcelona): 6

- Ronaldo (Real Madrid):

And then nine other

players did it once: Virgin

van Dijk (Liverpool, 2018-

19): Roberto Carlos (Real

Madrid, 1997-98); Ronaldo

(Barcelona, 1996-97); John

Terry (Chelsea, 2004-05);

Carles Puyol and Ronald-

inho (Barcelona, 05-06);

Rio Ferdinand (Manchester

United, 2007-08); Nemanja

Vidic (Manchester United,

2010-11); Kevin De Bruyne

(Manchester City 2017-18.)

of a player hitting eight

of the nine months: Messi

(2010-11, 2017-18, 2018-19),

Ronaldo (2011-12), and Ro-

There are five instances

Since the '95-96 season,

through May.

times in a season:

Dani Alves are.

The other center-back in the 2021-22 Team of the Year was Chelsea's Antonio Rudiger, who made the first three Team of the Month appearances of his career. And behind him in the theoretical formation is his new Real Madrid teammate, goalkeeper Thibault Courtois, who did this in the Champions League fi-

After the game, Courtois said: "Today I needed to win a final for my career, for all the hard work, to put some respect on my name, because I don't think I get enough respect. Especially in England." He's not quite a Kevin Durant-level Twitter power-user, but Courtois will pretty much like any tweet that anyone sends out about how good he is at saving a soccer ball. And while he might be right about the English media, ESM loves the guy.

Courtois has made two Team of the Year appearances in his career -- this past season, plus 2013-14 with Atletico Madrid -and he has appeared in the Team of the Month 16 times. The only goalkeeper with more appearances is Juventus legend Gianluigi Buffon (17), who has been playing professional soccer for over 25 years. Bayern's Manuel Neuer, meanwhile, is the only keeper with more Team of the Year appearances (3) than Courtois.

Perhaps the 30-yearold Belgium international doesn't get enough respect, but maybe he's just not looking for validation in the right places. The ESM list is far from perfect -- there should be a space carved out for defensive midfielders -- but it's better than anything else we have. It's time we all start using it.

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# Yanga complete clean sweep of trophies with Azam Sports Federation Cup triumph Feisal Salum for Yanga and 1-0 home victory over Mtib-

The Messi, Ronaldo era is over: How to work out the best players in the world

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By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

OUNG Africans SC, alias Yanga, has completed a clean sweep of Tanzania's soccer competitions trophies this season after defeating Coastal Union in the Azam Sports Federation Cup final in Arusha on Saturday.

In all honesty, not many would have backed Coastal Union to stop Yanga even though this tournament is known for its upsets which have seen modest outfits beat the big

Yanga's midfielder, Salum Abubakar (R), negotiates his way past his Coastal Union counterpart Vincent Abubakar when the squads faced off in the 2021/22 Azam Sports Federation Cup (ASFC) final in Arusha on Saturday. Yanga won 4-1 on penalties to lift the trophy. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

guns in the climax.

However, Coastal Union's head coach Juma Mgunda had confidently said his boys would go out to Sheikh Amri Abeid Stadium and give their all.

Coastal Union did just that as netted by Heritier Makambo and league campaign last with a

both teams delivered an entertaining match, with no team sitting back and hoping to score on a counter.

The game was level at 2-2 after regulation times thanks to goals

Abdul Suleiman 'Sopu' who scored a brace for Coastal

Sopu completed his perfect hat trick which included a left foot, right foot, and header in the first extra time.

In a never say die attitude, winger Dennis Nkane equalized for Yanga in the second extra time quarter to make it a thrilling six-goal final.

The youngster who signed for Yanga from Biashara United did not get as much game time as he may have wanted in his half-season as a Yanga player but has now scored back-to-back goals.

The feat includes the equalizer that will be remembered as the pivotal moment that turned the tie, pushing the game into post extra time shootout.

eventually umphed in the post-extra time shootout. The victory saw the Green and Yellow outfit complete a clean sweep of trophies in domestic football this season and win a treble.

They wrapped up their

wa Sugar to finish unbeaten in their 28th Premier League

They had begun the campaign by defeating age-old rivals Simba SC 1-0 to lift the

Community Shield. It is undoubtedly one of the greatest seasons in Yanga history and head coach Nasreddine Nabi will now set his sights on a period of sustained dominance.

For now, the team will bask in being the best in Tanzania, and their fans will celebrate a stellar season for years to come.

Next season, Yanga and Simba SC will represent Tanzania in the CAF Champions League, and Azam FC and Geita Gold FC go into the second-tier CAF Confederation Cup.

Yanga also popularly known as 'Citizens' will start the next campaign as favourites to defend their three pieces of silverware, but it will no doubt be the CAF Champions League's Group Stage qualification that will be firmly on their radar.

# TFF opens proceedings against Yanga spokesman Manara

# Ngorongoro Half Marathon returns in 2022, runners to race in September

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

AFTER a one-year hiatus, the annual Ngorongoro Half Marathon returns this year, with the race slated for September.

Organized by Meta Sports Promotions, under the new coordination of Market Access, this year's installment of the Ngorongoro Half Marathon is expected to attract at least 2000 participants, covering the terrains of Karatu and Ngorongoro districts.

