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Govt to oversee full participation of local firms in oil, gas industry

By Henry Mwangonde

ENACTMENT of laws in the energy sector meant to facilitate the full participation of Tanzanian companies in the development of the sector's value chain is among the government's priorities, Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa said yesterday.

He made this affirmation at the start of the two day Tanzania Energy Congress, the fourth in a series which kicked off at the Julius Nyerere

International Convention Centre (JNICC) in the city yesterday.

The government will facilitate acquisition of appropriate technology and ensure that foreign companies in the petroleum sub-sector help to develop the necessary skills, transfer technology and develop local personnel to managerial positions. The government will also establish approaches for local participation in each stage of the value chain so that local businesses

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Fuel price hike ignites small businesses panic

By Guardian Reporters

FEARS for the stability of small businesses and low income earners making ends meet have risen in the wake of an announcement by the Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA) of new cap prices for various types of fuel products.

A number of those interviewed said the new fuel prices would 'paralyse' purchasing power for small businesses and low income earners, hurt the country's economy and make life harsher.

Dismay was widely expressed, with interviewees feeling that with a litre of fuel at 3,600/- a lot will not remain the same again.

Mwanza-based motorcycle taxis (bodaboda) driver Hamis Maghembe said the new fuel prices will affect them as the fares for carrying passengers remain the same, putting it at 1,000/- per trip.

"With a liter of fuel being sold at 3,600/-, when one goes on four trips his income doesn't exceed 4,000/- . I don't know what will be the

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situation,” he lamented.

Bruno Damas, also at the lakeside city, said that the fuel price increase will make life miserable as fares tend to go up and the cost of living is driven up as well, wishing that the government would intervene.

Increasing fuel prices pushes up food prices in various markets due to transportation costs, he said, urging a relook into the matter by the government “as it is a source of life for people living on the streets.”

A commuter bus driver in the rocky city, Gulam Amri said they were shocked to hear about the fuel price rise, noting that this hike is sharper than was experienced in the past.

“We're told that there is money allocated to bail out increasing fuel price in this financial year, but we don't see in this new fuel prices. As people in the streets, we're asking ourselves: where is the 100bn/- subsidy that was allocated every month in the general budget?” he queried.

Amri suggested the need for the government to come out and explain the situation.

“We know this problem is global, but where is our government on this matter,” he demanded.

Food vendor Hamisa Yahaya said that customers thinned in the first period after the increase in oil prices as the food they were

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Minister stops NHIF fiat on patient shifts

By Guardian Reporter

HEALTH minister Ummu Mwalimu has prohibited the new procedure set out by the National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) that prevents patients to be treated at more than one hospital within a period of 30 days.

The minister issued the prohibition order yesterday when unveiling the new board of the Jakaya Kikwete Heart Institute (JKCI) at the Muhimbili National Hospital (MNH) compound in Dar es Salaam yesterday, in the wake of consultations after NHIF introduced the new procedure starting this month.

While affirming the good intentions of the

new procedure, she said the fund acted alone, failing to abide by the procedural requirement of involving stakeholders before a proper decision was made.

Had this procedure been observed chances are that the fund would come up with an alternative strategy in stamping out frauds that occasion losses to the fund, the minister emphasized.

Fund managers sought for ways to control losses due to increased treatment costs, but they did not follow the right channels including getting views from the stakeholders, she specified.

NHIF will thus have to take up the matter again by following the right channels, including

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Regional project to enhance weather forecasting - TMA

By Henry Mwangonde

A 2.5million euro project known as 'Finkeraat Finland' is being implemented by the Tanzania Meteorological Authority (TMA) to enhance the capacity of weather forecasting, early warning services and air quality monitoring to improve climate change resilience.

Atupele Mwakibete, the Works and Transport deputy minister said at the launching ceremony yesterday that the project will go a long way into supporting Tanzania's economy which is dependent on climate sensitive sectors like agriculture, tourism, livestock rearing, fisheries, agriculture and transport.

The Finland-backed capacity building effort is a regional project aimed at improving the climate resilience of beneficiary countries and mitigate

climate change impacts, he stated.

The project will be implemented in Tanzania, Kenya and Rwanda through their respective meteorological agencies, likely to benefit well over 200m people via strategic inputs in these sectors, as well in hydroelectric power generation, he said.

“The inherent variability of climate system is more pronounced in the tropics, which poses a great risk to the lives, properties and livelihoods of our people,” he said, pointing out that the most vulnerable communities are at risk, along with the national economy generally.

Variability of weather and climate systems has contributed to extreme weather and climate events like prolonged droughts and flash floods, such that “with the impact of climate change, Tanzania like many other countries witnesses an unprecedented increase of drought and flood events in their frequency and intensity,” he declared.

These events lead to widespread socioeconomic impacts, as World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) data on mortality and economic losses from weather, climate and water extremes of 2020 shows that weather, climate, and water-related hazards accounted for over two million deaths and

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Finance and Planning minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba (C, front row) follows a meeting on challenges reported as commonly facing members of the business community in Dar es Salaam's sprawling Kariakoo market zone. He was on an impromptu tour of the area yesterday. He is flanked by National Assembly deputy Speaker and Ilala constituency legislator Mussa Hassan Zungu (R) and Tanzania Revenue Authority internal tax commissioner Herbert Kabyemela. Photo courtesy of Finance ministry



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referring the set out procedure to the ministry for review before any announcement on its being adopted is made, she said.

At the same time, the minister castigated the habit among a section of clients of NHIF shifting a patient from one hospital to another within a short time, as the cessation and restart of treatment adds to drug resistance for patients.

"That has been the practice for patients simply because they have health insurance. Today he is treated here and while still on the course of treatment, goes to another hospital to restart the treatment," she said, identifying this habit as a big problem.

NHIF earlier announced a new procedure taking off August 1 for hospitals that send treatment bills to the fund that a hospital should not accept a patient who has been treated at another hospital before 30 days elapse.

That however does not include instances of referral to another hospital or in cases of emergency which will be deemed to be genuine, the notice had indicated.

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Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa exchanges greetings with PanAfrican Energy Tanzania managing director Andrew Hanna at the firm's pavilion on the sidelines of the opening of Tanzania Energy Congress 2022 in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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selling at 1,000/- was now pegged at 1,500/-. More customers have fled, he said.

"I don't know what the situation will be at the moment because everything has doubled," he said.

Arusha-based Bajaj rider Dickson Martin said that the increase in fuel price will push up the fare and risks doubling food prices.

Babati town resident Ramadhani Mohamed said that it is good for the

government to look at increasing some taxes to compensate for increases in oil prices because everyone depends on oil.

The government should increase the tax on alcohol as it is a luxury as well as cash transactions based on mobile phones to save consumers of fuel as the price is too high, he suggested.

Tanga city resident Festo Asenga said that fuel price rose from 3,190/- to 3,500/- within two days and it affects their businesses as customers

can't afford the hiked prices for such services.

Bomango'mbe Bajaj rider in Kilimanjaro region, Khalifa Juma said he was thinking of abandoning the transport business as it doesn't pay anymore, taking into account that fares remain the same.

When contacted, Mustapha Mwalongo, the Tanzania Bus Owners Association (TABOA) information director, said that the secretariat will soon convene a members' meeting to

discuss the new fuel prices.

The meeting will discuss in detail how the prices affect them in transportation, relating to upcountry destinations. After the meeting they will give their position on what to do with current fares, he said.

EWURA on Tuesday night released new zonal cap prices of petrol, diesel and kerosene, whereby in Dar es Salaam petrol is sold at 3,410/- but in Kyerwa (Kagera) is at 3,647/-. Diesel is sold at 3,322/- and 3,560/- respectively.

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effectively participate in the sector, he said.

Such measures would ensure that the larger firms implement career development programmes and put in place succession plans for Tanzanians employed in their companies, he said.

The series of measures is in line with facilitating the private sector to acquire technical skills for higher participation in the energy sector. Training institutions need to impart the necessary skills and a knowledge base on energy business to local entrepreneurs and experts.

Establishment of a regional natural gas infrastructure and investment in renewable energy in addition to local content development were equally important strategic issues in the sector, he said.

Skills and capacity building for small and medium scale enterprises (SMEs) was vital, he said, pointing at the major priorities of the government in the energy sector as the construction of East Africa Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) from Hoima in northern Uganda to the port of Tanga. The other project is building a Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) plant at Likong'o Mchinga area in Lindi region.

"However, these sources will not automatically be a blessing without having a clear vision and mission backed up with appropriate policy, legal and institutional framework that guides the entire value chain of natural gas exploration and exploitation," the premier asserted.

Energy minister January Makamba said the congress is a vital forum in raising awareness and promoting investments in the energy sector, starting from electricity to oil and gas, and a scatter of other concerns.

"It is obvious that this gathering will enable stakeholders of the oil, gas and power sectors to deliberate on the energy business in the country and

worldwide," he stated.

The main elements of the Tanzania Energy Policy (2015) include developing domestic energy resources as least cost options, promoting lower energy pricing, along with improving energy reliability, security.

Enhancing energy efficiency, encouraging local private sector participation in the energy value chain, reducing deforestation and developing human resources are vital goals for the sub-sector, he said.

"Therefore, I will very much appreciate to hear issues on clean cooking initiatives being discussed as it is a very important subsector which always does not receive much attention," he told the gathering.

Tanzania is spearheading initiatives to bring onboard issues of clean cooking, he said, hinting that deliberations at the congress will help come up with common strategies to develop the energy sector in the country and the sub-region.

The congress is slated to cover a wide range of areas in energy business, from electricity generation, transmission and distribution to petroleum exploration, natural gas production and distribution to final consumers like power plants, industries and household use.

Abdulsamad Abdulrahim, chairman of the Association of Tanzania Oil and Gas Service Providers (ATOGS) who steered the organizational team for the congress, said that the forum will be showcasing local brands for interested parties in the global value chain investment companies.

The forum has attracted upwards of 5,000 participants since it started, and this year it features representatives from Oman, Kenya, Mozambique, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia, Brunei, Canada, Australia, Uganda, Burundi, DRC Congo, Zambia, Britain, Comoros, Italy, China, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, Norway, and the United Arab Emirates, in particular.

Clerics encourage Tanzanians to take full part in the forthcoming National Population and Housing Census lined up for August 23

By Correspondent James Kandoya

RELIGIOUS leaders have been challenged to promote peace and encourage Tanzanians to take part in the forthcoming National Population and Housing Census slated for August 23 since the exercise is crucial for the country's development.

Tunu Pinda, wife of Former Prime Minister Mizengo Pinda made the appeal yesterday in Dar es Salaam when opening the international leadership conference that was organized by the Universal Peace Federation (UPF).

The conference themed: 'Analysis and Strategies for Peace on the Korean Peninsula and its relevance for Africa region' was attended by 150 participants.

She said clerics play a vital role in promoting peace and solidarity, hence the need for them to use their congregations to inform and educate people on the importance of the census.

"Religious leaders have been in the forefront in promoting peace and security in our country; it is my hope that they will also play their part in the forthcoming census to be conducted a few weeks to come," said Tunu, noting their role is to ensure the exercise becomes a success.

"Let us spread the message to Tanzanians that everyone has to be counted. This will help the government to come up with good development plans," she said.

Tunu commended the government's efforts in making sure every citizen is counted on August 23rd, 2022.

Dar es Salaam Regional Sheikh Alhadi Mussa Salum said clerics have a role to spread messages of peace and solidarity. He said without peace, it will be difficult for the government to achieve its targeted goals in provision of social services such as healthcare, water and construction of schools.

"The conference is good platform for religious leaders to discuss and retreat to ensure the messages of love reaches people across the country," he said

Dr Stylos Simbamwene, National leader of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU) said without knowing the principle of peace it won't be easy to realize it.

"We are teaching our people to know the principles of obtaining and maintaining peace among themselves," he said.

According to NBS, the 2022 census is expected to register 64 million people on the basis of current estimates and it will be done at an equally estimated cost of \$2.16 per person.

Tanzanians told to continue with Covid-19 vaccinations to reach national goal by Dec

By Correspondent Sabato Kasika

TANZANIANS have been called to continue with COVID-19 vaccination in order to attain the national goal in vaccinating 70 per cent of the people by December, this year.

The remarks were made yesterday in Dar es Salaam by the community education and mobilisation coordinator from the Ministry of Health, Peter Mabwe when launching "Tanzania Iko Tayari" campaign aimed at mobilising people to vaccinate.

The campaign is expected to be conducted simultaneously with various NGOs including Africa Union, Access Challenge, African CDC, Jakaya

Kikwete Foundation and Clouds Media Group (CMG).

"The national Covid-19 vaccination goal is to attain 70 per cent of those targeted - Tanzanians of 18 years of age upwards to get vaccinated by December this year," said Mabwe.

He said Ministry of Health experts will work together with other stakeholders in the campaign to make sure the national goal is attained.

He added that the main aim of the government is to make sure the country is safe against diseases and other emergencies regarding health, hence, he added, the people have to get the right information on the issue and in time.



Good Neighbours Tanzania senior programme manager John Massenza (with microphone) briefs Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi yesterday during a display of science books for use in secondary schools. The agency is executing a US\$5 million education scheme in the Isles. Photo: State House

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economic damage of about \$3.64trn from 1970 to 2019.

Impacts of climate change like flooding and droughts have increased in Tanzania in recent years, with considerable impact on human lives, livelihoods and properties, he stated.

"Floods and droughts in 2020 and 2021 were reported to cause damage of infrastructure, destruction of housing and belongings, affecting transportation, deaths of livestock and a number of individuals in some regions, he elaborated.

In view of the risk that weather and climate pose to communities, specific

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sectors and the economy generally, it is vital to improve weather prediction accurately, he said. Weather early warning to needy communities must be provided in a timely and cost effective manner, he stated.

"Accurate, timely weather and broader climate information will support effective planning of socioeconomic activities," he further affirmed.

The Finnish Meteorological Institute will support the customization of weather forecasting for end-users of partner organizations, that is, the national weather agencies.

Dr Agmes Kijazi, the TMA director general, said that reaching end users, particularly the more vulnerable communities and sectors is the ultimate goal of early warning services.

The key objective in this regard is to ensure that quality weather and climate services reach needy communities timely and in a cost effective manner, she asserted.

Riitta Swan, the Finland ambassador, said the project has a bilateral cooperation aspect and development activities between Finland, the end-users in each country and activities involving all the partners together.



Zanzibar First Vice President Othman Masoud Othman (R) talks with US ambassador to Tanzania Donald Wright who paid a courtesy call at his office in Zanzibar yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Rahma Suleiman

Nchemba orders TRA officials to work for solutions to challenges facing Kariakoo traders

By Guardian Reporter

Dr Mwigulu Nchemba, Finance and Planning minister has directed the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) to work on the various challenges facing traders at Kariakoo market to stimulate businesses to attract sellers and buyers from within and outside the country.

Dr Nchemba gave the order yesterday during his impromptu visit at the market accompanied by Ilala legislator-Mussa Zungu, Ilala District Commissioner, Ngwilabuzi Ludigija and top officials from TRA.

His directive followed complaints raised by traders whereas most of them raised concerns over frequent and unfriendly inspections by TRA officials which had affected foreign businesses.

They claimed that foreign traders are being harassed by the officials saying the receipts given to them were not genuine, resulting in their luggage to be held.

They asked the minister to intervene in the matter to revive and stimulate businesses at the market. Traders also asked the government to consider revising the estimation rate for a trader to be registered as a Value Added Tax (VAT) taxpayer from 100m/- to 500m/-.

To reduce tax payment challenges, the traders suggested for the government to make sure all the taxes are paid at the port upon arrival of consignments. They also complained over unfaithful TRA officers who have been asking for bribes from them.

Ilala MP, Mussa Zungu who doubles as Deputy Speaker urged the minister to take stringent measures against unfaithful TRA officers demanding bribes from traders because they deny the government a lot of revenues.

Zungu advised the government to consider revising the VAT rates

to enable traders to pay taxes easily and voluntarily. He said the move will promote businesses and enable traders to make profits.

In his response, Dr Nchemba directed TRA officials to meet with the traders saying the government is determined to improve the business environment since it is aware of its contribution to the country's economy and job creation.

He said in the 2023/2024 financial year, the government will make changes in its tax payment systems as well as reducing the VAT rates. He said the current 100m/- rate required for a trader to be registered from VAT is small compared to businesses conducted at the market.

"We are going to take stringent legal measures against dishonest officials demanding bribes from traders. You should report them to relevant authorities," he remarked.

Dr Nchemba promised the traders that he will return to the market in near future with intentions of listening to their concerns and challenges. He said the aim is to make sure Kariakoo market continues to contribute to the government's income and the economy of individual traders.

RA's Commissioner for Domestic Revenue, Herbert Kabyemela promised to work on the challenges presented by traders, adding the major challenge facing authority is the issue of deceitful traders, especially in issuing receipts of the real prices of the products they have sold.

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UDSM engineer Mlele invents solar powered cooking stove

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

THE University of Dar es Salaam has invented a cooking stove that uses sunrays aimed at reducing the environment by using wood fuel.

Speaking to this paper, the stove's inventor - a UDSM engineer Alphen Mlelele said after research he

discovered that sunrays can be used for cooking.

He and his associates said they created the technology due to wanton tree cutting, the practice that contributes to climate change.

"We decided to invent this technology of using solar energy to simplifying cooking, but also to

reduce the use of wood fuel - charcoal and firewood which degrade the environment, hence we saw it was the right time to do so," Mlele said.


He added that the stove also reduces expenses in using cooking gas especially in rural areas where many people cannot afford the energy.

"Our earlier research showed that

the solar stove can be used in all regions with long periods of sunlight including Njombe, Iringa, Mbeya, Dodoma and Singida regions," he said.

The Second Report on the Environment Situation issued in 2014 showed that more than 46,942 hectares of forest area are destroyed due to charcoal making and farming activities.

Iringa Region's natural resources and Tourism Officer, Dr Bahati Goliama said the region has lost more than 281bn/- in 2021 due to wanton setting fires to forests. He said if the forests hadn't been burned and its trees allowed to reach 16 years old, the region would have earned 491bn/-.




REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF ZANZIBAR
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE FINANCE AND PLANNING

INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT PROJECT FOR DOMESTIC RESOURCE MOBILIZATION AND NATURAL RESOURCE GOVERNANCE (ISP-DRM-NRG)

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

EOI NO: ISP-DRM-NRG/ZNZ/AfDB/QCBS/01/2022

<p>1. Consultancy Services for Legislative drafting of Zanzibar Mining Law and its Regulations (ISPG/DRMNRG/ZNZ/AfDB/QCBS/01/2021)</p> <p>2. Consultancy Services for the Development of Zanzibar Mining Policy and Strategy (ISPG/DRMNRG/ZNZ/AfDB/QCBS/02/2021)</p> <p>3. Consultancy Services for the Draft Bill of Zanzibar Petroleum Income Taxation and Additional Profit Tax (ISPG/DRMNRG/ZNZ/AfDB/QCBS/03/2021)</p> <p>4. Consultancy Services for the Review of the Draft Bill for Petroleum Revenue Management Act and Development of Government Finance Statistics (GFS) Code Guidelines for Oil and Gas Revenue (ISPG/DRMNRG/ZNZ/AfDB/LCS/04/2021)</p> <p>Financing Agreement reference: 2100150037346 Project ID No.: P-TZ-KFO-006 Date: 03rd August, 2022</p> <p>1. This Request for Expression of Interest follows the General Procurement Notice for this project which was published in the UN Development Business (UNDB online); dated 30th November 2017 and on the African Development Bank Group's Internet Website;</p> <p>2. The Government of United Republic of Tanzania has received financing from the African Development Bank toward the cost of the Institutional Support Project for Domestic Resource Mobilization and Natural Resource Governance (ISP-DRM-NRG). The President's Office Finance and Planning-Zanzibar, an implementing agency of the Client, intends to apply part of the agreed amount for this loan to eligible payments under the following contracts for which this Request for Expression of Interest (EOI) is issued:</p> <p>3. The objective of the assignment includes services but not limited to the following:</p> <p>i. Consultancy Services for the Development of Zanzibar Mining Policy and Strategy The key objective is to develop a coherent mining policy and strategy to optimally harness Zanzibar's mineral resources for socio-economic development based on Zanzibar's unique context. The duration for the implementation of this assignment Six (6) months</p> <p>ii. Consultancy Services for Legislative drafting of Zanzibar Mining Law and its Regulations The objective of the assignment is to provide consultancy service for legislative drafting of Zanzibar mining law and its regulations that fit the Mining sector for Zanzibar's unique context. The duration for the implementation of this assignment Six (6) months</p> <p>iii. Consultancy Services for the Review of the Draft Bill for Petroleum Revenue Management Act and Development of Government Finance Statistics (GFS) Code Guidelines for Oil and Gas Revenue.</p>	<p>The objective of this assignment is to review the Draft Bill of Petroleum Revenue Management Act and develop the GFS code guidelines for Oil and Gas revenues. The duration for the implementation of this assignment is Five (5) months</p> <p>iv. Consultancy Services for the Draft Bill of Zanzibar Petroleum Income Taxation and Additional Profit Tax The objective of this assignment is to provide legislative drafting of Zanzibar Petroleum Income Taxation Act and Additional Profit Tax Act. The duration for the implementation of this assignment is Five (5) Months.</p> <p>4. The President's Office Finance and Planning-Zanzibar now invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing these services. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.). Consultants may constitute joint-ventures to enhance their chances of qualification.</p> <p>5. Eligibility criteria, establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the African Development Bank's Procurement Policy for Bank Group Funded Operations, October 2015, which is available on the Bank's website at http://www.afdb.org.</p> <p>6. Interested consultants are allowed to select only one assignment mentioned above and may obtain further information at the address below during office hours between 9:00 and 15:00 hours from Monday to Friday except on Public Holidays.</p> <p>7. Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below by hand or courier by 16th August, 2022 at 10:00 hours and mentioned on the envelope, Expression of Interest Number and Name of the assignment selected, as mentioned above.</p> <p>Attn: Project Coordinator ISP-DRMNRG, President's Office Finance and Planning, ISP-DRMNRG PCU Office, P.O. Box 1154, 12Keneth Kaunda Road, 71402 Urban West, Vuga, Zanzibar. Tel: +255 777 468 886/+255 773 393 689 E-mail: caliphansaid@yahoo.com or ridhakhamis@gmail.com</p> <p>Aboud H. Mwinyi /PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, PRESIDENT'S OFFICE FINANCE AND PLANNING P.O. BOX 1154, VUGA STREET ZANZIBAR</p>
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RECEIPTS	ACTUAL
Opening fund balance	20,126,495
RECEIPTS FROM DONORS	
Disbursement from Donors	206,650,279
RECEIPTS FROM OTHERS	
Others	2,906,441
TOTAL RECEIPTS	229,683,215
EXPENDITURE	
Reliable, Concrete and up to date information on Land and Natural resources	13,473,500
Increased Access to reliable, concrete and up to date information on land and natural resources matters	23,461,898
Enhanced Knowledge base and Citizens participation in policy and decision making process on land and natural resources	76,535,004
Strengthening partnership with likeminded local and International on land rights, women's land rights, environment and climate change resilience	800,000
Secured and protected citizen/communities right through Village L and UsePlan	4,678,747
Securing programme equipment and services	15,277,109
Other programme costs	5,000,000
Improved HAKIARDHI Institutional Governance	38,037,500
Ensured availability of resources and improve Financial Management system	9,221,495
Improved quality of HAKIARDHI interventions	16,479,849
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	202,965,102
FUND BALANCE	26,718,113

FUND BALANCE: Donors funds committed for the implementation for the remaining period for the year 2022.



