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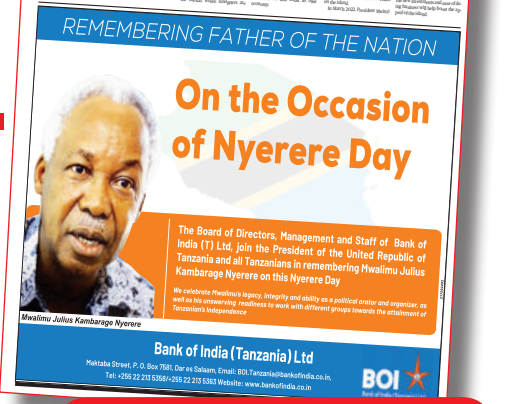


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AG avoids tribunal disputes with firms, saving 6.65 billion/-

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

THE Attorney General (AG) office has reduced the number of disputes against the government filed in courts and other tribunals within and outside the country while saving billions of shillings that could have been spent to deal with the disputes.

Solicitor General Dr Boniface Luhende said at the Workers Council meeting for the 2022/23 financial year for the AG chambers, noting that the government earned 6.65bn/- from one telecommunications firm by amicable settlement.

In the past four years of representing the government in courts and tribunals, the office has handled 6,043 cases where 5,885 were civil cases and 158 related to settlements out of court, he said.

Civil cases finalised in the last four years numbered 582 and 60 were settled, where the government won in 530 civil cases and in 31 through out of course settlement, he stated.

Citing directives by President Samia Suluhu Hassan, the AG chambers seek to represent the government in due and proper form by finalising various disputes against investors and others through amicable pursuits, he said.

"This has assisted in reducing the number of court disputes against the government within and outside the country," he said.



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This enabled saving government funds for litigation, while cementing relations with investors, he remarked.

Settling cases out of court has also helped in building trust with investors in relation to the provision of justice in commercial issues, which assists the country's push for economic diplomacy, he observed.

He highlighted a settlement case filed by G.S Engineering & Construction Corporation (South Korea) and the Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC) to which the government was attached, along with a dispute between SMEC International against the Rural Energy Agency (REA) and several other cases.

A robust ICT system, the case inventory management system (CIMS) is now operational for registering various cases and what is being done to resolve them, he said.

Strengthening data collection on various cases, making follow-ups on cases was being accelerated, as well as reviewing civil cases and those earmarked for settlement," he further noted.

The chambers had prepared guidelines to supervise the vetting of attorneys tasked with handling cases, he added.



An instructor (R. with microphone) with the newly established Chinese-built vocational educational and training centre which President Samia Suluhu Hassan inaugurated yesterday at Burugo in Bukoba, Kagera Region, briefs the president and Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa on operations at the centre's workshop. Photo: State House

Samia: Prioritise VETA graduates in 'soft loans'

By Henry Mwangonde

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan yesterday directed district councils to prepare a database of graduates from vocational training institutions in their areas and prioritize them in the provision of soft loans.

Gracing the handing over of a Vocational Education Training Authority (VETA) complex in Bukoba municipality, Kagera Region, the president said that the loans need to focus on enabling the youths purchase equipment to employ themselves.

District councils set aside 10 per cent of their revenues for a revolving fund to finance loans to women and youth (four per cent per group) along with people with disabilities (two per cent).

Out of the 139 districts on the Mainland districts, 77 have VETA colleges, while the government pursues plans to ensure each district has a VETA college, she stated.

For each college, the Samia Scholarship Fund will offer 20



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scholarships to needy students, ten girls and ten boys, with the government taking up all the charges. It will use up to 1bn/- as running costs for the college, she stated.

Regional and district authorities need to create a database for youth going through vocational training, so that they are eligible for council loans after graduating, she elaborated.

The government was setting aside funds to enable VETA colleges to be equipped with various machinery for trainees to learn how to use them, along with other technologies, so that VETA instruction is up to date in vocational or professional skills needs, the president underlined.

Technicians from such colleges will be in a better position in seeking the required labour force in strategic projects like the Julius Nyerere hydropower project and the standard gauge railway (SGR), she said.

Building colleges for vocational skills training seeks to

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TPA improves three ports, eyes 27m tonnage by 2024



By Guardian Reporter, Bagamoyo

THE Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA) is set to boost capacities of the Dar es Salaam, Tanga and Mtwara ports to handle 27.5m tonnes of cargo by the 2024/2025 financial year.

Plasduce Mbossa (pictured), the director general, made this observation here yesterday at a media capacitation meeting, affirming that the key objective is to increase capacities of our ports competitively in the east and central Africa region.

shoreline.

TPA has completed the 2022-2045 port master-plan that sets out the required efficiency levels for Tanzanian ports, he said, appealing for investments in purchasing modern plants and an improved port management systems.

There is need to bring in two private operators at berths five to seven as well as eight to 11 offering container services to increase efficiency, he said.

TPA is drilling the ship entry way to expand the depth and width of the pathway from 10.5meters to 16meters and from 145meters to 170meters, respectively. It has also completed the extension of berth (roll yard), which is particularly useful for vehicles, with a nine-hectare yard accommodating up to 6,000 vehicles, he said.

TPA has been advised to bring in the private sector through public-private partnership (PPP) for construction of berths number 12 to 15 at the Dar es Salaam port to meet existing cargo handling projections for the local

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House in mourning again as MP from Zanzibar dies

By Guardian Reporter

PARLIAMENT was in grief again as Amani MP Mussa Hassan Mussa (CCM) died at his home in Zanzibar, yesterday.

Dr Tulia Ackson, speaker of the National Assembly, made this announcement yesterday, sending a condolence message to the family of the deceased, relatives, friends, MPs and the people of Amani constituency.

"I am shocked and saddened by the news of the death of Mussa (63). May the Almighty grant them patience and perseverance

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market and neighbouring countries, he stated.

The port is the main gateway to the country's economy, with Dar es Salaam port strategically placed as a convenient regional freight linkage, he declared.

The port can handle upwards of 10m tonnes of cargo annually, billed as 4m tonnes of dry general cargo, 6m tonnes of liquid bulk and 1m tonnage in containers, he said.

The port is the fourth biggest facility on Africa's eastern coast, handling more than 90 per cent of the country's maritime trade and serving landlocked countries like the Democratic Republic of Congo, Malawi, Uganda, Zambia, Rwanda and Zimbabwe.

It has direct connections to these countries in their trade links with the Middle East, the Far East plus Australia, Europe and the Americas, he added.

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address unemployment among the youth, constituting the biggest section of the population, she stated.

Having the college in place indicates the government's desire to add value to primary and secondary education so that youths get the right skills to fit into productive and service rendering activities where they are, she said.

Casting a glance at the forthcoming Nyerere Day event, she said that the government was committed to the fight against the three enemies of the nation, stipulated by the founding father Julius Nyerere upon independence.

Investment which the government was making in the education sector demonstrates this commitment, she emphasised.

The college was built with Chinese support, she said, noting that China has been very supportive to Tanzania in strategic sectors like education and transportation, among others.

"China has continued to show

that it is a trusted friend to depend on, to expect support from but also to rely upon during times of need," the president underlined, stressing that the government will always cherish its excellent bilateral relations with China which have existed for decades.

Earlier, Education minister Prof Adolf Mkenda said the college will host 400 students for longer training and 4000 short course students involving plumbing and welding, in particular.

The government has set aside over 100bn/- to build VETA colleges in 67 districts countrywide, to enhance youth skills and know-how, he stated.

Earlier, resident Chinese ambassador Chen Mingjian said the support provided for construction of the centre is a practical demonstration of China's commitment in supporting Tanzania's industrialization drive.

The centre will have 400 trainees for long courses and more than 1000 for short courses, providing hostel space for 200 male and 120 female trainees, she added.

UN agencies launch joint programme to accelerate empowerment of women

By Guardian Reporter

THE Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO), International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) and UN Women have launched a five-year programme to accelerate women empowerment.

Funded by Norway and Sweden, the \$ 5 million project will benefit more than 8,000 rural women in Singida, Dodoma and Zanzibar by helping to secure their livelihoods through resilience in the agriculture sector.

In Tanzania, food is produced by smallholder farmers, with women accounting for the majority of the labour force and earning 80 per cent of their income from subsistence farming.

However, gender inequalities rooted in discriminatory patriarchal systems and social norms hinder women from accessing agricultural extension services, markets, land and formal financial services.

Speaking at the launch, Suleiman Masoud Makame, Minister of Blue Economy and Fisheries said: "Gender equality is crucial to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. Tanzania recognises this and has adopted policies that advance gender equality. As a government we recognise and appreciate the continued partnership by the UN in Tanzania to support our efforts towards advancing gender equality especially in the agriculture sector. This joint programme by FAO, IFAD, WFP and UN Women is a demonstration of this continued support."

The programme will build women's capacity on climate smart agriculture to respond to climate crisis challenges which disproportionately affect women due to their reduced access to agricultural resources, lack of decision-making authority and

weak adaptation strategies.

"It is clear that rural women are facing a number of challenges that are impacting their ability to increase their productivity and incomes. We need to step up our support both now and into the future to help address these challenges and support rural women's pathways to progress," said Sima Bahous, Executive Director, UN Women.

"The launch of this joint programme is timely as it comes at a time when the agriculture sector is faced by a myriad of challenges. The collaboration between the four UN agencies - FAO, IFAD, WFP and UN Women, brings together specialist expertise in agriculture, rural development and gender that are key to addressing the challenges and building resilience. The time for action is now," said Sarah Gordon-Gibson, WFP Country Director and Representative, on behalf of the implementing agencies.

The COVID-19 pandemic also impacted the agricultural sector and local food systems through restricted market access and increased costs of inputs. The project will provide business development, leadership training and access to markets for self-help groups, by supporting existing and new Village Savings and Loans Associations to become officially registered and access financing.

The project in Tanzania is part of the second phase of a global programme also being implemented in Nepal, Niger, the Pacific Island and Tunisia. The first phase of the programme was launched in 2014 in Ethiopia, Guatemala, Kyrgyzstan, Liberia, Nepal, Niger and Rwanda.



Gender equality is crucial to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals



Finance and Planning minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba (C) pictured at the International Monetary Fund headquarters in Washington, DC, yesterday chairing a meeting of the Fund's First Group of the African Region (Africa Group 1 Constituency), which comprises the finance ministers and central bank governors of 23 African countries. It was in continuation of the ongoing annual meetings of the World Bank and the IMF. Photo courtesy of Ben Mwaipaja

Govt presents ambitious ten-year national environment master plan

By Jenifer Gilla

THE government has presented to stakeholders, an ambitious 10-year National Environmental Master Plan for strategic Interventions which highlight key priority areas to restore nature.

Presenting the plan yesterday in Dar es Salaam, Assistant Director of the Environment Department, in the Vice President's Office Dr Thomas Bwala, said they have identified nine areas that need to be prioritized and the steps taken to bring nature back to its routine.

Dr Bwala mentioned some of the areas as land degradation, deforestation and forest degradation, deterioration of water sources, degradation of wetlands and freshwater bodies, invasive species, loss of wildlife habitat and biodiversity, and the impacts of

climate change.

"For each challenge, this ambitious plan defined the situation, and we explained the reasons that led us to where we are, what effects have emerged, and what steps should be taken," he said.

Dr Bwala also stated that all stakeholders, including the private sector, will collaborate to ensure that everyone takes action with the primary goal of improving the country's environment.

"We must obtain our needs from the environment, and it is critical that the environment be protected in order for tomorrow to be strong. In Mpungu's agricultural area, for example, we all require rice. What if there is insufficient water to grow rice? Everyone should recognise that we must meet our needs while also protecting the environment

that provides us with water and food," he stated.

He stated that the main goal is to set priorities and show the areas that each of them should follow in order to have sustainable development, including health and the thresholds that must be met.

Mary Maganga, the Principal Secretary in the Vice President's Office said they prepared the plan because Tanzania has different environments due to its size.

"There is a problem with breeding that does not follow the procedure; it is destroying our land and destroying natural vegetation. We have shown which regions have faced this challenge, and how tree cutting is causing drought in various areas, as well as which regions are experiencing this problem," Maganga stated.

She gave an example that

there are areas where there are mangroves, people cut wood to make wood, destroying the natural vegetation.

"We have identified all of the environmental challenges that affect our country and made recommendations so that everyone can see responsibility for restoring the country to its natural vegetation," Maganga said.

She also stated that during the session, they met with development stakeholders who assist them in various areas, particularly the environment, to show them what they have been working on.

She also elaborated that stakeholders will look at areas where they can collaborate over the next ten years to see what can be done to help the country's environmental care.



Workers' Compensation Fund director general Dr John Mduma (L) presents booklets and brochures on the Fund's activities to Mihayo Juma Nunga, Chairperson of the Zanzibar House of Representatives Constitutional Committee, who toured the WCF headquarters in Dar es Salaam on Wednesday. It is reported that Zanzibar is planning to introduce a similar fund of its own. Story on Page 3. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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during these tough times," she said, noting that her office was working with the MP's family on funeral arrangements.

Shaka Hamdu Shaka, the ruling party secretary for Ideology and Publicity, said in a statement that the party had lost an honest member who made immense contributions

to the party.

He was profoundly concerned with the development of the people in his constituency and the nation at large, he said, asserting that the party had lost a staunch leader and a faithful member of CCM.

He was a revolutionary, a person who loved to dedicate himself to the development of the people, so his

contribution will not be forgotten, the statement intoned.

Mussa was constituency MP since 2010 and held various positions in the party, chroniclers say, noting that his death brings to seven the number of MPs to have so far died since the 12th Parliament started work, late 2020, with two being Special Seats MPs.

The list includes Muhambwe MP Atashasta Ndiye. Ushetu MP Elias Kwandikwa who also Defence and National Service minister at the time of his death, William ole Nasha (Ngorongoro), Said Khatibu Haji (Konde-ACT Wazalendo), Martha Jachi Umbula and Irene Ndyamukama, both Special Seats MPs.



Access Microfinance Bank Tanzania CEO Julius Ruwaichi pictured in Dar es Salaam at the weekend feeding Customer Service Week cake to a customer at the bank's Temeke branch. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Z'bar eyes a fund of its own for compensating workers

By Guardian Reporter

THE Zanzibar House Minor Laws Committee led by its Chairman, Mihayo Juma Nunga recently visited the offices of Workers Compensation Fund (WCF) in Dar es Salaam to learn about various issues in regard to workers' compensation. Speaking after meeting with WCF officials led by its Director General,

Dr John Mduma, Nunga said the visit has enabled them understand how the law on workers' compensation is implemented.

"To us this issue is new, the procedures thereof for paying compensation to workers who are injured, incapacitated or dies at work places have not been formulated," he said.

He said they have seen how

many people have benefitted from WCF hence it was the right time for Zanzibar to have a similar Fund, just like WCF.

Earlier, the Managing Director of Zanzibar Social Security Fund (ZSSF) Ali Nassor Shaaban said the Fund is in preparation to establish a similar compensation fund for workers.

"We have decided that before

we establish the institution it would be better to learn about its working from WSCF in the mainland according to Zanzibar's environment," he said.

Meanwhile, WCF boss, Dr Mduma said WCF has seven years' experience in regard to paying compensation to workers hence it was the appropriate time to exchange views on the better way to operate these organs.

"We have explained to them how we fared in these seven years and we have learnt a lot on what they have been asking and we believe they have learnt a lot as well," he elaborated.

TRC told to retrain staff on SGR to ensure safety

By Correspondent James Kandoya

DEPUTY Minister for Works and Transport Atupele Mwakibete yesterday directed management of the Tanzania Railways Corporation (TRC) to retrain its staff on the new standard gauge technology to ensure safety of passengers, tracks and trains.

Mwakibete issued the directives in Dar es Salaam at a function to wind up the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) rail authorities to commemorate the Southern African Railway Association (SARA) safety week.

He said the commemoration follows a resolution by the SARA board to set aside a week in October every year to increase public awareness on railway safety to curb accidents and fatalities on the track.

Also, railway safety week is also meant to ensure that the region has a joint regional advocacy for railway safety practices, which conform to the SADC Sara railway safety standards.

He said TRC, Tanzania and Zambia Railway Authority (TAZARA) and Land and Transport Regulatory Authority (LATRA) must ensure retrain its staffs even abroad to cope with new technology.

"Rail safety is very important. Knowing how to navigate the railways in a safe and secure manner is vital," he said.

He mentioned some of factors causing rail accidents including fire, collisions, derailments, and unattended railway crossings.

According to train accident records, derailments and railway crossings generate significant accidents.

While every case is unique, the most common causes of train accidents include negligence, human error, reckless pedestrians, and drivers.

He also tasked TRC to take action against negligent staffs who will be

implicated in accidents.

Deputy Minister said railway safety awareness campaign should be sustainable across the country to ensure the public is aware of rules and laws hence avoid reckless accidents.

LATRA's Director General Habibu Suluo said the commemoration was call of action for TRC and TAZARA to ensure challenges becomes opportunities.

"It was time to self-evaluate our services offered to customers and improve them," he said.

TRC director general Masanja Kadogosa said rail safety was one of major priorities as they are prepared to run the new standard gauge rail.

He expressed hope to get more experience from the long experienced The Korea Railroad Corporation (KORAIL) that according to him has proved safety by 99.8 percent.

He said rail/road level crossings in the country have been scenes of many horrific accidents as vehicle drivers ignore traffic rules and try to cross these intersections in front of oncoming trains.

TAZARA director general Bruno Ching'wandu said that there should be open space between rail tracks and the human activities including infrastructures.

Furthermore, the public should disclose the names of unfaithfully people who steal some components of bridges hence cause accidents.



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NORWEGIAN CHURCH AID VACANCY

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Job Location : Pemba
Reporting to : Programme Manager

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Application deadline is Monday, 24th October 2022.

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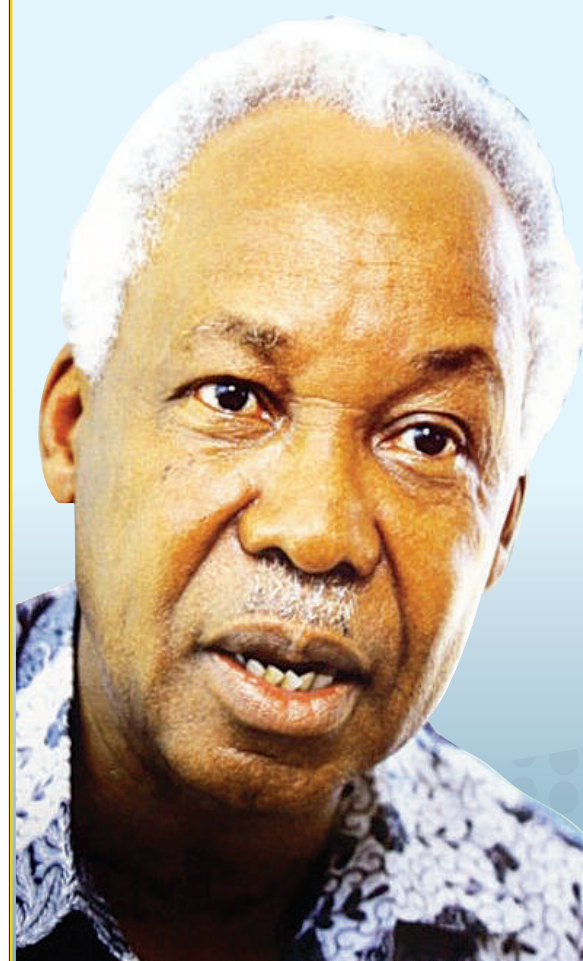


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Govt orders law enforcers: Take immediate measures against all those linked to environmental destruction

By Correspondent Michael Sikapundwa, Morogoro

THE government has directed law enforcers to be accountable and take immediate steps against people associated with environmental degradation.

Minister of State in the Vice President's Office (Union and Environment), Selemani Jafo gave the directive yesterday at Kilakala Girls Secondary School in Morogoro Region at the ongoing 'Soma na Mti' campaign organised by the national environmental ambassador, Chage Alex through the vice president's office.

The event brought together educational officials, over 100 students from nearby schools, officials from the regional office, International Centre for Sustainable Investment (ICSI) and National Environment Management Council (NEMC).

Jafo said the tree planting campaign is conducted in Morogoro Region to promote environmental conservation and educate residents on the impacts of burning forests.

He said Morogoro is among the top regions that have lost its biodiversity through environmental degradation including bush fires.

"The government will take immediate steps against anyone who discourages movement to protect the environment. Our plans are to plant 276 million trees per year. To reach the target each of the council is required to plant 1.5 million trees," he said.

According to the minister, environmental conservation includes other activities such as cleanness, use of improved stoves and recycling materials as an alternative energy source.

"May I congratulate authorities

in Dar es Salaam Region; the city emerged number one in last year's cleanness category, followed by Katavi Region which was the first one in natural forest conservation. Morogoro was named the best in terms of high speed of protecting the environment through planting trees," he added.

National Environmental Ambassador, Chage Alex called upon stakeholders to support the 'Soma na Mti' campaign because it also targets to plant fruit trees which are useful in protecting the environment and a source of income for individuals.