The event, running for 14 years now, is scheduled to take place on a rather attention-commanding date of September 11. It will be held on a Sunday.

Meta Petro, the Director of Meta Sports, said the 2022 Ngorongoro Half Marathon comprises three

"We have the main feature of the 21 kilometers Half Marathon, which gets flagged off at the Oloduare

Gate," he revealed. The Oloduare gate is the main entrance to both the Ngorongoro Conservation Area and Serengeti National Park when one travels from Arusha to the destinations.

Athletes will run from the Loduare Gate, down to Karatu Township, then onwards to the Rhotia Hill

From Rhotia they will turn back to Karatu heading to the finishing point inside the Mazingira Bora grounds. The other two shorter races of 5 kilometers and 10 kilometers will start at different spots in Karatu Town and also finish at Mazingira Bora grounds.

"Ngorongoro Half Marathon being an international marathon, we are working to improve the event and promote it further so that it may get the global limelight it deserves," George Damian Kohoye, one of the event promoters, stated.

Damian represents the Dar es Salaam-based Market Access, which deals with market research, events, promotions, consultancy, and general supplies, working also in Arusha and Mwanza cities.

Gabriel Geay from Talent Club of Arusha won the previous 2020 Ngorongoro Half Marathon, topping the men's category in completing the 21 kilometers race in one hour, four minutes, and 42 seconds.

Failuna Matanga also from Talent Club of Arusha, who covered the distance in one hour, 16 minutes, and three seconds, won in the women's category.

During the 2019 Ngorongoro Race, it was the Kenyan runner, Abraham Too who topped the event by running the distance in one hour, five minutes, and 59 seconds.

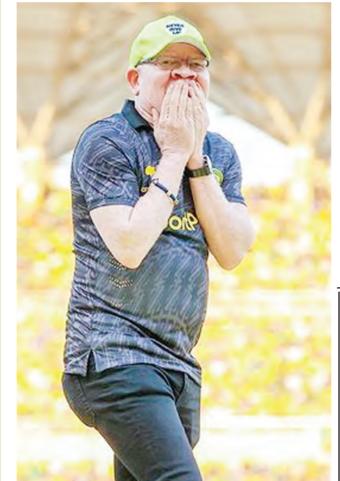
The event usually attracts athletes from Kenya, Uganda, and other regions of Tanzania.

In 2020 for the first time, a runner from Rwanda participated in the Ngorongoro Half Marathon. Last year the event had to be skipped due to the

COVID-19 pandemic.

Rogath Steven, Arusha Regional Athletics Association's secretary-general, noted the Ngorongoro Half Marathon has been producing several athletes who are currently representing the country in international events overseas.

Steven mentioned some of the runners as Failuna, Fabian Joseph, Gabriel Geay, and Damien Christian.



By Correspondent Michael

**TANZANIA** Football Federation (TFF) has announced that its Ethics Committee will open proceedings against Young Africans 'Yanga' spokesman, Haji Manara, over allegations of gross misconduct during Saturday's Azam Sports Federation Cup final in Arusha.

Wallace Karia before Yanga took on Coastal Union in the Federation Cup final which ended in a postextra-time penalty shootout victory for the league champions.

In a short clip doing the rounds on social media, Manara is seen in a heated conversation with president Karia just before kickoff at Sheikh Amri Abeid Stadium.

On Sunday, Manara took Manara is reported to to his Instagram page to have used offensive lan- comment on what had guage to TFF president happened while denying

allegations of insulting the TFF presi-

He insisted he would pursue legal action against those peddling false stories to ruin his reputation and tarnish his brand.

Later on, TFF through a press release confirmed Manara has been charged before the Ethics Committee for gross misconduct.

"The Secretariat of the Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) has filed a case against Young Africans club officer Haji Manara to the Ethics Committee for alleged misconduct," read the press release.

"The Ethics Committee through its Chairman has already been notified

of the complaint against Manara, so it will set a date for the hearing and the complainant will be notified."

"TFF reminds football family members that they are bound by the rules and regulations of the game, so they need to be careful in their actions and statements about football."

This is not the first time the former Simba SC spokesman finds himself in

Five years ago, the TFF independent Ethics Committee banned Manara from taking part in any football activity (administrative, sports, or any other) at both national and

international levels for 12 months. Manara was also fined 9m/- for gross misconduct but was later on pardoned.

In August last year, Manara controversially crossed from Simba SC to Yanga claiming that he was being taken for granted by the former where he worked for more than seven years as the club's spokesperson.

The official disclosed: "I will work like a donkey, an institution becomes bigger because of the people and we are the people."

"Thank you Simba SC fans for supporting me when I was with you, but now it's time to support the best team in East and Central Africa," Manara said upon his unveiling at Jangwani Street side.



One of Celta Vigo Football Club's coaches drill Tanzania's local coaches at Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete Youth Park in Dar es Salaam last weekend. The Spanish Premier League club coaches are in Tanzania for 10-day session courtesy of Magnet Football Academy. PHOTO: **CORRESPONDENT JOSEPH MCHEKADONA** 

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