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REQUEST FOR QUOTATION

North Mara Gold Mine, a fully owned subsidiary of Twiga Minerals Corporation, which is ultimately owned by Barrick Gold Corporation and the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania requests the submission of Tenders from reputable, experienced, certified and qualified parties to provide the following:

Design, Manufacture, Supply, Install and Commissioning of Transformers, Containerized Motor Control Center and Ring Main Units for New Paste Plant Construction

Pre-qualification Criteria

Reference No.	Description	Pre-Qualification Criteria / Goods Technical Specifications
1 NM47/2022/A	Package A: Design, Manufacture and Supply of Distribution Transformers - 1.6MVA, 6.6kV/415V and 33KV/415V for Paste fill plant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Applicants to submit Company profile with proven Experience in designed, engineering, manufacturing, performance-tested, supplying and commissioning of Transformers. ii. Should have supplied at least 5 no's Transformers meeting above requirement within last 5 years from the closing date of EOI and out of which at least one should have been in successful operation for a period not less than one year as on the date of closing of EOI iii. Preferred Make – Actom/WEG/ABB/Freestate or equivalent iv. Rated Power 1.6 MVA, Phases Three, Winding Two, ONAN, Standards SANS 780, Orientation, Radiators removable type with isolation valves and shall be fitted with off load tap changer, Rated Frequency 50Hz, Vector group Dyn11, 5.75 %Z and HV/LV side cable boxes, Flag trip (8ways) i.e., Buchholz, winding temperature, Pressure relief, Oil temp both Alarm/Trip, Insulation type Suitable for both indoor and outdoor v. Completion certificates of previous projects with a reference list of Clients, the applicant agrees - without reservation-upon the submission of EOI, that the Company has the full right to contact any of the references provided vi. Able to supply commissioning spares & maintenance spares vii. Warranty & Guarantee period to be specified viii. Installation and commissioning support and assistance ix. Lead time of delivery x. Cost of equipment, commissioning spares and two years of maintenance spares
2 NM47/2022/B	Package B: Design, Manufacture & Supply of 33KV MV switch 3CR12 Outdoor RMU kiosk & 6.6KV MV switch 3CR12 Outdoor RMU kiosk for Paste fill plant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Applicants to submit Company profile with proven Experience in designed, engineering, manufacturing, performance-tested, supplying and commissioning of Ring Main Units ii. Specifications: Rated voltage 12KV, Service voltage 6.6KV Compact MV switch outdoor IP54 kiosk (3CR12), Motorised with remote Switching, Rated busbar current 630A,50Hz, with internal Arc classification: IAC AFLR, Rated short-circuit current :21KA,1sec, Degree of protection: Internal IP20, Standards IEC62271-200 iii. Preferred Make – Schneider/ABB or equivalent iv. Information required to include a list of relevant projects undertaken in the last 3 years. For each project provide: a description and relevance to the tendered project; project cost; and duration of the project v. Completion certificates of previous projects with a reference list of Clients, the applicant agrees - without reservation-upon the submission of EOI, that the Company has the full right to contact any of the references provided vi. Applicant should provide proof to its statements as necessary regarding its financial stability, engineering capabilities, documents complying with Tanzanian laws and Regulations vii. Should have supplied at least 5 no's RMUs meeting above requirement within last 5 years from the closing date of EOI and out of which at least one should have been in successful operation for a period not less than one year as on the date of closing of EOI viii. Able to supply commissioning spares & maintenance spares ix. Warranty & Guarantee period to be specified x. Installation and commissioning support and assistance xi. Lead time of delivery xii. Cost of equipment, commissioning spares and two years of maintenance spares
3 NM47/2022/C	Package C: Design, Manufacture and Supply of Containerised MCC for Paste Fill Plant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Applicants to submit Company profile with proven Experience in designed, engineering, manufacturing, performance-tested, supplying and commissioning of Containerised Motor control centres ii. MCC Rating 415V, 2500A, 50Hz ,50KA, VSD: ABB ACS580 (Modbus/TCP) iii. 12m High Cube ISO Container (for Mech. Package MCCs) iv. Specifications: SANS 1973-1, IEC 60947, IEC 61439 v. Preferred Makes: MCC incomer metering Schneider Power logic PM8000 series, Colour Electric Orange for normal, Essential (Red) and UPS sections, Electronic Overload relays Schneider TeSysT, MCC material Electro Galvanized, copper busbars and MCC with fixed patterns. vi. Type (Building, ISO High Cube Container, E-House) - 12m High Cube Container, Roof Type (Pitched), Single and double doors (with escape bar), Air Conditioning Required - 3 x 36 000 BTU / Container, vii. Should have supplied at least five Containerised MCCs meeting above requirement in last 3 years from the closing date of EOI and out of which at least one should have been in successful operation for a period not less than one year as on the date of closing of EOI viii. Preferred Make – Hamar Control/Eaton/Weg Automation Africa ix. Completion certificates of previous projects with a reference list of Clients, the applicant agrees - without reservation-upon the submission of EOI, that the Company has the full right to contact any of the references provided x. Able to supply commissioning spares & maintenance spares xi. Warranty & Guarantee period to be specified xii. Installation and commissioning support and assistance xiii. Lead time of delivery xiv. Cost of equipment, commissioning spares and two years of maintenance spares

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Key Dates

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North Mara Gold Mine Limited

Water contractor given 14 days to finish water tank installation

By Guardian Reporter

DEPUTY Permanent Secretary in the Vice President's Office (Environment) Dr Sweetbert Mkama has given 14 days to the water project contractor - Dabenko Enterprises Ltd to complete the installation of a water tank to supply 1,250 residents of Mingo Village, in Mvomero District, Morogoro Region.

The deputy minister gave the deadline Tuesday this week during his inspection visit of projects to withstand the effects of climate change using the Ecosystem-based Adaptation

for Rural Resilience (EbARR) being implemented in the district.

Dr Mkama called upon the contractor to quickly complete the project to acceptable standards the construction of the water tower and rectify the shortcomings discovered.

He told the Mvomero district director to supervise the projects in accordance to their values.

Meanwhile, the representative of Dabenko Enterprises Ltd, Erasto Nyahila pledged to rectify all deficiencies identified within the given time.

Mingo Village Chairman, Rashid Athumani said the completion of 150 metre well at the village will help in irrigation farming activities all year round as well as for domestic use.

1.16bn/- was provided to Mvomero district for the construction of the irrigation scheme that included the boring of four wells, two water dams and a small soap factory, a hides factory and milk collection centre.

Other activities under EbARR for Mvomero District are the construction of seed beds for vegetable farming and cooking stoves for 516 households.



Tanga regional commissioner Omary Mgumba (L) talks with assistant Administration Secretary and Human Resources Sebastian Masanja at a meeting with regional public servants yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Hamida Kamchalla

Govt committed to improve ease of doing business, Kigaha affirms

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE government is committed to improve ease of doing business in the country, noting that more investors are interested to come to Tanzania.

Deputy Minister for Industry and Trade, Exaud Kigaha, made the statement here, adding that establishment of one-stop centres at border points is just one of the examples to achieve this goal.

He noted that a lot of reforms have taken place and that Tanzania is likely to rank higher in the next ratings.

Tanzania is ranked 141 among 190 economies in the ease of doing business, according to the latest World Bank annual ratings. The rank of Tanzania improved to 141 in 2019 from 144 in 2018.

The Ease of doing business index ranks countries against each other based on how the regulatory environment is conducive to business operation stronger protections of property rights.

Economies with a high rank (1 to 20) have simpler and friendlier regulations for businesses.

Speaking during the recently completed Leadership and Business Summit, the deputy minister urged the business community to work in support of the government efforts to

bring the desired changes.

"The government is determined to solve all the challenges associated with doing business in the country," he said adding that the aim is to ensure that investors get all the required clearances in less than a week.

During the meeting, the retired Prime Minister, Mizengo Pinda underscored the need for entrepreneurs to observe the rules of the game when trading so that they attain the intended goals.

He said they must be guided by the rules and ethics running the business industry instead of opting for illegal deals.

The former premier has called upon politicians and government leaders to support the entrepreneurs in their respective areas to ensure they operate in a conducive business environment for them to prosper.

Pinda who is the patron for the Kingdom Leadership Network Tanzania (KLNT) made the remarks here in his address when opening the meeting on business and leadership saying the entrepreneurs need a pleasant avenue to trade.

He said under the current situation of entrepreneurship which is on the increase, the leaders must ensure they are well planned and focused to empower and facilitate them to

graduate from small and medium scale to big business operators.

"This should start at family level, as a head of the family if things this are in shambles, then you must know that you have created a loophole somewhere in upbringing," he insisted

He said politics play a great chance in the kind of leadership elected, thus, the need to choose wisely to have committed leaders that will serve the nation diligently.

"If we make a wrong choice of leaders be in government or political parties, it will take us long time as a nation to attain our goals, this should also be emulated in religious leadership post," said Pinda.

Pinda said most of the entrepreneurs set up business without focus thus ending up premature thus needing to be empowered on what it entails for making good entrepreneurship guidelines.

He gave an example of the honey entrepreneurs saying those sticking to code of conduct do well in the business but those who choose to make a mixture of honey and sugarcane residual for quick profit have perished in the industry.

Pinda said entrepreneurs must pay tax as it is their responsibility but some skip the task which is misconduct thus putting their business at crossroad.

TCRA positive census will assist to improve communications services

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

TANZANIA Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) in the Southern Highlands Zone has said the Population and Housing Census slated for August 23 this year is important because it will help to improve the country's communications services.

In an interview with this paper on Tuesday at the ongoing Nananene Agricultural Exhibition taking place here, TCRA Manager for Southern Highlands Zone, Eng Asajile John said the authority wants to see 80 per cent of mobile phone users easily access the

communication networks.

"Your enumeration in the exercise will enable us provide better communications services, as the census is an important opportunity for mobile phone users, I call upon all people to participate in enumeration on August 23," he said.

Asajile noted that TCRA is unable to attain its goal due to lack of the correct number of users of its communication services, hence the population and housing census will simplify in reaching many people.

Speaking about online theft, Asajile said the authority continues to exercise control by taking legal steps against the

culprits.

"We continue to deal with the issue, including taking to court all suspects, I call upon Tanzanians to avoid engaging themselves in these illegal activities, use the mobile phone services well and not as a means to swindle other people," he added.

He added that it would be better for the people to work together with relevant authorities, including TCRA and the police to report all those engaging in such activities.

He said better use of online services has great benefits, especially in the farming sector, if farmers use the services well.

By Guardian Reporter, Manyara

NCA, faith-based partners embarks on campaign to lure youth in agri-business

THE Norwegian Church Aid (NCA) in collaboration with faith-based partners have launched a special campaign to attract more youth in the agriculture and agri-business for their development.

Under the theme "Faith Actors and Conscious-driven Youth Economic Empowerment" the campaign aims at promoting the good work of young agricultural producers by sharing best practices and success stories through drama, debates, document change stories from the beneficiaries, educating them on the impacts of climate change.

Speaking during the official launch of the campaign held yesterday at Gedamar village, Golapo ward- Babati district in Manyara region Rev Andrew Munisi a Programme Officer of Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania (ELCT) Project in Northern Diocese said the target is to ensure everyone gets involved in

Agri-business and modern poultry farming while youth remains as the targeted group for the campaign.

Rev Munisi said, at Golapo ward, they have witnessed significant economic changes from the youth who have decided to engage themselves in Agri-business, the factor that attracts some of their fellow youth to have also engaged in agriculture.

"We want to have youth who make economic progress in a society through agriculture and modern poultry farming and then create employment for others," Rev Munisi insisted.

Chairman of Interfaith Committee in Babati district, Rev Thomas Adaq said they are encouraging youth to engage in agriculture in

order to accommodate themselves but also fulfilling God's command of working hard.

"Agri-business is a good job that brings better life, I am one of the beneficiaries of agriculture, it helps me to educate my children," he said.

NCA communication and advocacy officer Nizar Utanga said among the objectives of the campaign is to promote youth engagement in agriculture and agribusiness based on the lessons from the Climate Smart Economic Empowerment (CSEE).

The campaign also aims to provide relevant market linkages between young agricultural producers and potential commercial stakeholders for improved market access.

According to Nizar, Youth mobilization

campaign on agriculture and Agri business Caravan brings together youths, farmers, Community Microfinance groups, men, women, youths' agricultural producers, faith actors, government officials, Civil Society Organizations, media and financial institution in Kilimanjaro, Manyara and Kigoma effectively from 1-10 August.

However, Christina Paulo (24) of Orngadida village at Qash ward in Babati district is one of the exemplary youth who performed well

and benefited from agriculture.

"I started agri-business in 2020 with one veggie bed, now I have more than 30 beds, I am educating my young sisters at university through agriculture, thanks to NCA for providing me with modern agricultural skills," she explained.

In implementing agricultural transformation programmes with a focus on vegetable, fruits, and poultry production in the country, the NCA is collaborating with ELCT- Northern Diocese, Tanganyika Christian Refugee Service (TCRS), Caritas Kigoma Diocese, Tanzania Life Improvement Association (TALIA), Ilula Orphan Programme (IOP) and Anglican Church of Tanzania - Diocese of Morogoro (ACDM).



Tanzania Forest Services Agency officer in Tanga region Issa Mziray shows to journalists mangrove impounded recently. Photo: Correspondent Boniface Gideon



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The United States Agency for International Development (USAID)/Tanzania is seeking applications from qualified Tanzanian organizations to implement a Comprehensive Child Centered Care and Services (C4S) activity.

USAID is seeking to partner with one (1) local organization that provides Pediatric HIV services and Prevention of mother-to-child Transmission of HIV (PMTCT) and pediatric services and values a family approach to address the immediate HIV and TB technical assistance needs preventing Tanzania from achieving equitable epidemic control, amidst evolving pediatric COVID-19 needs.

The goal of the Comprehensive Child Centered Care and Services activity is to improve health status of pregnant and breastfeeding women, HIV exposed infants, children and adolescents living with HIV in Tanzania through increased access to quality comprehensive child centered health care and support.

If interested, you can follow this link to access the Notice of funding

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Please note that eligibility of this award is restricted to local Tanzanian entities.

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Govt to establish free day care centres countrywide

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

THE Government plans to establish day care centres for children countrywide to provide free service to parents who cannot afford to pay.

This was revealed here yesterday by Baraka Makona, the Commissioner for Community Development in the Ministry of Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups when opening the forum marking 25 years of Montessori education.

The Montessori method of education is a system of education for children that seeks to develop natural interests and activities rather than use formal teaching methods. A Montessori classroom places an emphasis on hands on learning and developing real-world skills. It was developed by physician Maria Montessori. It

emphasises independence and it views children as naturally eager for knowledge and capable of initiating learning in a sufficiently supportive and well-prepared learning environment.

Makona said the government will come up with the plan that will enable the centres to be built countrywide for to cater for children for free.

"At the moment the government runs 30 day care centres in Dar es Salaam and Dodoma regions," he said and added that

In the national five-year plan for children's early upbringing, the government has mobilised itself to provide education to various groups in order to enable children understanding and care for themselves.

Makona further said the plan will also assist to provide training to teachers, child care centres workers

aimed at empowering them with the basics in children's upbringing.

"Children of between two to eight years of age is the age group that if we fail to provide them with the basics in upbringing means we shall have adults who cannot take care of themselves, he added. He said apart from providing the children with education, the government plan also aims to reduce acts of child abuse.

Montessori Executive Committee member, Kemilembe Ndyamukama said Montessori was a philosopher who identified teaching aids for children according to the environment they come from.

"When we talk about a child we actually talk about the future adult and we have child care centres with various teaching tools to up-bring them both physically and psychologically.



Pugu resident wading through the water at Kigogo market in the outskirts of Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

Agronomists appeal to farmers to practice smart agriculture to tackle climate change

By Guardian Reporter, Moshi

AGRONOMISTS in Kilimanjaro Region have called upon residents to practice smart agriculture and adapt agri-business to cope up with climate change and improve their income.

The call was made yesterday during a campaign for youth mobilization in agriculture and agri-business themed 'Faith Actors and Conscious-driven Youth Economic Empowerment'. The campaigns will also be conducted in Manyara and Kigoma regions.

The agronomists have successfully reached and provided education on sustainable agriculture and agri-business to citizens in Mnadani, Kwasadala and Boma ng'ombe wards in Hai District.

The team of experts was facilitated by the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania (ELCT) Northern Diocese with support from Norwegian Church Aid (NCA).

Speaking during the campaign, an expert, Elizabeth Sabas said they

have encouraged farmers to use drip irrigation as it is an easy farming method with quick results within a short time.

"With drip irrigation you can use little water but you can harvest a lot throughout the year. With sustainable agriculture you will not be affected by climate change," she told the youth.

She added: "Drip irrigation is economical in terms of water usage because you can use a20 liters bucket to irrigate ten vegetable beds. This kind of agriculture does not require too many workers to practice"

Kanaeli Mushi, ELCT Northern Diocese Project Coordinator said that practicing agri-business through drip irrigation is a golden opportunity for the youth which will help them to generate income within a short time.

Mushi noted that to empower youth economically, ELCT Northern Diocese with support from NCA provides free technical advice and support on how

to practice modern agriculture and poultry farming.

Kiola Bukuru, ELCT-ND Business Development Officer said they conducted research on the type of crops that can be cultivated before advising youth to start practicing sustainable agriculture. He said they also assist them to find markets.

NCA Communication and Advocacy Officer Nizar Utanga told youth that agriculture is not a punishment but it is an opportunity that anyone can benefit from it.

He said the campaign promotes youth engagement in agriculture and agri-business based on the lessons from the Climate Smart Economic Empowerment (CSEE).

"We mobilize young male and females to engage in agriculture production while adhering to the impact of climate change and provide relevant market linkages between young agricultural producers and potential commercial stakeholders for improved market access," he said.

TFRA launches electronic system for distribution of subsidised fertiliser

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

TANZANIA Fertiliser Regulatory Authority Director Dr Stephen Mgailo has said the government has strengthened its system for the provision of subsidised fertiliser to farmers for the coming farming season aimed at plugging embezzlement loopholes.

He also said on August 15 this year TFRA expects to float tenders distributors of subsidised fertiliser to farmers.

Speaking here at the ongoing Nanenane Agricultural Exhibition, DR Ngailo said the step aims to remove complaints that emerged in regard to the past system.

"The government has devised an

electronic system which, to a great extent will help to plug embezzlement loopholes hence distributors should not expect to reap anything illegally," he said.

He stressed that in confronting challenged that emerged in the past system, the government this time will make sure subsidised fertiliser reaches farmers at the right time.

He also called on farmers to emerge and register themselves in the new system to be able to get subsidised fertiliser for them to benefit from the system.

Elaborating on how registration will be conducted, Dr Ngailo said it will be carried out by extension officers at ward and village levels and approved by the village chairman after which

farmers' details will be entered in the electronic system to enable fertiliser distribution reach them.