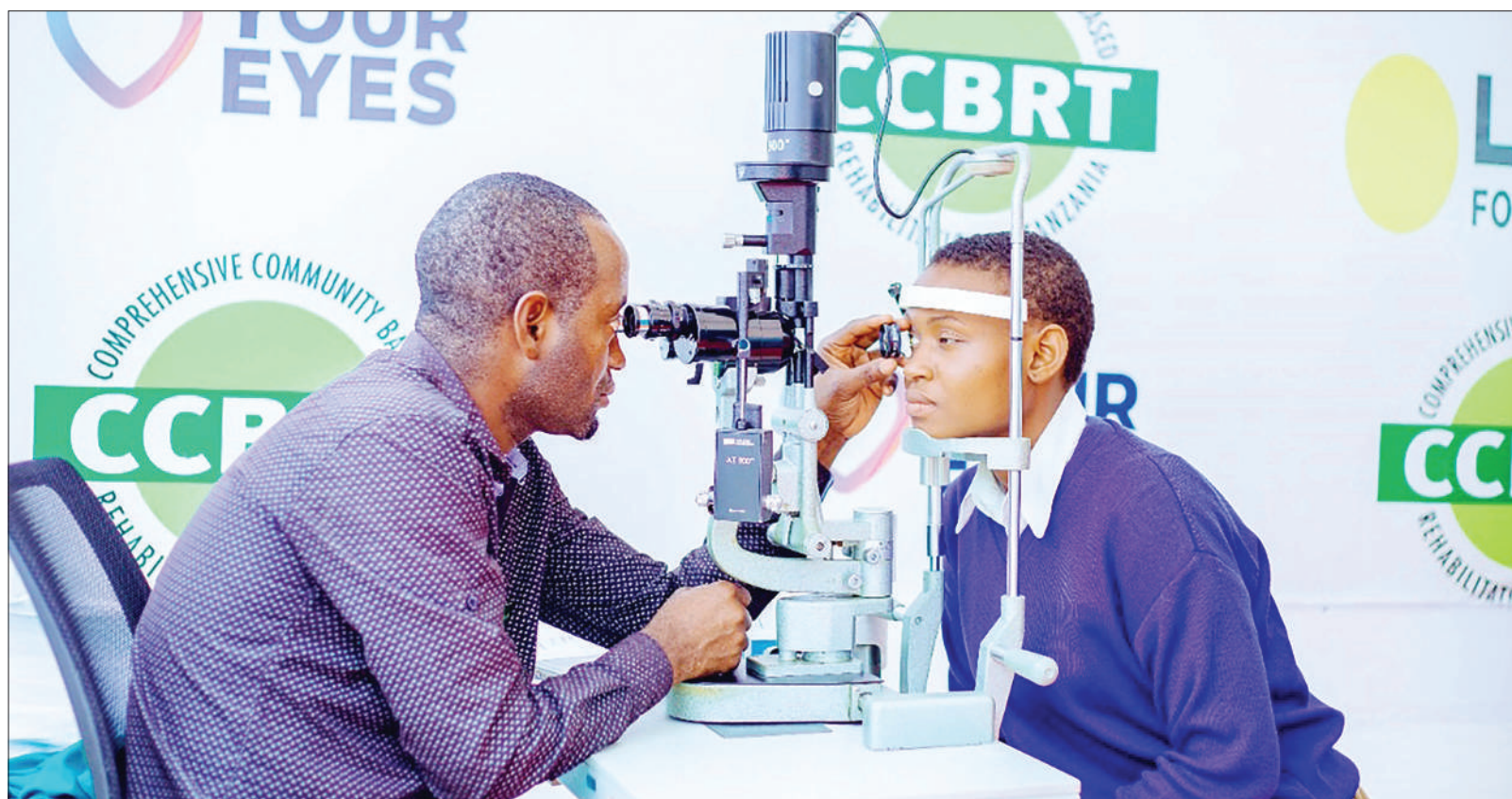
"Reports show that trees planted in residential areas and public offices are not part of increasing income; under the 'Soma na Mti' campaign we are going to plant seven hundred trees across the country annually. We target to plant 12 million trees before 2030," said Alex.

Chief Executive Officer, My birthday tree campaign, Festo Mwandene said there are many tree planting campaigns but are not sustainable.

"We launched the campaign to make sure every individual plants a tree when celebrating his/her birthday. Through this programme, it is our hope that youth, elderly and disabled will plant trees," he said.

Acting Regional Administrative Secretary, Eng. Ezron Kilamhama said they have strategies for restoration of natural vegetation through tree planting campaigns which includes residents along the Uluguru Mountains.

"We insist people to plant trees that are friendly in residential areas. We are also planning to establish a clove plantation in the Uluguru Mountains, our regional officials are in Zanzibar to learn on how to start the clove farms," said Kilamhama.



Dr Katuta Ramadhan (L), an eye care specialist with Dar es Salaam's CCBRT hospital, is pictured yesterday attending to a student at an eye health camp for students of the city's Benjamin Mkapa Secondary School and Uhuru Machanganyiko Primary School. The event was organised by the hospital in partnership with Light for the World Tanzania to mark World Sight Day (October 13). CCBRT and Light for the World - Belgium have had a long-term partnership in providing eye care in Tanzania. Photo courtesy of CCBRT

Gwajima underlines need to invest in young girls' skills, level of confidence

By Guardian Reporter

THE Minister for Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups, Dr Dorothy Gwajima, has underscored the need to invest in building young girls skills and confidence to enable them to make positive changes in their communities and countries.

She was speaking in Dar es Salaam at an event to celebrate the International Day of the Girl Child whereas the UN Women and the government co-hosted a high-level meeting bringing together emerging young women leaders with women ministers and leaders in health, education and gender equality.

The high-level meeting was part of a UN Women programme supported by PEPFAR to offer leadership, training

and mentorship opportunities to empower young women and increase their access to decision-making spaces in the HIV response.

"Mentorship is a key ingredient for building strong leaders. Many of these young women will one day be in our shoes and hold positions of influence. As established leaders, we should open doors and invest in building their skills and confidence," said the minister.

Sima Bahous, Executive Director of UN Women said: "By bringing together established and emerging women leaders across Africa, and with the support of partners, this intergenerational collective of African women leaders will ensure that the voices of women of all ages inform decision-making around the HIV response. This is key to ensuring that

the HIV response going forward meets the needs of everyone including young women."

In sub-Saharan Africa, every two minutes an adolescent girl or young woman was newly infected with HIV in 2021 alone - an estimated 4,900 new infections each week.

U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator and Special Representative for Health Diplomacy Ambassador Dr John Nkengasong, who oversees PEPFAR said: "To end the HIV/AIDS pandemic, we have to address the prevention, care and treatment, educational, economic and other inequities that leave adolescent girls and young women vulnerable."

He said through programmes like D.R.E.A.M.S., countries can expand efforts to empower adolescent girls and young women and build

partnerships at the community level to increase efforts to eliminate the barriers that leave young women at higher risk for contracting HIV.

"At PEPFAR, we are increasing our investment to close known gaps in HIV prevention services among adolescent girls and young women by nearly 20 percent for fiscal year 2023. PEPFAR cannot do it alone and that is why our partnerships with UN Women, UNAIDS, the Global Fund, partner countries, communities, among other key partnerships, are so critical. We are all committed to a collective and coordinated response," he said. "It's time for young women to take the lead and have our voices heard so we can influence decisions around HIV policies, programmes and budgets," said Rahma Seleman Jumanne, youth advocate from Tanzania.

She added: "It's very powerful for us young leaders to see so many established government leaders stand with us and call for change."

Despite investments in ICT, case backlogs still a challenge in Judiciary

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

DESPITE capitalising on high-tech Information and Communication Technology (ICT), case backlogs remain a major challenge in the judiciary, it has been revealed.

Current statistics from the judiciary show that as of August 31, 2022 there were about 1,307 cases in the high court of Tanzania.

Speaking during the meeting for the Judicial Service Commission (JSC) and judiciary stakeholders here, Principle Judge, Mustapher Siyani said participation of stakeholders in ensuring that case backlogs were being reduced,

participation of stakeholders was key.

"Tremendous strides have been made in reducing the backlogs, however, we still have several cases in court and as of August 31, 2022 we had about 1,307 cases in the high court equivalent to 9 percent of 13,778 cases pending at different courts," he noted.

Siyani mentioned some stakeholders as advocates who he urged to refrain from using technical loopholes to delay the hearing of cases.

Judge Siyani said their target was to see the judiciary using ICT in filing, hearing and determination of all cases by 2025.

According to him, the judiciary had taken several steps in installing ICT

equipment in different court buildings as well as connecting the courts to the national fibre optic cable.

Also, the Principle Judge added, the judiciary was at the final stages of applying artificial intelligence in the courts which will be used in legal interpretations and activities in the country.

Speaking at the occasion, Judge-in charge of the Dodoma Zone, Gerson Mndemu, said there was no need for lawyers to file cases in courts while they had a clear legal knowledge that there was not enough evidence.

"Not every client is interested in hearing the final verdict of the courts, others want to hear the final advice from

advocates and they are ready to pay the legal consultation fees," he said.

According to him, the initiative would help in reducing case backlogs as well as reducing unnecessary disputes in the communities.

Earlier when officiating the meeting, Chief Justice (CJ) Professor Ibrahim Juma, said that almost 100 percent of the cases were being filed, heard and determined via ICT systems in the country.

The CJ who doubles as the Chairperson of the JSC was optimistic that capitalising on technology would help remove several challenges and technicalities that were being presented by people in the judiciary.

Govt improves NGOs registration conditions to ensure accountability

By Guardian Reporter, Arusha

THE government says it was forced to make improvements to the NGOs regulations on registration so as to ensure accountability in their operations.

The remarks were made here on Tuesday this week by the Registrar for NGOs, Vickness Mayao at the International Transparency and Accountability Conference (ITAC 2022) while responding to a question asked to the Managing Director of the Foundation for Civil Society (FCS) Advocate Francis Kiwanga.

Kiwanga, among others said there is need for the government to "reduce the severity of conditions for registration and NGOs operations, including the need to report to the government every time they receive sponsorship for projects costing over 20m/- each."

Elaborating, Vickness said: "We did that in good faith in ensuring there is accountability. How do I assess the project's implementation while I do not know its cost?"

She assured NGOs that the government has opened doors recognizing the organisations are the right way to quickly reach the community in mobilising it to participate in government activities.

"We all know that President Samia Suluhu Hassan has shown the need to cooperate with these organisations, and the government opened its doors. Now you, NGOs, what is your agenda in grabbing opportunities provided by the government? "The political will is there, what do NGOs want to participate in? You should look for these opportunities instead of merely sitting and complaining that you are not involved," she stressed.

Earlier, contributing to the debate on the need for the civil society organisations (CSOs) to motivate the involvement of the people, FCS Managing Director Francis said if there will be no transparency Kiwanga said there is no good governance, accountability and community involvement.

He said: "Transparency, accountability and community participation is the backbone for good governance. Laws and policies formulated by the parliament, people should come up to improve them.

"The government invests a lot of funds in water projects for example, but 34 per cent of these projects do not operate. If you make a follow up to the District Executive Director (DED), he will say he does not know where the problem is, but the truth is, it is just a small issue needing the community to participate in purchasing a few items, after which the project continues."

Kiwanga also advised the government and its stakeholders to take steps in order to ensure there is a huge involvement of the people in elections. "It is a good thing that President Samia said the process for a new constitution should go on. The question now is, what are the prospects of the people in regard to their participation? If we provide our opinions or the opinions of just a small group of people will it be taken into consideration?"



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National Steering Committee, Management and Staff of Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF), join Her Excellency, The President of United Republic of Tanzania **Hon. Samia Suluhu Hassan** and all Tanzanians to commemorate the 23rd Memorial Anniversary of Father of the Nation, Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere

TASAF continues to support Government initiatives geared at reducing poverty to the vulnerable poor as strongly advocated by Mwalimu Nyerere

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Julius Kambarage Nyerere
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23RD ANNIVERSARY OF THE FATHER OF THE NATION

The Board of Directors, Management, Employees and Contractors of Geita Gold Mining Limited (GGML) join H.E Samia Suluhu Hassan, President of the United Republic of Tanzania and all Tanzanians in commemorating the 23rd anniversary of the death of the Father of the Nation, Mwl. Julius K. Nyerere.

Geita Gold Mining Limited (GGML) will continue to carry out its operations responsibly and transparently in remembrance of the nation's founding father while also working with other stakeholders to realize Tanzania's development aspirations.

Stop holding funds intended as loans to vulnerable groups, local councils told

By Guardian Reporter, Kagera

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has instructed the Ministry in his Office responsible for Labour, Youth, Employment and People with Disabilities to supervise local councils in providing loans to vulnerable groups youth, women and PWDs from 10 per cent of their internal revenues.

He gave the instructions on Tuesday at the launching of the National Youth Week Exhibition being held at the national level in Kagera Region expected to end on October 14, Mwalimu Julius Nyerere Remembrance Day.

Majaliwa said the money is there for the vulnerable groups to raise them economically, it should not remain in councils' coffers.

He said the government's aim is to reduce the unemployment challenge for the youth by providing them with interest free loans to enable them conduct various economic activities for their own wellbeing.

He added that to hold the National Youth Week festival concurrently with Mwalimu Julius Nyerere Remembrance Day is to glorify the father of the Nation.

Meanwhile, Prof Joyce Ndalichako, the Minister of state in the PM Office (Labour, Youth, Employment and People with Disabilities) said the exhibition started in 2000 with the aim of making the youth assess themselves and become patriotic to their nation.

"The exhibition is for goods produced by the youth as well as for providing social services including mobilising themselves for more productive activities,"

she said.

The Minister of state in the Second VP Office (Policy, Coordination and Zanzibar House of Representatives) Hamza Hassan Juma said through the exhibition, the youth need to offer themselves in patriotic activities, to unite themselves for national development.

Concurrently, PM Majaliwa is expected to inspect strategic projects in Mwanza Region including addressing people of Misungwi, Sengerema, Ukerewe and Nyamagana districts.

Majaliwa will be on a three-day visit in Mwanza where he will inspect the Magufuli Bridge, construction of Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) and inaugurate the Eye Treatment Services Centre at Bugando Referral Hospital.

Addressing reporters in his office yesterday, Mwanza Regional Commissioner Adam Malima said on October 17 this year, Majaliwa will inspect the construction of Ilugwa Health Centre as well as Ilugwa Secondary School in Ukerewe District.

"His visit in Mwanza Region is very important, as the aim is to make sure development projects are completed in time to enable the people to benefit from them," said RC Malima.

He said on the same day, October 17, Majaliwa will visit Ghana Island to inspect the construction of the island's dispensary.

He said he will also inspect the construction of the Nyegezi Bus stand in Nyamagana District after which he will greet the people in the area and then proceed to Mwanza South Port to inspect the progress work on MV Mwanza.

KADCO plans to increase number of passengers, cargo volume in 2022/23

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE Kilimanjaro Airports Development Company (KADCO) is planning in the 2022/23 financial year to implement several strategies, among them increasing the number of passengers by 18 percent and cargo volume by 16 percent.

The plans were revealed here by the Company's Managing Director, Christine Mwakatobe when highlighting before the media the key achievements that have been attained by his institution as well as budget plans for this financial year.

According to Mwakatobe, the State-owned airport company plans to increase the number of passengers by 18 percent to 794,337 up from the current 654,159.

Also, she noted, the Kilimanjaro International Airport (KIA) plans in this fiscal year to increase cargo volume by 16 percent from 3.5 million kilogrammes to 4.1 million kilogrammes.

KIA is the main gateway for tourism in the northern circuit. The airport is owned by the government and operated by the Kilimanjaro Airports Development Company (KADCO).

The company has a mandate to manage and operate KIA in order to reflect the beauty and attractions that exist in the northern circuit and the airport has gained the tag of being the "gateway to Africa heritage" due to role it plays in bringing tourists from every corner of the world to visit the natural attraction in Tanzania northern circuit.

The airport is home to both domestic and international airlines. In his report before the media, KADCO Managing Director said that because of the initiative by President Samia Suluhu Hassan to market the country's tourist destinations through the Royal Tour documentary, various positive

impacts were recorded during the 2021/22 financial year.

"The Royal Tour helped the airport to hike the number of tourists by 88 percent from 347,757 in 2020/21 to about 654,159 in 2021/22," she noted.

According to Mwakatobe, KADCO also during the similar period managed to get a new airline company Eurowings Discover (part of Lufthansa Group), which launched its flights from Frankfurt in Germany to Tanzania via KIA beginning June, 2022.

"The airline company has contributed immensely in the increase of cargo volume at the airport as well as the number of passengers," she said.

She added that the firm has so far helped to increase charter flights that have continuously been landing at KIA bringing different groups of tourists from different destinations in the globe.

"It has also attracted investors from inside and outside the country to invest in different businesses including modern hotels, business complexes as well as VIP Lounge Facility, among others," she added.



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David Robogo (2nd-R), Stanbic Bank Tanzania's head of banking services, speaks at a recent workshop organised by the bank for SMEs - chiefly as its potential customers. It was held in Arusha city. He is with Tanzania Revenue Authority representative Enni Andrea Mwanga (R), Arusha city official Privanus Katihnila (C), customers' representative Grace Lyatuu (L) and the bank's head of vehicle and asset financing, John Mosha. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Women rights, interests in blue economy must be enhanced, Z'bar minister appeals

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR Minister for Blue Economy and Fisheries Masoud Suleiman Makame has said the rights and interests of women in the blue economy should be enhanced, protected and fully implemented.

He said if all efforts are directed in empowering women in seaweed farming, processing of sardines (dagaa) and other marine activities they will provide quick development to the community.

Makame made the remarks yesterday when launching an inclusive programme for speeding up economic development in regard to women empowerment in villages held at the Golden Tulip

Hotel here.

He said in speeding up the community's economic development, the government will be at the forefront to enable full participation of women by assisting them in education, innovation, equipment, capital and markets.

He said the programme important for both Tanzania, and Zanzibar has prioritized the issue of gender mainstreaming as stressed in various policies and guidelines including Zanzibar Vision 2050, the 2022 Blue Economy Policy and the 2022 Women Empowerment Policy.

However, he said, through these policies and guidelines, the implementation of the inclusive

programme and international UN, he hopes that women will be empowered to benefit economically.

He said the Ministry of Blue Economy and Fisheries, in collaboration with other public institutions and NGOs will work together to make sure the programme succeeds.

He said the launching of the programme is an important opportunity to understand its aims and strategies so as to well mobilise for implementation.

In the same vein, WFO Country Director, Sarah Gordon Gibson said the UN will make sure it supports Zanzibar's efforts in prioritising women to economically liberate themselves.

She said women in villages need assistance and support in their efforts to liberate themselves economically through various sectors including farming.

Earlier, UN-WOMEN Director General, Sima Sami Bahous praised Both Sweden and Norway for supporting women's efforts, especially rural women to conduct their farming activities.

The inclusive programme for speeding up economic development for rural women in regard to women empowerment will cost 11.5bn/- to empower women in Chamwino and Ikungi districts in Tanzania Mainland and Unguja South District in regard to Zanzibar.



India's High Commissioner to Tanzania, Benaya Srikanta Pradhan, presents a book entitled Julius Nyerere Biography to Bupe Joachim Mwakatobe at a function to mark the 19th anniversary of Bank of Baroda Tanzania Ltd held in Dar es Salaam yesterday. The book is co-authored by Issa G Shivji, Siada Yahya Othman and Ng'wanza Kamata. Right is the bank's managing director Aditya Narayan. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

UDSM graduates urged to use their expertise to solve social challenges

By Correspondent Theresia Victor

GRADUATES have been urged to use their skills to conduct research on areas that touch on people's lives to facilitate generation of solutions to various societal challenges.

Speaking yesterday during the 52nd University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM) graduation ceremony, Chairperson of the University

Council Ambassador Mwanaidi Sinare Maajar, said that graduates should use the academic knowledge gained to create solutions.

"Always remember that the reputation and popularity of the university depends on the integrity, professionalism, and how the graduates look in the eyes of the community after this graduation and also the council is counting

on you to continue to be good ambassadors of the university abroad and in the country," she noted.

The ambassador said the graduates should not only conduct research but also practice their professions such as teaching and other professional advice.

"Continue to remember UDSM and participate in the

responsibilities of strengthening it in order to achieve the long-term goals in the future," she commented.

Earlier, UDSM Vice Chancellor Prof William Anangisye said that a total of 2091 graduates will be awarded certificate, in which 55 percent are female and 45 percent were male.

He said the university has done its job of training them to suit the labour market saying there were massive opportunities as the country is a member of various economic blocs.

"Make sure you use this knowledge to bring productivity in your life and the country in general,"

SUMAJKT strives to ensure quality of products, good customer service

By special correspondent

SUMAJKT is an acronym of the word SHIRIKA LA UZALISHAJI MALI LA JESHI LA KUJENGA TAIFA. The English version of SUMAJKT is "THE NATIONAL SERVICE CORPORATION SOLE". It is an economic wing of the National Service (JKT) which was established in 1981 under the Corporation Sole (Establishment) Act No 23 of 1974; Cap 119 (RE 2002) which empowers the President of the United Republic of Tanzania to give official Order to establish a Corporation Sole within the Government Department. It is controlled by Directives issued by the Minister of Defence and National Service. The Corporation Sole is a legal entity, it has perpetual succession and common seal. It can enter into contracts by its own name. It is capable of purchasing, acquiring and alienating any property movable or immovable.