He also added that fertiliser producers and importers will have to use special bags for the subsidised fertiliser with QR Code imprinted on them.

He said the provision of subsidised fertiliser to farmers is the result of President Samia Suluhu Hassan vision that saw the importance in enabling farmers engage in profitable farming for reliable food and commercial crop harvests for the development of the community and the nation in general.

More than 159bn/- has been allocated as subsidy to fertiliser for farmers in FY 2022/23.

38 percent of Lindi residents received COVID-19 vaccines

By Guardian Reporter, Lindi

LINDI Region has successfully provided COVID-19 vaccination to 238,000 out of 605,000 targeted residents, equivalent to 38 percent of the set goal.

Dr Kheri Kyage, Lindi Regional Medical Officer made the remarks recently when speaking at Ilulu grounds during the launch of the campaign to provide education and encourage people to get vaccinated.

The campaign was organised by the Ministry of Health through its health promotion unit together with FHI 360, EpiC project with funds from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

"Our goal is to provide COVID-19 vaccination to 605,000 residents by the end of 2022. To date we have vaccinated 238,000 people (38 percent) of our target. We are employing various strategies to ensure residents are aware and ready to get COVID-19 vaccine," said Dr Kyage.

He added: "We are using various strategies to provide education to

the public and creating awareness on COVID-19 vaccines, music being part of it. A good number of people showed up during the 'Mziki Mnene' launch. As we proceed from regional to district and village level, it is our hope that we will reach the set target."

He commended the Ministry of Health for collaborating with FHI 360 and USAID to coordinate the 'Mziki Mnene' event with the theme 'Bega kwa Bega, Ujanja Kujanja' as it boosted COVID-19 vaccination.

Lindi District Commissioner, Shaibu Ndemanga said the campaign is to sensitize the public on the uptake of COVID-19 vaccination and will be conducted in all the districts within Lindi Region.

"There are myths and misconceptions being spread by people who do not have proper information; but with this campaign we are providing education on COVID-19 as well as the importance

of getting the jabs. Residents should understand that the jabs are safe with no harm," said Ndemanga.

Ndemanga said they are also using the campaign to remind each other on the need to complete their dose, get registered and get COVID-19 certificate to reach the goal of protecting Tanzanians against the pandemic.

EpiC is a five-year FHI 360 led global project funded by the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and USAID dedicated to achieving and maintaining HIV epidemic control in Tanzania.

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



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2 NM51/2022/B	Steel Pipes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Experienced Vendor, able to source and continuously supply the underground reticulation materials. ii. Should have supplied similar underground materials meeting the above requirement within the last 3 years from the closing date of EOI and should be in successful operation for a period not less than one year as on the date of closing of EOI iii. Preferred Make – BPS (Backfill Pipe Solutions), Hunan Steel and or equivalent from China or India viii. Able to supply commissioning materials & operational additions iv. Warranty & Guarantee period to be specified v. Installation and commissioning support and assistance vi. Lead time of delivery
3 NM51/2022/C	Rock bolts & Pipes Support elements; Valves; flanges and Accessories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience Vendor, able to source and continuous supply the underground reticulation materials, • Should have supplied similar underground materials meeting the above requirement within the last 3 years from the closing date of EOI and should be in successful operation for a period not less than one year as on the date of closing of EOI i. Preferred Make – As Per Specifications ii. Able to supply commissioning materials & operational additions iii. Warranty & Guarantee period to be specified iv. Installation and commissioning support and assistance v. Lead time of delivery

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Sega village resident in Muheza district, Tanga region Hassan Chemwiye prepares local brew. One bottle is sold for 200/- as captured yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Steven William

UNAIDS report paints gloomy picture on HIV/Aids infections

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

NEW report from the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) for 2021 says young women and adolescent girls in Africa are still faced with HIV infections, that every two minutes a girl gets infected.

The report, dubbed "In Danger" was unveiled July 28 this year before the 24th International AIDS Council (IAC) in Montreal, Canada.

According to the report, UNAIDS found 1.5 million people with new infections while women made 49 per cent for that year, with sub-Saharan Africa recording 63 per cent.

In these countries women, girls and young women were three times more liable to be infected with HIV than male youths.

In addition, during two years of the Covid-19 pandemic and other world disasters, the fight against HIV/AIDS slumped, resources thereof diminished and millions of lives were exposed to danger.

UNAIDS says apart from the drop in investments there was little drop in regard to new infections by 3.6 per cent only between 2020 and 2021, with very dismal new yearly infections since 2016.

However adverse effects of HIV gender-wise especially to young African women and girls happened due to the suspension of essential HIV/AIDS treatment.

In addition, efforts in ensuring

people living with HIV/AIDS get treatment to save their lives slumped.

UNAIDS Director General Winnie Byanyima, said: "These statistics show that the fight against HIV/AIDS is in great danger if we cannot take immediate steps, the disaster flourishes within the Covid-19 pandemic, we should imagine the millions of deaths that could be prevented."

In regard to Tanzania, the results of HIV/AIDS evaluation in regard to gender consideration done in 2020 by TACAIDS in collaboration with UNAIDS showed that adolescent girls and young women between 15 to 24 years of age were in great danger of being infected due to misleading beliefs.



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By Correspondent James Lanka, Moshi

Tanzanian conservationist climbs Mount Kilimanjaro to promote domestic tourism

CONSERVATIONIST Nestory Mushi has managed to make it to the peak of Mount Kilimanjaro in a six-day climb aimed to promote environmental conservation as well as domestic tourism.

Mushi who was recently given a special award from the Vice President's Office-Environment,

said he had that special expedition under the Arusha-based tourism firm, Global Experience Limited to create awareness to the community members on the importance of

planting trees particularly on the mount Kilimanjaro buffer zone for sustainable environmental protection and conservation.

Mushi climbed the Africa's peak

with his friends, a move that aims at promoting the country's tourism destinations across the world.

In an interview with this reporter soon after managing to reach the

highest peak he said: "Through my Mount Kilimanjaro expedition, I experienced the agony, joy and pride of trekking the 'Roof of Africa' and my appeal to my fellow Tanzanian's is to

climb it," he said.

He appreciated all who made him climb the mountain such as the Tanzania National Parks (TANAPA) and the Kilimanjaro National Park (KINAPA) officials.

Mushi added that the president made a wise decision to go for the film as it will help attract more investment that would result in creation of more jobs.



VACANCY PROJECT DIRECTOR

Position Summary:

Tembo Nickel is seeking to recruit a **Project Director** to join the Tembo Nickel Project Team. This role is based in **Dar es salaam** with frequent travel to site. The Project Director (PD) will be responsible for the direction and management of the overall project, the implementation, development and successful delivery. The PD will direct all project management and control functions and will ultimately be responsible for the overall development and delivery of the project. The successful candidate for this role will report to the **Senior VP- Project Development**

Principal Accountability

- Ensure the whole project team operates in safe environment.
- Develop and lead the set-up, planning, development, implementation, and execution of the project in terms of world's best practices.
- Direct and manage the project studies i.e., Conceptual, Scoping, Preliminary Economic Assessments (PEA), Pre-feasibility and Feasibility.
- Direct the project's technical disciplines across the life cycle and manage internal and external stakeholders to the successful delivery of the project.
- Lead potential due diligence processes on the project with financial institutions.
- Setup project team, complete with resources and structures that may include technical support, project controls, project management, external consultants, contractors etc.
- Direct, manage and coordinate the efforts of various project and control managers to ensure that the projects are developed and executed in accordance with respective budgets, timelines and quality.
- Ensure that the project contributes towards the social, economic, and institutional development of all stakeholders.
- Ensure stringent application to safety, health, environmental and quality policies avoid harm to people and the environment and ensure compliance with all regulatory and legal requirements.
- Optimize project outcomes through rigorous contract management, claim management, risk and opportunity management.
- Direct and control the master baseline schedules for the development of the project.
- Manage the project budget and monitor actual spend and forecast to ensure the project does not exceed budget.
- Direct changes to the project that is ongoing if it appears that the project is not proceeding on schedule or on budget.
- Develop an alternate course of action for completing the project should the initial plan fail.
- Make presentations to potential investors, business partners and company executives concerning different phases and updates of the project.
- Optimize project economics by assessing different technical options, assessing capex and opex and project payback periods.
- Develop and implement capital projects risk management strategies.
- Foster a sense of team spirit within the projects department.
- Communicate well and relay information in a timely manner.
- Have good budgeting skills and be able to reduce costs without making adjustments that would affect quality.
- Know what is required for a particular project to be completed, and have realistic expectations as far as meeting deadlines go.
- Have good leadership and management skills.

Experience and Qualifications

- The Project Director should be a Project Management Professional with a degree in either mining, metallurgical or mechanical engineering and have relevant project financial and economic experience.
- 15-20 years of project management experience, specific to the mining, mineral processing and metals industry is compulsory.

Tembo Nickel offers a competitive remuneration package and **ONLY** shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

How to Apply

Applicants are invited to send their resumes indicating the role title in the subject via email jobs@tembonickel.com

Application closing date is 10th August, 2022

Note: We are committed to provide equal employment opportunities based on merit and we do not charge candidates any fees in the whole recruitment process.

Women are strongly encouraged to apply

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TANZANIA INTERNATIONAL CONTAINER TERMINAL SERVICES LTD
A member of the Hutchison Port Holdings Group

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Provision of Services and Management of TICTS CCTV IT Hardware and Systems

Tanzania International Container Terminal Services, (TICTS) located at Dar es Salaam, is the country's largest container terminal operator. The Port of Dar es Salaam handles more than 75 per cent of Tanzania's trade and is a vital gateway not just to Tanzania, but also to Eastern, Central and Southern Africa. The port is strengthening its role as the country's maritime gateway, investing in modern IT systems and mobile equipment while constantly improving its productivity levels, efficiency and customer service.

Tanzania International Container Terminal Services is a member of Hutchison Ports, the port and related services division of CK Hutchison Holdings Limited (CK Hutchison). Hutchison Ports is the world's leading port investor, developer and operator with a network of port operations in 52 ports spanning 26 countries throughout Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Europe, the Americas and Australasia. Over the years, Hutchison Ports has expanded into other logistics and transportation-related businesses, including cruise ship terminals, airport operations, distribution centres, rail services and ship repair facilities.

1. Background:

TICTS is inviting CCTV and IT vendors to assist with the management of its CCTV IT hardware and systems.

2. Scope:

To understand and identify Vendors with proven Capabilities in:

- (a): Management of CCTV IT Systems and infrastructure.
- (b): Internal available skills in the management of servers, storage and all related hardware with respect to CCTV infrastructure.
- (c): AXIS/Milestone partnership or authorization to manage their applications, cameras and systems in Tanzania inclusive of licenses.
- (d): Vendor should be based in Dar es Salaam.

3. Expectation:

- (a): Management of hardware will be within TICTS premises/Data Centres and TICTS network infrastructure.
- (b): TICTS expects the vendor will manage its CCTV servers, storage and Camera maintenance and assist in interacting with the TICTS IT and Security Departments to ensure that CCTV is available 24/7 365 days.
- (c): Footage retention, resolution and prioritization period will be agreed with TICTS Security Manager.
- (d): Any requirement to expand capacity or upgrade hardware will be the responsibility of the Vendor but will be discussed with TICTS Security Department and Management. Vendor should display capability in managing any additional requirements.
- (e): Indication of existing comprehensive SLA and Key Service Elements comprised in the Comprehensive SLAs.

Interested vendors are required to submit their expression of interest with details of their capability and experience in a sealed envelope to TICTS finance office at PSSSF building along Sokoine drive before or on **12th August 2022 at 3:00pm**, addressed to:

Tender Committee
Tanzania International Container Terminal Services Limited
P.O Box 71442, Dar es Salaam
Tel. 255 222 215900
Email: ticts@ticts.com



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Taking A New Look
At The News
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Joint ventures, stock listing key to Tanzania-Zambia rail, pipe uplift

A NEW epoch is dawning in bilateral ties between Tanzania and Zambia, in the wake of the short visit by President Hakainde Hichilema in Dar es Salaam, with accords signed that may change the picture in the two vital infrastructure units, the railway line and oil pipeline. For one thing, the rail line is already of the standard gauge level, thus likely to be adaptable to modernised speed trains, despite that this much wasn't being discussed as yet. It is as if the projects need a new coat of paint.

The revitalization of ties between the two countries to take a higher economic profile is partly a result of a changing international situation that is pushing African countries to become as self-reliant as they can manage. That obviously won't be realized in a day but there has to be preliminary measures, where the quest to uplift five decades old infrastructure to be aligned to modern logistics requirements is a major step. When it is done, it provides a foundation for an industrialization thrust.

The wider picture of the accords on the rail and pipeline infrastructure was the wish to work closely with Zambia in promoting trade and investment, which starts with logistics and anchors in the removal of trade barriers. In her remarks, President Samia Suluhu Hassan said the two countries have agreed to mobilize resources to revive the railway line to make it modern, lessening the pressure on roads in the two countries. When transport costs are lessened, so are prices, and that provides a better atmosphere for industrial investments, thriving on low costs.

A measure of goodwill was equally

visible in other areas, for instance as the two leaders agreed to liaise to remove trade barriers by reviewing custom duties and cross border levies on goods carried by small scale traders. At first, traders from both countries crossing the respective border points will be serving small markets within the vicinity, and then to the respective capital cities or major cities generally. Then they will discover that some of the goods have a market if one crosses another border to the west, and reciprocally. It is the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) being realized with a giant step of reviving dormant infrastructure being used at sub-optimal level, eliminating barriers, widening reach.

Equally noticeable was likely cooperation in supplying processed meat for the beef market in Saudi Arabia with joint venture initiatives. For one thing, the joint venture model is also applicable to uplifting infrastructure, to lessen loan burdens on concessional and non-concessional lenders. It is something to be pursued later.

When a workable joint venture format is in place and cutting across a range of strategic activities, not just meat processing, it will be easier to dream of southward bound industrialization, now visible in the coastal area, more or less. The presence of iron ore (without direct back up of coal in the current situation) is in need of a workable costing structure to host a few industries that can feed budding iron-based industries in the region. The dream goes back to the 1970s, but it appears there was a half a century lag between the dream and the basics of its coming into reality being put into place.

STAMICO coal-based 'charcoal' will push up environment agenda

THINGS that a number of experts have been suggesting since the environment debate started having a profound impact on policy making are on the way to being realized. One such idea is the plan being pursued by the State Mining Corporation (STAMICO) to start supplying alternative charcoal sold at lower prices compared to wood charcoal, making it friendly to environmental conservation. The 50-year old parastatal has for some reason discovered this potential large scale use of coal.

Top officials of the corporation unveiled this plan at the start of a ten day festival to mark 50 years since it was created, noting that this alternative product has the capacity to remove from the market wood-based charcoal. A number of critics were arguing for that approach but the dominant approach among environmental activists was to spread the use of stoves consuming less charcoal.

How far this was achieved is a bit unclear, but it focused more on household costs and especially the gender mainstreaming aspect, costs of women-led houses, not environment perse.

At the same time there are wider conditions for a turn of perspective on the part of STAMICO, given that for many years their most cherished project was to generate 600MW of power from coal. With the Nyerere power project and current global outlook, it is unlikely they can find such investors. 'Selling charcoal' is an option.

The project outline indicates that the coal-based product will be produced in excess of current levels of charcoal demand to meet domestic cooking needs or roadside roasting activities. Four production facilities will be installed in the course of this financial year of what is code-named

'(environment) friendly briquettes' made from timber powder, maize and other husks along with a coal base. This has always been the standard format but it isn't as lucrative as a megawatt power plan.

So each idea has its local and global conditions, as what planners think of this or that economic venture has to do with financing and market opportunities locally and abroad. So despite that coal isn't down and out as yet, alternative uses needing careful planning and prudent use of resources are seeing the light of day. Taking 50 years of being aware of the coal deposits before coming up with a public resources idea to use the coal to replace firewood shows how good ideas germinate slowly.

When the plan is formally launched next week in the capital, environmental control shall have moved a step higher, from planting trees to figure out stopping all wood charcoal making countrywide. There are technical or scientific issues involved like crushing the coal to get powder to mix with dry materials like sawdust or maize cob core, while the husk can be fed to cattle. Creating a network of supplying the raw materials is an even more challenging task than the marketing parameter as here only the price matters, and the briquettes being friendly to cooking pots. As for the rest, those now selling charcoal will shift to 'alternative charcoal', period.

It should also be expected that there will be firm guidance on the matter so that no stakeholders should come up and object to the plan. If they want to sell wood from planted trees harvested periodically, the right price need to be set for them to supply to the new producers. Allowing competition with old charcoal is negative, as if the quality aspect and the pricing is right, people can be encouraged to shift.

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By The Conversation

BURUNDI, which marked 60 years of independence on 1 July 2022, ranks as the poorest country on the planet in terms of GDP per capita. This must be understood in the light of a history punctuated by political upheavals. Until 1996, the country lived to the rhythm of coups, massacres and political assassinations - before plunging into a long civil war.

Peace was eventually restored in 2005. However, the country returned to authoritarian governance in 2015. Since then, the UN has noted progress but continues to denounce the political violence that plagues the country.

How did Burundi come to this? Why is change so slow to arrive?

I have studied the politics and economies around the Great Lakes region for more than 40 years - including the links between governance and poverty. The countries that form the region are Burundi, Rwanda, Democratic Republic of Congo and Uganda. Democratic Republic of Congo and Uganda. It's my view that the end of the Belgian and British colonial empires upset the political, economic and social frameworks of the two nations formed out of the former Ruanda-Urundi colonial entity.

Present-day Rwanda and Burundi served as reservoirs of labour for the exploitation of the wealth of the vast agricultural and mining areas of the Belgian Congo to the west and the British colonies in the east. Refocused within their borders following independence in the 1962, they were reduced to small, overcrowded and landlocked micro-states.

Burundi is a country familiar with various military regimes since independence. These regimes have succeeded in appropriating state resources while ordinary citizens - mostly rural farmers - have borne the brunt of the civil war.

The divide that has emerged between military elites and "people of the hills" - as rural farmers are commonly referred to - runs deeper than ethnic and regional differences. The peasantry still provides almost all the resources of the party-state. But most of the agrarian policy decisions are taken without consultation, including at the grassroots levels where party delegates, often peasants, do as directed.

The state has imposed itself as the exclusive economic operator. Civil servants and party cadres programme and direct investments. Ordinary people are for the most part powerless.

Nkurunziza's missed opportunity

Following the gradual return of peace nearly 20 years ago, Pierre Nkurunziza was elected president in

Burundi at 60 is the poorest country on the planet: What went wrong?



President Evariste Ndayishimiye of Burundi addresses the general debate of the UN General Assembly's 76th session. With peace restored, Burundi president says poverty is the remaining threat.

2005. Drawn from the majority Hutu ethnic group, Nkurunziza ended 25 years of pro-Tutsi military regimes. The minority Tutsi make up 14% of the population and the Hutu 85%. In the next five years, the president and his party - the National Council for the Defense of Democracy - Forces for the Defense of Democracy (CNDD-FDD) - went about consolidating power.

Hopes for stability were stronger at the next election in 2010. For the first time in the country's history, voters were called upon to vote at the normal end of an electoral cycle. CNDD-FDD secured another mandate thanks to a divided opposition and the charismatic personality of the incumbent president, who enjoyed massive support from rural populations.

A party that had managed to reconcile ethnic divisions and to integrate the armed forces with former rebels now had a resounding national mandate.

Unchallenged, Nkurunziza concentrated power in his hands under a de facto one-party state. A youth militia loyal to his party kept an eye on dissent among local populations and neutralised any organised opposition. But the mood soured quickly when Nkurunziza sought a "third term" in the 2015 elections, contrary to the constitution.

A popular protest was immediate and strengthened despite the mobilisation of the police. Within weeks a failed military coup laid bare the fractures within the armed forces. A violent repression followed in which freedom of expression and independent media were crushed.

In July 2015, after elections "neither free nor credible" according to the UN, the CNDD-FDD exceeded the two-thirds majority in the National Assembly.

Nkurunziza's victory was Burundi's loss. Amid the repression of opponents, the country's economy slowed down, foreign capital took flight and infrastructure crumbled. There was looting of public resources and a sharp reduction in social benefits.

At the end of his third term, the leaders of the CNDD-FDD party were happy to see the back of the "eternal supreme leader" who had become a liability.

The electoral rescue of 2020

Burundi's GDP had been battered badly during the civil war, which ended in 2005. It was on the rise for ten years from 2005 to 2014. Following the Nkurunziza-instigated political crisis in 2015 the economy dipped sharply again. Ranked second poorest country in the world in 2013 and 2014, it fell to the poorest in 2015 and has remained there ever since.

The UN Human Development Index, which measures longevity, education and inequality, also attests to this deterioration. Burundi was ranked 180th in 2015, falling to 185th in 2019 and 2020.

Thus, in almost all socio-economic measures, Burundi's performance is among the lowest on the planet thanks mainly to conflict and elite corruption.

The failed coup of May 2015 upset a delicate balance in which the army - including former rebels - and the police were jointly managed. Pro-Nkurunziza

elements in the army who crushed the coup sensed an opportunity for self-enrichment to match the fortunes of their senior Tutsi colleagues and graduates of military schools.

Hitherto contained or concealed, this "financial catch-up" was transformed into an open competition for personal enrichment commensurate with each person's powers.

In May 2020, General Evariste Ndayishimiye, a wise and withdrawn man, became the new president. Nkurunziza died shortly afterwards officially from COVID-19, a disease whose danger he had always underestimated. Burundi, on the other hand, continues to suffer the effects of Nkurunziza's political legacy.

Struggle between elites

Having experienced since independence all forms of divisions that can be exploited by authoritarian regimes, the "people of the hills" now know that their lot is the result of struggles between elites for the capture of national resources.

Only the re-appropriation of the state, to make it legitimate once more in the eyes of the population, could free resources for their purposes.

This implies that peasants emancipate themselves from co-opted administrative and economic bureaucracies which have appropriated power and wealth by force, first for the benefit of a Tutsi and then of a Hutu elite. Burundians need to impose themselves through free and credible elections as self-organised citizens responsible for the future of a democratic country.



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REQUESTS FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

ISOAF Tz Limited is a Tanzanian-incorporated company with its head office in Dar es salaam and its plant in Nzega District. The company is a Thermal Insulation System Contractor for East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Project.

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

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST : PROVISION OF CATERING SERVICES IN DAR ES SALAAM TO ISOAF TZ LIMITED

ISOAF/PROC/01/0722

ISOAF Tz invites experienced and reputable Contractors to express their interest in provision of **CATERING SERVICES**

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE:

Provide continental meals and local meals at site: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner and Snacks.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- Compliance with Petroleum (Local Content) Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition for Tanzania.
- Registration on EWURA's Local Suppliers and Service Providers (LSSP) Database is highly recommended
- Registered by OSHA and TBS
- All employees should have medical certificates
- Compliance with Kitchen and Food Preparation Hygiene Principles
- Letter of interests clearly indicating the Tender Reference Number

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: CONSTRUCTION OF FENCE AROUND THE SITE IN SOJO VILLAGE NZEGA TABORA FOR ISOAF TZ LIMITED

ISOAF/PROC/02/0722

ISOAF Tz invites experienced and reputable Contractors to express their interest in constructing **FENCE AROUND THE SITE**

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE:

- Ability to read and implement provided technical drawings
- Ability to provide a Bill of Quantities (BOQ)

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- Compliance with Petroleum (Local Content) Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition for Tanzania.
- Registration on EWURA's Local Suppliers and Service Providers (LSSP) Database is highly recommended
- A copy of their own and main suppliers ISO current certification if available.
- Statement of Experience with at least three (3) similar undertakings
- Letter of interests clearly indicating the Tender Reference Number

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: PROVISION OF FIRE PROTECTION TO ISOAF TZ LIMITED

ISOAF/PROC/03/0722

ISOAF Tz invites experienced and reputable Contractors to express their interest in supplying **FIRE PROTECTION**

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE:

- Make fire protection assessment on site and inform the client on the needs and

how to mitigate it

- Supply and install the fire protection equipment like fire extinguisher and/or smoke detectors and other apparatus
- Identify and advise client on proper and key location on the site where to pay more attention
- Train the employees on the usage of the fire equipment and other fire prevention and firefighting strategies
- Provide fire equipment inspection and issue a certificate of inspection on due date
- Capability to do Fire System Engineering and implementing the system

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- Compliance with Petroleum (Local Content) Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition for Tanzania.
- Registration on EWURA's Local Suppliers and Service Providers (LSSP) Database is highly recommended
- A copy of their own and main suppliers ISO current certification if available.
- Statement of Experience with at least three (3) similar undertakings
- Letter of interests clearly indicating the Tender Reference Number

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: PROVISION OF HOUSES TO BE RENTED FOR ISOAF TZ LIMITED STAFF IN NZEGA DISTRICT TABORA AND DAR ES SALAAM AT MASAKI AREA

ISOAF/PROC/04/0722

ISOAF Tz invites experienced and reputable Contractors to express their interest in providing **HOUSES FOR RENT.**

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE:

- The house must have at least 3 self-contained rooms fully furnished
- Easily accessible to roads.
- With securities guards provided and fire equipment available
- Should have basic amenities

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- Compliance with Petroleum (Local Content) Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition for Tanzania.
- Registration on EWURA's Local Suppliers and Service Providers (LSSP) Database is highly recommended
- Letter of interests clearly indicating the Tender Reference Number

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: PROVISION OF LIGHTING EQUIPMENT TO ISOAF TZ LIMITED AT OUR SITE IN SOJO VILLAGE, NZEGA DISTRICT

ISOAF/PROC/05/0722

ISOAF Tz invites experienced and reputable Contractors to express their interest in providing **LIGHTING EQUIPMENT**

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE:

- Based on the site setup, advise on the lighting equipment needed

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- Compliance with Petroleum (Local Content) Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition for Tanzania.
- Registration on EWURA's Local Suppliers and Service Providers (LSSP) Database is highly recommended
- A copy of their own and main suppliers ISO current certification if available.
- Statement of Experience with at least three (3) similar undertakings
- Letter of interests clearly indicating the Tender Reference Number

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: PROVISION OF PEST CONTROL TO ISOAF TZ LIMITED AT OUR SITE IN SOJO VILLAGE, NZEGA DISTRICT

ISOAF/PROC/06/07/022

ISOAF Tz Limited is a Tanzanian-incorporated ISOAF Tz invites experienced and reputable Contractors to express their interest in providing **PEST CONTROL.**

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE:

- Inspect buildings and premises for signs of pests or infestation
- Determine the type of treatment needed to eliminate pests
- Measure the dimensions of the area needing treatment

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- Compliance with Petroleum (Local Content) Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition for Tanzania.
- Registration on EWURA's Local Suppliers and Service Providers (LSSP) Database is highly recommended
- Letter of interests clearly indicating the Tender Reference Number

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: PROVISION OF SECURITY SERVICES AT SOJO SITE IN NZEGA TO ISOAF TZ LIMITED AT SITE IN NZEGA

ISOAF/PROC/07/0722

ISOAF Tz invites experienced and reputable Contractors to express their interest in **SECURITY SERVICES.**

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE:

- Provision of security services at the site for the machineries, and other items in the vicinity.
- Experience in handling the security issue in a manufacturing plant
- Having all security guards well trained with certificates Provision of security risk assessment

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- Compliance with Petroleum (Local Content) Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition for Tanzania.
- Registration on EWURA's Local Suppliers and Service Providers (LSSP) Database is highly recommended
- Should be ISO certified
- Statement of Experience

- Letter of interests clearly indicating the Tender Reference Number
- Having been audited by EACOP and passed the auditing process

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: PROVISION OF SECURITY SIGNALLING TO ISOAF TZ LIMITED AT OUR SITE IN SOJO VILLAGE, NZEGA DISTRICT

ISOAF/PROC/08/0722

ISOAF Tz invites experienced and reputable Contractors to express their interest in providing **SECURITY SIGNALLING**

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE:

- Install the security signaling apparatus and advise on its operations to the staff involves
- Ability to advise on location to put security signals

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- Compliance with Petroleum (Local Content) Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition for Tanzania.
- Registration on EWURA's Local Suppliers and Service Providers (LSSP) Database is highly recommended
- Letter of interests clearly indicating the Tender Reference Number

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: PROVISION OF WAREHOUSE IN DAR ES SALAAM TO ISOAF TZ LIMITED

ISOAF/PROC/09/0722

ISOAF Tz invites experienced and reputable Contractors to express their interest in providing **WAREHOUSE SERVICES**

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE:

- Provide a warehouse in the vicinity of the Mandela Road or inside the Port
- The warehouse should be at least 2500 sqm and have a at least the 5000sqm outside yard for storing fully loaded containers
- The warehouse must be in good conditions (paved no leakage), easily accessible, with working fans, with fire extinguishers ,safety equipment installed ,a s well as assembly area earmarked
- Where 16 tons forklift can be used inside the warehouse without any problem for normal warehouse operations
- The warehouse should be available for 1-2 years rental period

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- Compliance with Petroleum (Local Content) Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition for Tanzania.
- Registration on EWURA's Local Suppliers and Service Providers (LSSP) Database is highly recommended
- Statement of Experience with at least three (3) similar undertakings
- Letter of interest clearly indicating the Tender Reference Number

Interested companies which meet the minimum requirements and have the capacity to provide the equipments/services listed above should express their interest by sending together with the above listed documents an email to: procurement@isoaf.com. (Max. Email Size: 20 MBs & All documents must be submitted in the English language) on or before 17:00 hours East African Time (EAT), on 19 August 2022. Companies satisfactorily meeting the above minimum requirements will receive, subject to the signature of a Non Disclosure Agreement (NDA), a detailed pre-qualification questionnaire for further evaluation by Company.

EACOP project reserves the right not to consider companies that submit incomplete dossiers.

Note: Only pre-qualified companies will receive an invitation to submit their bid in furtherance of the Call for Tender process.

SINGAPORE/JAKARTA

As wheat prices soar, the world's consumers vote with their feet

GLOBAL wheat consumption is headed for its biggest annual decline in decades as record inflation forces consumers and companies to use less and replace the grain with cheaper alternatives, amid growing food insecurity.

Consumers may face even higher wheat prices in the second half of 2022 as importers, who until now have supplied cargoes bought several months earlier at cheaper prices, pass on the costs from when wheat prices scaled decade highs in May.

Global wheat consumption in July-December could drop by 5-8 percent from a year ago, analysts, traders and millers say, much faster than the US Department of Agriculture's forecast 1 percent contraction.

"There is going to be a drop in wheat demand for animal feed in Europe. Wheat demand for human consumption has also slowed in key importing countries around the world," said Erin Collier, an economist at UN's Food and Agriculture Organisation.

"High prices have raised food security worries in parts of Asia and Africa where countries are not able to secure enough supplies from the international market."

Millions are facing mounting food costs and insecurity after the Russia-Ukraine conflict started and adverse weather in key exporting countries drove cereal prices to all-time highs.

Benchmark wheat futures jumped 40 percent this year to a record high in March before retreating recently, though physical prices remain high.

Wheat shipments from the Black Sea region are quoted at around \$400-\$410 a tonne, including cost and freight for delivery to the Middle East and Asia. Prices are down from a peak of about \$500 a tonne reached a few months ago, but remain well above last year's



In this file photo dated May 26, 2022, a shopkeeper sells wheat flour in the Hamar-Weyne market in the capital Mogadishu, Somalia. AP

average of about \$300.

"Wheat supplies are still super tight," said Ole Houe at brokerage IKON Commodities in Sydney. "We are not sure how much wheat is going to come out of the Black Sea and there is adverse weather in other exporting countries." Countries likely to struggle with

wheat imports include Yemen, South Sudan, Sudan, Syria, Ethiopia, Afghanistan and Sri Lanka, FAO's Collier told Reuters.

As rising costs strain household budgets, protests have erupted across the world with people taking to the streets from Malaysia to Italy, South Af-

rica and Argentina.

In Indonesia, the world's second-largest wheat buyer, consumption already fell in the first five months of 2022 and a bigger decline is expected as higher costs feed through the supply chain.

Yan Aisa Allamanda, a 37-year-old

baker in Jakarta, is paying around 10,000 rupiah (\$0.6720) per kilogram for wheat flour, up from around 8,200 rupiah earlier this year.

"I had to increase my selling price... but I fear that higher prices will discourage consumers," she said.

Switching out

As consumers cut purchases, bakers and noodle manufacturers are replacing wheat with rice.

"Wheat flour prices are almost at par with rice - automatically there will be shifting," said Francisus Welirang, chairman of the Indonesian Flour Millers Association.

He noted the last time wheat flour prices rose significantly, Indonesia's consumption dropped by 4.5 percent. While wheat prices have jumped, Vietnam's 5 percent broken rice was quoted around \$404 per tonne, largely unchanged from late 2021.

Brazil, the biggest market for US wheat, saw purchases decline more than 3 percent in January-June period, even though the country paid 20 percent more for the staple, data showed.

"In the northeast of Brazil, maybe consumers will replace wheat products with regional ones, like tapioca," said Roberto Sandoli, senior risk manager at HedgePoint Global Markets.

Animal feed

Red-hot wheat prices are also

changing ingredients livestock farmers use for animal feed.

The French Farm Office FranceAgriMer forecasts demand for wheat feed is likely to drop 13 percent to 3.9 million tonnes in 2022/23 from 2021/22.

"The drop in EU wheat consumption is mainly the consequence of very cheap corn," said Helen Dufflot, analyst with Strategie Grains. "Then of course, there is the economic issue."

In Vietnam, one of the world's fastest growing animal feed markets, rice is replacing wheat.

One purchasing manager at a mill in Ho Chi Minh City said they have been asked by the government to source alternatives amid supply chain disruption.

Thailand had earlier this year increased its corn import quota to 600,000 tonnes from 54,700 tonnes, and cut import duties to alleviate a tight feed market, Bangkok-based traders said.

In response to changing feed use, the USDA in July cut its global wheat consumption forecast for the 2022/23 marketing year to 784.22 million, down 1.77 million tonnes from its June estimate and 6.29 million tonnes below the prior year.

Black Sea hit

Buyers in Africa and the Middle East have been impacted more than other consumers by Black Sea disruptions since the Ukraine crisis began, and have been forced to switch to higher-priced suppliers such as Germany and France.

There are hopes of a resumption in Black Sea supplies after Russia, Ukraine, Türkiye and the UN signed a deal last week to unlock Ukrainian grain. The first grain ship to leave Ukraine safely anchored off Türkiye on Tuesday. But the market remains sceptical about Black Sea trade making a more meaningful return.

Agencies

Africa needs to forge unified approach to Russia before 2023 Russia-Africa Summit

By Gustavo de Carvalho

Ramping up ties with Africa

DURING five days in July 2022, Russia's Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov travelled to four African nations to signal Russia's push into the continent. The visit to Egypt, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Uganda and Ethiopia symbolises the Russian offensive to gain and reinforce international support.

The trip has underscored the importance for African countries to develop well-crafted positions when engaging with external powers. Without this, Africa risks being caught up in geopolitical disputes, diminishing its global voice and agency.

As the Kremlin's relationship with the West deteriorated after the annexation of Crimea in 2014, Russia expanded its engagement with other countries, particularly in the Global South. While the July 2022 engagements in Africa yielded few tangible outcomes, Lavrov reinforced the criticism of Western policies in Africa, with a complementing narrative of the independent stance Africa has taken.

The first Russia-Africa Summit, co-chaired with Egypt in Sochi in 2019, was an attempt to strengthen partnerships between Russia and the continent. Forty-three heads of state attended. A second summit was expected to be held in late 2022. Due to developments in Ukraine, it is now scheduled for mid-2023.

In the aftermath of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, African states faced criticism for their voting at the UN General Assembly. In March 2022, the General Assembly adopted a resolution denouncing Russia's invasion. Some 48% of African member states abstained (or did not vote), and 48% of member states voted in favour of the resolution. Significantly, no African state has imposed sanctions on Russia since the beginning of the war.

Russia has been ramping up its military relationships with several African countries for at least a decade. Its approach is often influenced by close ties between Russia's arms industry and its infamous private security contractor, the Wagner Group.



Russian President Vladimir Putin (C) waves during a photo session with heads of countries taking part in the 2019 Russia-Africa Summit at the Sirius Park of Science and Art in Sochi, Russia, 24 October 2019. (File photo)

According to Sipri, a Swedish think tank, Russia was the largest arms supplier to Africa in 2021, accounting for 44% of continental imports of major arms. In total, Russia has signed military agreements with more than 20 African countries.

While Russia is not among Africa's largest trading partners, its presence cannot be discounted. It is estimated that in 2020, Russia's trade with African countries amounted to more than \$14-billion, with Egypt accounting for

about 30% of this total.

Economically, the sharp increase in international grain prices has been particularly punitive, as Ukraine and Russia are two major producers and exporters. Between 2018 and 2020, some 32% of Africa's wheat imports came from Russia and 12% from Ukraine. The added impact of global inflation, rising oil prices, drought and the Covid-19 shock could have a catastrophic effect on the continent.

The June visit to Russia by the AU's 2022 chair, Senegalese Presi-

dent Macky Sall, contributed to the July agreement between Russia and Ukraine (facilitated by Turkey and the UN) to attempt to restore trade in the Black Sea.

Collective action

It is not hard to see why taking sides is problematic for African states. But, while the Russian economy and size of its military are much larger than that of any single African country, collectively, the continent can hold more sway. In 2021, Africa's collective GDP

was around \$2.7-trillion, while Russia's amounted to about \$1.7-trillion.

Perhaps the most important way forward is for African countries to work in cooperation with one another. Thus, developing relationships beyond short-term impact is critical to ensure the continent is not dominated by other global powers' interests.

The promise of enhanced integration through the African Continental Free Trade Area is a substantial opportunity for the continent. As seen in Europe, North America and South America, strengthening regional integration yields results beyond trade measures. It also creates a space for interdependence, where African states see one another as partners in a competitive global market.

Overcoming passivity

Given the continent's relatively weak global position, it would be naïve to expect African countries to take a common position on every topic related to Russia. However, there is a need to overcome the current passivity in the relationship and work towards establishing a more structured and effective communication channel. Africa urgently needs a Russia

strategy. To that end, the AU can – and should – engage with its members in a more structured manner and help them put together joint positions on critical issues related to Russia and other partners, like the US, China, Europe and others.

The first step in this direction should be strengthening the AU's Partnership Management and Coordination Division. The division can serve as a more appropriate place for reflection on how its member states can better advocate for the continent's needs, and ensure African voices are heard in discussions with countries like Russia.

Russia's role in Africa is expected to remain controversial and contested. It is clear that Russia knows what it wants from the continent: access to markets, political support and general influence. Now it is time for the continent to clarify what it wants from Russia in return.

In the lead-up to the 2023 Russia-Africa Summit, the AU and its member states should strengthen their positions regarding external partnerships. If not, the continent risks being left behind and used as a pawn in an increasingly divided global order. **DM**

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Kili challenge fund redeems hundreds of youth, orphans

By Guardian Reporter

A Number of organizations engaged in controlling the transmission of HIV/Aids have benefited from the money generated through GGM Kili Challenge Campaign since its inception in 2002.

Most of the benefited organizations have been reaching various groups of mothers, young people and children, who in one way or another have been affected or are at risk of being affected by HIV/Aids.

Founded by Geita Gold Mining Limited (GGML) in collaboration with the Tanzania Commission for AIDS (TACAIDS), the campaign has continued to be a great help to the organizations considering that since its inception 11bn/- have been collected.

Started 20 years ago, the campaign is meant to collect money every year to contribute to the efforts of the government towards achieving the three goals of zero in the sense of zero per cent of new infections, zero stigma and zero deaths from HIV/Aids.

Rainbow Center, which is owned and operated by the Catholic Diocese of Moshi is one of the organizations that have benefited with the funds by receiving a grant of 30m/-.

The center Coordinator, Winfrida Tillya described the fund as a redeemer, saying it will help them to provide reproductive health education to 20,047 people, among them, 7,418 are men and 12,629 women.

She said beneficiaries will be from different areas in Moshi Municipality including Kilema, Kibosho, Hai and Himbo.

"It has also enabled us to provide counselling and tests to 2,452 people," she said.

"We've distributed food such as rice, corn and beans to 100 victims living in difficult environments as well as 100 orphans. We have also given health insurance to 100 children and distributed learning materials to 100 vulnerable children including those who have been selected to join A-Level secondary education."

One of the children served by the Rainbow Center-Moshi, Hosea Patrick, a Form Six leaver commended the support saying it is through the assistance he has been able to perform well in national examinations.

The GGM Kili Challenge fund has also benefited the



One of the children under Rainbow Centre-Moshi, Hosea Patrick, a Form Six leaver speaks at the GGM Kili challenge campaign recently in Moshi, Kilimanjaro region.

Mbeya-based organization—Crying Institute for Aids Victims Tanzania (KIWAUTA).

Institute's project manager Moses Nchimbi said they received 30m/- which was aimed at reducing new

infections among women and young people, especially girls.

Nchimbi noted that the funds were also given as loans to 20 groups with each of them getting 500,000/- to boost their entrepreneurial businesses.

"We have also provided reproductive health and HIV/Aids education to the members of the group, taking into accounts that women and young girls are the biggest victims of new infections," he added.

He said the groups are required to repay the loans within three months so that the monies can be given to other groups.

A Njombe-based orphanage center—Milo Sayuni Orphanage received 26m/- which has helped the organization to improve its livestock and beekeeping activities.

This year, GGML collected 1.1bn/- through the GGM Kili Challenge 2022 campaign which is meant to provide education about HIV/Aids to complement the government's efforts to reach three zeros—new HIV infections, AIDS-related deaths and discrimination.

This year's campaign involved 52 participants, of whom 28 climbed Mount Kilimanjaro on foot and 24 cycled around it using a bicycle through the Machame gate and descended to Mweka.

Simon Shayo, AngloGold Ashanti's Vice President (Sustainability) Tanzania and Ghana said: "This year's campaign has been a unique success."

It was officially launched on June 29 in Dodoma and was followed by a donation drive for the campaign that took place on July 14 and then July 15, 2022, participants were allocated for the mountain climbing exercise, which also involved provision of testing services and vaccines for residents of Moshi town and the Kilimanjaro region in general.