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ing and Commissioning of Medium Voltage (MV), Transformers, Street lighting, Switch Gears and Cable Terminations kits, Electrical Protection Systems, Air conditioners, Solar (PV) Power Systems, Fire Detection and Alarm Systems, Electrical Fence and Perimeter Protection Systems, Lightning Protection Systems, Construction of HT and LT (Electrical) and Telecommunication Towers.

c. SUMAJKT Kunduchi Stone Quarry
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SUMAJKT engaging in agriculture and agro farming in various parts of the country such as in Chita Farm, Kilombero Plantation Limited (KPL) Mngeta Farm, Milundikwa Farm, Hanang Farm and Tanganyika Farm.

b. Livestock

(i) SUMAJKT Meat Supply
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(ii) Fisheries
SUMAPONIC Recreation and Aquaculture - The project dealing with construction of aquaculture systems including Recycling Aquaculture System (RAS), cages and ponds, production of fingerlings and fish feed processing in Mbweni.

3. Industries Sector includes

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This company engaged in the process of Bottled Beverage Food Products and sale its products to government and private institutions or directly to the public.

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h. SUMAJKT Roofing Company Limited

The Company is planned to produce iron roofing sheet, caps and nails.

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b. SUMAJKT Port and Service

The company supervise casual labor services in all major ports within the country including Tanga, Mtwara, Kigoma, kyela (Mbeya), Mwanza, kasangana kemonondo (Kagera).

c. SUMAJKT Agri-Machinery Project

This project was established for purpose of assisting the transformation of farming practice in Tanzania. The project provides the following services; Sales of Tractors, Sales of farm implements, Sales of spare parts and Repair Services.

d. SUMAJKT Catering Company Limited

The Company prepares meals for various events and provides a quality service that's enabling the company to serve all catering needs such as special event catering for weddings, corporate events, home parties, full event management and provide halls for ceremonies and meetings.

e. SUMAJKT Logistics Company Limited

The company deals with freight forwarding, customs clearance, transportation, warehousing, distribution and project cargo shipments.

f. SUMAJKT Cleaning and Fumigation Company Limited

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industrial hygiene, sanitation as well as spraying of hazardous pesticides in homes, farms and factories.

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i. SUMAJKT Pharmaceuticals Company Limited

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j. Education Sector

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(ii) Jitegemeo JKT Secondary School

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National Service Corporation Sole (SUMAJKT) strives to ensure it produces quality products and provides good customer service to match the competitive market.



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COMMEMORATION OF 23RD DEATH ANNIVERSARY OF FATHER OF THE NATION

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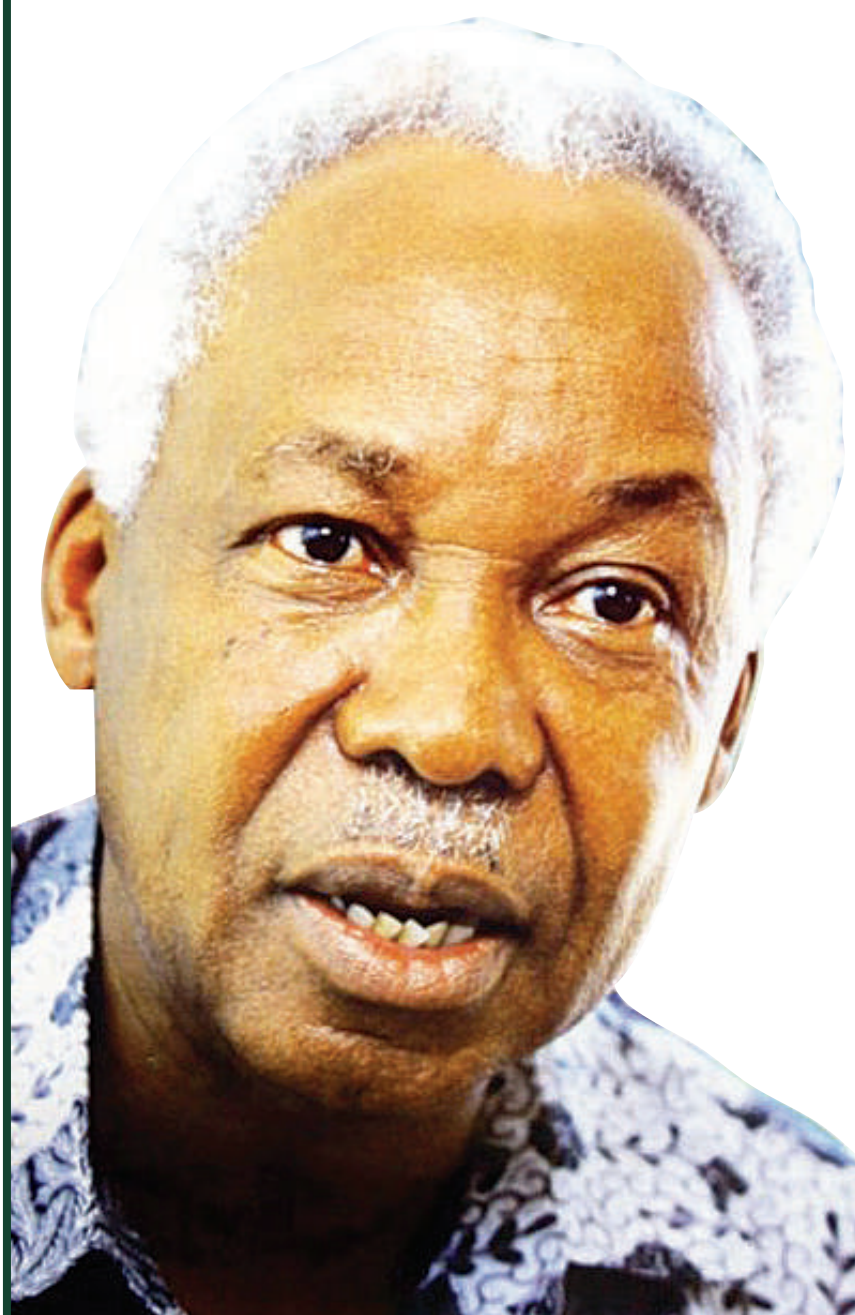
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Commender in Chief of National Service Corporation Sole Major General Rajabu Nduku Mabele, On behalf of the Board, Management and Staffs of National Service Corporation Sole join the President of the United Republic of Tanzania Samia Suluhu Hassan and all Tanzanians in remembering Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere on **Nyerere Day**

We celebrate Mwalimu's legacy, integrity and ability as a political orator and organizer, as well as his unswerving readiness to work with different groups towards the attainment of Tanzanian's Independence

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Harmonising of policies will boost markets if anchored in competition

WITH Tanzania belonging more intensely to regional trading communities first in the East African Community (EAC) as well as the Southern African Development Community (SADC) and lately the continental version, pushing for foreign investments in various sectors, cohesion is at issue.

Accordingly, the government is working to harmonise sectoral policies as part of a strategy to improve productive sectors for enhanced industrial productivity.

Assurances of back-up flows in relation to infrastructure, supporting amenities like water and energy are vital - as are sector outlooks in the likes of agriculture and how it links up with industry and export groups.

Each of the countries concerned has its parameters of discordant voices in pushing for investment or measures aimed at bolstering productivity.

One sphere in which the country ought to make appreciable progress is the very notion of productivity and what it entails, as often this is taken to mean being assured simply of tools to produce more.

Its more usable interpretation, though, is the ability to withstand competition in the market - as, on that basis, an enterprise is assured of duration, is sustainable, and is not that much in need of protection.

Industrialisation is often perceived in the sense of injecting public funds into an industrial entity, rushing to explain it as meant to create jobs and improve welfare of the people.

But such reasoning is not all that workable in the market. Rather, there is a lot of work to do in seeking to align the activities of various governmental agencies at the national and multilateral level towards this reckoning.

And that is where, where and how a recent regional workshop on

coherent strategies for productive capacities development in the African zone of the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) was especially relevant.

The workshop, which brought together participants from Rwanda, Mauritius, Botswana, Zambia, Zimbabwe and Singapore, was out to discuss challenges and opportunities associated with developing coherent strategies for productive capacities.

All these countries have different experiences with protectionism and find it challenging to adapt policy mentalities from the idea of development per se, whose core element is welfare, to growth, whose key aspect is enterprise anchored in competition.

President Samia Suluhu Hassan has often laid emphasis on growth, but not everyone will join the bandwagon fast or purposefully enough, and UN agencies have a role to play in that direction. They are more resolute on development and rather short on growth, as the growth debate is "poisoned" by the idea that major foreign firms benefit most.

That is why putting together policymakers from various countries to compare notes can help, as in this particular case participants listened to a presentation on research conducted in Rwanda, Burkina Faso and Tanzania on how to forge improved capacity for devising workable policies.

It is somewhat predictable that the policy environment is a beehive with contending voices about practically everything, at times offsetting national government officials and stakeholders.

All these differ in their prerogatives and objectives, some rooting for the private sector and some for government entities - and with differing accents on protection of local industries, open markets and subsidies.

Should LAAC have treated 'mute' council officials a bit differently?

IN the aftermath of efforts by President Samia Suluhu Hassan to get the legislature more involved with curbing misuse of public funds in local governments, a team from Milele District Council had an unforgettable session in Dodoma with MPs.

We have it on good authority that the Local Authorities Accounts Committee (LAAC) reportedly threw out those officials from its meeting following dissatisfaction with responses given to various audit queries.

A vice chairman of the parliamentary panel said LAAC had subsequently instructed the relevant ministry, that is, the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments), to make a follow-up and take appropriate measures before this year-end.

Reports said that the MPs' panel could just not continue with its interrogation of the council officials concerning queries raised in the CAG Audit Report for fiscal 2020/21.

Noticeably, the sum of 441m/- was not reflected in the electronic system on council expenditure, which the vice chairman described as a gross short error. As happened, the respective council's executive director went on to admit that their side was indeed in the wrong.

The fact is that such things have often been left to 'continue', as they relate to intertwined interests, not just one person embezzling public funds, with those in authority hesitating to hold large groups of officials accountable.

The panel noticed that there was great weakness in internal revenue collection, including grossly underestimating income potential

in projections, as at the end of the financial year the district had collected 185 per cent of its targeted revenues!

Technically, that would likely mean that the particular district underestimated its potential by nearly a half, implying that the collections would have been realized, regardless of what eventually happened.

Strangely, though, most of those extra funds were properly documented, implying that the system works pretty well.

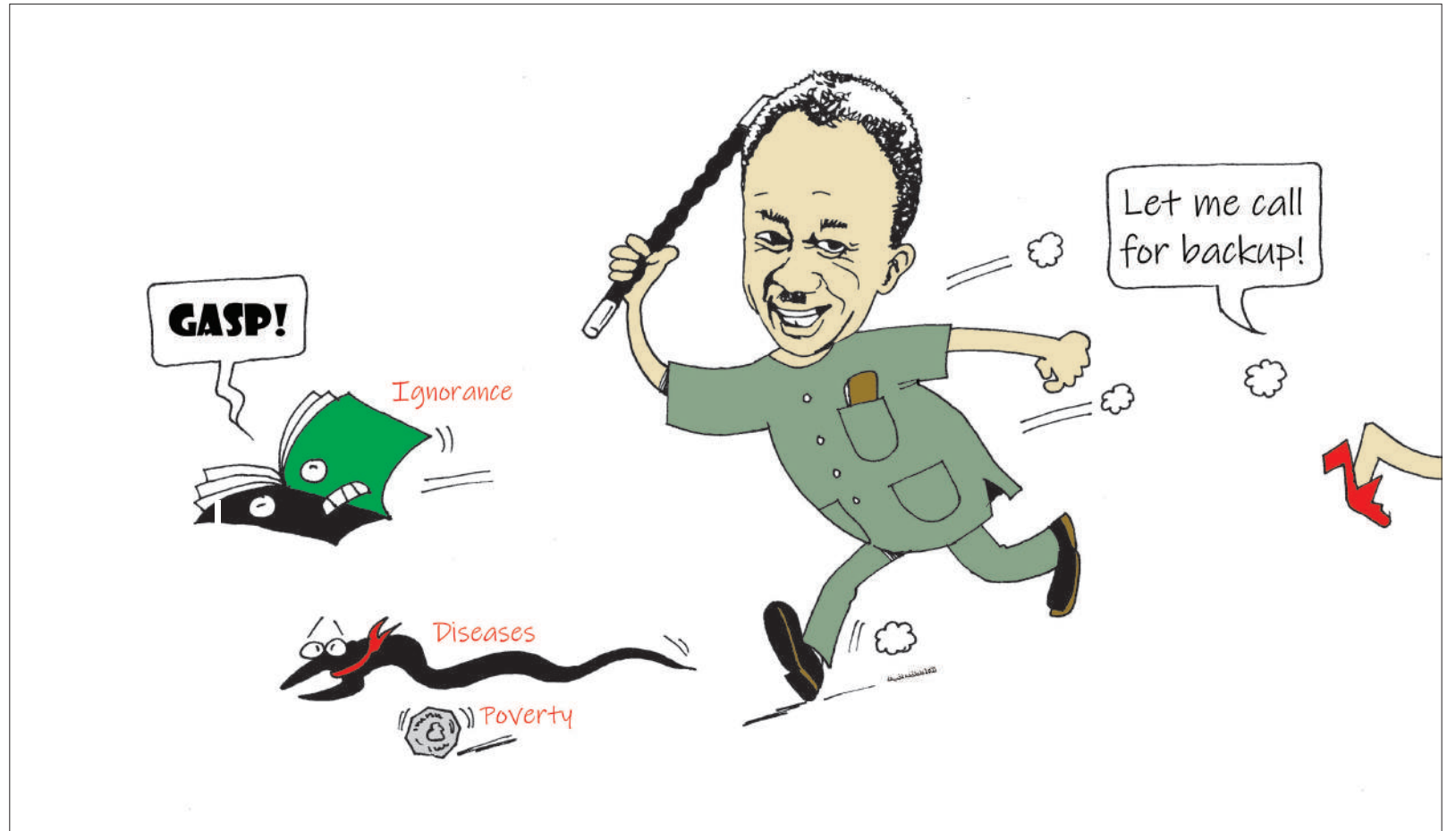
Evident weakness could be seen in inability to ensure the repayment of loans - totalling 127m/- handed to vulnerable groups, which the committee said pointed to sheer negligence.

However, there are budgeting problems affecting that council and definitely many others, including disputes relating to who is supposed to settle outstanding claims by council staff totalling 1.1bn/-.

But when outstanding claims reach such amounts, it is hard to see how they can still be settled by a local council through the setting aside of staggering amounts of cash for the payment of claims - outside regular budget sums.

Therefore, while the panel is right that if workers do not get paid their allowances no one can expect achievements worth writing home about, it isn't easy to see how councils countrywide can smoothly settle claims of that nature.

That is why the government has been underscoring the need for the use of electronic financial transaction levies on more jobs in local councils as well as meeting long-delayed claims.



Interview

McKinsey Global Publishing's Lucia Rahilly chats with McKinsey senior partner Asutosh Padhi and co-authors Gaurav Batra and Nick Santhanam about their forthcoming book, *The Titanium Economy: How Industrial Technology Can Create a Better, Faster, Stronger America* (Public Affairs, October 2022). She reveals 35 cutting-edge companies in the industrial tech sector, highlighting a robust "titanium economy" that creates American jobs and fuels innovation through sustainable, inclusive growth. You've probably never heard of the companies they cover - under-the-radar makers of a range of industrial products. But these companies make up a burgeoning sector that the co-authors say is just beginning its best years, and that has the potential to reinvigorate American manufacturing - sustainably and inclusively - in the process. An edited version of the conversation follows. Excerpts from the interview:

What problem were you hoping to solve with this book?

Asutosh Padhi: I believe titanium economy companies are not well understood and not well appreciated. I was hoping to shine a spotlight on what I think is truly an amazing set of companies that drive a lot of innovation and therefore job creation. Ultimately, these companies are going to be critical in creating a more inclusive economy in the United States.

Nick Santhanam: The problem we were trying to solve is lack of awareness. If you look at the industrial sector, it is truly a diamond in the rough. I would even go further and say it's truly a diamond - maybe not even in the rough. When you talk to folks, you realize that there is a huge difference between what people believe about the industrial sector and what reality is. We wanted to fix that perception gap.

Gaurav Batra: When I was growing up, and even in the early years of my career, the industrial sector was not always viewed as a rosy picture, but my personal experience over the past two decades with the industrial sector is nowhere close to that perception. In reality, there is immense value being added to companies, to employees, and to communities - it's really the heartbeat of an economy. My personal hope from this book is

How industrial technology is creating a more inclusive economy

that we are able to bridge the gap between perception and reality and have people see the value of the sector.

What surprised you in the research or writing?

Asutosh Padhi: Eighty per cent of the titanium economy companies are private; therefore, they tend to have a longer-term orientation. But the thing that surprised us was the high degrees of employee retention in these companies in the middle of the Great Resignation.

As we looked underneath, we could understand why: the compensation levels are different. They're much higher in these companies. The amount of care and concern for the employees is different.

People actually get access to different development opportunities, and I think there are a culture and a purpose that comes from being part of that set-up. It's a combination of factors that brings it all together.

The importance of the talent proposition and how well the titanium economy companies intuitively understand that - not just today but for the past 50 to 100 years - was one of the things that really struck us.

Nick Santhanam: Two things surprised me the most. I spent almost north of 30 years in the industrial sector, and I knew it was a great sector, but I did not realize how many companies out there were doing so well in the stock market. When Gaurav showed me the list, I fell out of my chair.

I said: "This can't be true. You can't have this many companies who are doing better than S&P 500, who are doing better than Nasdaq-100. Wow."

[Now, The Standard and Poor's 500, or simply the S&P 500, is a stock market index tracking the stock performance of 500 large companies listed on stock exchanges in the US. It is one of the most commonly followed equity indices.]

The second thing, which in a lot of ways provoked us to write the book, is that this is not an industry that is dead. We knew that it was a good sector, but we went on thinking "this was a sector that was stolen. This was a sector that was given away. This was a sector that was taken away from us".

We realized that all of that was

false - that this sector was not stolen, it was not taken away, and it was not given away. It's a great, vibrant sector that creates a lot of jobs and a lot of livelihoods. As we talk about it in the book, the best of days are yet to come.

I thought we were going to be telling a story of the past or, at least, saying: "Hey, these are our best days." As we finished the book, we walked away saying: "Boy, we are in the first innings."

Gaurav Batra: We discussed the book with about 50 to 70 CEOs in the ecosystem, and they all agreed with the messages. The surprising thing for me was that, if you agreed with them, then why didn't you act on them? We also talked about how so many of the titanium economy companies are private, so they're not really worried about quarter-over-quarter or how investors are looking at them.

I would say that was the biggest surprise for me: how the alignment with the key messages of the book - the potential of titanium economy - was pretty widespread.

What in your own background inspired you to undertake this research?

Asutosh Padhi: I'm a mechanical engineer by background, but I never practiced mechanical engineering. I went to business school and then joined McKinsey directly out of campus, but deep inside me there has always been a mechanical engineer. The thing that's always fascinated me is the importance of innovation and how much of it resides in places that we would not associate with innovation.

I saw that in the course of my work at McKinsey. I saw a set of companies that everyone talks about, that is known for innovation, and that is great at innovation: I saw software, I saw technology. The thing that surprised me was that there is an equally great set of companies that are great at innovation, that are manufacturing-oriented, yet no one associated innovation with this set of companies.

Gaurav Batra: A couple of personal experiences were transformational in terms of my own thinking about the sector. I'm a mechanical engineer by training, and one of my first jobs was as a manufacturing manager for a detergent powder factory back in India.

The India factory was in a tribal area - the government used to give tax incentives - so my workforce was made up of about 200 people who probably couldn't even write. They were coming to the factory daily, producing tones of detergent powder, which was getting distributed all through the country.

That was the first time I really saw the human value of what a healthy manufacturing organisation can do: 200 people were relying on it for their daily needs. It was a vehicle for social mobility for them.

They came from really underprivileged backgrounds and being able to earn a healthy salary gave them a chance to take their families to the next level, put their children through education, give them proper training, and have better lives themselves.


That was one of the first personal experiences that transformed my thinking about the industrial sector and what it could do for not just for the companies but also for a broad swath of people who were involved with that ecosystem.

Nick Santhanam: I'm a chemical engineer. I came to this country in 1991, and my very first job was for a company called Johnson Matthey, where I did a lot of work on the manufacturing line. Then, I worked for a company called Arlon, which was a printed circuit board company, and then a company called Taconic, which was also in that space.

This was the time of Y2K, when everybody was a computer programmer. I believed that I added more value because products were needed. These were real products being shipped, affecting people's real livelihoods, and yet people did not know what Johnson Matthey did, or Arlon, or Taconic.

That, in a lot of ways, provoked me to say: "This is a great story. It's a great truth, and I think it's worthwhile for people to know. Then people can make their own decisions, but let's get the facts out there."

To be continued. Lucia Rahilly is deputy publisher and global editorial director of McKinsey Global Publishing, based in the New York office. Comments and opinions expressed by interviewees are their own and do not represent or reflect the opinions, policies, or positions of McKinsey & Company or have its endorsement.

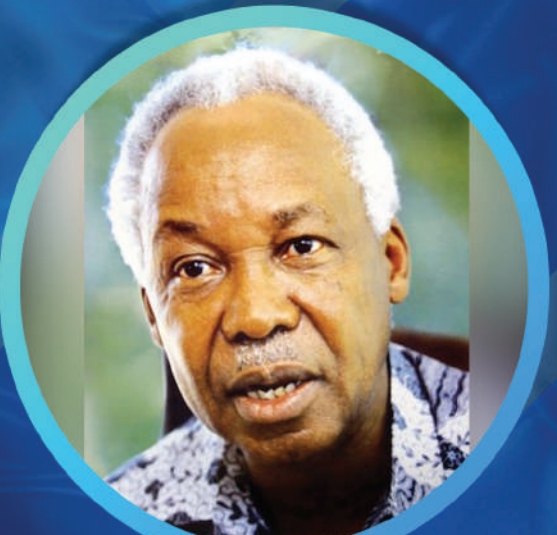


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Nyerere fought tooth and nail to improve wellbeing of rural folks

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

If one looks at the efforts Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere made aimed at improving socioeconomic conditions in rural Tanzania, it is safe to conclude that the departed

leader whom this nation remembers today had a soft spot for rural folks.