Former Kilimanjaro Regional Commissioner, Stephen Kagaigai congratulated the 52 'heroes' who climbed Mount Kilimanjaro.

Former Geita Regional Commissioner, Rosemary Senyamule praised the efforts shown by GGML and its stakeholders saying results of the measurements shows that the government's mission to reach three zeros is going to be fulfilled.

She warned that the remaining challenge is tackling new infections as most of the victims do not lose their lives to HIV or show symptoms.

TACAIDS Executive Director, Dr Leonard Maboko called upon stakeholders to join the institution in raising more funds to strengthen the HIV/Aids services in the country.

One of the mountaineers, Lucina Livigha said that she was proud of being part of the success of the campaign that saves the lives of Tanzanians.

Right activists want Tanzania to enact GBV law to address barbaric behaviour

By Correspondent Daniel Semberya

THE government has been advised to enact a gender based violence (GBV) law that will prevent and address the barbaric acts because it is in line with the international human rights obligations. Speaking in Dar es Salaam over the weekend during Policy Forum's breakfast debate on situation of human rights in Tanzania: 'Elimination of sexual violence against Women and Children (VAWC),' the main presenter Advocate Fundikila Wazambi from the Legal and Human Rights Centre (LHRC) said that in order to end that scourge in the Tanzanian society, the government should enact a law and increase budget allocation that will instigate its implementation.

He said that South Africa has Domestic Violence Act of 1998, Sierra Leone has the Domestic Violence Act of 2007, and Namibia has the Combating of Domestic Violence Act of 2003.

He mentioned factors contributing to violence against women as violation of property and inheritance rights of widows, women's political participation and women's economic empowerment.

Wazambi also identified sexual harassment as a

common form of violence against women, including female journalists, perceived to be a problem by the majority of survey respondents.

According to him, there is rampant sexual corruption pervasive in media sector, job market, higher learning institutions, and when accessing services.

John Shija, Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau (PCCB) principal investigation officer said that the war against sex corruption needs joint efforts to end it.

"The society at large has to be fully sensitized of the ills of this problem and as such we have to stand together, unite and rise up our voices against sexual corruption and any other forms of injustices such as violence against women."

Citing a quote he said: "This corrupt sexual exploitation often has a far greater adverse effect on victims than monetary corruption, not only because of the act itself which can be extremely violent and is always a violation of personal dignity and human rights—but also because of the possibility of disease, pregnancy, and, all too frequently, social ostracization, victim blaming, and loss of prospects in the marriage market." Sarah Gitlin (2015).



Principal Investigation Officer from the Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau (PCCB) John Shija makes a point on corrupt activities. Photo: Courtesy of

According to him, PCCB is empowered to deal with the sexual corruption offences under sec .25 of the PCCA which states that any person being in a position of power or authority, who in the exercise of his authority, demands or imposes sexual favours or any other favor on any person as a condition for giving employment, a promotion, a right, a privilege or any preferential treatment, commits an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding five million shillings or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years or to both.

According to the Tanzania Demographic and Health Survey and Malaria Indicator Survey 2015-2016, 40 per cent of women aged 15-49 have ever experi-

enced physical violence, and 17 per cent have ever experienced sexual violence.

Spousal violence is common among married women. 50 per cent of all ever-married women have ever experienced spousal violence, most commonly physical violence (39 per cent) and emotional violence (36 per cent), while 14 per cent have experienced

51 incidents of sexual violence documented by LHRC through human rights survey, human rights monitoring, and media survey, 19 less than those documented by LHRC in 2020.

Most of these incidents were of rape, reported in different regions, including Mwanza, Dar es Salaam, Lindi, Mara, Dodoma, Katavi, and Tanga.

Rape represents the biggest VAWC

threat to women and girls in Tanzania. Police data shows that a total of 5,802 rape incidents were reported in 2015, rising to 7,645 in 2016, to 8,039 in 2017.

LHRC documented at least four reported incidents of sexual corruption or sextortion, reported in four regions. However, most of such incidents go unreported, especially where the sex bribe has not been given.

On the violence against children (VAC), he mentioned key issues affecting children's rights included: Sexual violence; physical and psychological violence; child labour and exploitation; child trafficking; child marriage; and child pregnancy.

Incidence reported from January to June this year include: More than 150 incidents of violence against children documented by LHRC through human rights monitoring and media survey, majority of them sexual violence—rape and sodomy, which mostly contributed by lack of cooperation from the victim's family as they prefer to settle the matter at home 'as a family'; long distance from home to school; children being left alone at home (neglected); poor parenting; alcoholism; economic hardships; child marriage; parental separation; belief in superstition/witchcraft.

Findings further revealed that people close to children are the major perpetrators of sexual violence against children, including family relatives, uncles, stepfathers and fathers, bodaboda drivers and teachers.

Government statistics for the year 2021 indicate that incidents of violence against children (VAC) decreased from 15,870 in 2020 to 11,499 in 2021, a decrease of 27.5%.

Out of the 11,499 reported incidents, 85% involved female victims and the remaining 15% were male victims. Over 60% of incidents were rape cases, approximately 13% sodomy cases.

26% of the incidents recorded in Arusha, Tanga, Shinyanga, Mwanza, and Ilala Police Regions.

Rape incidents decreased from 7,263 in 2020 to 6,305 in 2021, equal to a decrease of 13.2%.

Sexual violence (rape & sodomy) - the most common form of VAC the biggest threat to children's rights.

Victims of sexual VAC included children as young as 3 years of age.

In extreme cases, one girl (14 years) in Katavi was gang-raped and sodomized, while other three girls, aged 5, 14, and 6 were raped and killed in Manyara, Mara, and Mbeya Regions respectively.

Boys are also vulnerable to sexual abuse, especially in the form of sodomy

In 2021, LHRC documented at least 14 instances of sodomy of boys.

Child on child sexual violence also reported in 2021, LHRC documented at least 12 incidents

Girls targeted for commercial sexual exploitation, such as Morogoro and Dar es Salaam.

Online child abuse was also found to be a key concern for children's online safety in 2021.

A study by End Child Sexual Exploitation (ECPAT), the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL); and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), revealed that approximately 200,000 children were victims of grave instances of online sexual exploitation and abuse in Tanzania in 2021

3% of internet-using children aged 12-17 surveyed were offered money or gifts to engage in sexual acts in person. 2% of the surveyed children were offered money or gifts in exchange for sexual images; 3% were asked to share images and videos showing their private parts to others.

Law of Marriage Act, 1971 remained un-amended, more than two years since the decision of the Court of Appeal of Tanzania, calling for amendment of the law to abolish child marriage.

Today, the problem is being highlighted, but academic research in the field is still scarce and the scientific understanding of this challenge is both conceptually and empirically underdeveloped.

Other debates concerns the scope of the phenomenon since sexual forms of corruption comes with a special stigma - in addition to negative effects such as loss of dignity, potential violence, diseases and pregnancy, among others.

Investing in youth is crucial to Africa's digital transformation

By Special Correspondent

THE youth will drive Africa's digital economy; hence the need to invest in their skills development to accelerate innovations and growth on the continent, African Development Bank director general for East Africa Nnenna Nwabufu has said.

Speaking at the 9th World Financial Innovation Series in Nairobi, Nwabufu noted that the youth are ambitious, enterprising, and eager for change.

"Africa's young people are the most avid adopters of ICTs and digital solutions," she said.

Recent statistics show that 60% of Africa's population is below 25 years old. "We anticipate a future that will be very different from today in terms of innovation, enterprise, and job and wealth creation," Nwabufu added.

The two-day event brought together around 1,500 technology and business heads from banks, insurance, and micro-finance

institutions to discuss ways of accelerating financial innovation for a digital and futuristic Africa.

Nwabufu called for the scaling up of startup investments across the continent to grow tech entrepreneurs and enhance financial inclusion. She noted that the number of tech hubs had increased dramatically, with the largest concentration in South Africa, Nigeria, Egypt, Kenya, Morocco, and Ghana.

"These centers provide space for entrepreneurs from all sectors to innovate and integrate digital solutions into traditional sectors," she said.

She cited Kenya's M-Pesa, a mobile phone-based money transfer and financial service provider serving nearly 30 million vulnerable people across 10 countries, saying its services foster financial inclusion in Africa. Others are Airtel money in East Africa; Orange money in West Africa; AgroCenta in Ghana,

which is helping smallholder farmers to access markets and finance through mobile apps, and Hello Tractor in Nigeria, which enables farmers to hire tractor services at affordable rates.

Moses Okundi, Chief Information Officer of ABSA Bank in Kenya, noted that technology adoption had accelerated rapidly, particularly in the first two years of the Covid-19 pandemic. However, there is a need to shape tech strategies to adopt "the new wave" in anticipation

of future pandemics, Okundi said.

Attendees underscored the relevance of forging partnerships in driving inclusion.

"Partnerships result in smart solutions that can solve many of the continent's challenges; creating technologies that can change the life of the masses," said Kiiru Muhoya, Chief Executive Officer of Fingo Africa, a Kenyan fintech that provides digital banking services for the youth. He added that strategic

partnerships make way for numerous digital opportunities, connecting the underserved to essential services.

The African Development Bank supports its member countries in developing national strategies to scale up digital financial service markets. The Bank is also engaging policymakers to spearhead data collection on market opportunities in digital financial services and investing funds, which focus on mobile solutions.

By Zhu Sixiong, Meng Haiying

China sees fruitful achievements in protection of Siberian tigers and Amur leopards

WILD Siberian tigers have been frequently spotted in the forests in the east of north-east China's Jilin province over recent years. The frequent appearance of the predator at the top of the food chain mirrors China's improving ecosystem.

For a long time, Jilin province has been taking huge efforts to protect the authenticity and integrity of its natural ecosystem, including Siberian tigers, Amur leopards and other wildlife, so as to preserve the biodiversity and natural ecology in the area.

In 2017, the pilot system of the Northeast China Tiger and Leopard National Park was officially launched. Four years later, the park was listed as one of the first five national parks in China.

Spanning Jilin and its neighboring Heilongjiang province, the national park covers an area of 14,100 square kilometers, with forest coverage of 97.74 percent. It is the only stable habitat and source of wild Siberian tigers and Amur leopards in China.

Over the years, Jilin province has thrown in a great deal of manpower and material resources to restore and maintain the forest ecology. It has prohibited commercial logging of all natural forests and shut down mining enterprises in forests to provide a free habitat for Siberian tigers and Amur leopards.

Economic interests give way to the



Two Siberian tigers are being trained in Harbin, northeast China's Heilongjiang province, Jan. 28, 2018. File photo

protection of ecology and wild animals. Under the suggestion of associate professor Feng Limin and his research

team from the College of Life Science, Beijing Normal University, Jilin province even canceled an expressway project and rerouted a high-speed railway

the safety of wild animals with the help of the system.

Huge changes had taken place in the park between 2017 and 2021. The quality of the park's ecosystem was further enhanced, while grazing and other human disturbance were on a decline. A rapid increase was recorded in the number of herbivore animals, such as sika deer, which helped recover the food chain.

In the past, only 33 percent of the Siberian tiger cubs in the park could grow into adulthood, while the figure has surged to over 50 percent today. Stable activities of Siberian tigers and Amur leopards are recorded now in over half of the areas in the park, and Siberian tigers are seen on almost every mountain in Huichun, a core zone of the national park.

It was predicted 10 years ago that wild Siberian tigers might become extinct in China. However, according to monitoring data, as of the end of 2021, the numbers of wild Siberian tigers and Amur leopards in the park had increased to 50 and 60 respectively from 27 and 42 in 2017. Over 10 tiger cubs and 7 leopard cubs were spotted.

"From now on and till 2025, we will integrate nature reserves and state-owned forest farms, launch habitat restoration programs, and build ecological corridors for Siberian tigers and Amur leopards, so as to enhance the suitability and connectivity of the habitats for the big cats and strive for steady reproduction of them," said an employee with the Northeast China Tiger and Leopard National Park.

People's Daily

in 2015. The ways could traverse the big cats' habitat and disturb their migration once completed as originally planned.

According to statistics, since the pilot system of the Northeast China Tiger and Leopard National Park was launched, 400 hectares of climax forestry communities have been restored or cultivated and 2,000 hectares of Korean pines have been planted. Three wildlife passages have been built.

Jilin province has also returned 2,243.21 hectares of forests and restored 620.91 hectares of ecology at mining sites.

A qualified national park requires not only a sound ecological environment, but also advanced monitoring methods and protection practices.

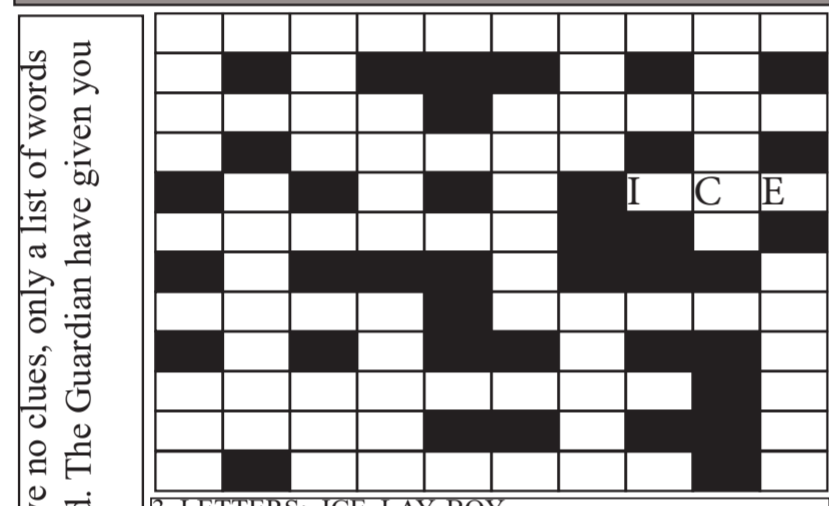
Feng and his team have established an integrated monitoring system for the Northeast China Tiger and Leopard National Park, which includes nearly 30,000 infrared cameras and employs modern communication, cloud computing, artificial intelligence and big data technologies.

The system is able to capture real-time images and footage of wildlife and acquire information about biodiversity, ecological elements and human activities. Over 6,800 rangers are on patrol missions in the park to record GPS waypoints and video data and protect

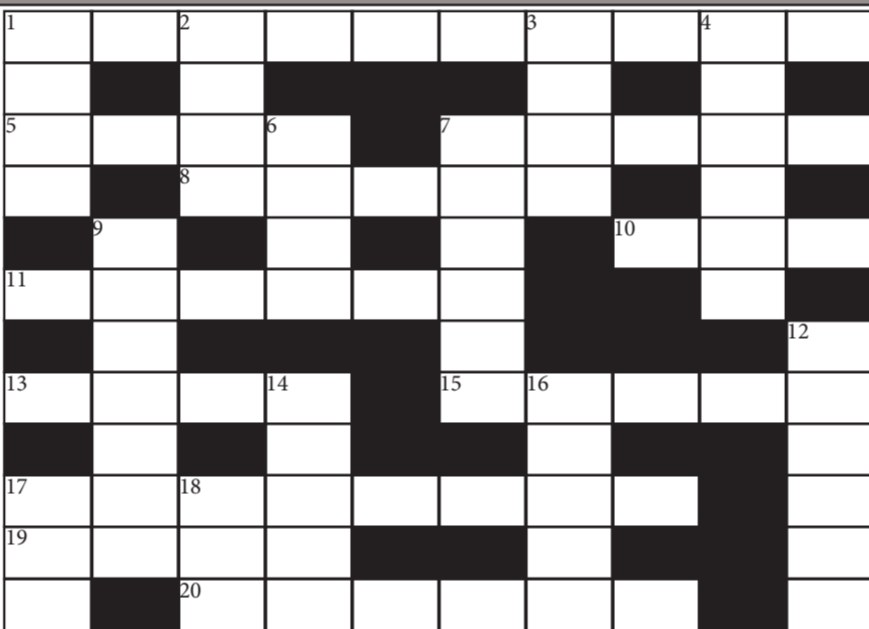


An image of a wild Siberian tiger is captured in the Northeast China Tiger and Leopard National Park.

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 1 profession of being a journalist
 5 Chief city of Togo
 7 present food to someone
 8 make suitable for a new use
 10 place in a particular position
 11 Paris is her Capital city
 13 be absolutely sure about something
 15 milk and milk products collectively
 17 physically dependent on a particular substance
 19 a chair
 20 work requiring little skill and lacking prestige

Down:
 1 named after Julius Caesar
 2 the whole community of Muslims
 3 a yearly court of record held by the lords of certain manors
 4 appreciate to the full
 6 Garden of Adam and Eve
 7 distribute over a wide area
 9 small bomb thrown by hand
 12 a traditional Japanese inn
 14 the color of milk
 16 a sphere of activity
 17 say something in order to obtain an answer
 18 a barrier constructed to hold back water

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KCB Bank targets Equity with Sh15bn DRC bank acquisition

NAIROBI

KCB Group has agreed to acquire a majority stake in a top bank in the Democratic Republic of Congo for an estimated Sh15 billion, opening up a fresh battleground with Equity Bank in the vast mineral-endowed central African country.

KCB, which already has operations in Rwanda, Burundi, Tanzania, Uganda and South Sudan, said it had reached a deal to acquire an 85 percent stake in Trust Merchant Bank and plans to buy the remaining shares within two years.

Kenyan commercial banks are looking beyond their borders for acquisitions, seeking to tap opportunities in Eastern and Central Africa on the back of rapid economic growth and trade integration, with DRC the fresh target.

The deal will see KCB in to head-to-head with Equity, which entered the DRC in 2015 through a buyout and increased market share in 2020 after acquiring another lender-Banque Commerciale du Congo (BCDC).

The banks have for long coveted Africa's top copper-producing country, attracted by opportunities in lending, fees and transaction incomes in the lucrative market.

Equity, the only local lender with a presence in DRC, earned Sh4.6 billion gross profit, which is larger than the combined earnings of Sh4.4 billion that the seven Kenyan banks earned in Uganda.

"The transaction is expected to close by the end of the third quarter of 2022, subject to regu-

latory, shareholders and other approvals," KCB Group chairman Andrew Wambari Kairu said in a statement.

"This will see KCB acquire 85 percent of the shares in TMB while the existing shareholders will continue to hold the balance for a period of not less than two years after which, KCB will acquire their shares."

KCB did not disclose the value of the deal but said it would buy the majority stake at 1.49 times the book value of Trust Merchant Bank. Three analysts contacted by the Business Daily estimated the deal to be worth between Sh15 billion and Sh20 billion.

Equity in 2019 paid Sh10.7 billion to a wealthy family to acquire a 66.5 percent stake in BCDC. The Kenya bank already had a subsidiary in DR Congo, which it acquired in May 2015, and integrated the two banks in a merger that created the second largest bank in the Central African nation.

Trust Merchant Bank is the third largest bank and is based in Lubumbashi, which hosts many of the DRC's biggest mining companies. The country produces more than three percent of the world's copper and half its cobalt, most of which comes from the Katanga region.

DRC is one of the biggest countries on the continent by land mass and has more than 90 million people, making it appealing to ambitious lenders looking for growth on the continent.

The market is mainly focused on serving big companies with operations there, making it necessary to have a big balance sheet to be able to compete and grow, said an analyst



KCB Group PLC chairman Andrew Wambari Kairu and Oliver Meisenberg, CEO Trust Merchant Bank (TMB) sign acquisition deal on August 2, 2022. PHOTO | POOL

Higher interest rates a 'bright spot' for Europe's banks

FRANKFURT/MADRID/LONDON

EUROPEAN banks are hoping the boost to their businesses from higher interest rates will be long-lasting as they navigate the economic fallout of war, soaring inflation, and a looming energy crisis.

The German lender Commerzbank on Wednesday reported a bigger-than-expected second-quarter net profit that it said was especially helped by higher interest rates.

Exhibiting a trend seen across Europe, Commerzbank's net interest income jumped 26% in the period from a year earlier as longer-term interest rates rose in Germany and as the central bank in Poland, where it has a big presence, hiked official borrowing costs.

Manfred Knof, the bank's chief executive, described "considerable" risks on the horizon, but singled out interest rates as a "bright spot".

For years, bank executives on the continent have bemoaned the European Central Bank's ultra-low monetary policy and charging of fees to park their cash as a drag on their bottom lines.

But now, central bank efforts to arrest runaway inflation rates across Europe are proving a change of fortune. Banks from Spain to Britain are only just starting to benefit from the increased gap between what they charge borrowers and what they pay savers.

"Higher interest rates will strongly benefit all European banks' net interest margins and overall profitability, but the effect will be gradual and will vary between countries," Moody's said in a recent report.

Moody's pointed to banks in Spain, Italy and Portugal as among those that will in particular profit from higher rates because more bank loans there are variable rate, giving lenders a "more pronounced increase in bank revenues".

The higher income is bolstering executives' confidence about revenue, even as European officials cut growth forecasts amid soaring inflation and business activity contracts.

In Spain, Bankinter raised its guidance for net interest income from a low single-digit to a mid-to-high single-digit percentage growth for 2022, and Banco Sabadell



made a similar upgrade.

Big British lenders including HSBC, Lloyds Banking Group and NatWest raised their forecasts for 2022 when reporting first half earnings over the last week, citing rising interest rates which are boosting lending margins.