Be it education, health or water, Nyerere thought of rural people first. There is ongoing debate about his level of success in these endeavours but there is no debate about his numerous efforts.

One perfect example is the establishment of the Dodoma-based Rural Development Planning (IRDP) in the 1980s. To date, it is the only higher learning institution with the mandate to oversee and coordinate provision of expertise to in-service and pre-service personnel

involved in development planning in the country.

This was done in line with the government's efforts towards attaining socioeconomic development at grassroots level and lift people, majority of whom are in rural areas, out of poverty.

Back then, Nyerere in-



INVITATION FOR BIDS TO PROVIDE SHORT TERM CONSULTANCY SERVICES TO PROMOTE CONSERVATION AGRICULTURE IN COMMUNITY DESIGNATED FARMING AREAS IN BUHINGU AND I GALULA WARDS, UVINZA DISTRICT

1.0 Background

The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and Pathfinder International (PI) in Tanzania are jointly implementing an integrated Program known as Tuungane which addresses Population, Health and Environment (PHE). Agriculture which forms the main livelihood activity on the terrestrial environment has been blamed for the increasing siltation of Lake Tanganyika through unsustainable farming practices. To reduce siltation which has adverse effect to the lake fisheries productivity, Tuungane program aims at supporting smallholder farmers in the Greater Mahale Ecosystem (GME) in improving their agricultural practices through adoption of Conservation Smart Agriculture (CSA). For better results, the program aims at promoting Conservation Smart Agriculture in large community designated farming areas in 7 villages instead of isolated individual farms. The target 7 villages include Katumbi, Nkonkwa, Buhingu, Mgambo (Buhingu ward), Igalula, Rukoma and Mgambazi (Igalula ward), promoting Conservation Smart Agriculture in 7 villages using community designated farming areas.

Currently, Tuungane program is seeking short term consultancy services from facilitator(s) with skills and experience to promote the adoption of conservation agriculture in community designated farming areas in the two wards of Buhingu and Igalula.

2. Consultancy Services

The following is the list of needed consultancy services:

1. Conduct meetings with community leaders and farmers in 7 villages to sensitize them on the importance of adopting Conservation Smart Agriculture for reducing lake sedimentation, improving soil health and crop yields. Hold internal meetings with members of the village Governments and Community Agriculture Workers first, then hold public meetings with community members in each village. The community leaders should well understand the reasons why Conservation Agriculture is important and be able to lead their people into actions.
2. Facilitate village Governments in the process of establishing bylaws to encourage the adoption of Conservation Agriculture by all community members.
3. Provide practical training and supervise community members in implementing conservation agriculture in their designated farming areas. As consultant, you should share your knowledge on the subject matter in practical terms to give positive tangible results.
4. Establish one demonstration plot of Conservation Agriculture in each village where community members will learn and adopt the technologies involved in the control of soil erosion and improving soil health.
5. Provide extension services in 7 villages on best conservation agricultural practices for 4 months. During this period, the consultant should introduce community members to agriculture professional groups where they can enhance their knowledge through WhatsApp and phone calls.
6. Establish one community Conservation Agriculture designated area per village. In this area, annual field crops (maize, bean) and perennial crops (banana, cassava) will be planted.
7. Ensure the active participation into this activity of members of Buhingu Ward Farmers Federation (AMCOS) and Beach Management Units (BMUs).
8. Monitor for 4 months the proper implementation of Conservation Agriculture in community designated farming areas as per knowledge shared during the practical training at demonstration plots.
9. Prepare and submit to TNC/Tuungane program management monthly and final assignment progress reports.

3.0 Eligibility Criteria

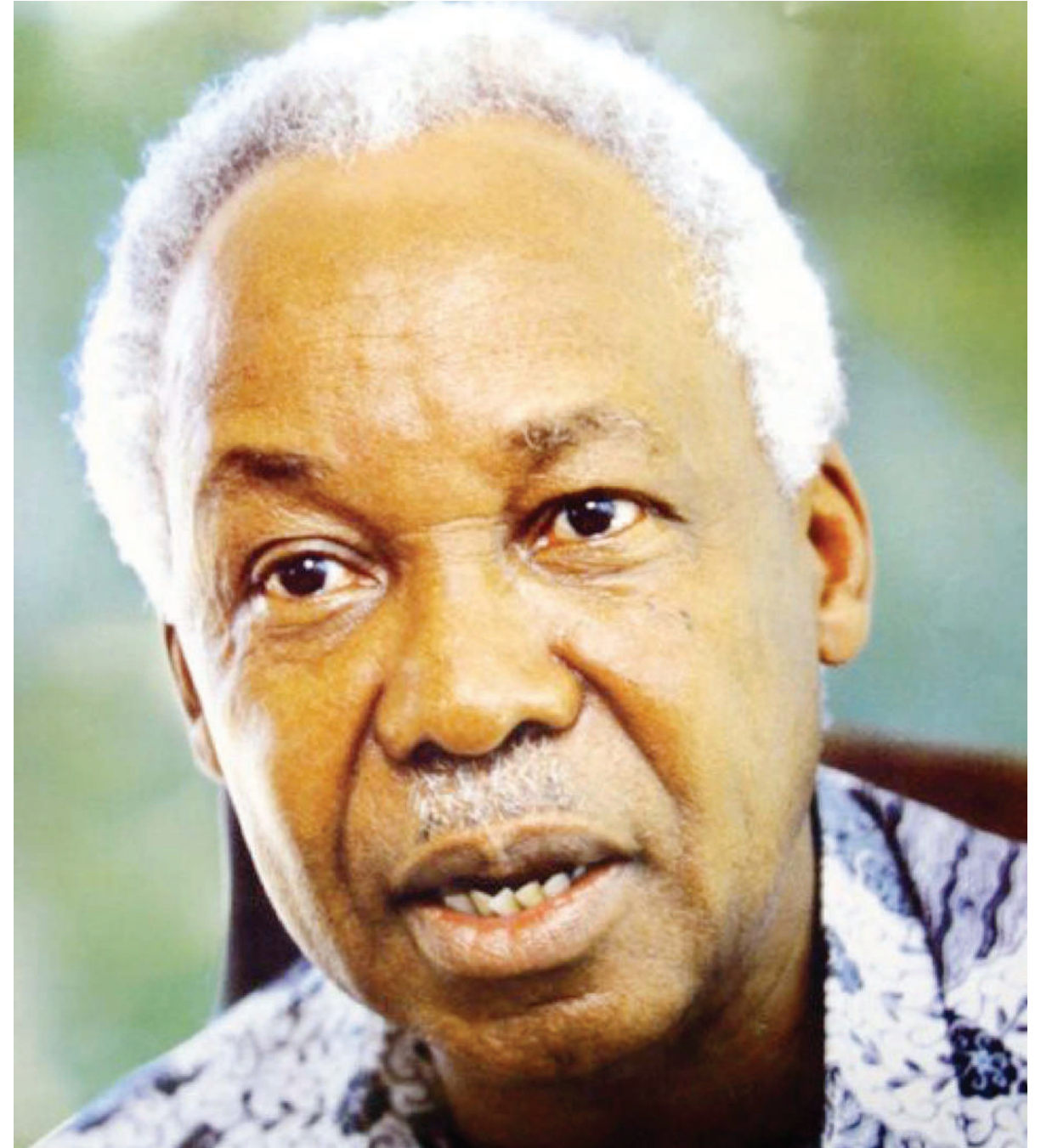
Eligible consulting company or organization should possess the following minimum qualifications:

- Staffs with Minimum of Bachelor of Science in agriculture.
- Have an experience of at least 3 years in training farmers on conservation/Ecology agriculture (attach list of completed similar assignments and CV of key personnel).

4.0 Application procedures

Interested organizations or companies with technical skills and appropriate experiences on the above-mentioned assignment, are warmly welcome to submit their electronic Technical Proposals (detailing the proposed conservation agricultural practices to be implemented and the assignment implementation methodologies). The bidder should also submit a well itemized Financial Budget in TZS, organization/company financial capacity and activity time schedule on or before 28th October 2022 by email to: hshillinde@tnc.org. Also attach legal business documents as per Government requirements (License, registration certificate with BRELA, and TIN/VAT number). Please, note that all application received after the deadline will not be honored.

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roduced regional development planning system with socio-political-economic development arrangement which saw the creating of offices and titles such as the then powerful regional development directors, districts development directors and village managers, purposely for mobilizing and supervising implementation of development projects.

The initiative which was under the prime minister's office didn't achieve the intended end results due to a number of challenges including lack of needed knowledge and skills among office holders especially in the area of rural development and planning.

On realizing this human resource gap, the government embarked on a fresh bid beginning with training its people on urban as well as rural development planning. It was at this juncture that the government decided in 1979 to establish IRDP for training of rural development planners.

Bishop Simon Chiwanga is former Education Minister who worked closely with Nyerere now leads a low profile in Mpwapwa Districts of Dodoma Region. He was assigned to officially open the institute.

"Mwalimu Nyerere was a truly patriotic leader who practiced the same leadership philosophy he preached. I will always fondly remember him," he said.

Former minister said IRDP was established a result of Nyerere directive to him, saying the then Head of State meant well for the country but was more preoccupied with the plight of the poor.

Today, Chiwanga is very proud to see that IRDP is continuing to produce development planners who are playing vital role in the country's development, especially in rural areas.

"My advice to all Tanzanians is to cherish and celebrate the legacy of Mwalimu Nyerere by working hard for the betterment of our country," he advised.

Prof Provident Dimoso, Deputy Rector for Academic, Research and Consultancy at IRDP said previously the institute used to operate under the faculty of agriculture and livestock at the University of Dar es Salaam which by then was based in Morogoro Region which in 1984 became the Sokoine University of Agriculture.

He said the institute has so far played remarkable role in helping implement various socioeconomic development projects at grassroots level within the country by producing professional rural development planners as well as undertaking research for poverty alleviation within communities and advising the government.

"The institute commenced by offering only one course namely post-graduate diploma in regional and rural planning which attracted 13 students under the supervision of only 14 staff members," he said.

"But today, the institute offers 28 courses under guidance of a total of 380 personnel in charge of 15,000 students."

He named courses offered include but not lim-

ited to Bachelor of Arts in Population and Development Planning, BA in Regional Development Planning, BA in Planning and Community Development.

Prof Dimoso added that the institute has since expanded its wings by opening a campus Mwanza Region to ease congestion at its popular Dodoma base.

He stated that through tracer study, the institute traces performance of its graduates to determine their successes and challenges in order to establish and bridge gaps in its training curriculum.

"We use views from our alumni as a yardstick to develop and update our training curriculum and usually dispatch it to the National Council for Technical and Vocational Education for perusal and approval," he said.

Pertaining teaching, he said the institute applies competency based teaching approach, saying it is more effective methodology because it includes less theory and more practical studies.

"We normally assign our students a three-month field practical studies through which they're supposed to translate the theoretical studies they acquired during class sessions into practice under the supervision of senior lectures and local government officials," he said.

"This system has proved success by enabling the students to grasp enough practical skills and competencies."

To respond to unemployment challenge, Prof Dimoso said the institute has established Mipango Entrepreneurship and Innovation (MEI) Centre whose construction commenced in October 2019. It is meant to support and strengthen practical training, cultivate and enhance the spirit and culture of entrepreneurship and innovation among IRDP students so that they can employ themselves and create job opportunities for others.

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14th October 2022

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-Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere-

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CONTRIBUTING TO COFFEE INDUSTRY IN TANZANIA Development of improved coffee varieties

One of the biggest achievements for a period of 21 years is the development and release of 23 new improved coffee varieties: 19 Arabica and 4 Robusta. The beverage quality of the new varieties is the same or better than the traditionally grown. Growers call them "MKOMBOZI" – savour! Growers now can have a wider choice of selecting varieties of their own taste! At least now a grower can save 50% of their income from buying fungicides to control coffee diseases. For example, to control coffee berry disease grower requires TZS 1,200,000 per season to buy copper based fungicide which is the cheapest!

Improved Arabica (left), Improved Robusta (Right)

TaCRI is now researching on varieties which will be tolerant to drought as well as water use efficient in face of climate change currently prevailing in the country. Out of nine (9) varieties tested in four (4) different agro-ecological areas, preliminary results show 3 to be most promising. The three most promising coffee varieties are among the 19 Arabica varieties already released which are: N39-3, N39-10 and TaCRI 3F.

For the remaining six (6), we expect in two years to come, TaCRI is now involving Tanzania Official Seed Certification Institute (TOSCI) to validate data assessed by scientists from TaCRI.

The challenge is to make available of these varieties to coffee growers to replace aged coffee trees over 240 million. TaCRI is planning to advocate combined approaches of clonal multiplication and grafting and multiplication of seedlings using hand pollinated seeds to replace the aged and capital intensive traditional varieties. TaCRI developed protocols for Arabica and Robusta for mass multiplication of improved coffee seedlings through tissue culture. The challenge now is to get reliable funding support and commercial laboratory. For 2020/21 the target was to produce 15,406,975 improved coffee



seedlings, and 15,133,837 were produced. For 2021/22 the target was to produce 20,293,720 improved coffee seedlings, and by May 2022; 14,116,173 coffee seedlings were multiplied.

Another challenge is to protect and conserve the available coffee germplasm for Arabica and Robusta by replicating and establishing a cryopreservation laboratory. Coffee germplasm available forms the basis for the development of improved coffee varieties-resistant to coffee diseases and tolerant to drought. This is capital intensive investment, but worth in minimizing risks to lost coffee germplasm collection.

Breeding programmes needs to be hastened through application of molecular biology. Technical know-how and facilities is a limitation. Expertise in molecular biology will also assists in genetic finger printing and therefore protection of officially released coffee varieties. TaCRI is planning to build up capacity in the area of molecular biology.

Good Agricultural Practices

Areas important to the future success of the coffee industry in Tanzania are the



need to increase productivity per unit area or per tree depending on the farming system, management of soil fertility, reduction of costs of production and enhancement of quality at the level of primary processing. With the release of the new cultivars the focus has been to develop crop husbandry practices to support the replanting programmes.

The programme packaged information on "Kanuni za Kilimo Bora cha Kahawa aina ya Arabika" and "A review of coffee pest management in Tanzania". A booklet on "Kanuni za Kilimo Bora cha Kahawa aina ya Robusta" is under review. Challenge is to produce enough copies for consumption by stakeholders.

Also the programme developed a 3:1 pattern of coffee-banana intercropping-3 coffee rows between two banana rows; a pattern with a big impact on income diversification and income security. Stumping followed by grafting was picked as the most appropriate approach to change old varieties to new ones. The success rate reached 85-95%. Grafted seedlings have become one of the key contributors to the accelerated multiplication and distribution of

seedlings of improved varieties.

Use of botanicals and alcohol traps have been tested and recommended for the control of coffee insect-pests. This is not only reducing cost of production, but preserving natural enemies to the pests and minimizing environmental pollution. Available information on primary processing was reviewed and packaged.

Soil fertility surveys have been completed and suitability maps developed. It is estimated that over 15,000 hectares are suitable in coffee farming in the country. Reagents to perform soil analytical services are very expensive, sometimes delaying producing quick results.

Appropriate technologies multiplied on farm, promoted by extension and training, continue to be available to coffee farmers

TaCRI through its sub-stations continue to reinforce links with stakeholders across zones, currently working with 69 coffee growing District Councils, in 18 regions. In these districts councils, TaCRI has established a network through farmer groups, extension officers, individual farmers and estates to speed up the

dissemination of technologies.

The programme has intensively participated and supported the accelerated multiplication and distribution of seedlings of improved coffee varieties. This is a necessary step to support massive multiplication and distribution of new improved coffee varieties for replanting programme.

This year TaCRI trained 3,393 coffee growers, 511 Extension Workers, 483 Farmer Promoters and frequent backstopping of 282 Farmer groups. One of our major focuses has been the accelerated multiplication of hybrid seedlings and delivery of GAPs to increase yield and quality improvement with strong emphasis on farmer to farmer extension, training of trainers (ToTs)-training farmers who train other farmers. This has proved to be very effective.

Improvement of livelihoods

The primary objective of TaCRI is to rejuvenate Tanzania's coffee industry to sustainable prosperity in order to improve the livelihoods of coffee producers and raise the country's global profile as a reliable source of quality. Many of such model farmers have improved their livelihoods across coffee growing regions. Mama Chacha of Myangayanga Mbinga has the following testimony of TaCRI's research outputs: "I Feel proud of being associated with TaCRI since they started training activities in Mbinga. I have been the first to adopt new technologies, through their support my coffee production has increased from 3 bags to 10 bags. I also sell my coffee direct to the auction through our group"



IPBES, IPCC joint winners of Gulbenkian Prize for humanity 2022 dedicated to climate change

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IPBES' assessment report on the Sustainable Use of Wild Species, released in July 2022, painted a troubling picture of the ongoing global biodiversity crisis that could paralyse economies and endanger food security and livelihoods.

Earlier in February 2022, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) painted a similarly troubling picture: a warning that every tenth of a degree of additional warming could escalate threats to people, species, and ecosystems.

IPBES and IPCC both produce scientific knowledge, alert society to climate change and biodiversity loss, and inform decision-makers to make better choices for combatting climate change and the loss of biodiversity. In doing so, they provide tools to foster a low-carbon future, mitigate climate change's negative effects, and promote a resilient society.



Anne Larigauderie (L), the Executive Secretary of IPBES, with Hoesung Lee, President of the IPCC. IPBES and the IPCC were joint winners of the Gulbenkian Prize for Humanity 2022, which was dedicated to climate change. Credit: Joyce Chimbi/IPBES

For their contribution to climate change adaptation and resilience building, IPBES and IPCC today (October 13, 2022) emerged winners of the Gulbenkian Prize for Humanity 2022, which was dedicated to climate change.

"The decision to award the 2022 Gulbenkian Prize for Humanity to both IPBES and the IPCC is a powerful statement confirming that the global loss of species, destruction of ecosystems, and degradation of nature's contributions to people together represent a crisis not only of similar magnitude to that of climate change, but one which must be addressed with at least similar urgency," said Anne Larigauderie, the Executive Secretary of IPBES who accepted the prize alongside Hoesung Lee, President of the IPCC.

"The unified message from both of our expert communities is that either we tackle and solve the biodiversity crisis and the climate crisis together - or we will fail on both fronts."

Additionally, Lee emphasised that science was "our most powerful instrument to tackle climate change, a clear and imminent threat to our wellbeing and livelihoods, the wellbeing of our planet and all of its species. For IPCC scientists, this prize is an important recognition and encouragement. For the decision-makers, it is another push for more decisive climate action."

IPBES is an independent, intergovernmental body set up in 2012 with the objective of improving the interface between scientific knowledge and political decision-makers on questions around biodiversity, the protection of ecosystems, human wellbeing, and sustainability.

IPCC, the Nobel Peace Prize winner in 2007, in conjunction with Al Gore, is a United Nations-affiliated organisation that fosters the production of scientific knowledge within the scope of evaluating the climate impacts of human actions and supporting governments with regard to their decision-making and the implementation of measures able to combat climate change.

The two entities - IPBES and IPCC - were selected out of 116 nominations from 41 nationalities spanning five continents. Angela Merkel, former Chancellor of Germany, chaired the jury with vice-chair Miguel Bastos Araújo (Geographer, Pessoa Award 2018).

Merkel attended the prizegiving, as did António Feijó, President of the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation that introduced the Gulbenkian Prize for Humanity in 2020.

The focus on climate change, Feijó explained, was a very simple decision: "Climate change and all which this philanthropic organisation does, they represent an existential condition for humanity."

Merkel reiterated the importance of focusing on climate change acknowledging the controversies that often surround decisions made and the many policies on the table for the potential way ahead.

"Science is the most important link. Scientific evidence cannot be removed from the equation. We may have our own political views, but I believe we must make the right decision in order to ensure the survival of humanity," Merkel observed.

Merkel further stressed that humanity now faces two crises, biodiversity loss and climate change, emphasising their interlinkages.

On biodiversity, Larigauderie spoke of the 2019 Global Assessment Report on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, which alerted the world that a million species, out of an overall eight million, of plants and animals, now face extinction -

many within decades.

This degradation of nature, she said, is affecting the capacity of ecosystems to deliver on a number of key functions central to human survival, including the capacity to mitigate against climate change and to achieve food security.

The jury, comprised of leading figures in global climate and environment research and action, highlighted how this prize recognises the role of science on the front line of tackling climate change and the loss of biodiversity.

Finding that "evidence-based science has been fundamental not only to advancing many of the political and public actions but also the need to attribute the 'nature of urgency' to the ways in which the political agenda approaches the question of combatting the climate crisis".

In this regard, Larigauderie and Lee expressed their gratitude to thousands of scientists and indigenous and local knowledge holders for volunteering their time and expertise to deliver robust research on climate change and biodiversity.

"Our reports are the most authoritative, may I say, the scientific voice of the United Nations about climate change. They provide the world's leaders and decision-makers at all levels with a sound and most scrutinised scientific knowledge about our climate system, climate change and how to tackle it," Lee observed.