Higher rates drove profits at Italy's top two banks Intesa Sanpaolo and UniCredit above market expectations in the second quarter.

Even banks in Germany, where stiff competition has depressed profits for the industry for years, are set to benefit with

11 billion euros in increased revenues in 2023 as a result of higher interest rates, according to a recent study by PricewaterhouseCoopers.

That's a significant figure, representing more than five times last year's annual profit of Deutsche Bank, the country's largest lender.

Commerzbank reckons on earning at least 300 million euros more in additional interest income this year compared with 2021, rising to 800 million more in 2024. That compares with analyst expectations of total revenues of 9 billion for

this year.

But the ultimate benefit is still unclear. "We don't yet know how customers will react after many years of ultra-low rates," Commerzbank Chief Financial Officer told journalists.

In the case of Commerzbank, as with other banks, the tailwind will only partly counteract hits from potential write-downs for corporate loans that turn sour if energy sources dry up.

The bank sees provisions and write-downs of 700 million euros this year, up from 570 million last year.

ADIB named as the most innovative Islamic Bank

Abu Dhabi

ABU Dhabi Islamic Bank (ADIB), a leading financial institution, has been recognised as the Most Innovative Islamic Bank of the year by Islamic Finance News Magazine, establishing the bank's position as an innovation leader reshaping the future of Islamic banking.

ADIB also won Best Islamic Private Bank, Egypt Deal of the Year, and Best Islamic Bank for Treasury Management.

The IFN Awards is one of the most prestigious awards in the Islamic finance industry honouring institutions which have displayed leadership, innovation, and excellence in deal execution.

Established in 2006, the IFN Awards have grown significantly since then as demand for Sharia-compliant products and services increased manifold around the world.

The winners are selected by a panel of independent experts who judge each transaction based on a set of predetermined criteria. The IFN's Innovation Awards recognise the most innovative Islamic banks across the world for their digital banking initiatives, strategy, and overall commitment to digital transformation.

As an industry leader in digital innovation, ADIB launched several groundbreaking initiatives that tap on emerging technologies. Last year, the Bank rolled out a number of digital initiatives, including providing customers with convenient remote account opening services

through a government linked facial recognition system, the launch of ADIB Chat Banking, the UAE's first Emirati customer care chatbot and "Amwali", the world's first Islamic digital proposition targeting youth between the age of 8 to 18.

Additionally, the bank introduced new integrated digital kiosks - branded 'Smart Tellers' by ADIB - across key UAE branches and its first Application Programming Interface (API) developer portal, allowing fintech developers to use ADIB APIs for the purpose of developing their own applications.

Nasser Al Awadhi, Group CEO, ADIB said: "ADIB is immensely proud to receive these prestigious awards and to be recognised as the most innovative Islamic bank in the region. Leveraging our solid digital capabilities, we were able to continue our growth strategy by offering innovative and industry-leading solutions to our customers. We take pride in excelling at providing our customers with the very best service and presenting new opportunities for growth. As we look ahead, we will continue to move forward with our innovation agenda and tap into growth opportunities and emerging technologies, all the while focusing on sustainability and ESG agenda."

As a leading Islamic bank, ADIB has been recognised frequently over the years through awards and accolades for its progress and performance in the Islamic finance industry. Most recently it was awarded the 'Best Islamic Digital Bank' and 'Innovator in Islamic Finance'



Nasser Al Awadhi, Group CEO, ADIB receiving the awards

NBC equips Dodoma entrepreneurs with business and financial literacy



NBC Bank head of business Musa Mwynidaho (2nd from right seated) in a group photo with small and medium business owners in Dodoma during the capacity building programme to equip them with business and financial literacy skills. PHOTO/COURTESY

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

THE National Bank of Commerce (NBC) has equipped Dodoma customers and business clients with small and medium entrepreneur skills on how to improve their businesses and financial literacy.

The training was held during the evening dinner held at Morena hotel, Dodoma last week, whereby the bank invited business owners doing business within the city to build relationship as well as boosting financial literacy.

Speaking during the event, the bank's head of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) Mussa Mwynidahu, welcomed entrepreneurs who attended the event to exploit financing services offered by the bank.

He also introduced them with products and value addition services which are offered by the NBC bank such as Loans

for capital investment, bonds, performance guarantee and advanced payment guarantee.

Apart from that NBC Bank also offers business insurance that will help businesses to cushion risks when disaster strikes.

NBC bank board member Kassim Hussein said that NBC Limited is one of the most trusted banks in Tanzania, adding that it is important for entrepreneurs to have knowledge and efficiency of using banking services and be trustworthy when returning

loans.

He noted that entrepreneurs should be very creative in promoting themselves and their services to create a wider scope to acquire more customers.

The chairman of Dodoma entrepreneurs, Massanga said that NBC bank is among the bank that provides the best services and support to its customers.

He suggested that it is important for the bank to establish other services that will support the efforts of

entrepreneurs for the purpose of generating income and economic development in the country.

NBC Bank is the oldest serving bank in Tanzania with over five decades of experience, which offers a range of retail, business, corporate and investment banking, wealth management products, and services.

In 2018 NBC recognized as the best financial institution that supports SMEs, thus made it to introduce new products & Services that will support small and medium entrepreneurs.

Long term government bonds attract investors' attention

By Francis Kajubi

THE government bonds have continued to attract investors among other investment avenues as both individuals and corporates targeting the market aggressively.

Recent reports from the Bank of Tanzania (BoT) have showed massive attraction of bonds from investors, both local and foreign.

There have been massive over-subscriptions of treasury bonds with maturity periods of 20 years at the issued by the central bank.

Recent auction results for a fixed interest rate of 12.10 percent 20 years treasury bond closed July 27 this year witnessed an over-subscription of 26.47bn/- as the amount offered was 136.23bn/- . As the total tendered amount topped 162.70bn/-.

The auction results show successful bids worth 125.68bn/- . The number of bids received amounted to 262 as the number of successful bids amounted to 244. The highest bid was 105 while the lowest bid was 94.6820.

The weighted average price (WAP) for successful bids was 100.5201 while the weighted average yield to maturity was 12.0307. The weighted average coupon yield on the other hand remained to be 12.0307.

A relevant auction result that also depicts investors' appetite on long term Treasury bonds is the 20 year Treasury bond held on July 06, last year with a fixed interest rate of 15.49 percent.

At this auction, the central bank offered 139.50bn/- . However, the total tendered amount stood at 416bn/- that attracted an over-subscription of 276.70bn/-.

The auction had successful bids worth 257bn/- . The auction had the weighted average coupon yield of 15.4088.

However, weighted average price (WAP) for successful bids was 100.4184 as the lowest bid value was 95 while the highest value stood at 103.

The auction results showed that the central bank had received 686 total bids. The total number of successful bids stood at 380.

Going by the trends, the central bank had on June 22 announced auction results for a 20-year treasury bond with a fixed interest rate of 12.10 percent.

According to the auction results, the auction received an over-subscription of 21.92bn/- . The central bank had offered 129.82bn/- as the total tendered amount stood at 151.74bn/- . Successful bids worth 120bn/- .

The weighted average yield to maturity was 12.0055 while the weighted average coupon yield was 12.0146. The weighted average price for a successful bid was 100.7109. The highest bid for the auction was 105 compared to the lowest bid of 85. Number of bids received topped 348 while the number of successful bids was 286.

Raphael Masumbuko, Chief Executive Officer with ZAN Securities, said that corporate and individual investors have shown interest in treasury bonds due to its minimal risks compared to other businesses besides guaranteed returns for most of the time.

"Market liquidity as money supply gains tempo among financial institutions is another fact that has been attracting investors to treasury bonds," said Masumbuko.

Oryx to continue investing on LPG storing, distribution facilities

By Guardian Reporter

ORYX Energies Tanzania has said will continue to invest on Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) storages and distributions facilities to ensure sustainable supply of the environmentally friendly cooking energy.

The company managing director Kalpesh Mehta said this yesterday on the sideline of the ongoing Tanzania Energy Congress (TEC-2022) which started yesterday in Dar es Salaam.

"We are continuing to grow our network ad coverage to make every Tanzanian home to have cleaner energy," he said. "We will continue investing on cylinders, distributors and storages."

Mehta said the company has invested a total of \$20 million in Tanzania to ensure increased supply of LPG, to help Tanzanians to transform from using fire woods and charcoal, which are threat to environment.

He said the company, which has 60 percent of LPG market share in Tanzania, will work with the ministry of energy to ensure the transformation, while creating business opportunities among Tanzanians on LPG distri-

butions and retail businesses.

Mehta said the company has also introduced the subsidy for 6-kilogramme LPG cylinder to enable households to transform from biomass to LPG in cooking, as initial costs was the main factor hindering many Tanzanians to use LPG.

"We are working with partners to make sure that Tanzanians are adopting this cleaner energy by reducing initial costs with a discount of up to 70 percent of the price of a filled cylinder and cooker," he said.

Currently, he said, a six-kilogramme cylinder, which is mostly used by many Tanzanians, is costing 85,000 but the company has offered a major discount to enable more to afford buying.

He said the company is also offering a subsidy of up to 50 percent of LPG initial costs, to enable more citizens to enjoy environmental friendly cooking energy.

Every year, the company is spending a total of \$10 million on LPG business, of which half of the costs is subsidized by the company. It has a total of 2.5 million LPG cylinders in the market.

Pan-African Energy seeks to further tap downstream gas market

BY GUARDIAN REPORTER

PAN African Energy Tanzania (PAET) has said will continue to work with the government in tapping the downstream natural gas market to ensure the transitional energy play an important role in the economy through job creation, revenue generation and boosting production of goods and services.

Speaking on the sideline of the two-day Tanzania Energy Congress (TEC 2022) opened yesterday in Dar es Salaam, PAET managing director Andrew Hanna the company wants to ensure availability and sustainability of energy supply among Tanzanians.

Currently, natural gas accounts for 45 percent of electricity generation in Tanzania while 50 manufacturing industries, directly employing nearly 30,000 Tanzanians are using as its source of energy for running their production machines.

"Since the contract was signed in 2001, we have ensured more affordable energy, industrial production expansion, and high quality energy as well as reduced dependence of fuels," he said.

It is also estimated that more than 500 vehicles are also depending on supplied PAET Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) per day.

He said the company, which operates two gas processing plant will continue to cautiously tap downstream gas market inform is virtual pipelines to remote regions of Tanzania. The company license is expecting to expire in 2026.

PAET has been producing gas from Songo Songo fields, operating gas pipeline from the island to Dar es Salaam for the last 18 years, making massive contribution to the economy, but Hanna is worried about the future supply shortages.

He said the company is now making efforts to ensure that gas is available to cater the increased demands from energy producers, manufacturers and households,



Pan African Energy managing director Andrew Hanna

through developing upstream and midstream investments.

"The downstream market is economic viable because the demands are going up," he said, noting that the company is ready to invest further in gas sourcing including \$20 million acquisition of 3 Dimension seismic survey covering 200 kilometre square.

He said this comes after indication showing that there will be a production decline from Songo Songo and there

The company has over the last three years invested \$70 million in commissioning a large scale natural gas compression system, connected to the pipeline in accordance with customers' requirement.

He said this comes after indication showing that there will be a production decline from Songo Songo and there

is a need for drilling more exploration wells.

According to him, the company will require another \$40 million to drill exploration wells in acquired 3D surveys.

The company has so far produced 500 billion cubic meters (BCM) of natural gas from phenomenon Songo Songo gas field.



Oryx Energies Tanzania managing director Kalpesh Mehta

MARKETTRENDS

The future of stablecoins is commercial bank money

By Nicolaes Tollenaar

AS the world of decentralised finance continues to grow, there is much demand for a digital currency fit for use in blockchain-based applications with near-real-time, peer-to-peer global settlement that can be used as a medium of exchange.

However, most cryptocurrencies are too volatile for this and there are also issues with central bank digital currencies. CBDCs may not be based on the distributed ledger technology of blockchain or be available for retail use. They might also be slow to materialise.

As a result, stablecoins or e-money tokens have taken off to meet the market's demands.

Stablecoins come in many varieties. We believe the only ones likely to function as a medium of exchange in the foreseeable future are the most widely used type – those pegged to a fiat currency with the issuer holding reserves. Issuers offer to redeem their tokens on demand, claiming they are fully backed by reserves to meet this pledge.

The tokens, which do not pay interest, are usable as money in blockchain applications and trades in them can be settled on a near-real-time, peer-to-peer basis. In addition to being a me-

dium of exchange, they serve as collateral in DeFi.

Issuers of these stablecoins have thrived while nominal interest rates have been near zero. With high positive interest rates, the opportunity cost of holding zero-interest stablecoins increases and the issuers lose business.

With significantly negative rates, the value of safe reserves declines but the tokens are still redeemable at par. Issuers face insolvency and must invest in riskier reserves for a chance to survive. If stablecoins are no longer fully backed by safe and liquid assets and are widely used, this creates financial stability risks.

Suppose the issuers could pass on their interest earnings (or costs if rates are negative) on reserves to the token holders on a one-on-one basis. If interest rates are high, stablecoins are a competitive liquid store of value. If they are significantly negative, the issuers' liabilities shrink along with their reserve; the issuer remains solvent. Stablecoins could be sustainable in all interest rate environments.

There is a problem though, at least for the EU with the Regulation on Markets in Crypto-assets (MiCA) that is expected to come into force in 2024. This pro-



scribes the paying of interest on money tokens. That would force issuers to adopt a business model that is only sustainable with near-zero interest rates.

We see no sensible reason for the ban but such regulation will force stablecoins to evolve. Shares in a regulated retail money market fund, issued as security tokens on a public blockchain under the applicable securities legislation, might be an alternative. Like stablecoins, they would be pegged to a

unit of fiat currency but would pay interest.

Like MMFs that seek to maintain a constant net asset value, they would be at risk of self-fulfilling runs if investors rush to sell tokens, triggering further sales. As a result, they should have access to central bank lender-of-resort facilities such as MMFs. This sort of fund sits outside Mica and is allowed. It is telling, however, that one needs to circumvent Mica to design a stable stablecoin.

Tokenised deposits offered by commercial banks are another possibility. Banks would administer deposits on a distributed database rather than their own. In legal and economic terms, these are identical to conventional deposits; they do not fall under Mica and can pay interest.

Tokenising deposits would enable peer-to-peer settlement and make commercial bank money usable in blockchain applications without impacting the broader financial system.

Tokenising commercial bank deposits has advantages over alternative stablecoins. They can fall under existing deposit insurance schemes and may qualify as legal tender in some jurisdictions. Finally, banks have access to the central bank as lender of last resort; widening the scope of assets that the token holders' funds can be invested in while maintaining sufficient liquidity.

If interest rates deviate significantly from zero, stablecoin issuers are likely to apply for banking licences to benefit from the regulatory advantages. Existing banks will probably introduce tokenised deposits in order to compete. Stablecoin issuers, as intermediaries, will probably be only a temporary phenomenon. What will remain is commercial bank money with enhanced technical functionality.

Banks loans interest rates slightly go down, BoT says

BY FRANCIS KAJUBI

INTEREST rates charged by commercial banks on loans remained broadly unchanged in May 2022 thus encouraging borrowers to seek more funds for social and economic development activities.

The central bank's Monthly Economic Review for June shows that the overall lending rate averaged 16.25 percent compared with 16.61 percent recorded in the corresponding period in May 2021.

The BoT's report however shows that commercial banks had charged an average interest rate on loans of 16.31 percent as of April this year.

"However, there was a slight increase in negotiated lending rates

charged to prime customers. An average of 14.4 percent was therefore charged during the period under review compared with 13.64 percent recorded in May 2021," reads the review in part.

As of April this year, the BoT figures show lenders have paid 14.12 percent in interest rate for the loans they had secured from commercial banks.

On the other hand, the review shows that interest rates offered by commercial banks on deposits recorded a marginal decrease in May 2022. The review highlights that customers received an overall deposit rate of an average of

6.69 percent, compared with 6.89 percent recorded in the corresponding period in 2021. It further shows that banks had paid depositors an average deposit interest rate of 6.81 percent in April this year.

"Meanwhile, negotiated deposit rates averaged 9.63 percent compared with 9.33 percent the corresponding period last year and 9.73 percent in April this year," reads the review.

On a monetary supply basis, the review shows that credit by commercial banks to the private sector grew to 15 percent as of May 2022 year-on-year basis up from 4.7

percent in May 2021. During the preceding month of April credit extended by commercial banks to the private sector was rated at 13.4 percent.

"The growth in credit to the private sector was attributed to improved business conditions, coupled with supportive monetary and fiscal policies," reads the review.

The review asserts that during the period under review, growth of credit to the private sector was more pronounced in mining, micro, small and medium enterprises especially personal loans, trade, and manufacturing activities.

TCRA advice Tanzanians to be vigilant to fraud, theft

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

THE Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) has called for Tanzanians to become vigilant while using mobile and internet communications services to avoid rising fraud and theft.

This advice was said by the TCRA Southern Highlands Zonal Manager Asajile John at the authority's stall at the ongoing annual Farmers' Week exhibition (Nanenane) in Mbeya region.

Asajile has also alerted mobile communication user to not respond to any unsolicited messages and instead forward suspicious ones to toll-free code number "15040".

Consumers are also advised to verify the status of mobile numbers registered using their identity numbers issued by the National Identification Authority (NIDA).

Consumers are also advised that the only authentic number for communication between them and service providers is "100".

The authority stall attracted hundreds of visitors facing with challenges in communications, whereby their concerns were solved on the spot.

The pavilion is designed as a one-stop centre with the presence of representatives of communications services providers. They include the Tanzania Telecommunication Corporation (TTCL), Airtel, Halotel, Tigo

and Vodacom.

TCRA is among over 320 institutions showcasing their services and products at the John Mwakangale Nane-Nage grounds in Mbeya, where the 2022 Farmers' Week is commemorated at the National Level.

Themed on Agribusiness and the forthcoming census, the exhibition was opened by the Vice President, Hon. Dr Philip Isidor Mpango, who called for agricultural research institutions to be more innovative and promote productivity and efficiency in the country.

A recent African Union survey shows that Tanzania leads in the quality of communications in East Africa and is the second among the continent's 52 countries.



TCRA senior officer Semu Mwakyanjala (L) provides education to the public on what the authority is doing at the Farmers' Week exhibition in Mbeya region yesterday. PHOTO/TCRA

PPRA urges special groups to utilise 30 per cent of budget

BY GUARDIAN REPORTER

THE Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) has called on women, young people, the elderly, and people with disabilities to take advantage of the 30 percent of the government's procurement budget allocated for them as special groups.

Zawadi Msalla, PPRA public relations and communication officer made the call early this week when speaking to journalists at the ongoing farmers' exhibitions at John Mwakangale grounds in Mbeya region.

Zawadi said that according to the Public Procurement Act Chapter 410, all procurement institutions should allocate 30 percent of the annual procurement budget for special groups.

She said the amount allocated by the government is a great opportunity that can raise them economically as it is the mission of the government led by President Samia Suluhu Hassan.

"This is a great opportunity provided by the government and if used properly, we'll increase the scope of employment. If you take the example of the last financial year, the total government procurement budget was about 22trn/-, of which 30 percent is about 6.6trn/-."

She said; "bids of this value were all reserved for special groups, but for this year we believe it will increase".

Inaugurating this year's exhibition, Vice President Dr Philip Mpango said there has been a satisfactory awakening of commercial banks to provide loans to the agricultural sector.

Zawadi said that the move will facilitate access to more capital, and special groups can use the capital in the opportunity of public tenders.

She said: "fortunately, the government through the local government authorities (LGAs) and the Prime Minister's Office provide low-interest loans to these groups."

Factors hindering war on illegal wildlife trade in African states revealed

BY GUARDIAN CORRESPONDENT

Inadequate cooperation among States and agencies as well as insufficient resources to proactively safeguard environmental heritage against illegal exploitation is the major challenge facing law enforcement to curb wildlife trade.

This was revealed by the Conservation Commissioner of the Tanzania Forest Services Agency (TFS) Prof Dos Santos Silayo during the opening of the regional training involving enforcement officers from Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, seeks to improve their skills in fighting illegal wildlife trade.

Professor Silayo reiterated that one key challenge to effective law enforcement in Africa is the deficiency of knowledge and skills among law enforcement personnel which is aggravated by

He added that to effectively mitigate the negative effects occasioned by wildlife crime, there is need to pragmatically enforce the applicable laws and regulations as stringent as possible to ensure that such training programs are instrumental in bolstering the law enforcement capacity of the agencies in addressing these potent threats in Africa.

The second phase of a regional training, is currently underway in Dar es Salaam as international organizations buttress their efforts to combat maritime trafficking of wildlife between Africa and Asia.

The past training programs were conducted in Mombasa, Kenya and in Arusha, Tanzania with the last one scheduled to be held in Uganda in October, 2022.

The training has drawn participants from enforcement agencies namely wildlife, forestry, police, prosecution, customs and other bodies from the three (3) East African countries.

WORLD

Zawahiri's militant path surprised neighbours in Cairo suburb

CAIRO

AL Qaeda leader Ayman al-Zawahiri, who was killed by a US drone strike in Kabul, seemed harmless to neighbors when he was a young man growing up in a leafy Cairo suburb.