"The Prize comes at a critical time for climate change science. IPCC reports are clear and unequivocal. Climate change is man-made, widespread, rapid and intensifying. Today, we are not on track to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius."

Against this backdrop, the jury stressed that IPBES and IPCC stood out in highlighting the relationship between "science, climate, biodiversity and society, representing the best that is done in this field all around the world."

The Jury, therefore, recognised how the two organisations serve to emphasise "the need to look at the climate crisis and biodiversity in conjunction, with concerted approaches making recourse to nature-based solutions."

With an annual cash award of €1 million, the Gulbenkian Prize for Humanity recognises people, groups of people or organisations from across the globe that make outstanding, innovative, and impactful contributions to mitigate and adapt to climate change.

This is the third edition of the Gulbenkian Prize for Humanity. It was awarded for the first time in 2020 to the young Swedish activist Greta Thunberg. In 2021 the Prize was awarded to the Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy, the largest global alliance for climate leadership in cities, comprising more than 10,600 cities and local governments from 140 countries, including Portugal.

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The Board of Directors, Management and Staff of **Canara Bank (Tanzania) Ltd.**, join the President of the United Republic of Tanzania Samia Suluhu Hassan and all Tanzanians in remembering Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere on **Nyerere Day**

We celebrate Mwalimu's legacy, integrity and ability as a political orator and organizer, as well as his unswerving readiness to work with different groups towards the attainment of Tanzanian's Independence



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Mwalimu was a great statesman who served Tanzania and Africa with unquestionable dedication and humility, His endeavors to maintain peace, unity and justice in Tanzania will be cherished for generations to come.

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Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere

BURJ ZANZIBAR: A DUBAI-STYLE CONSTRUCTION BOOM

By Correspondent Seth Onyango

Zanzibar is undergoing an infrastructure overhaul on a scale not witnessed since independence, with plans to turn the archipelago famed for its pristine beaches and narrow-alleyed old towns into a megalopolis.

Shiny - and green - new towers are coming to Zanzibar as the semi-autonomous island sets out to lure investment and luxury travellers to its shores and build its economy beyond the tourism that has been a lifeline for decades.

The Burj Zanzibar, the world's tallest green building, is the latest headline-grabbing and record-setting project earmarked for construction on the island.

The announcement comes a little over a year after the planned construction of the Zanzibar Domino Commercial Tower, a spiralling skyscraper on a man-made island off the west coast of the archipelago, was announced. In September last year, Tanzania's AICL Group and Edinburgh-based investment company, Crowland Management unveiled designs for the US\$1.3 billion glitzy skyscraper.

Upon completion, Zanzibar Domino Commercial Tower, a 70-storey high-rise, is expected to transform the island and will be the second-tallest building in Africa, after Egypt's Iconic Tower. It will also be the most expensive single-standing building ever constructed on the continent, just \$200 million shy of the world's tallest building, the Burj Khalifa, which gobbled up



The proposed Zanzibar Domino Commercial Tower.

\$1.5 billion.

"Burj" means tower in Arabic - and the new building is expected to reach 96 metres in height. However, the tower will be more green than glitz. Christened a "vertical green village", it would be the first hybrid timber structure globally of such proportions.

According to its designers, upon completion - which is slated for 2026 - the tower will serve as a "mixed-use apartment and commercial building, in a playful beehive style with breathtaking ocean views".

The design was unveiled to the public in Muscat, Oman on 1 October. Dutch-born architect Leander Moons, responsible for the concept said, "Burj Zanzibar is not just an outstanding building but a new ecosystem for the future of living."

"The residential tower with 266 residences is to be located in Fumba Town, East Africa's pioneering ecotown developed by German-led engineering firm CPS. Categorized as a strategic investment and fully supported by the Zanzibar government, the growing city near the capital, where foreigners are

allowed to buy, stretches along a 1.5-kilometre seashore on the southwest coast," according to the developers.

This luxury development boom is seen as a bid by Zanzibar's President Hussein Ali Mwinyi to recalibrate the island's economic model.

A Bloomberg report indicates Zanzibar is touting a \$2 billion plan to woo start-ups and shipping, explore for energy and to process seaweed as it seeks to diversify from tourism and boost its blue economy.

This is part of a five-year plan and the government will hire advisors for the financing and debt needed to fund almost two dozen wide-ranging projects with an estimated value of \$2.4 billion.

New wealth is streaming in from the Middle East (Zanzibar was ruled by the Sultans of Oman from 1698 to 1963) and overseas investors are expected to prop up the archipelago's real estate sector.

Meanwhile, new road projects have also been scheduled to boost connectivity under the Zanzibar Urban-West roads project including its first flyovers since independence. Mwinyi presided over the signing of the road deal with the China Civil Engineering Construction Corporation (CCECC) which promised to do the work within three years.

Construction of flyovers at Amani and Mwanakwerekwe will cost \$116 million. Together with the skyscrapers, the island's new look could begin to resemble the far more glitzy Dubai.

"It is impossible to achieve development goals if we are still using poor infrastructure in the country. We have deliberately prioritised infrastructure development so that we can move forward. I am happy that the road development started, which also includes two flyovers," Mwinyi said.

In the past two years, his eight-phase government approved the construction and tarmacking of more than 275 kilometres of roads on the island.

In March 2022, President Mwinyi

launched an ambitious five-year Zanzibar Water Investment Programme aimed at attracting investment in the production and supply of clean and safe water.

To lure tech companies, Zanzibar is dishing out work visas for relocating tech workers, something that has been problematic in mature markets like Nigeria, Kenya, Egypt and South Africa. Daniel Yu, founder and CEO of Wasoko - a B2B e-commerce platform that connects informal retailers to manufacturers of consumer goods - recently announced that he and the bulk of the company's tech team has relocated to Zanzibar. Wasoko is a founding partner of an initiative called Silicon Zanzibar, which aims to promote the group of islands as a destination for tech companies and their workers.

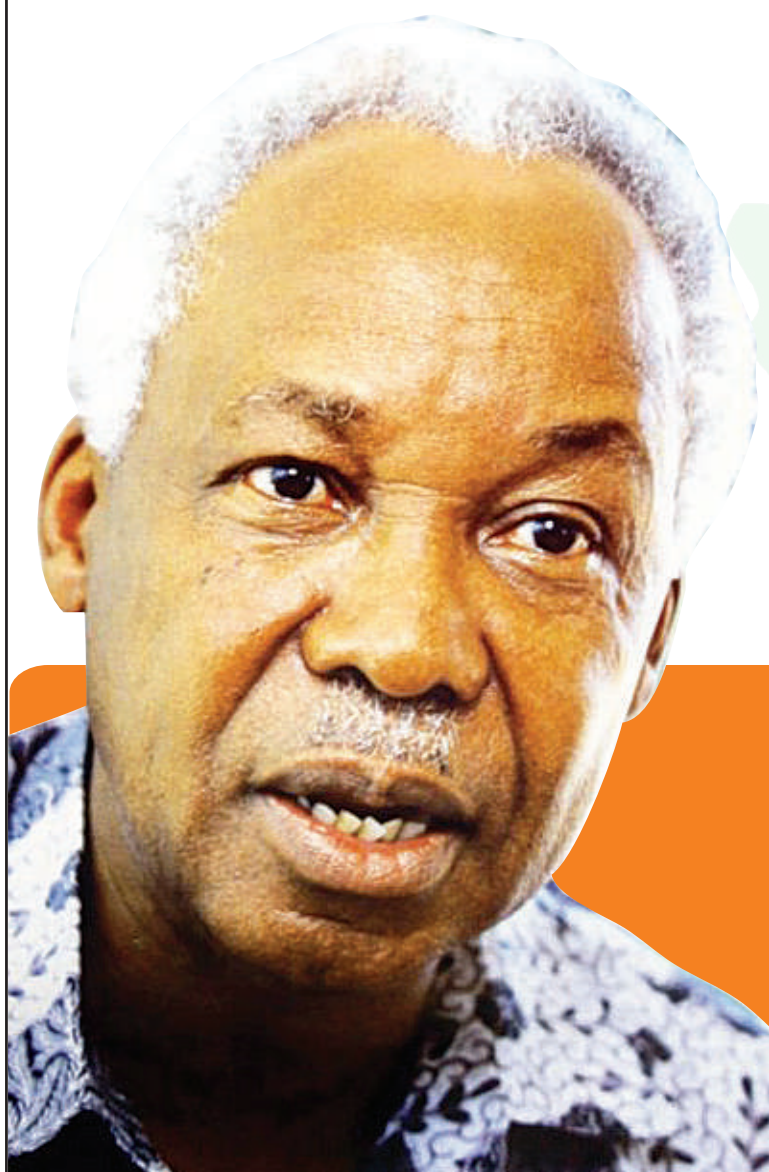
Relocating firms will also find available working space and accommodation at Fumba Town, just 9km away from Abeid Amani Karume International Airport.

"Silicon Zanzibar is reestablishing the island as a gateway to the African continent through the transformative potential of the tech industry. As part of Zanzibar's Blue Economy masterplan to promote sustainable development, the tech sector will play a critical role in expanding the island's economy while maintaining a low environmental footprint," reads the Silicon Zanzibar website in part.

Mwinyi's administration is hoping the new investments and ease of doing business will help boost the appeal of the island.

REMEMBERING FATHER OF THE NATION

On the Occasion of Nyerere Day



The Board of Directors, Management and Staff of Bank of India (T) Ltd, join the President of the United Republic of Tanzania and all Tanzanians in remembering Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere on this Nyerere Day

We celebrate Mwalimu's legacy, integrity and ability as a political orator and organizer, as well as his unswerving readiness to work with different groups towards the attainment of Tanzanian's Independence

Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere

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INTERVIEW

As climate change continues to remain the major global concern, Tanzanian property developers and engineers are also considering going green during implementing both residential and commercial buildings. The Guardian Reporter Francis Kajubi spoke to Ipyana Moses Executive Secretary Tanzania Green Building Council (TGBC) (pictured), who sheds light on the adoption of the green building model in Tanzania. Excerpts:

QUESTION: How do you describe the concept of green building and what does this mean to Tanzania's environment?

ANSWER: According to the World Green Building Council (WGBC) green building is a building model that, in its design, construction or operation, reduces or eliminates negative impacts, and can create positive impacts on climate and natural environment.

Green buildings preserve precious natural resources needed for a human's life. Green building guarantees less operation costs for servicing a building especially maintenance, energy saving, demolition and waste disposal. With Tanzania's environment, green building is about achieving thermal comfort without compromising the environ-

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ment.

Q: Tanzania is not living in isolation when it comes into the effect of climate change. What has been the state of adaptation of green buildings in Tanzania's real estate?

A: Climate change is real and urgent. Therefore, policies and actions to mitigate its implications must be observed. In Tanzania, an official movement was established in 2014 by the Tanzania Green Building Council (TZGBC). The movement aims at spearheading the adaptation of a green design by raising awareness to Tanzania's real estate through its activities like design intervention, building energy audit, material testing, and sustainable construction measures.

The national led National Housing Corporation (NHC) has been championing the adaptation of green building through its projects like the Kibada Housing project, Mwl. Nyerere N.H.C HQ, and EWURA Complex in Dodoma.

Q: How ready are developers in Tanzania and what measures are in place to promote green building concept?

A: Developers are ready and willing to adapt and implement the green building technology as far as our local tools are concerned and accepted at the

global level. TGBC is affiliated with the World Green Building Council. Once a project is audited by TGBC then WGBC is aware of the undertaking.

More awareness is required to promote green building projects, now that TGBC is developing a local rating tool that could add value to the industry as experts are ready to assess the projects.

Q: What benefits Tanzania will gain if developers will implement the green building concept?

A: Low energy costs on the building operations as the building will be operated on renewable energy.

Planet earth is the only place we inhabit, if we can protect it by building structures that return to nature then mother earth will also reward us with less or no calamities like flooding, drought, extreme temperatures and changes in weather patterns, increase in sea levels. But if we just build structures that do not consider the surrounding environments (from design to disposal of the structure) then we should expect worse to come.

Energy monsters are buildings built with no consciousness to the environment, like using long glass facades that allow all the sun in the building causing a greenhouse effect, then using Air conditions to cool the building, more energy is consumed along the process in which the burden is borne to TANESCO. As a result, energy becomes scarce to the masses (other small households). The same applies to water. So, if Tanzanians decide to invest in green buildings, then we will experience no/minimal water and energy shortages as the utility companies will save more and be able to distribute to others.

For example, if buildings recycle their consumed water or collect rainwater and use it for other purposes like gardening, toilet flushing then less water from the utility supplier will be wasted and the occupant will save money on

bills.

A green building can replace the lost Flora and fauna of an area, fewer footprints are left behind, as a result in an urban context if the land value is high vs the existing infrastructures then considering all government building regulations like setbacks, fire safety and more.

A green building can be of an added value to the area rather than just a building because a green building will not compete with the existing infrastructure, it will harness its own energy, collect and reserve its own water, if it has plants then it will harbor other creatures that benefit the environment.

Kariakoo and Central Business District (CBD) are the best examples for this scenario. The land value is high, high rise structures are inevitable so smart buildings are the best option for the land area.

Q: How does Tanzania Green Building Council work with developers such as NHC, WHC, private developers and TBA to enhance green building concepts in Tanzania?

A: Tanzania Green Building Council works closely with private and public developers. During the inception of the TGBC in January 2014, there were a total of 64 organizations who supported the establishment and eventual registration of TGBC.

NHC, WHC, TBA and other private organizations were on the list. Since then, NHC went ahead certifying some

of its projects that were built in Dar es Salaam, Dodoma and other parts of the Country. TGBC is continuing working with all developers.

Q: It is perceived that green building is for rich people. How possible is green building to normal Tanzanians?

A: Green building is the best for any type of infrastructure or housing style, be it high rise, low rise, camp site, a market structure, bridges and roads.

In Tanzania the aspect of green building could be obvious to the extent that the level of the percentage of green components has cooperated.

There are basic activities that people practice like rainwater harvesting and storage, smart water usage, use of natural gas, soft landscaping, use of locally available materials, building orientation, cross ventilation etc, and all these gear towards greening.

However, there are complexities such as thermal mass walls and the rate at which heat is dissipated in and out during the day and nights.

Use of solar power, use of smart lighting and plumbing systems, use of mega panels, use of bio-digesters and plant gravel filters, garbage sorting, use of double glazing, and use of self-settling adhesives in concrete.

All these activities could be obvious in Tanzania. It is just a matter of awareness and some are practicing these already in their homes.

UAE: New deal to help real estate buyers to apply for Golden Visa

ABU DHABI

The Abu Dhabi Residents Office, part of Abu Dhabi Department of Economic Development (ADDED), announced the signing of a strategic agreement with Aldar Properties PJSC, the leading company in property development, management, and investment in Abu Dhabi, for the purpose of enhancing the Abu Dhabi Golden Visa's services and offerings.

As per the agreement, the Abu Dhabi Residents Office and Aldar Properties are working on developing a joint strategy to promote the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, and its portfolio of real estate projects, and to identify opportunities to support investors and talent.

The Abu Dhabi Residents Office will support clients of Aldar when applying for a Golden Visa upon purchasing a property valued at more than Dh2 million from the wide range of options available through Aldar's projects, such as Yas Acres, Mayan, Louvre Abu Dhabi Residences, and more.

The agreement also provides residents with Golden Visas in Abu Dhabi with a two per cent discount when purchasing select properties directly from Aldar, as well as exclusive priority registration at certain schools affiliated with Aldar Academies, in addition to benefiting from the Darna loyalty program.

In addition, the two sides will launch joint activities to promote Golden Visas in Abu Dhabi and other initiatives related to attracting and retaining talents in the Emirate, which is driven by their mutual commitment to attracting skilled and talented individuals and retaining them.

Hareb Al Mheiri, Executive Director of the Abu Dhabi Residents Office said: "This agreement aligns with the Office's strategic goals that seek to facilitate the affairs of Abu Dhabi residents, by helping them to settle and integrate into society and developing a number of smart services and benefits that enhance their lifestyle. This partnership will also affirm our efforts to attract top talents from across the world to the Emirate, which is one of the world's most preferable cities to live and work."

This agreement further enhances Abu Dhabi's attractive position as an investment hub, particularly in the real-estate sector which is a vital economic element that influences investors' trends and plans on the mid and long term."

ELCT plans to build large referral hospital in Iringa

By Correspondent Friday Simbaya, Iringa

In support of the government's efforts to enhance health services delivery, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (ELCT) Diocese of Iringa has come up with a plan to build a large referral hospital in Iringa Municipality to improve health services.

The church say the financing of the project will be in collaboration with stakeholders from the United States and Europe.

Speaking on Wednesday evening during the ongoing 13th general meeting of the synod in Iringa region, the Bishop of the ELCT Church, Diocese of Iringa, Blaston Gaville said the hospital will be built in Don Bosco Mkwawa, Iringa municipal and

will be completed within four years.

He said that the goal of constructing the hospital is to reduce the problem of patients' crowd at the existing Iringa referral hospital region.

Bishop Gaville said apart from the construction of the referral hospital, the church is also continuing with the construction of the Seminary in Ihemi village, Iringa district.

The construction of the proposed seminary is expected to cost more than 2bn/-.

On the other hand, the Archbishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania Dr. Fredrick Shoo thanked and congratulated the government for continuing to provide cooperation in religious institutions, especially in the

services they provide, including education and health.

He said the government led by President Samia Suluhu Hassan has been largely successful in strengthening relations between religious institutions in the country, something that has been productive in building love, unity and solidarity.

Speaking during the event, Dr. Shoo said that the improvement of the relations is the main important tool towards bringing the nation together, while praising the steps taken in development, especially in the health, education and water sectors.

In addition, he has praised the steps taken by the government in fighting poverty and mobilizing the community to protect themselves from various communicable diseases,

including covid-19.

"We thank our government led by President Samia for great cooperation, and we promise to continue giving her more cooperation, especially in improving services delivery by our institutions," he said.

The meeting which was evaluating the community works implemented during the four years from 2018-2022, started on October 11 and is expected to conclude today (October 14, 2022), is attended by a total of 700 members from seven provinces of the Diocese.

Among other things, the general meeting discussed how the ELCT church would have a single constitution that would help bring the church together.

Bishop Dr. Shoo added that the central council of the church has already created a special committee

(task force), including members from different professions, and who love their church.

The committee will be responsible to audit all the constitutions in all the dioceses as well as reviewing the church constitutions in order to create a draft for creating a single constitution for ELCT church.

Dr Shoo asked all members of the ELCT, to pray for the process of obtaining a single constitution, so that it will be a great success, because will create centralised the guidelines of the dioceses to be able to strengthen the unity and performance of the church.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania is the federation of Lutheran churches in Tanzania and one of the largest Lutheran denominations in the world, with more than 6 million members, or 13 percent of the Tanzanian population.



Some of the delegates from the seven provinces of the Diocese of Iringa following the 13th general synod meeting of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (ELCT) held for three days, where the Archbishop of the ELCT church, Dr Frederick Shoo was the guest of honor. Photo: Correspondent Friday Simbaya

Pre-owned construction equipment market to reach US\$484.3bn in 2031

By Guardian Correspondent

The increase in construction and mining activity in developing countries and rise in governments' investments on construction of various infrastructural projects drive the global pre-owned construction equipment market.

According to Allied Market Research published this week the global pre-owned construction equipment market accrued a sum of \$165.2 billion in 2021, and is estimated to reach \$484.3 billion by 2031, witnessing a CAGR of 11.2 percent from 2022 to 2031.

The report offers a detailed analysis of changing market trends, top segments, key investment pockets, value chain, regional landscape, and competitive scenario.

A report says the major stimulant of the market is the increase in construction and mining activity in developing countries such as Latin America and Africa, rise in governments' investments on construction of roads, airports, railway, and other infrastructural projects.

However, the lack of skilled workforce and saturation of construction & mining in

developed countries hinder the market growth.

On the other hand, manufacturers are developing advanced equipment, which are economical and sustainable.

Moreover, integration of IoT is expected to help overcome shortage of skilled labors and provide enhanced safety to operators and end users.

The outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic majorly affected the construction, manufacturing, hotel, and tourism industries, thereby impacting the global pre-owned construction equipment market negatively.

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SEVEN COMPANIES IN RUN FOR MOZAMBIQUE MEGA HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT

MAPUTO

The Mozambican authorities are pre-selecting seven companies and consortia to finance and build the Mphanda Nkuwa hydroelectric dam in central Mozambique. The facility will have a capacity of 1,500 MW.

News on the Mphanda Nkuwa hydroelectric project in Mozambique. The director of the Mphanda Nkuwa Construction and Development Office, Carlos Yum, has announced the pre-selection of seven companies and consortia for the financing and construction of the future hydroelectric scheme. The information is reported by our Malaysian colleagues at The Star.

Carlos Yum has refrained from revealing the names of the pre-selected companies

and their nationalities. But, according to The Star, it is exactly two individual companies and five large consortia that are expected to visit the project site this week in Tete province, central Mozambique. A few weeks ago, a government source indicated that the project had attracted interest from at least eight consortia and companies.

These include the giant Électricité de France (EDF), China's Longyuan Power Overseas Investment and PowerChina Resources, Norway's Independent Power Producer (IPP) Scatec, Japan's Sumitomo Corporation and Kansai Electric Power, Italy's WeBuild Group (formerly Salini Impregilo) and ETC Holdings Mauritius.

Only after the site visit will the shortlisted companies and consortia formulate technical



Mphanda Nkuwa hydroelectric dam

and financial bids for the development of the Mphanda Nkuwa

hydropower scheme.

The project involves the construction of a hydroelectric dam

on the Zambezi River in the Marara district. Its 1,500 MW power plant will be located 60 km downstream of the Cahora Bassa dam, which has a capacity of 2,075 MW.

The dam will be located 70 km upstream of the city of Tete, the capital of the province. A transmission system comprising 1,300 km of 550 kV high-voltage direct current line will also be built between Cataxia and the Mozambican capital Maputo.

However, this mega-project, which is necessary for Mozambique's energy development, is controversial because of its environmental and social impact. The Mphanda Nkuwa dam reservoir is expected to initially push 1,400 families and impact the livelihoods of 200,000 people.

However, the project, which is expected to enter the construction phase in 2024, is supported by the African Development Bank (AfDB) and the International Finance Corporation (IFC), the World Bank Group's private sector financing arm.

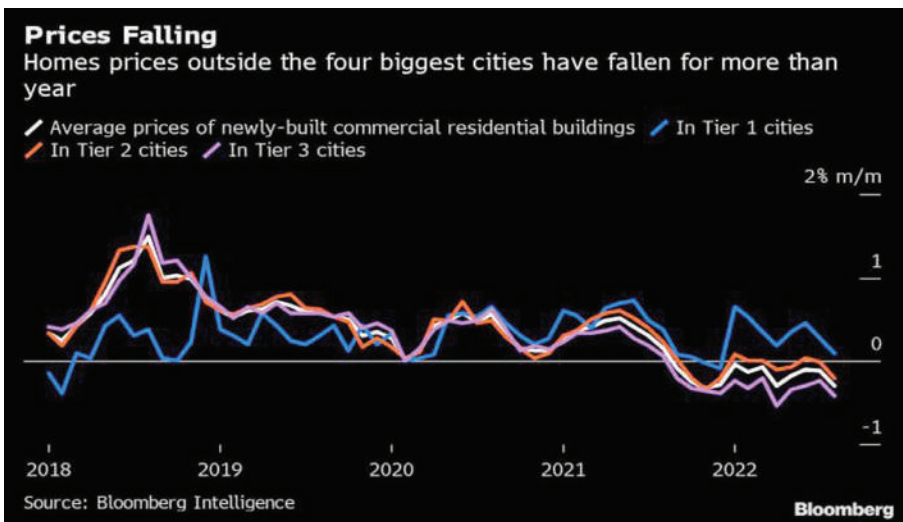
China's bursting housing bubble will rock the economy

BEIJING

The wave of stimulus aimed at reviving China's housing market -- billions in bank loans, interest rate cuts and support for developers -- has done little to help Echo sell her home near Shanghai.

The media worker has received only four nibbles from potential buyers in six months, and is considering a 10% cut to her asking price of 3.3 million yuan (\$460,000). She thinks this stagnant housing market, the worst in China's modern history, will drag on for years.

"Everyone is waiting for a steeper drop in home prices before they make up their mind to buy," said Echo, who asked to be identified only by her first name for fear of retribution given her



negative outlook. "There's going to be a vicious cycle."

While many economists say China's crippling housing downturn won't get much worse and that the stimulus will kick in this year or next, the reality on the ground for sellers like Echo is much bleaker.

Home sales and prices remain sluggish amid an economic slowdown and Covid Zero restraints. Consumer confidence is near a record low, and a recent central bank survey showed 73% of households expect property prices to stay unchanged or drop in the near term. Not even the Golden Week holiday, normally a good time for real estate, could provide a spark, with sales off 38%.

As President Xi Jinping and other Communist Party leaders gather Sunday for their twice-a-decade congress, few issues matter more than a housing market that's been hobbled by Beijing's own policies aimed at reducing credit

risk while making homes more affordable in the name of "common prosperity."

With estimates ranging from \$2.4 trillion for the new-home market to \$52 trillion for existing inventory, the sheer expanse of China's residential housing sector means there's plenty at stake.

Real estate accounts for about a quarter of domestic output and almost 40% of household assets. Bursting a bubble of this size without triggering a financial crisis is difficult for any government, and previous attempts in Japan from 1989, and the US in 2007-08 proved to be disastrous.

Policymakers are showing increased urgency to deal with the fallout. Among the most recent moves, the central government is allowing nearly two dozen cities to lower mortgage rates. Financial regulators have told the biggest state-owned banks to extend at least 600 billion yuan of financing to the in-

dustry. Beijing even offered a rare tax break for people who buy a new home within a year of selling.

So far, none of the moves has done much to restore confidence in a sector that's endured endless pain in the last 18 months. The government crackdown on borrowing has hammered developers like China Evergrande Group, sparking a wave of more than \$50 billion in dollar bond defaults.

An analysis by the International Monetary Fund this week showed that 45% of developers might not be able to cover their debt obligations with earnings, and 20% of them could become insolvent if their inventory value is marked to current property prices.

A gauge of high-yield debt remains near the lowest in more than a decade, while the main property stock index has tumbled 39% this year. Property stocks and bonds are unlikely to rally until home sales pick up.

Consumers are feeling the pinch too. The turmoil has sparked unprecedented protests after the developer cash crunch led to construction delays across China, prompting hundreds of thousands of homeowners to boycott their mortgage payments until their homes get built.

The potential spillover effects on the economy are massive. Millions of households are seeing their nest egg quickly lose value while Covid lockdowns have dragged down consumer confidence. That's translating into a record increase in savings and the weakest demand for loans since before the global financial crisis. In the year through September, banks extended the least amount of mortgages in any year since 2015.

The current downturn, now in its second year, is already breaking records, making it the steepest and longest slump since private home ownership began in the 1990s. While sales in big cities like Beijing, Shanghai, and Shenzhen saw a slight uptick in the first weeks of September, the overall market by dollar value at the 100 biggest developers was still down 25% last month from a year earlier.

Lengmu, a real estate agent in Shanghai, has only done two deals since the city lifted its lockdown in June. He says the average number of second-hand homes sold in one block has dropped to below 10 over the past six months, compared with around 30 to 50 in a good year. Clients have either left the city or are waiting for prices to stop falling.

"It's really tough to broker a deal these days," said Lengmu, who only wanted his first name used and has worked in real estate for four years. He hopes the market will improve after the rate cuts. "If you can't secure any deal, you don't get paid anything more than your basic salary. I feel pressured."

Some economists say the policy moves, along with a gradual easing of Covid restrictions, may help the market find a floor this year and plateau into 2023. Few are calling for a sharp rebound.

"The government's measures are aimed at preventing the difficulties in the property market from spilling over into the broader economy rather than stimulating the housing market," Morgan Stanley analysts including Stephen Cheung and Chloe Liu wrote in an Oct. 9 note. They don't see a recovery until the second quarter of next year. Deutsche Bank AG says the market may have bottomed in August.

Optimists point to China's burgeoning middle class that will fuel new levels of spending. China surpassed Japan as the world's second-largest economy in 2010, helped by the largest urbanization in history.

UK's 13-year housing market boom to end in 2023

LONDON

Homeowners will struggle to make mortgage repayments and repossessions will rise next year as soaring interest rates and falling prices mark the end of the UK's 13-year housing market boom, according to a sobering report from the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS).

The number of inquiries from potential homebuyers fell for a fifth month in a row in September, while sales fell to the lowest level since May 2020 when the housing market all but ground to a halt during the early stages of the coronavirus pandemic, it said.

The number of new instructions to sell has continued to fall - stock levels are at historic lows with estate agents on average listing just 34 homes on their books.

"Storm clouds are visible in the deterioration of near-term expectations for both pricing and sales," said Simon Rubinsohn, chief economist at RICS. "The



turmoil in mortgage markets in recent weeks has compounded the increasing level of economic uncertainty resulting from higher energy bills and the wider cost of living crisis, shifting the dial in the housing market."

House prices have remained resilient due to the limited supply for sale, but the pace of growth is rapidly slowing with forecasts for at least a 10% price fall next year as surging interest rates heap pressure on household budgets.

On Wednesday, the average two-year fixed mortgage rate hit

6.46%, while the average five-year deal was 6.32%, the highest level since the financial crisis in 2008, according to Moneyfacts.co.uk.

The Bank of England's financial policy committee on Wednesday said that the proportion of households struggling to pay their mortgages could rise to levels not seen since the 2008 financial crisis, if interest rates and living costs continue to climb.

"It will be challenging for some households to manage the projected rises in the cost of essentials alongside higher interest

rates," it said.

However, policymakers said this was unlikely to result in a banking crisis, given that borrowers were in a "stronger position" than they were before the financial crisis. The Bank said this was partly due to caps on the amount that people could borrow for mortgages, compared with their incomes.

Soaring mortgage rates are pricing new buyers out of the market, while homeowners looking to remortgage are facing crippling increases in payments.

"For now mortgage arrears and possessions remain at historic lows but they are inevitably going to move upwards over the next year, as pressure on homeowners grow," said Rubinsohn. "It is difficult not to envisage further pressure on the housing sector as the economy adjusts to higher interest rates and the tight labour market begins to reverse."

Rising mortgage costs and the broader cost of living crisis will outweigh any potential benefit

from the government's move to cut stamp duty to prop up the housing market, said RICS.

On Wednesday, Barratt, Britain's biggest housebuilder, said that the average number of weekly reservations by buyers of new homes slumped by a third year-on-year between 1 July and 9 October.

Last month, RICS said that the number of homes sold in the UK over the next year will record the biggest fall in at least a decade.

About 1,000 mortgage deals were pulled from the market after Kwasi Kwarteng's mini-budget on 23 September triggered a sell-off in financial markets and raised expectations for even higher interest rates. Many lenders have since returned with much more expensive deals.

"An era of double-digit price growth was already coming to an end but the mini-budget looks set to accelerate that process," said Tom Bill, head of UK residential research at Knight Frank. "Sentiment has been damaged as lend-

ers have struggled to fix rates, marking the end of a 13-year period of ultra-low borrowing costs. It's a fairly safe bet that UK house prices have now peaked."

The knock-on effect of a slowing of house sales has been a significant surge in demand in the rental market, alongside a fall in landlord instructions for new lettings.

"Near-term expectations point to a further strong growth in rental prices over the coming three months," said RICS.

Increasing rental rates will help landlords when they come to remortgage their properties, but as many as 30% of those with buy-to-let loans are likely to fail their renewal test, according to a report by credit rating agency Moody's on Wednesday.

In order to refinance, buy-to-let mortgage holders have to meet affordability criteria, based on a minimum interest coverage ratio (ICR), that soaring interest rates makes more difficult to meet.

WORLD

Russia accuses Ukraine of organizing Crimea bridge blast

MOSCOW/KYIV/WASHINGTON

THE Russian Federal Security Service (FSB) said on Wednesday that the Ukrainian military was responsible for a recent deadly explosion on the Crimean Bridge.

"The organizer of the terrorist attack on the Crimean Bridge was the Main Intelligence Directorate of the Ukrainian Defense Ministry, its head Kirill Budanov, employees and agents," the FSB said in a statement on the findings of an investigation into the incident.

A camouflaged explosive device was hidden in a batch of construction materials, which was shipped from the Ukrainian seaport of Odessa to the Bulgarian city of Ruse in early August, it said.

The cargo was delivered to Georgia and then Armenia before arriving at a wholesale depot in south Russia's Krasnodar region on Oct 6, according to the FSB.

A day later, with the assistance of two Ukrainian citizens and five Russian nationals, the documents on the sender and recipient of the cargo were changed, and the freight was loaded into the truck of a Russian citizen, it added.

The truck exploded on the morning of Oct 8 while traveling on the road part of the Crimean Bridge, causing seven fuel tanks of a train heading to the Crimean Peninsula to catch fire. Three people were killed in the blast, which also led to the partial collapse of two spans of the road bridge.

The FSB said an employee of the Main Intelligence Directorate of the Ukrainian Defense Ministry, who introduced

himself as "Ivan Ivanovich," controlled the movement of the cargo along the entire route and contacted participants in the crime with a virtual anonymous phone number purchased on the internet and a phone number registered under the name of a Ukrainian citizen.

So far, five Russian citizens and three nationals of Ukraine and Armenia, who participated in the preparation for the crime, have been detained, the FSB said, adding that the investigation continues and all those responsible will be held accountable.

Zelensky briefs UN chief on Russian attacks

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky tweeted Tuesday he had informed UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres in detail about the scale and consequences of the Russian attacks.

The situation at the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant in southern Ukraine and grain exports from Ukraine were also discussed, he added.

Power restored

Power has been restored in 3,800 settlements across Ukraine after the attacks had resulted in power cut in 3,900 on Monday, Ukrainian Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal said Tuesday on Telegram, adding that restoration work was ongoing in central regions.

He called for limiting electricity consumption, such as not turning on energy-intensive appliances during peak hours from 5 pm to 11 pm, to keep the energy system stable.

Given the danger of the attacks, students in educational institutions and preschools in Kyiv will study online un-



In this Oct 8, 2022 file photo, a helicopter drops water to stop fire on the Crimean Bridge connecting the Russian mainland and Crimean peninsula over the Kerch Strait, in Kerch, Crimea. (PHOTO / AP)

til the end of this week, and kindergartens will be closed, Mykola Povoznyk, first deputy head of the Kyiv City State Administration, was quoted as saying Tuesday by the Ukrainian government-run Ukrinform news agency.

GOP members question US aid to Ukraine

As the Russia-Ukraine conflict is trending toward further escalation and the Joe Biden administration remains committed to providing continuous assistance to Kyiv, Republicans on Capitol Hill have been doubtful of the administration's end goal - if there is one.

Projecting a bumpy road ahead for additional US security and humanitarian aid to Ukraine if the Republican Party wins back the House in the upcoming midterm elections, The Hill in a Wednesday report quoted Scott Perry, GOP congressman representing Pennsylvania, as saying the Biden administration lacks a clear goal for arming Ukraine while problems at home remain to be tackled.

"We all want to help. At the same time, you know, we've got problems in our own country that remain unresolved, and we have no idea what the administration's plan is. Like, what's the end state? Where are we headed?" Perry, also chairman of the House Freedom Caucus, was quoted as saying. "Are our tax dollars being used wisely?"

On Twitter, Republican Congresswoman Lauren Boebert slammed

Biden's request that Congress approve \$13.7 billion in additional aid for Ukraine. "Biden needs to understand that we are the USA not the US-ATM," she tweeted last month.

The US provided an additional round of security assistance to Ukraine worth \$625 million earlier this month, bringing the total since Biden took office to over \$17.5 billion.

After Russia's firing of missiles to attack multiple Ukrainian cities on Monday, Biden vowed that the US will "stand with the people of Ukraine for as long as it takes" and "provide the support necessary for Ukrainian forces to defend their country and their freedom."

'West attempting to escalate situation'

Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov said in an interview posted on the ministry's website on Tuesday that the West was attempting to escalate the situation through "nuclear rhetoric" and a possibility of Russia using weapons of mass destruction.

"A direct clash with the United States and NATO is not in Russia's interests," he said, warning the West of a dangerous situation that uncontrolled escalation could lead to.

He said the West was becoming more actively involved in the conflict, as it continued providing Ukraine with large-scale assistance in the form of personnel training as well as intelligence and realtime satellite imagery.

G7 finance leaders pledge to intensify climate efforts

WASHINGTON

FINANCE leaders from the Group of Seven on Wednesday pledged to increase emissions reductions efforts and climate support for developing countries despite energy cost and security challenges prompted by Russia's special military operation in Ukraine.

Meeting on the sidelines of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank annual meetings in Washington, the G7 finance ministers and central bank governors reaffirmed in a statement their commitment to achieving net zero emissions goals by 2050.

The officials said the Ukraine conflict has caused substantial increases in energy and food prices and was severely impacting energy markets and supplies globally.

"Facing these challenges, we will not compromise on, but rather intensify our efforts to meet our climate goals, including an accelerated, clean, just and sustainable energy transition that also strengthens energy security," the G7 officials said.

They pledged to make substantial progress toward reaching Paris Agreement climate goals at next month's COP 27 climate conference next month in Egypt, and said they remained committed to pledges to mobilize \$100 billion annually through 2025 to address the climate needs of developing countries.

The G7 ministers and governors also said that the development of high integrity carbon markets and carbon pricing would foster cost-efficient reductions in emission levels, and drive climate innovation.

They also pledged to cooperate on possible trade mechanisms aimed at preventing "carbon leakage," or the shift of carbon emissions to countries with lower environmental standards.

South Africa's busiest port Durban hobbled by strike

STAFF shortages caused by an ongoing strike over wages are impacting container and car terminals at South Africa's Durban port, one of the busiest on the continent, a unit of state-owned logistics company Transnet said on Tuesday.

Transnet, which manages South Africa's freight rail network and ports, declared force majeure last week after its workers went on strike over a wage dispute.

In an update on its website, Transnet Port Terminals said the strike had impacted waterside and landside operations at its Durban port, which handles 65 percent of South Africa's container volumes.

"Please be advised that operations at Pier 1, Pier 2 and Durban RoRo Terminal have been impacted as a result of industrial action. Appointment slots have been suspended. Please do not dispatch trucks to the terminals until further notice," it said.

Piers 1 and 2 are container terminals, while the RoRo (roll-on roll-off) terminal is used to import and export cars.

The strike could also disrupt fruit exports from Transnet's Cape Town port just as the deciduous fruit season begins.

"Transnet is working

closely with industry to ensure that the perishable products, along with other cargo with a limited shelf-life, are prioritized at the ports," Transnet said.

The company said the impact of the strike differed across its operations, with essential services such as ship docking and berthing continuing. Services provided by private companies within the ports were also continuing, it said.

"The focus for Transnet management is to keep operations going with the limited resources available," it said in response to Reuters' questions.

The Transnet strike is also set to worsen the mining industry's logistics woes. Even before the strike, South Africa's Minerals Council had projected a revenue loss of 50 billion rand (\$2.76 billion) this year, compared to 35 billion rand in 2021, as Transnet's underperformance squeezes exports.

Miners Thungela Resources, Kumba Iron Ore and Jupiter Mines have warned that the strike is likely to impact coal, iron ore and manganese production and exports.

Transnet has said it will meet union leaders on Wednesday to continue wage negotiations.

Agencies

Envoy: Unilateral sanctions 'tumour of human society'

UNITED NATIONS

DESCRIBING unilateral coercive measures as a "tumor of human society," a Chinese envoy on Wednesday urged the United States and some other Western countries to cancel their illegal and unreasonable sanctions immediately.

In fact, the unilateral sanctions by those countries under the pretext of human rights violate human rights in other nations, said Dai Bing, China's deputy permanent representative to the United Nations.

"Those Western countries must be held responsible and accountable for the systematic violation of human rights



Dai Bing (left, front), China's deputy permanent representative to the United Nations, speaks during a UN Security Council briefing at the UN headquarters in New York, Aug 30, 2022. File photo

caused by their unilateral coercive measures," Dai said at the side event of the Group of Friends in Defense of the Charter of the United Nations on the negative impact of un-

ilateral coercive measures on human rights.

Unilateral coercive measures violate the UN Charter and international law, the envoy said, noting that some

countries even attempt to use those measures to suppress the legitimate governments of the countries concerned and instigate "color revolutions" for regime changes, which poses a severe threat to world peace and stability.

Some individual countries' abuse of sanction measures, like imposing trade bans, blocking financial investments and interfering with markets, is disrupting international economic, trade and technological cooperation. The sanctions gravely threaten global food, energy and financial security and pose livelihood difficulties for developing countries, even resulting in humanitarian disasters in

some vulnerable nations, he said.

Unilateral sanctions also cause severe damage to the harmony and stability of international relations. Even basic requirements such as paying UN dues and attending UN meetings in the US city of New York have been interrupted, Dai said, adding that such practices should be condemned.

"We urge the United States and some other Western countries to face squarely the international appeal for justice, and immediately cancel their unilateral coercive measures, so as to practice true multilateralism with concrete actions," Dai said.

Xinhua

China achieves fruitful results in international art exchanges

A grand exhibition displaying Han Dynasty (202 BC to AD 8) artifacts was staged in the Guimet Museum, France in July, 2014. A total of 153 sets of valuable exhibits from 27 Chinese museums were displayed, attracting large numbers of visitors.

Prior to it, another exhibition titled "Great Museums, Famous Masters and Outstanding Masterpieces: the Special Painting Exhibition for Commemorating 50th Anniversary of Establishment of China-France Diplomatic Relationship" was held at the National Museum of China. It showcased 10 hallmark paintings from five major French museums, including the Louvre.

The above two art exhibitions were a miniature of the prospering development of the exchanges and mutual learning between China and the rest of the world over the past decade.

In recent years, the Chinese art world has fully demonstrated

China's artistic ideas through its active interaction with the rest of the world. China's traditional art, presented with new technologies and ideas, has grown more inclusive and open.

At the 59th Venice Biennale, an international contemporary art exhibition that takes place biennially in Venice, Italy, a series of Chinese exhibits were displayed in the Chinese Pavilion with digital, virtual and artificial intelligence technologies, demonstrating the ingenious blend of oriental charm and frontier technologies, as well as Chinese artists' consideration of the present and the future.

With the new models of exhibition, cultural relics, art works and intangible cultural heritage are forcefully driving cultural exchanges and mutual learning.

In 2018, 58 paintings collected by the Beijing Fine Art Academy were displayed at an exhibition titled "Elegance and Savour - Life, Wisdom and Art in Chinese Cul-

ture" in the Liechtenstein National Museum. They presented the Chinese people's lifestyles, cultural traditions and aesthetics.