"Years went by, and then all of a sudden we heard about Ayman al-Zawahiri doing all these things, he became something we would have never imagined," said Attia Salama, his former neighbor in the upscale Cairo suburb of Maadi.

"He used to be quiet, no one used to pay attention to him at all. Our experience with him and his family was totally normal, we had no idea he was with that movement."

Zawahiri, an Egyptian surgeon, went on to become the leader of one of the country's most feared militant groups,

Islamic Jihad, convincing disillusioned young men to turn against the US-backed state.

A lawyer for the Zawahiri family could not immediately be reached for comment on Tuesday.

Zawahiri orchestrated a campaign in the mid 1990s to overthrow the government and set up a purist Islamic State. More than 1,200 Egyptians were killed.

Egyptian authorities mounted a crackdown on Islamic Jihad after an assassination attempt on President Hosni Mubarak in June of 1995 in Addis Ababa.

The greying, white-turbaned Zawahiri responded by ordering a 1995 attack on the Egyptian embassy in Islamabad. Two cars filled with explosives rammed through the compound's gates, killing 16 people. Zawahiri did not emerge from Cairo's slums, like others drawn to mili-



A still image from a video released by Al-Qaeda's media arm as-Sahab and obtained on Sept 11, 2012 courtesy of the Site Intelligence Group shows al-Qaeda leader Ayman al-Zawahiri in a video, speaking from an undisclosed location on the eleventh anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. AFP

tant groups who promised a noble cause. Born in 1951 to a prominent Cairo family, Zawahiri was a grandson of the grand imam of Al Azhar, one of Islam's most important mosques.

Zawahiri was raised in Maadi suburb, a place favored by expatriates from the Western nations he railed against. The son of a pharmacology professor, Zawahiri first embraced Islamic fundamentalism at the age of 15. Zawahiri was killed on Sunday in Kabul, Afghanistan, by a US drone missile, officials in Washington said.

Climbs Al Qaeda ranks

His former neighbor Salama stood on a typical Egyptian street filled with vegetable vendors, cafes, mechanics and buses as he reflected on Zawahiri's life before he climbed the ranks of Al Qaeda determined to terrorize the United States and other Western countries. Zawahiri's friends used to come by and then they would all go and pray, Salama said.

"We were surprised to see the state security coming in two cars and taking him and his brother Hussein and detaining them," said Salama, referring to state security agents working for Mubarak.

"He used to go around and pray and go to his clinic. And then all of sudden it changed, and security came and got him." Zawahiri disappeared after he was released from prison and

eventually headed to Afghanistan to fight Soviet occupation troops. Determined to keep tabs on Zawahiri, security forces would pass by Maadi and question his father and mother about his whereabouts.

He would go on to become the mastermind of some of Al Qaeda's most spectacular attacks. He had a \$25 million bounty on his head and helped to coordinate the Sept 11, 2001, attacks on the United States that killed nearly 3,000 people. Another acquaintance from the neighborhood, Hassan Izzeldin, said his family were well-known, decent people.

'Russia rejects accusations of initiating conflict in Ukraine'

UNITED NATIONS

RUSSIA definitely rejects accusations of "unprovoked aggression" against Ukraine, a high-ranking Russian foreign ministry's official said on Tuesday.

"We would like to definitely reject all accusations against us of 'unprovoked aggression' against Ukraine that have been voiced. Kiev's current regime rose to power in a coup and straightaway raised persecution, later an armed struggle against the Russian-speaking population of Donbass."

During eight years Ukrainian nationalists were killing civilians on this territory almost with impunity and preparing a major military entry into republics that had virtually separated from Ukraine," deputy director of the ministry's non-proliferation and arms control department Igor Vishnevsky said at the Review Conference for the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

"That said, having signed the Minsk accords that were the only way to bring peace to this land, Kiev's authorities were even not going to implement them," the diplomat noted, adding that "Russia's actions became a forced response to atrocities there."

Moscow also rejects insinuations about threatening with nuclear weapons and acting to undermine physical nuclear security in Ukraine, he said. "We will provide our detailed response on insinuations about allegedly threatening with nuclear weapons and acting to undermine nuclear and physical nuclear security in Ukraine later," Vishnevsky said.

Russian President Vladimir Putin said on February 24 that in response to a request by the heads of the Donbass republics he had made a decision to carry out a special military operation, after which the US, EU states, the UK, as well as some other states, imposed sanctions against Russian persons and legal entities, as well as sped up arms supplies to Kiev.

Agencies

Global health experts vow to act with courage to end AIDS

MONTREAL

World health experts have vowed to act with courage to end AIDS at the just-concluded 24th International AIDS Conference.

The five-day conference, known as AIDS 2022, brought together scientists, clinicians, community leaders, advocates, people with lived experience of HIV, health providers, decision-makers and others from around the world to enhance the HIV and AIDS response.

"The issues lifted up at AIDS 2022 could enable a turning point in the global AIDS response. The new UNAIDS report released at the conference, In Danger, shows how the AIDS response has been blown off course, making action urgent," Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) Executive Director Winnie Byanyima said.

The report showed that about 1.5 million new HIV infections occurred in 2021, over 1 million more than the global targets. Globally, only 52 percent of children living with HIV are on life-saving treatment, far behind adults, among whom 76 percent are receiving antiretrovirals.

"We call upon governments to urgently increase funding for the Global Fund and for the UN Joint Programme to enable the findings of this conference to turn into reality on the ground," said Byanyima.

"Courageous political leadership is essential to end AIDS and save millions of lives." According to her, important steps forward were taken at this conference.

One was the new Global Alliance for Ending AIDS in Children by 2030 created to ensure that no child living with HIV is denied treatment by the end of the decade and to prevent new infant HIV infections.

The other was a breakthrough for new long-acting ARV agents to stop HIV. The World Health Organization released new guidelines and drugmaker ViiV Healthcare has announced licenses for generic manufacturing of the drug in 90 countries.

"This could be a game changer if ViiV can provide an affordable price for low- and middle-income countries now, in the tens of dollars not hundreds of dollars, since it will be several years before generic production comes online and if generics are made available beyond these original 90 countries," she said.

Canada served as the host country for AIDS 2022, the largest global gathering on any health issue in the world. Canadian Health Minister Jean-Yves Duclos delivered closing remarks for the conference, during which he reaffirmed Canada's commitment to reaching global HIV targets and encouraged international partners to take collaborative action toward reducing stigma around HIV as a way to reach the undiagnosed and remove barriers to testing, treatment, and care.

During the conference, Duclos announced nearly 18 million Canadian dollars (14.4 million U.S. dollars) in funding to make decentralized forms of HIV testing, including HIV self-test kits, more widely available across Canada. However, the Canadian government was criticized by the International AIDS Society (IAS), the conference organizer, for the high number of delayed and denied visas which prevented many people from some of the countries most affected by HIV from entering Canada and attending AIDS 2022, including IAS staff and leadership.

Xinhua

International community blasts Pelosi's visit to Taiwan

BEIJING

OVERSEAS scholars and officials strongly rebuked U.S. House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit to Taiwan, on Tuesday, saying that the move severely undermines China's sovereignty and territorial integrity, seriously threatens peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait, and gravely violates international law and basic norms governing international relations.

The move is unpopular with the international community and is futile, they said.

CHINA'S SOVEREIGNTY & TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AT RISK

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said that Russia is in solidarity with China on the Taiwan question, Tass reported.

"We respect China's sovereignty and territorial integrity and think that no country in the world should have the right to question (it) or undertake any steps of investigative or other nature," he said.

The United States lacks respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of other countries, and acts willfully for its own geopolitical interests, said Ghassan Youssef, a Syrian political expert and analyst.

China will take strong countermeasures to defend its sovereignty and territorial integrity, he said.

Hassan Aslam Shad, a Pakistani international lawfare specialist, said the United States is trying to make Taiwan a bridgehead against China, and has repeatedly tested China's red line and challenged China's core interests with an essential aim to contain China's peaceful development.

The United States is not trust-

worthy at all as its actions do not match its words on the Taiwan question, he said, adding that Washington is responsible for all the problems created by Pelosi's trip to Taiwan, and the U.S. side should take the complete blame for this.

China had issued a serious warning previously and will "defend the Chinese national sovereignty and territorial integrity no matter the costs," said Noha Bakir, a professor in political science with American University in Cairo.

Mustafa Noyan Rona, a former Turkish diplomat to China, said that he hopes the United States will stop provocations against China, and that Pelosi's so-called "visit" will not bring any benefits to Taiwan.

CHALLENGING ONE-CHINA PRINCIPLE IS FUTILE

The United States has repeatedly stated that it will not change its adherence to the one-China policy, but some politicians are trying to challenge the one-China principle and break through this political bottom line, which shows that some in the United States are paying lip service to their political commitments, said Wilson Lee Flores, a columnist for The Philippine Star, an English daily newspaper.

Shad, the Pakistani international lawfare specialist, views Pelosi's visit as a blatant provocation and a clear violation. He said that the one-China principle is a norm universally recognized by the international community, adding that Taiwan is a part of China, which is an undeniable fact, and the one-China principle has to be adhered to by the U.S. side.

U.S. officials' visits to Taiwan



US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, center, walks with Taiwan's Foreign Minister Joseph Wu, left, as she arrives in Taipei, Taiwan, on Tuesday. AP

seriously violate the one-China principle and endanger peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait, said Bambang Suryono, chairman of Indonesian think tank Asia Innovation Study Center, adding that the United States talks about abiding by the one-China policy, but acts with double-dealing and gross interference in China's internal affairs, which should be strongly condemned.

The world has strongly supported the one-China principle for decades, said Joseph Matthews, a senior professor at the BELTEI International University in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

Pelosi's "illegal, futile and unscrupulous visit" to Taiwan will undermine the credibility of the United States, and has violated the one-China principle, he said.

William Jones, Washington bureau chief of the U.S. publication Executive Intelligence Review, described Pelosi's Taiwan visit as her "final act of folly."

He said that "we will experience the 'deluge,' which will no doubt affect the lives and livelihoods of all Americans."

"Some politicians of the U.S. want to challenge Chinese people" on the Taiwan question, Ran-

garirai Shoko, editor-in-chief of New Zimbabwe Inter-Africa News Agency (New Ziana), said. "The attempts will definitely fail."

INT'L LAW & BASIC NORMS GOVERNING INT'L RELATIONS BROOK NO INFRINGEMENT

Jose Luis Centella, president of the Communist Party of Spain, said Pelosi's visit to Taiwan is a serious provocation against the one-China principle.

The U.S. government is "on an irresponsible path of increasing tension with China," he told Xinhua.

He said the Communist Party of Spain believes that the visit "will not only affect relations between the United States and China, but creates a tension that will negatively affect the entire planet."

Pelosi's visit shows that the United States totally disregards principles and international law, said Zivadin Jovanovic, former minister of foreign affairs of Yugoslavia and current president of the think-tank Belgrade Forum for a World of Equals, adding that such a policy is dangerous.

Shad, the Pakistani expert, said that Pelosi's visit to Taiwan is a

breach of certain principles of international law and China has all the rights under international law to respond accordingly.

Flores, the columnist for The Philippine Star, said the world is facing many uncertainties, yet the United States is trying to play with fire on the Taiwan question, which may raise tensions in the region, undermine regional stability and hinder recovery and development.

Kin Phea, director-general of the International Relations Institute at the Royal Academy of Cambodia, told Xinhua that Pelosi's visit to the Taiwan region is a provocation.

This visit would damage bilateral relations between China and the United States, and destabilize regional and global peace and security, he said.

The United States should work with China to keep global industrial and supply chains stable, fight the pandemic and contribute to economic recovery rather than inflaming regional and global instability, he added.

Selcuk Colakoglu, director of the Turkish Center of Asia Pacific Studies, said Pelosi's visit to Taiwan has escalated tensions between Beijing and Washington.

He said the visit has triggered a very unnecessary crisis between the two largest economies of the world -- the United States and China, and there may be disastrous results for the world economy and global supply chains.

Taiwan has always been Chinese territory, said Suleimane Cassama, Bissau-Guinean political scientist, noting Pelosi's visit to Taiwan can prove once again that the United States is a problem for the world.

Xinhua

KINSHASA

DEMOCRATIC Republic of Congo's government will re-evaluate the withdrawal plan of the United Nations peacekeeping mission after deadly anti-UN protests last week, it said late on Monday, suggesting it may ask the force to leave sooner than expected.

The UN peacekeeping mission, known as MONUSCO, said on Tuesday that it supports the government's decision and is also ready to reassess its withdrawal plan, which currently has it staying for at least two more years.

Thirty-six people, including four UN peacekeepers, were killed last week during violent demonstrations in the country's east, the government said.

Protesters accuse the mission of

DRC to reassess UN withdrawal plan after deadly protests

failing to protect civilians against militia groups that have wreaked havoc in the region for decades.

UN troops were accused of retaliating with force, and in some cases, live bullets, as hundreds of protesters threw rocks and petrol bombs, vandalised and set fire to UN buildings.

In a plan drawn up last year, the United Nations laid out a set of minimum conditions that would be necessary for MONUSCO's withdrawal, which it aimed to achieve by the end of 2024.

"The transition plan was formulated in 2021. The political and security



Indian soldiers from MONUSCO, the UN mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo, attend a ceremony honoring peacekeepers who died during violent protests against Monusco, in Goma, on Monday. AFP

environment a year later has changed significantly," said MONUSCO spokesperson Ndeye Khady Lo.

A government commission sent to assess the aftermath of the protests found that 13 people died in clashes in the town of Goma, another 13 - including four peacekeepers - in Butembo, and three in Kanyabayonga, Congo's presidency said.

Four protesters were killed in the city of Virira when troops fired shots that hit an electric cable that fell on them. Three civilians were killed when UN soldiers returning from leave opened fire at a border post in

Kasindi.

Around 170 people were wounded, the commission added.

"During our interviews, the population made a clear demand: to see MONUSCO leave the DRC," it said.

The United Nations has condemned the violence and vowed to investigate alleged abuses on both sides together with Congolese authorities.

MONUSCO, which took over from an earlier UN operation in 2010, had more than 12,000 troops and 1,600 police deployed in Congo as of November 2021, according to its website.

Frustrations against the mission were stoked by the recent resurgence of the M23 rebel group, which has displaced thousands.

Agencies

Hopes riding on grain shipment from Odessa

BRUSSELS

THE departure on Monday of a grain shipment from the Ukrainian Black Sea port of Odessa, the first since the outbreak of the Russia-Ukraine conflict in February, has been welcomed around the world as a major move toward easing a global food crisis.

The Sierra Leone-flagged cargo ship Razoni left with more than 26,000 tons of corn destined for the Mediterranean port of Tripoli in Lebanon.

Russia, Ukraine and Türkiye inked an agreement overseen by the United Nations on July 22 in the Turkish city of Istanbul to allow the export of grain and fertilizer by Ukraine and Russia. The arrangement is known as the Black Sea Grain Initiative.

"The day of relief for the world, especially for our friends in the Middle East, Asia, and Africa, as the first Ukrainian grain leaves Odessa after months of Russian blockade," Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba said in a tweet.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov called the Razoni's departure "very positive" news, saying it would help test the "efficiency of the mechanisms that were agreed to during the talks in Istanbul".

Russia has blamed Western sanctions for slowing its exports and Ukraine for mining the approaches to its ports.

Before the Razoni's departure, Ukrainian officials said 17 ships were docked in Black Sea ports with some 600,000 tons of cargo, mostly grain.

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said in a statement on Monday that ensuring "existing grain and foodstuffs can move to global markets is a humanitarian imperative".

"The secretary-general salutes their efforts, and he is grateful to Türkiye for its leadership," the UN statement said.

"The secretary-general hopes that this will be the first of many commercial ships moving in accordance with the initiative signed, and that this will bring much-needed stability and relief to global food security, especially in the most fragile humanitarian contexts."

Urgent needs

Guterres told reporters at the UN headquarters in New York that the ship was loaded with two commodities in short supply: "corn and hope".

"People on the verge of famine need these agreements to work, in order to survive. Countries on the verge of bankruptcy need these agreements to work, in order to keep their economies alive," he said.

Ukraine and Russia account for nearly a third of global wheat imports, with the two countries supplying more than 45 million tons annually, according to the UN Food and Agriculture Organization.

The Black Sea Grain Initiative allows for significant volumes of exports from Odessa and nearby Chernomorsk and Yuzhny. Inspection teams will monitor the loading of grain at the ports. Ukrainian pilot vessels will guide the ships through the Black Sea, after which they will head out through the Bosphorus Strait, passing Istanbul, along an agreed corridor.

Abdulla Shahid, president of the 76th session of the UN General Assembly, said in a tweet: "This is a collective achievement of the Joint Coordination Center. Multilateralism works!" He was referring to the JCC established in Istanbul with representatives from the three signatory nations under the grain initiative.

European Commission spokesman Peter Stano told a daily news conference on Monday that the European Union welcomes the departure of the ship from Odessa. "This was the first step toward mitigating the global food crisis," he said.

"We look forward to the implementation of the whole deal and resumption of the Ukrainian exports to the customers all around the world."

Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, the director-general of the World Trade Organization, said in a tweet that the "planned departure of more grain should hopefully bring intl. grain prices down, aid humanitarian purchases & have a positive impact on poor people going hungry in poor countries".

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said on Monday that "this work, initiated under the leadership of our country, is an important diplomatic success".

The Razoni was scheduled to dock in Istanbul early yesterday, when teams of Russian, Ukrainian, Turkish and UN officials will board the ship for inspection.

Agencies

US did not suggest Russia return to talks on treaty to replace New START – Lavrov

NAYPYITAW

THE United States has not approached Russia in order to resume talks on a document to replace the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (New START), Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said yesterday at a news conference following talks with his Myanmar counterpart Wunna Maung Lwin.



"They [the US] have not even suggested resuming these talks. There have been no appeals to us about resuming the negotiation process," Lavrov said.

According to the minister, the Americans have made a habit of "announcing some things over the microphone and then forgetting about them."

When asked whether Russia was also ready to invite China to the talks if the process was resumed, Lavrov said that Beijing would then make its own decision.

"When and if that happens, it will be up to China itself to decide whether to join these talks, the Americans know our position perfectly well," the minister pointed out.

Statement by China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Pelosi's visit to Taiwan

BEIJING

CHINA'S Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Tuesday issued a statement on Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi's visit to China's Taiwan region. Following is the full text of the statement:

On 2 August, in disregard of China's strong opposition and serious representations, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi visited China's Taiwan region.

This is a serious violation of the one-China principle and the provisions of the three China-U.S. joint communiqués. It has a severe impact on the political foundation of China-U.S. relations, and seriously infringes upon China's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

It gravely undermines peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait, and sends a seriously wrong signal to the separatist forces for "Taiwan independence". China firmly opposes and sternly condemns this, and has made serious démarche and strong protest to the United States.

There is but one China in the world, Taiwan is an inalienable part of China's territory, and the Government of the People's Republic of China is the sole legal government representing the whole of China. This has been clearly recognized by United Nations General Assembly Resolution 2758 of 1971.

Since the founding of the People's Republic of China in 1949, 181 countries have established diplomatic relations with China on the basis of the one-China principle.

The one-China principle is a universal consensus of the international community and a basic norm in international relations.

In 1979, the United States made a clear commitment in the



China-U.S. Joint Communiqué on the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations -- "The United States of America recognizes the Government of the People's Republic of China as the sole legal Government of China.

Within this context, the people of the United States will maintain cultural, commercial, and other unofficial relations with the people of Taiwan."

Congress, as a part of the U.S. Government, is inherently obliged to strictly observe the one-China policy of the U.S. Government and refrain from having any official exchanges with China's Taiwan region.

China is all along opposed to the visit to Taiwan by U.S. congressional members, and the U.S. executive branch has the responsibility to stop such visit.

Since Speaker Pelosi is the incumbent leader of the U.S. Congress, her visit to and activities in Taiwan, in whatever form and for whatever reason, is a major political provocation to upgrade U.S. official exchanges with Taiwan. China absolutely does not accept this, and the Chinese people absolutely reject this.

The Taiwan question is the most important and most sensitive issue at the very heart of China-U.S.

relations. The Taiwan Strait is facing a new round of tensions and severe challenges, and the fundamental cause is the repeated moves by the Taiwan authorities and the United States to change the status quo.

The Taiwan authorities have kept seeking U.S. support for their independence agenda. They refuse to recognize the 1992 Consensus, go all out to push forward "de-sinicization", and promote "incremental independence".

The United States, for its part, has been attempting to use Taiwan to contain China. It constantly distorts, obscures and hollows out the one-China principle, steps up its official exchanges with Taiwan, and emboldens "Taiwan independence" separatist activities. These moves, like playing with fire, are extremely dangerous. Those who play with fire will perish by it.

The position of the Chinese Government and people on the Taiwan question has been consistent. It is the firm commitment of the more than 1.4 billion Chinese people to resolutely safeguard state sovereignty and territorial integrity.

It is the common aspiration and sacred responsibility

of all Chinese sons and daughters to realize the complete reunification of the motherland. The will of the people is not to be defied, and the trend of the times cannot be reversed.

No country, no forces and no individual should ever misestimate the firm resolve, strong will and great capability of the Chinese Government and people to defend state sovereignty and territorial integrity and to achieve national reunification and rejuvenation.