Today, more and more Chinese artworks have won applause from the international community. A batch of Chinese architects have claimed international architectural design prizes, and a number of China-designed products have won international designing awards.

Besides, China has also set up a number of awards in design, attracting many excellent foreign designers.

Chinese artists have taken an active part in cultural communication and cooperation programs under the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), introducing Chinese art to the rest of the world and promoting cultural communication and people-to-people bonds between China and other countries.

In 2015, the Belt and Road International Art Project Exhibitions

were kicked off by the China National Academy of Painting. The program was joined by over 100 artists from more than 30 countries and regions, who portrayed the Silk Road spirit of peace and cooperation, openness and inclusiveness, mutual learning and mutual benefit with their paintbrushes.

Their paintings not only demonstrated the economic prosperity of Belt and Road countries achieved through exchanges but also showcased a constant blend of different cultures. They mirrored the positive role of the BRI in building a community with a shared future for mankind.

Besides, China has also held many other Belt and Road art exchange programs, which have significantly enriched the artistic creation of Belt and Road countries.

As China keeps deepening its cooperation with other Belt and Road countries in infrastructure and other sectors, art cooperation

is also expanding.

For instance, China Railway Construction Corporation has hosted a fine art exhibition themed on the BRI to tell the stories of the enhanced connectivity among Belt and Road countries.

Apart from that, China has launched a large batch of cultural projects, such as the Silk Road International Arts Festival and the Maritime Silk Road International Arts Festival. The International Alliance of Museums of the Silk Road and the Silk Road International Alliance of Art Museums and Galleries have been set up, which have so far developed over 500 member organizations from China and the world.

The rich and colorful artworks and activities both reflect the essence of win-win cooperation and expand China's cultural exchanges with the rest of the world, enhancing mutual understanding and friendly exchanges between people.

People's Daily



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Putin points to new centers of power emerging in Asia

ASTANA

ASIA where new centers of power are growing stronger plays a big role in the transition to a multipolar world, Russian President Vladimir Putin said at a summit of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia (CICA) yesterday.

"The world is becoming a truly multipolar system. Asia where new centers of power are growing stronger plays quite a noticeable if not a key role in that," the Russian leader said.

Asian countries are engines of world economic growth, Putin pointed out.

"Here such integration associations as the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Eurasian Economic Union act dynamically and efficiently," the Russian president said.

Russia actively participates in all these processes, Putin said.

"We stand for Asia's development and prosperity, for creating for these purposes a broad open space of mutually beneficial trade and investment cooperation, for broadening and deepening cooperation ties in various sectors of the economy," the Russian president assured.

It was Moscow that stood at the origin of establishing the CICA Business Council, which has held within its framework over the past years "a lot of successful conferences and workshops across the entire economic agenda," Putin said.

"And, of course, together with other Asian states, we take all efforts to create a system of equal and indivisible security based on universal and recognized principles of international law and the UN Charter," the Russian leader emphasized.

US clears updated COVID shots for kids as young as 5

MOSCOW / LOS ANGELES

US health regulators authorized the use of Omicron-tailored COVID-19 booster shots from Moderna Inc and Pfizer Inc in children as young as five, a move that will expand the government's fall vaccination campaign.

The US Food and Drug Administration on Wednesday green-lighted Moderna's bivalent vaccine for those aged six and above, while Pfizer's updated shot was authorized in children aged five and above.

The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also backed the FDA's authorization, clearing the way for the shots to be administered in children.

Meanwhile, experts blame the US government for the country's failed response to the COVID-19 pandemic, while US health officials expect another fall and winter surge as people head indoors during the colder weather.

Some researchers said the United States is already starting to see early signs of a resurgence. According to an NPR report, virus levels in wastewater are up in Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Vermont and other parts of the Northeast, potentially "an early-warning sign of what's coming."

Vaccine

Novavax Inc said on Wednesday data from studies in adults and adolescents showed that the booster dose of its COVID vaccine produced robust antibodies against several Omicron variants, including BA.1, BA.2 and BA.5.

In the late-stage study, a single homologous booster dose significantly increased antibody levels against these variants relative to pre-boost levels, the company said.

The company said ongoing trials are studying the efficacy of the vaccine against variants including BA.4 and BA.5.

UK minister shies away from committing to retaining tax policy

LONDON

FOREIGN minister James Cleverly shied away from confirming or denying whether the government would retain its policy on low corporation tax on Thursday, saying only it was important to keep businesses competitive.

Prime Minister Liz Truss is under pressure to change tack on an economic package that has roiled markets, with some investors and her own lawmakers calling on her to reverse a plan for 43 billion pounds (\$48 billion) of unfunded tax cuts, including scrapping an increase in corporation tax from 19 percent to 25 percent.

Asked in a series of interviews if the government would scrap that move, Cleverly said it was important to invest in businesses and help them stay competitive, and that he backed the overall project to kick-start economic growth.

"The chancellor will come to the despatch box," he said when asked by Sky News whether the corporation tax plan would definitely stay. "I think it's absolutely right that we've made it clear that we want to invest in businesses."

Truss, the 47-year-old former foreign secretary, was elected last month by members of her party and not the broader electorate on a promise to snap the economy out of years of stagnation by cutting taxes and reforming areas such as planning, migration and employment.

But the Sept 23 launch of its new economic policy triggered a fire-sale in the government bond market that has driven up borrowing costs and mortgage rates and forced the Bank of England to intervene to protect pension funds.

Mel Stride, chair of parliament's Treasury Select Committee and a backer of Truss's leadership rival Rishi Sunak, said on Wednesday more policy reversals might be needed after the government reversed its decision to scrap the top rate of income tax.

Former finance minister Sajid Javid, who backed Truss in the leadership contest, was quoted in the Times newspaper as saying the government needed to scale back either tax cuts or energy subsidies because it was "absolutely crucial" to show it could balance the books.

Finance minister Kwasi Kwarteng will present a full fiscal policy along with borrowing and growth forecasts on Oct 31.



A retail store with closing down sign is seen in London, Britain, Sept 30, 2022. REUTERS

Plenum makes full preparation for 20th CPC National Congress

BEIJING

THE 19th Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) concluded its seventh plenary session in Beijing on Wednesday with a communique issued.

Xi Jinping, general secretary of the CPC Central Committee, made an important speech at the four-day session, which was presided over by the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee.

It was decided at the plenary session that the 20th CPC National Congress will open on Oct. 16 in Beijing, according to the communique. Entrusted by the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee, Xi delivered a work report to the plenum.

The plenary session also discussed and adopted a report to be made by the 19th CPC Central Committee to the 20th CPC National Congress, a work report of the 19th CPC Central Commission for Discipline Inspection (CCDI) to the congress, and an amendment to the CPC Constitution.

The three documents will be submitted to the upcoming congress for examination and deliberation, read the communique. During the session, Xi delivered explanatory remarks on the draft report by the 19th CPC Central Committee to the 20th CPC National Congress.

Wang Huning made explanations on the draft amendment to the CPC Constitution. It was noted at the session that over the past year, confronted with a complex and challenging international situation and demanding tasks of advancing reform, promoting development, and maintaining stability at home, the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee has fully implemented Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era, and united and led the whole Party, the armed forces and the people of all ethnic groups in securing new and major achievements in the undertakings of the Party and the state, creating favorable conditions for convening the 20th CPC National Congress.

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Delegates from Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region to the 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC) arrive in Beijing, capital of China yesterday. Xinhua

The past five years since the 19th CPC National Congress have been unusual and extraordinary, said the communique.

Over the past five years, the CPC Central Committee with Comrade Xi Jinping at its core has held high the banner of socialism with Chinese characteristics, and united and led the whole Party, the armed forces and the people of all ethnic groups in completing the historic mission of building a moderately prosperous society in all respects and thus realizing the first centenary goal, and in embarking on a new journey toward building a modern socialist country in all respects and advancing toward the second centenary goal, the communique said.

Over the past five years, the CPC Central Committee with Comrade Xi Jinping at its core has united and led the whole Party, the armed forces and the people of all ethnic groups in effectively coping with the grave and complex international situation and a series of major risks and challenges, and pushing forward socialism with Chinese characteristics for a new era in an energetic manner, according to the communique.

Many tough problems that remained unsolved for a long time have been solved, many things of vital importance and long-term significance have been accomplished, and major achievements that captured the attention of the world have been scored in the cause of the Party and the country, the communique said.

The communique noted that these major achievements have been the result of concerted efforts of all Party members and all Chinese people under the strong leadership of the CPC Central Committee with Comrade Xi Jinping at its core, and the guidance of Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era.

It emphasized that, the Party has established Comrade Xi Jinping's core position on the Party Central Committee and in the Party as a whole, and has defined the guiding role of Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese

Characteristics for a New Era.

This reflects the common will of the Party, the armed forces, and the Chinese people of all ethnic groups, and is of decisive significance for advancing the cause of the Party and the country in the new era and for driving forward the historic process of great national rejuvenation.

The session took stock of the work of the 19th CPC CCDI, noting that discipline inspection commissions at all levels, under the strong leadership of the CPC Central Committee with Comrade Xi Jinping at its core, had resolutely implemented the Party's strategic decisions of self-reform and full, rigorous self-governance.

An overwhelming victory has been achieved in the fight against corruption, and this has been consolidated across the board, it read.

The session analyzed the current situation and the tasks, and hosted in-depth discussion on major issues including upholding and developing socialism with Chinese characteristics on the new journey in the new era, and building a modern socialist country in all respects. It made full preparation for the upcoming 20th CPC National Congress, the communique said.

The seventh plenary session of the 19th CPC Central Committee opened in Beijing on Oct. 9, with 199 full members and 159 alternate members present. Members of the CCDI and leading officials of related departments were also present in a non-voting capacity.

Xinhua

Saline-alkali soil turned into valuable assets in Ningxia Hui autonomous region

It's impossible for saline-alkali soil to turn fertile, but it can generate profits when used properly.

In an industrial park in Yanchi, a county in northwest China's Ningxia Hui autonomous region that lies on the southern brink of the Mu Us Desert, there are nearly 800 greenhouses built on a vast expanse of saline-alkali soil.

In the greenhouses, no trace of fruits or vegetables can be found, and what's seen there is spirulina. Besides, whiteleg shrimps are also bred in some of the greenhouses.

The annual precipitation in Yanchi county stands at around 200 millimeters, while the evaporation is as high as 1,500 millimeters. That's why the county is covered by a number of salt lakes.

To make the infertile saline-alkali soil productive, local authorities have introduced aquaculture and algae processing enterprises, and established 2,500 mu (167 hectares) of breeding bases. Today, the industrial park produces 500 tons of spirulina and 20 tons of phycocyanin on an annual basis.

The story of Yanchi proves that only by thinking out of the box and proactively making changes can industrial structure be optimized, industries well developed, and high-quality development achieved.

Yanchi has transformed the elements that once constrained its development into unique advantages that help it achieve success.

For instance, Yanchi is home to 280,000 mu of saline-alkali land with a pH value of over 9. The underground water there perfectly meets the demand



A man works beside a phycocyanin abstractor in an industrial park in Yanchi county, northwest China's Ningxia Hui autonomous region. (Photo courtesy of the publicity department of Yanchi county)

for brine in spirulina breeding. The long sunshine duration in the county ensures that the spirulina receives enough heat for growth, and the low rent of saline-alkali land has reduced the operation costs of the business.

Most of the enterprises in the industrial park were engaged in the production of spirulina tablets and powder. However, they faced severe market competition due to the single product line. To improve the added value of their products, some enterprises have introduced new technologies to abstract phycocyanin, the most nutritious part, from spirulina. The extended industrial chain further expanded the prospects of the local spirulina industry.

Enterprises must adhere to green development and circular economy in order to further expand their businesses. At present, the industrial park is trying to relocate spirulina from the greenhouses to glass tubes, as the tubes, which stretch a total of over 8,000 meters, ensure sufficient sunlight and thus improve the algae's growth efficiency. Besides, the tubes also help the centralized disposal of waste brine.

The industrial park will also launch a demonstration program that involves photovoltaic power generation, spirulina breeding and aquaculture, as well as sewage disposal.

The success of the industrial park indicates that it is totally possible to turn negative factors into advantages

and achieve a win-win of economic growth and environmental protection by efficiently exploiting local resources, advancing technological innovation, and following a path of sustainable development that's energy-conserving and environmental-friendly.

It is believed that with targeted measures that suit local conditions, China's high-quality development will embrace brighter prospects.



Kinondoni Municipal Council FC's head coach, Thierry Hitimana.

Hitimana determined to work on KMC FC's blunt forward line

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

KINONDONI Municipal Council FC under the tutelage of Thierry Hitimana is determined to ensure that it starts winning this season's NBC Premier League games after having managed to notch only one victory so far.

The Dar es Salaam-based club has won one game so far in the Premier League, a 2-1 victory over bottom-placed Ihefu SC which has yet to register a win in the club's six league encounters.

After making sure his side's defensive department does not concede many goals in the Premier League games after shipping six in the first four games, Hitimana faces another challenge in the forward line which has not scored any goals in the last two games against Ruvo Shooting and Namungo FC, with both matches culminating in 0-0 draws.

The coach noted he is seeking to ensure that they start winning league matches, with the side having been scheduled to confront Morogoro's Mtibwa Sugar at Uhuru Stadium in Dar es Salaam this week.

The gaffer stated he will make sure that his squad's forward line regains its edge starting with the coming clash against Mtibwa Sugar.

Hitimana issued his cautious verdict on the upcoming league fixture against the Morogoro side which has won two clashes, settled for a draw in three ties, and succumbed to defeat in one.

The former Namungo FC head coach pointed out: "We are preparing for a game that will be difficult due to both outfits needing good results, we know Mtibwa Sugar is a good team and even if you look at the side's last game in which it posted a goalless draw with Tanzania Prisons, the squad played well, therefore, we are preparing to get a good result."

"To emerge victorious in football matches anywhere in the world, you have to drill in goals, it is something that I intend to address on the training ground, to overcome this challenge, the willingness and determination of the players have to be seen."

"Defensive-wise, we have been solid in the last three games having allowed a goal only once, something that we have to continue in the upcoming games."

The squad registered a draw in four ties, one victory, and one loss which turns out to be an awful start to the league for a team that went for an overhaul of players in the registration window, much as it has been excellent in terms of footwork in recent games.

"If you look at the game in which we drew with Ruvo Shooting, the players played well but unfortunately we did not get a good result we believe the quality of our players, and the attention they have will bring positive results in the coming game because it is a good team," Hitimana noted.

Yanga PL title grab backfires with stronger CAF Champions League ties' opposition

By Correspondent John Kimbute

SUPPORTERS of Young Africans SC, alias Yanga, reigning Premier League champions with an unbeaten run in the tournament so far, were already despairing about the chances of the side overturning the table when the outfit comes up against Sudan's Al Hilal SC in Omdurman and pushing to the group stage of the 2022/23 CAF Champions League.

What is good all the same about their situation is that when - as it most likely appears - they fail in the CAF Champions League tournament, they will descend to the CAF Confederation Cup where they can compete better.

That invites no assurance that they will be more effective as the clubs differ just slightly, who is the champion club and which came second, as is the case here.

One idea came to mind, floated to supporters of the struggling representatives in the CAF Champions League they rebuffed it as pro-Simba SC, and fans of the other side rejected it out of hand, wishing to believe that Primeiro de Agosto was a better side than Al Hilal SC.

The supposition was that had Yanga come second in the Premier League they would have landed the Angolan side, which looked accommodating to the skills level of the city rivals, and Simba won handsomely in an away encounter, not the easiest feat in continental soccer.

With the Sudanese side having an away goal in a drawn match, the chances that Yanga clears the hurdle and does more are slim.

What the reflection set



Tanzania's Yanga midfielder, Khalid Aucho (R), dribbles past Sudan's Al Hilal SC midfielder in the first leg of the 2022/23 CAF Champions League's second preliminary round game which took place in Dar es Salaam last weekend and ended in 1-1 draw. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

to suggest was that Yanga had created unbearable pain for themselves for having forced a Premier League victory by all sorts of artifices, slated by ardent supporter JK of the fourth phase, whose business allies run the club.

It was apparent that the weekend results did not reflect the standing of the city rivals as a whole if one proceeds from the local scene and projects it to the wider CAF inter-club tournaments scenario.

A one-all draw at home and a 3-1 victory in an away encounter are radical contrasts in team prospects, by all available measures.

This is not the result format that we are used for the past year or so, if not for the past six months in particular, where the two sides are relatively at par and Yan-

ga was sort of priding itself as the better side, and for the cause.

Yet the two obtain radically differing results in continental competition, where last year's 1-0 defeat for Yanga at home and away comes into the picture, though this time there was a draw at home.

That means the two clubs have retained their respective international profiles prevalent for half a decade or thereabouts, despite all other appearances on the local scene, which sort of touted the Jangwani Street outfit's invincibility.

What was more noticeable about the encounter which took place at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium, alias 'Lupaso', was that the only Yanga fans who remained hopeful are those looking at the situation purely on a techni-

cal basis, falling back on examples like the Mufilira Wanderers legendary reversal, or the more recent Kaizer Chiefs burn-out at 'Lupaso'.

Here, the perennial continental tournaments' contenders Simba SC did not proceed to the next stage but salvaged the fans' confidence and respect among CAF members (now that the regional soccer body, CECFAFA is on drip therapy). It is a win that Yanga needs at Omdurman.

Few of the more sentimental fans hold such prospects and were openly scolding their key players, especially the one billed to hold the key to success, for whom plenty of confetti was showered upon his being recruited by club president Hersi Said.

He no longer appears to be the key to success,

and instead, mild hope is piled on serial scorer Fiston Kalala Mayele, whose name is a reminder that he scores and then someone 'yells', so habitually that it becomes a sort of trademark for him.

He did so at 'Lupaso', but it was at an early moment as Al Hilal SC seized up their game.

It is debatable whether Yanga would have felt better to start directly at the CAF Confederation Cup and meet with a relatively accommodating challenge like the one Simba SC met with in Luanda, or descend to that competition after a painful exit from the upper tournament.

Still, the matter is of some relevance to club attitudes as they plan their league campaign - such that they will not put as much resolve as last year on the tactics of winning the league title.

Instead, they will look to having a competitive side at an international level, not one that can impress in the city derby and only marginally hold the more powerful in the continental contest.

One result of the Yanga weekend fiasco was a total meltdown of their otherwise haughty posture for a while, the visible air of invincibility, crowned at the last minute by broadsides from their new official spokesman that Yanga leaders will be riding 'camels' on arrival in Sudan.

It is an Al Sahaf sort of attitude that many clubs seem to entertain at the moment, which worsens the pain if a defeat comes knocking.

Even after the Yanga stabbing, a Polisi Tanzania bigwig issued identical assurances to his fans, swearing by all club gods to win over Mbeya City FC next.

Vijibweni Special Needs Primary School in need of sports equipment

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

THE Kigamboni District-based Vijibweni Special Needs Primary School has appealed to the public to help it with sports equipment as some pupils at the institution do not take part in some sporting activities.

Victoria Itungulu, special needs' head teacher at the school, said sporting activities are vital to all learners, especially those with special needs. Victoria, the only teacher at the school, appreciated and acknowledged the importance of sports to all people, especially to the ones with disabilities as it is one of the ways of realizing inclusion of people with disabilities.

She said there are many sporting activities for pupils with disabilities but due to a lack of equipment and sports teachers, the school competes in goalball only.

The teacher said those who are not involved in goalball feel that they are being segregated.

Victoria said: "The special needs school at Vijibweni started in 2019, it

started from nursery to Standard Seven, we have more than 25 pupils with special needs, and we are involved in sports and the category for pupils with disabilities of the just-ended National Inter-Primary Schools Games (Umitashumta) had our school ending as runner-up in goalball, we have some basic equipment for goalball and our players know the game well."

"Goalball though is exclusively for pupils that are either blind or the ones with vision impairment, pupils with other forms of disabilities are not involved in sporting activities," Victoria noted.

"We are asking well-wishers to support us as we all appreciate the uniqueness of sports in its ability to transcend linguistic, cultural, and social barriers and make an excellent platform for strategies of inclusion and adaptation," she said.

She issued her appeal when the Dar es Salaam-based Kalamandalam Society in Tanzania handed over various items to needy children with disabilities in the region recently. She thanked the



Pupils, guardians, parents, and some members of Kalamandalam Society in Tanzania are pictured after the society handed over wheelchairs and other items to Vijibweni, Mwenge primary schools, and Muhimbili National Hospital's Pediatric Oncology ward in Dar es Salaam recently. PHOTO: COURTESY OF KALAMANDALAM SOCIETY IN TANZANIA

organization for the support that she described as timely.

Victoria appealed to authorities to send more special needs teachers to the school, build hostels and classes for special needs pupils at the institution.

The teacher pointed out: "We appreciate the help we got today from Kalamandalam Society in Tanzania but I'm pleading with authorities to help us we have a lot of challenges such as lack of enough teaching and learning methods, poor physical environment, stigma, and inadequate special needs teachers."

"Special needs learners need their classes but at our school, they

are learning in groups as there are not enough classes and the money presented by the government for food is not enough, pupils are forced to have a single meal instead of the recommended two meals a day," she said.

At the function, the government said that it is committed to finding lasting solutions for problems that children with disabilities face in search of good and quality education.

Jamal Katundu, Permanent Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office (Labour, Youth, Employment, and Persons With Disabilities) said so when he graced the event.

He said children with

disabilities find it hard to go to school due to mobility challenges, but his ministry has a policy in place aiming to ensure that people with disabilities are accessing good and quality education.

Katundu noted when he received wheelchairs and spectacles from the Kalamandalam Society in Tanzania. The items were handed over to children with disabilities. He expressed gratitude towards the relationship between the government and the Kalamandalam Society in Tanzania.

"We have a policy which is aimed at ensuring that people with disabilities are accessing good and quality education, we promote

inclusive education and hence focus on children with disabilities, but this cannot be achieved by the government alone, we need the support from all stakeholders," he said.

Kalamandalam Society in Tanzania is a community of Indians from Kerala, they are expatriates working in Tanzania and the society's members handed over quality wheelchairs and spectacles to children studying at Vijibweni and Mwenge primary schools.

The society's members also donated wheelchairs and cash support to the Pediatric Oncology ward at Muhimbili National Hospital.

Kalamandalam Society in Tanzania Chair-

man Thulaseedas Thekkepupipra Gopalan said the association has Kerala expatriates who have been working the breadth and length of the country, disclosing that they can attest to the high levels of need in helping children with disabilities which call for concerted efforts from all stakeholders to address them.

"We know that government alone may not address the challenges facing children with disabilities in accessing education, there is a need for all of us to join hands and address them," Gopalan said.

The chairman said last month the society in collaboration with CCBRT Hospital conducted a medical camp at Vijibweni and Mwenge primary schools, where about 100 children were screened for various impairments and other issues.

He said his organization in conjunction with CCBRT Hospital conducted a medical camp at the two primary schools where about 100 children were screened for various impairments and other issues.

He disclosed that after the diagnosis many children were found with vision challenges, three children were identified to require eye surgeries among which one need major surgery.

Thirty-four children got spectacles while 14 youngsters with low vision were presented with devices which include telescopes for children with albinism, and 29 got appropriate medicines for the treatment of vision.

The official pointed out: "Kalamandalam Society in Tanzania has been in the country for 66 years, we are always indebted to our sponsors, supporters, and well-wishers without whose support."

"It would hardly be impossible to carry out noble endeavours for the benefit of Tanzanians and we promise our continued support to this country," he said.

A senior member of Kalamandalam Society in Tanzania, BS Sree-kumar, thanked major sponsors of his organization and appealed to the community to come forward and help the needy people in the country.

Bayern into Champions League KO stage with 4-2 win at Plze

PLZEŇ, Czech Republic

LEON Goretzka scored twice as Bayern Munich clinched its spot in the Champions League knockout stage with a 4-2 win at Czech champion Viktoria Plzeň on Wednesday.

Sadio Mané and Thomas Müller also scored as Bayern wrapped up the result in the first half to ensure it will finish among the top two teams in Group C due to Inter Milan's dramatic 3-3 draw at Barcelona in the other group game.

Bayern leads with 12 points, followed by Inter with 7, then Barcelona with 4, while Plze is bottom with zero points after four games so far.

Many of the few traveling Bayern supporters missed their team's first goal due to a boycott of the first 12 minutes in protest against high ticket prices. Members of Club No. 12 and other Südkurve Bayern fan groups issued a statement before the game saying 70 euros (\$68) for the cheapest ticket is too much for the average supporter, and that they should be 20 euros (\$19). They called on their own club to use its position "to campaign for fundamental changes in order to save football as we know and love it."

Meanwhile, the team keeps scoring. Bayern hammered Plze 5-0 in Munich last week and wasted little time before starting in Pilsen.

Mané played a one-two with Goretzka before opening the scoring in the 10th minute, then Kingsley Coman set up Müller for the second goal four minutes later, when Plze's defenders were all too late.

Müller set up Goretzka for an easy third as Plze's defense again left the Bayern attackers much more space than they're accustomed to in the Bundesliga.

But Müller left the field straightaway due to an apparent injury.

"It's nothing serious, a nerve issue," Bayern coach Julian Nagelsmann said. "Nothing dramatic, no risk for the weekend."

The 17-year-old Mathys Tel came on Müller's place and Bayern carried as before.

Leroy Sané played a straight ball in behind the home defense for Goretzka to chip the goalkeeper for Bayern's fourth in the 35th.

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Perfect Napoli beats Ajax 4-2 to reach Champs League last 16

NAPLES, Italy

THE superlatives are running out for Napoli and forward Khvicha Kvaratskhelia.

Napoli advanced to the last 16 of the Champions League with two matches to spare after another goal and an assist from Kvaratskhelia helped his team beat Ajax 4-2 on Wednesday.

The Italian club is atop both Serie A and its Champions League group and unbeaten in both competitions.

"We deserve to get through. I'm proud of the team and the fans, who really drove us forward," Napoli coach Luciano Spalletti said. "We saw the Champions League stars in the true sense of the word because at a certain point my head was spinning given the incredible atmosphere generated by our fans at the stadium."

"I'm lucky to coach a squad like this one. I have professional players here with technical quality. We have to keep championing the style of play that we've always had and the same mentality. Credit to the whole team on what's been a wonderful evening."

Napoli was in firm control and 2-0 up within 16 minutes thanks to goals from Hirving Lozano and Giacomo Raspadori. Davy Klaassen pulled one back at the start of the second half but Kvaratskhelia restored Napoli's cushion from the penalty spot.

Steven Bergwijn also converted a late penalty for Ajax before substitute Victor Osimhen sealed the result on his comeback.

"I'm pleased that I got on the scoresheet and I'm also happy with the performance both for me individually and as a team," Lozano said. "We've qualified with two games to spare and we're thrilled."

"This historic achievement will stand us in good stead going forward and we're all proud as a squad and as a club. We've been getting some extraordinary results, we're playing fantastic football and deserve to get through. Now we need to keep working hard as we continue down this path."

Ajax, which lost 6-1 at home to Napoli last week, will be glad to see the back of the Italian team.

"It may sound a bit strange having just lost 4-2, but I thought we played a good match," Ajax coach Alfred Schreuder said. "They are strong opponents. You see that in the way they play, in their tempo, in everything."

Napoli, which has scored 17 goals in its four matches, maintained its perfect record in the Champions League. It was three points above second-placed Liverpool, which won 7-1 at Rangers, and nine points above Ajax.

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Lewandowski keeps Barcelona barely alive in Champions League

BARCELONA, Spain

BARCELONA couldn't get the victory it needed at home against Inter Milan, and for the second season in a row the Catalan club likely won't make it to the knockout stage of the Champions League.

Robert Lewandowski scored in stoppage time to help Barcelona salvage a 3-3 draw in a thrilling back-and-forth match against Inter on Wednesday, but the result did little to help Barça's chances of advancing.

"This Champions League has been cruel for us," Barcelona coach Xavi Hernández said. "Now it's very difficult to advance. It's a shame."

Lewandowski kept the team alive — for now at least — with a last-gasp header after the visitors had taken a 3-2 lead with a goal from Robin Gosens in the 89th. A loss would have meant certain elimination for Barcelona for a second consecutive season in the group stage.

Barcelona is third in Group C with four points, three behind second-place Inter. Bayern Munich, which beat Viktoria Plzeň 4-2 for its fourth victory in a row, has advanced with 12 points.

Inter leaves Barcelona in full control of its fate ahead of matches against last-place Plzeň in Italy and then at Bayern Munich. A win against Plzeň — which has lost all of its four matches in the competition this season — will be enough for the Italian side to advance.

"We played a great match against an opponent of great value," Inter Milan coach Simone Inzaghi said. "We created a lot, suffering all together. We could have closed the group with two games to spare. We hope to give the fans this satisfaction against Viktoria Plzeň."

Barcelona hosts Bayern before visiting Plzeň. Barcelona needs to win its last two matches and



Barcelona's Robert Lewandowski, second left, scores his side's third goal during the Champions League Group C soccer match between Barcelona and Inter Milan at the Camp Nou stadium in Barcelona, Spain, Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2022. (AP Photo)

hope Inter doesn't add more than two points.

"It's disappointing," Barcelona captain Sergio Busquets said. "It is a difficult group but we had to do better after all the signings we made. It's not settled yet, but now it's very complicated as we don't depend on ourselves anymore."

It would be the first time since 1999 that the Catalan club fails to advance to the knockout stage in consecutive years, coinciding with the departure of Lionel Messi to Paris Saint-Germain two seasons ago.

Failure this season would be extra disappointing for the club after Barcelona went on a spending spree to boost its squad with players such as Lewandowski and Raphinha.

Last year, Barcelona endured its worst Champions League campaign in about two decades, finishing behind Bayern Munich and Benfica in its group while going through a dire financial situation in the aftermath of Messi's departure.

Barcelona took the lead from close range after a cross by Sergi Roberto in the 40th, but defensive mistakes proved costly for the hosts and Inter rallied with goals from Nicolo Barella in the 50th and Lautaro Martinez in the 63rd.

Inter's first goal came after Gerard Piqué let

a ball go over his head as he apparently didn't realize Barella was behind him. The veteran defender was booed by some fans at the packed Camp Nou.

Barcelona equalized with Lewandowski in the 82nd, but Inter moved ahead again through Gosens.

Goalkeeper Marc-André ter Stegen saved Barcelona again with a great foot save in a one-on-one situation with Kristjan Asllani in the final minutes.

Inzaghi was sent off near the end with a second yellow card after complaining to officials.

The setback comes before Barcelona visits Real Madrid in the first "clásico" of the season in the Spanish league on Sunday. The two rivals are tied on points at the top, with Barcelona ahead on goal difference.

Meanwhile, in Madrid, no matter how, goalkeeper Simon Mignolet was going to make sure Club Brugge got the point it needed to advance to the last 16 of the Champions League for the first time in three decades.

Mignolet made save after save, including one with his face in the final minutes at the Metropolitan Stadium, as Club Brugge held Atlético Madrid to a 0-0 draw Wednesday to become only the second Belgian club to reach the round

sheet. It's a nice bonus, of course."

Among Mignolet's nine saves was a remarkable one with his face on a late close-range shot by Alvaro Morata.

"I just smashed all my body and was able to stop it with my head," the 34-year-old goalkeeper said. "The end justifies the means I guess."

Mignolet and his teammates celebrated wildly after the match as Club Brugge secured a spot in the round of 16 for the first time since that phase was introduced in 2003-04. In 1992-93, it reached the last eight, which at that time was called the group stage. Club Brugge also played in the final of the 1978 European Cup, losing to Liverpool.

"This is a dream," said Mignolet, the former Liverpool goalkeeper. "We fought until the end and we finally did it. In previous years, it just didn't work out for us. We felt

this year would be different, and now qualification is ours. But our story doesn't end here. Let's see how far we can go."

Club Brugge has been one of the surprises of the group stage and needed at least a draw to follow up on Gent's qualification to the last 16 in 2015-16.

The setback left Atlético in a difficult position to advance from Group B as Club Brugge moved to 10 points, six more than the Spanish club. Atlético dropped two points behind Porto, which later won 3-0 at last-place Bayer Leverkusen. The German club stayed with three points.

In the next round of matches, Club Brugge hosts Porto, while Atlético hosts Leverkusen.

"It's tough," Atlético coach Diego Simeone said. "There is only one thing we can try to do now, which is to win our last two matches."

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NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE PUNJAB HINDU STRI SATSANG

In Absence of trustees and Managing Committee, **WE GAVEL JURIS (ATTORNEYS)** through a special resolution entered on 8th day of November, 2021 by Members of The Punjab Hindu Stri Satsang have been duly appointed to address and:

NOTIFY that an **EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING** of The Registered Trustees of Punjab Hindu Stri Satsang (the "Society") will be held on 21st October, 2022 at The **PUNJAB HUNDU STRI SATSANG, KISUTU Street**, at 1900hrs or as soon thereafter for the purposes of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following agenda and resolutions:

AGENDA

1. The status and welfare of the Constitution governing the society
2. Elections of the trustees and Management committee
3. The status and welfare of the members of society
4. To approve various resolutions for welfare of the Society

MOREOVER, All interested members, in participating the elections are requested to collect the Nomination Forms from the office of the **Hindu Council of Tanzania at Shree Sanatan Dharma Sabha Temple** and submit forms on or before **20/10/2022** electronically or in person to the Hindu Council of Tanzania

TAKE FURTHER NOTE, that the meeting will be overseen by the Representatives from **RITA, HINDU COUNCIL OF TANZANIA** as the supreme authority governing Hindu Societies in Tanzania and Local authorities as observers.

For and on behalf of the members of PHSS

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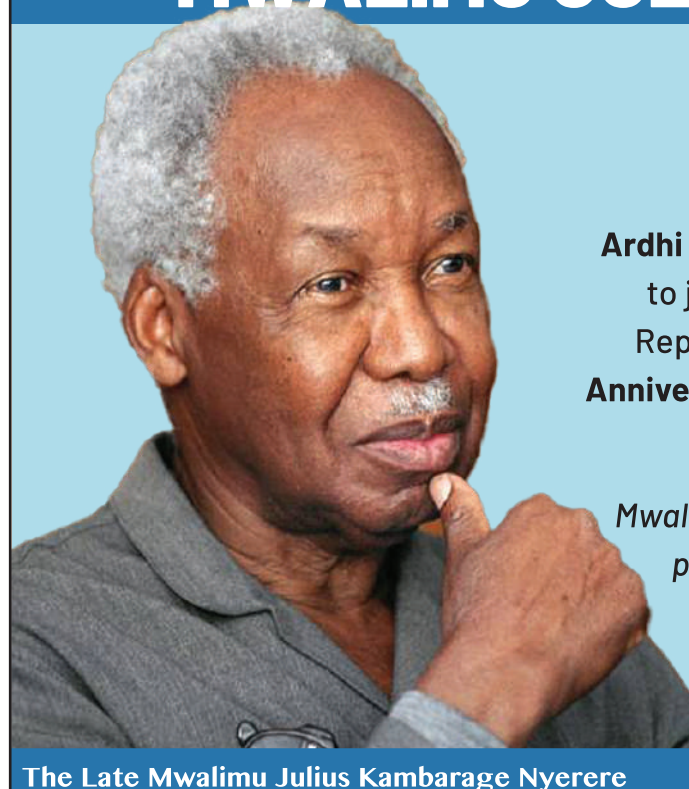
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Miserable Polisi Tanzania faces Mbeya City FC test in Premier League



Polisi Tanzania FC's head coach Joslin Sharif.

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

BOTTOM-placed Polisi Tanzania FC faces yet another stern test in the squad's quest to get off the mark in the 2022/23 NBC Premier League with a tough clash away to Mbeya City FC at Sokoine Stadium in Mbeya in the afternoon.

Against expectations, Polisi Tanzania has been the worst team in the NBC Premier League this time around and is currently placed bottom-most in the table.

The club remains one of the two sides that are yet to win a league game this season.

The law enforcers have let

in the most number of goals of all the teams in the league and are finding it difficult to perform well on the road as well.

They have lost all of their two away games this season without finding the back of the net.

Head coach Joslin Sharif has reiterated his belief that it is just a matter of time before he turns things around at Polisi Tanzania.

However, the Burundian tactician knows he is under pressure after his side has picked up just two points in

its first six games –the club's worst-ever start to a Premier League season.

And on top of all this, they also have not fared well against Mbeya City FC in recent head-to-head clashes.

In the past eight league meetings with Polisi Tanzania, Mbeya City FC has only lost once and won three and the rest have ended in a draw.

The big task will be on attacker Vitalis Mayanga, and midfielders Rajabu Athuman and Iddi Kipagwile to try to unlock the hosts' defense which has conceded eight goals so far.

Along the same lines, Mbeya City FC is also going through a worrying stretch of results at present.

They will be aiming to get back to winning ways after failing to do so in five successive games.

In that run, the side coached by Ugandan Abdallah Mubiru lost to Singida Big Stars and Azam FC and then drew with Ihefu SC, Tanzania Prisons, and Mtibwa Sugar.

With only six games so far, Mbeya City FC is positioned 11th on the table and a win could lift the club to sixth place.

Head coach Mubiru generally has problems with the lack of meticulousness in his team's back line since Mbeya City FC has not kept a clean sheet so far in the season.

However, they have decent firepower on display. They have an on-form striking pair of Sixtus Sabilo who has been directly involved in five goals and Tariq Seif to look up to for goals against a side that has kept only one clean sheet.

2022's Nyerere hockey tournament rages on in Moshi

By Guardian Correspondent

THIS season's Nyerere hockey tournament rages on in Kilimanjaro today, with five clashes set to take place at the Sikh Union Club ground.

The prestigious hockey tournament that takes place every year is hosted by the Tanzania Hockey Association (THA) in commemoration of the Father of the Nation, the late Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere, who passed away on October 14, 1999.

The tournament moreover is organized to improve the game's promotion at the domestic level.

Kaushik Doshi, THA Secretary-General, noted that seven outfits have confirmed to battle it out in the showdown.

The outfits are Moshi Khalsa, Kili Vijana, Tanga Stars, Arusha Twigas, Tanzania People's Defense Force (TPDF), Black Mambaz, and Zanzibar's Nyuki.

According to Doshi, all teams are said to be ready for this tournament.

This year's tournament favourites, Moshi Khalsa, had on Thursday opened the showdown, playing host to Zanzibar's Nyuki.

In some of today's fixtures, TPDF side will confront Arusha Twigas in the opening tie which will start at 9 am, followed by the clash between Tanga Stars and Moshi's Kili Vijana which is set to begin at 11 am.

The THA boss was adamant this time, neither foreign teams nor players have been invited to be part of the tournament, given the showpiece targets to offer domestic players the opportunity to improve their standard.

The official noted the showdown is organized by Moshi Sikh Club in conjunction with THA and sponsored by the Sikh Community of Moshi.

In the previous edition of the tournament, Daikyo Heroes of Mombasa clinched the trophy after beating Tanzania's hockey giant, Moshi Khalsa, in an exciting final.

In another development, Doshi disclosed in this season's Africa Hockey Federation (AfHF) Congress which was held recently in Accra, Ghana there was a mini election for two slots in the Executive Board of the continental hockey governing body.

The event saw four candidates from different countries vie for the two positions, the contestants included THA Secretary-General Doshi that was seeking re-election.

Twelve countries took part in the Congress and the mini-election culminated with Doshi collecting the highest number of votes to retain his position on the AfHF Executive Board.

Another contestant, Ediga Edibo of Nigeria, got eight votes and was as well voted back to the AfHF Executive Board.

A South African candidate got five votes, whereas Phillip Wafula of Uganda got two votes and the duo consequently missed out on a place on the Executive Board.

Countries that were present during the AfHF Congress are Botswana, Burkina Faso, Egypt, Tanzania, Kenya, Ghana, Nigeria, South Africa, Togo, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

Simba SC has no excuses this season, says official

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

SIMBA SC Board of Directors Chairman Salim Abdallah has highlighted the main goals of the club this season, stressing they encompass making it to the semi-finals of the CAF Champions League, as well as retaining silverware in Premier League and Azam Sports Federation Cup.

The squad is inching closer to booking a place in the group stage of this season's CAF Champions League following a 3-1

away win against Primeiro De Agosto of Angola in the first leg of the tournament's second preliminary round.

The Msimbazi Street outfit is currently at the summit of the 16-team Premier League with 13 points in the bag from four wins and one draw as the side intensifies its quest to claim the trophy at the end of the season.

Simba SC's interim head coach Juma Mgunda has a big test bearing in mind that the club's fans are curious to see their team

cruise to the premier continental tournament's group stage.

Abdallah noted Simba SC's leadership has planned to manage the goals practically and they have no reason to accept failure this season when their team has already shown the quality it possesses.

He said that last season many issues caused their season to be awful, including a pile of several injured and out-of-form players, but this season, issues have started to look good and they

are sure that their team will reach its goals.

The official noted: "We have no excuses this season, we are not merely content with making it to the CAF Champions League group stage, but our goal also is the semi-finals as well as lifting all domestic trophies. Yanga beat us last season because we had many injuries, we have no excuses this season".

"The leadership works day and night to ensure that we manage our goals in practice, we believe it is possible because good signs have appeared early," the leader stated.

"We emphasize on our fans and members to continue having trust in the leadership along with their squad every time there is a test to seek victory in domestic and international games," Abdallah added.

Simba SC's head coach made it clear that his club's success in recent games has come about due to its technical bench tactics and its cooperation with the leaders and fans.

Mgunda has had a good run with Simba SC after being brought in to lead the outfit, his first game pitted the squad against Nyasa Big Bullets of Malawi in the CAF Champions League's

first preliminary round in Lilongwe, ending with Simba SC cruising to 2-0 victory.

The coach's first Premier League game with the squad had pitted the club against Tanzania Prisons at Sokoine Stadium in Mbeya, the visitors won 1-0 and secured three points.

Mgunda stated: "It is true that the players have been doing a good job and the results are achieved. The technical bench has been working with great cooperation and especially assistant coach Seleman Matola... he is more than an assistant because he is a pillar of success in the technical field."

The tactician pointed out: "He has been with the team for a long time, he knows the players and I have also worked with him at Tanzania's national squad so he is one of the most important people in the job and he makes the job easier."

Simba SC is currently preparing for the rematch of the 2022/23 CAF Champions League's second preliminary round against Primeiro de Agosto of Angola, which is expected to be played at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam on Sunday.



Boxing fights coordinator, Deogratius David (C), introduces professional boxers, Morogoro's Karim Said 'Mandonge' (L), and Dar es Salaam's Said Mbelwa at a press conference in Dar es Salaam on Wednesday ahead of the two pugilist fight slated to take place in Morogoro next month. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

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