China will definitely take all necessary measures to resolutely safeguard its sovereignty and territorial integrity in response to the U.S. Speaker's visit. All the consequences arising therefrom must be borne by the U.S. side and the "Taiwan independence" separatist forces.

China and the United States are two major countries. The right way for them to deal with each other lies only in mutual respect, peaceful co-existence, no-confrontation and win-win cooperation.

The Taiwan question is purely an internal affair of China, and no other country is entitled to act as a judge on the Taiwan question. China strongly urges the United States to stop playing the "Taiwan card" and using Taiwan to contain China.

It should stop meddling on Taiwan and interfering in China's internal affairs. It should stop supporting and conniving at "Taiwan independence" separatist forces in any form.

It should stop its acts of saying one thing but doing the opposite on the Taiwan question. It should stop distorting, obscuring and hollowing out the one-China principle.

It must take credible actions to observe strictly the one-China principle and the provisions of the three China-U.S. joint communiqués, deliver on the "five noes" commitment made by the U.S. leadership (i.e. not seek a "new Cold War"; not seek to change China's system; the revitalization of its alliances is not against China; not support "Taiwan independence"; not look for conflict with China), and not go further down the wrong and dangerous path. **Xinhua**

Judging Committee Meeting of First Silk Road Global News Awards held in Beijing

THE Judging Committee Meeting of the First Silk Road Global News Awards (SRGNA) was held in Beijing on July 20. It was joined by participants in person or through online means.

Adhering to the principles of promoting peaceful cooperation, openness, inclusiveness, mutual learning and win-win cooperation, the First SRGNA presented six awards: In-depth Reporting Award, Commentary Award, Press Photo Award, Press Video Award, Short Video Award on the Fight against COVID-19 and Special Contribution Award. A total of 4,485 entries from 80 countries and regions were collected during the entry phase.

A short video telling a story of global cooperation in combating the coronavirus was nominated for the Short Video Award on the Fight against COVID-19. The video, portraying selfless contributions by medical workers, mutual assistance between countries, and the support from all walks of life, conveys a conviction that the world will finally defeat the virus. It vividly explains the vision of building a community with a shared future for mankind.

With an open and transparent award mechanism, the SRGNA is normalized, authoritative, and international.

The preliminary evaluation was completed last year by an academic committee consisting of 28 experts and scholars from 13 countries.

This time, the judging committee, consisting of both Chinese and foreign experts, reviewed and confirmed the results of the awards' second evaluation round, and a total of 20 entries made it into the final round.

Mushahid Hussain Syed, chairman of the Pakistan-China Institute and head of Pakistan's "Friends of Silk Road" club, was listed as a finalist for the Special Contribution Award of the First SRGNA.

The evaluation of the awards thus entered the final review stage by the council of the Belt and Road News Network (BRNN).

The evaluation work of the SRGNA is a glorious mission that bears profound significance and great responsibility, said Fang Jiangshan, deputy editor-in-chief of People's Daily and director of



Fang Jiangshan, deputy editor-in-chief of People's Daily and director of the judging committee of the First Silk Road Global News Awards (SRGNA), chairs the Judging Committee Meeting of the First SRGNA. (Photo by Zhang Wujun/People's Daily)

the SRGNA judging committee.

The SRGNA honors media colleagues and people from all walks of life who recognize, spread and interpret the cooperation concept and practice of jointly building the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), Fang noted.

The awards aim to build a consensus in which everyone attaches great importance to development and joint cooperation to promote the great undertaking that is building a community with a shared future for mankind, Fang said.

The awards are of great significance and play an important role in rejecting fake information and making objective reports, said Moegamat Aneez Salie, Editor-in-Chief of South Africa's Independent Media (Pty) Ltd. The establishment and evaluation of the SRGNA would contribute to the high-quality development of the BRI, said the Editor-in-Chief.

Sarmad Ali, managing director of Pakistani Jang Media Group said the SRGNA makes the voices of the people and the development stories of Belt and Road countries heard by more, and injects positive energy into the fight against COVID-19 and the promotion of economic recovery.

On April 23, 2019, BRNN held its first council meeting, which encouraged and guided mutual learning and consensus building among media organizations in Belt and Road countries and regions, and decided to set up the SRGNA.

The evaluation work of the SRGNA is a very important task of BRNN. So far, 213 media outlets in 99 countries have become BRNN members, and BRNN's website is now available in 10 languages, with an average of about 1,500 updated articles per month and more than 60,000 articles in total.

People's Daily

Axcella long COVID treatment helps some patients in small trial

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ONE of the first trials aimed at tackling long COVID-19 helped some patients recover from lingering physical and mental fatigue, although the drug developed by Axcella Health Inc failed on the small study's main goal of restoring the normal function of mitochondria - the energy factories of cells.

In the 41-patient pilot study released on Tuesday, for three of 21 patients who received the drug, AXA125, their physical fatigue scores returned to normal levels after 28 days of treatment, Axcella Chief Medical Officer Margaret Koziel said in a phone interview.

Others who received the drug also reported physical and mental improvements that were deemed to be statistically significant as shown on a scale developed to measure chronic fatigue, according to the preliminary results, and the drug was shown to be safe and well tolerated.

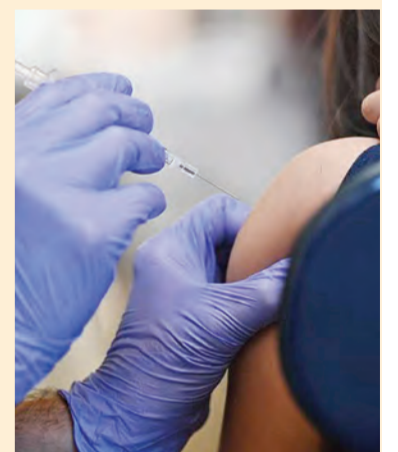
"This trial is suggesting that a drug that's very safe to take and has minimal side effects is causing substantial improvement in people's physical and cognitive experience of fatigue," said Dr. Jason Maley, a consultant for Axcella who runs a long COVID-19 clinic at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston.

The drug, originally developed for fatty liver disease, aims to treat the crushing chronic fatigue reported by more than half of long COVID-19 sufferers by restoring normal function of mitochondria, the minuscule power plants that help cells perform properly.

People in the trial conducted at the University of Oxford received either the Axcella drug or a placebo over a period of 28 days. All were more than 12 weeks post COVID-19 infection and had an abnormal phosphocreatine recovery time, a measure of mitochondrial function.

For the study's primary goal, there was no statistically significant difference between the groups on phosphocreatine recovery time.

The trial also looked at blood tests measuring lactate, a sign of muscle health, as well as patient-reported



measures of mental and physical fatigue.

There are currently no approved treatments for chronic fatigue in patients with long COVID-19, a condition estimated to affect more than one hundred million people worldwide.

Axcella Chief Executive Bill Hinchshaw said the company is designing new trials and plans to meet with US and UK regulators with hopes of seeking an accelerated approval pathway for this enormous unmet need.

Botswana

As the number of reported cases of COVID-19 has decreased in recent months, the government of Botswana announced on Tuesday that wearing face masks outdoors will no longer be required.

Having reviewed the disease burden in the country and most importantly, the high numbers of people vaccinated against the global pandemic, Botswana has decided to relax some protocols in order to allow for more increased economic activity, Christopher Nyanga, Botswana's Ministry of Health spokesperson said in a statement.

"Effective today, wearing of masks in outdoor areas will no longer be mandatory," Nyanga said.

He also stated that social distancing protocols in schools will now be optional. Those who test positive will no longer need to be isolated unless the physician or medical doctor orders it.

Botswana has so far reported 325,470 COVID-19 cases with 2,770 deaths. **Agencies**

SPORT



Rapper, Maneno Paschal.

Dar rapper eyes collaboration with 'Nay wa Mitego'

By Correspondent Sabata Kasika

TANZANIA'S budding rapper Maneno Paschal has said that he wishes to work with popular domestic new generation musician Emmanuel Elibariki, alias 'Nay wa Mitego', and other artists.

Paschal, nicknamed 'Harmoboy Tz', was adamant that popular musicians can help him make progress in the music industry.

"I'm still young, I'm fighting for my dream of becoming a prominent artist in the new generation of music so I must seek support from senior musicians including 'Nay wa Mitego'," the artist disclosed.

'Harmoboy Tz' that hails from Geita revealed that he is currently in Dar es Salaam trying to continue his talent as he has released several songs.

The artist disclosed: "There are songs such as 'Tunaishi Nao', and 'Wamepagawa' that are available on my YouTube channel known as 'Harmoboy Tz', new generation music fans can enter there" the artist noted.

He disclosed that he wishes to work

with 'Nay wa Mitego', claiming that he is attracted to the latter's songs and his unwavering stance.

The youthful performer pointed out that 'Nay wa Mitego' is one of the most confident rappers.

"Youthful artists need to collaborate with prominent artists, it might be difficult to win popularity in new generation music, that's why I want to involve them in my songs," he said.

The artist said he has many songs that have yet to be recorded, adding whenever he manages to get an opportunity to collaborate with a prominent rapper, he will record them and distribute the tracks on radio stations and social networks.

He said since he dreams of achieving success in the music industry, he believes that his dream will come true if he gets great artists to support him by collaborating with him.

"I believe that one day I will fulfill my dream of becoming a great artist, I'm only 25 years old so I have a long way to go if God continues to give me life," he said.

Mbeya resident wins prize money from sports betting company

By Guardian Correspondent

MBEYA resident, Ojilloh Gadson Mwaikimba, has won 58, 650, 180/- from sports betting company, M-Bet Tanzania, after placing the right bets on 12 matches played in various football leagues in the world through the firm's Perfect 12 draw.

Mwaikimba, Manchester City FC and Simba SC enthusiast, said in Dar es Salaam recently it was not an easy task for him to win such a huge amount of money due to the difficulty he experienced in predicting the results of some of the teams that were playing.

The winner said he had been predicting football ties' outcomes for various years while winning a small amount of money that hardly discouraged him.

Mwaikimba noted: "I am a teacher and I have been predicting using either notebooks or counter books. I have done this for various years while winning small cash prizes."

"However, I could not get discouraged as

I witnessed some people win millions of shillings through M-Bet's Perfect 12 betting platform. I knew there was a day I would win because there is no manipulation. So, I call upon young people from the age of 18 to start to predict through M-BET," he said.

He said he did not believe it when he received a phone call informing him that he had won a significant amount of money, which, he explained, he would use to develop his business, start another, study, and build a house.

He said he would use the money to raise capital for his business, apart from using the other part of the cash in agriculture and educating his relatives.

M-Bet Tanzania Marketing Director Allen Mushi said Mwaikimba joins other Perfect 12 draw winners who changed their lives after winning millions of shillings from the firm's betting games.

Mushi also urged Tanzanians from the age of 18 to continue placing their bets with M-Bet to win various cash prizes.

SPORTS

Azam FC splashed the cash, now the outfit needs to deliver



Azam FC players listen to their coaches' instructions when they attended drills at Azam Complex Stadium in Dar es Salaam last month ahead of the 2022/23 season. PHOTO: COURTESY OF AZAM FC

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

LAST season was a disaster at Chamazi club, Azam FC, but the club did ultimately secure CAF Confederation Cup qualification on the final day of the Premier League campaign.

Ahead of his first full campaign in charge, the outfit's head coach Abdihamid Moallin called for decisive action in the transfer market.

There has been a flurry of transfer activity at Azam FC and a person would expect to see them start the new campaign with high hopes.

Azam FC will be pleased with what they have done so far in the window, nine arrivals, couple these signings with a series of departures, and the squad is going to look very different in the 2022/23 season.

Comoros international Ali Ahmada will be Azam FC's starting goalkeeper next season after signing to replace the departed Ugandan Mathias Kigonya, whereas Ahmed Salula will play second fiddle.

Left-back is still Bruce Kangwa, the Zimbabwean international being at the age where he needs to be rotated for his good, soccer supporters ought to expect to see a lot of youthful Pascal Msindo.

Msindo is expected to spend the season as Kangwa's understudy so that the youthful fullback is ready to take over in a year.

Another player that Azam FC brought in by the side in the current transfer window is Nathaniel Chilambo that has joined from Ruvu Shooting.

While Chilambo proved to be a

prospect at Ruvu Shooting last season, he is just that—a prospect.

If he were to be the go-to man in the right flank he could break because of Azam FC's stature, the club was forced to deploy Lusajo Mwaikenda on the right full-back.

Out of the top four teams, Azam FC conceded the highest number of goals, a fact which highlights their central defensive issues.

Senegalese center-back Pape Malick Ndoye has arrived from Tengueth FC. Ndoye that has CAF Champions League group stage experience and was part of Senegal's 2022 COSAFA Cup squad is likely to dislodge either Daniel Amoah or Abdallah Kheri from the starting eleven.

New signing Issah Ndala from Nigeria's Plateau United will slot into the midfield to provide a great screen in front of the back four alongside Sospeter Bajana.

Providing extra depth in midfield for next term is another new arrival James Akaminko.

Akaminko joined Azam FC after he parted ways with Ghana Olympics after his contract expired at the end of the 2021-22 season where he played 28 matches and scored two goals with four assists.

Kenneth Muguna is no longer a certain starter but he is a very capable player.

As for Mudathir Yahya and Frank Domayo there is surely no room for the long servants, both have been let go having spent 10 and eight years respectively at Azam FC.

Azam FC reportedly paid 100m/- to Coastal Union to bring winger Abdulhamis Suleiman to Chamazi.

The youngster that also features for Tanzania's Taifa Stars was the top goal scorer in the 2021/22 Azam Sports Federation Cup.

This attracted the interests of many clubs, most notably Simba SC, but in the end, Azam FC was the outfit that managed to secure the services of the winger who can also play as a center-forward.

Sopu, as he is fondly known, is likely to start on the right wing as Idd Suleiman 'Nado' needs time to

recover from his injury nightmare.

New signing Tape Edinho and Tepsie Evance should be a delightful bag of tricks out on the left and a nightmare for any defender when on one against one.

In addition to this duo, there is also a new boy Kipre Junior, an attacking midfielder.

Prince Dube, Rodgers Kola, Idris Mbombo, and Shaban Chilunda are among the riches at Azam FC's forward disposal.

Dube has struggled to rediscover his goalscoring form and will now face strong competition from Mbombo and Kola who had a strong finish last season.

There is plenty of work to do between now and the start of the season for Chilunda, Ayoub Lyanga, and Yahya Zaydi to get into the first team.

New arrival Cleophae Mbandala is also facing the real possibility of being reduced to a squad player.

Azam FC has built up a lot of expectations for the coming season, given the number of players they have recruited and the upgraded technical bench at the helm.

The onus is on the team to mount a credible title challenge and perhaps more important to qualify for the elusive CAF Confederation Cup group stage.

This pre-season excitement and optimism now need to spill over to results on the pitch, which have mostly eluded the Chamazi-based side for the last four years.

While Simba SC and Yanga have won trophy after trophy, Azam FC has fumbled and flailed around, with a coach after coach failing to find a winning formula.

They need to get the results and finally put some silverware in an increasingly dusty trophy cabinet.

Otherwise, they will continue to look like a big corporate club that is yet dismally-run football team.

Dorothy: Female leaders ought to promote children's talents

By Correspondent Sabata Kasika

MINISTER for Community Development, Gender, Women, and Special Groups Dorothy Gwajima has called on female leaders to be at the forefront of spotting and developing children's talents that are at risk of going to waste.

Dorothy issued the request when she graced a workshop that sought to improve the rights of women and young people organized by the Tanzania Women Lawyers Association (TAWLA) in Dar es Salaam recently.

The minister explained that some children's talents are lost due to either the abuses they go through or not being recognized by the society around them.

"We have found that young people who have run away from their parents' homes have various talents including music but they lack someone to support them so that they can achieve their dreams," she noted.

The minister asked the female leaders to be a bridge to identify talents and help the country have many talents that will turn into jobs as is the case with popular Bongo Flava artist, Nassib Abdul.

"Some people have been created by God so they can excel in entertainment, apart from sending them back to school to get an education let's bring out their talents and improve them so that in the end they can create jobs for other people," she disclosed.

The minister also pointed out there are many children who live in difficult environments where they are subjected to cruelty.

Dorothy as a result asked TAWLA to join the independent campaign of the Hero of Social Welfare Development (SMAUJATA) to rescue such children.

The minister noted the campaign can help to deal with gender-based violence and stop it, adding that it helps to bring out the talents of children, some of whom have been running



Minister for Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups, Dorothy Gwajima.

away from the villages and moving to the cities and ending up on the streets.

"President Samia Suluhu Hassan has done a great job to create this ministry and set up many opportunities in many areas in the country but it is surprising to see that there are still people running from rural areas and moving to urban areas," Dorothy said.

According to the government official, due to this situation, every Tanzanian, especially female leaders, should cooperate with the government to ensure that children are taken away from a dangerous environment and promote their talents.

Napoli owner: We will no longer sign African players

MILAN

NAPOLI owner Aurelio De Laurentiis said on Tuesday he would not sign any more African players unless they agreed to not take part in the Africa Cup of Nations.

Senegal defender Kalidou Koulibaly – now at Premier League side Chelsea – and Cameroon midfielder Andre Zambo Anguissa missed several Napoli games while on international duty at this year's AFCON, which took place between January and February.

"Or they sign a waiver giving up their right to participate to the Africa Cup of Nations tournaments or between AFCON and the championships in South America ... I never have them [Napoli players] available," he said in a Wall Street Italia talk show.

He criticised the fact that clubs were agreeing to more and more games, suggesting a European tournament with the top clubs from the strongest five countries instead of the Champions League, Europa League and Europa Conference League.

"The world of football cannot self-manage because we do the puppet show for others ... if we could play 100 games, it would be a happy ending for everyone and we [clubs] like cretins agree to that."

The Italian film producer also said he did not support the breakaway European Super League which folded less than 48 hours after it was announced last year as it was an elite club.

"You cannot create a super club of privileged members who invite others [to the



Aurelio De Laurentiis

league]. You need to democratically keep the door open for everyone," he said.

De Laurentiis added he was tired of offers from investment funds for the club, adding that he was offered €900 million around four to five years ago by American investors.

"You [bidders] did not understand a thing [about me]. I am a pure entrepreneur who enjoys doing business ... let me play," he said.

"I want to be the 12th player on the pitch. Actually the 12th player is the fan, I can be the 13th or even the 14th, as 14 is my favourite number."

(Agencies)

Jose Mourinho calls and players come running to join him at Roma

ROME

ALWAYS known as a great motivator, José Mourinho is also excelling as a pitchman in his latest coaching job at Roma.

When "Mou" calls, players come running to the Italian capital.

It all started a year ago when Mourinho lured Tammy Abraham away from European champion Chelsea to join him in Rome.

At first, the young striker wasn't all that convinced about joining a team that hadn't won a trophy in nearly 15 years and has historically been a notch below Italy's northern powers Juventus, AC Milan and Inter Milan.

Then Mourinho asked him: "Do you want to stay in rainy England or come enjoy some sun in Rome?"

That sealed the \$41 million transfer and Abraham went on to score 27 goals in all competitions last season, including nine in Roma's run to the Europa Conference League title.

Around about the same time, Mourinho convinced Henrikh Mkhitaryan – who was itching to leave Rome – to stay one more season and reunite with his former coach at Manchester United.

This season's transfer campaign began with Mourinho luring another player from England, midfielder Nemanja Mati, who had played under him at both Chelsea and United.

Then came the biggest name of all, Paulo Dybala, who spurned interest from Champions League clubs Inter Milan and Napoli to join Roma on a free transfer.

"The coach was very clear with his ideas – which was one of the biggest reasons for my choice," Dybala said. "Everyone knows what he represents in soccer. His calls got me excited. I've had the privilege to play with the greatest (players) and now I can work with one of the best coaches in soccer history."

The arrival of Dybala, who was named Serie A's MVP two seasons ago, has Roma fans dreaming of more trophies – like the domestic league titles that Mourinho became so accustomed to winning earlier in his career at Porto, Chelsea, Inter Milan and Real Madrid.

That was before Mourinho's career met some turbulence in his previous job at Tot-

tenham, where dressing-room apathy and growing disillusionment at his tactics cost him his position at the London club after 17 months.

So far, though, Mourinho has been a perfect fit for Roma, which has a big fan base in a major European capital but which had been starved of trophies.

"I realized the moment I arrived what it meant – that they were waiting for this," Mourinho said after raising the Conference League trophy in May.

The Conference title improved Mourinho's record in European finals to five trophies in five matches. It also made him the first coach to lead four different clubs to European titles after winning the 2003 UEFA Cup and 2004 Champions League finals with Porto; the 2010 Champions League final with Inter Milan; and the 2017 Europa League final with Manchester United.

To commemorate his status as the only coach to win all three of the current European titles on offer, Mourinho put a tattoo of the Europa League, Champions League and Conference League trophies on his right arm.

"Now I am staying, there are no doubts," said Mourinho, who is entering the second season of a three-year contract. "I only want to remain at Roma. We must understand what our owners, who are fantastic people, want to do next season, because this is history, but we can build a really strong project with honest professionals."

Players like Dybala were attracted to Mourinho's revival of Roma, which has reignited the team's fan base.

"For us South Americans, it's special playing in the (Stadio) Olimpico," said Dybala, an Argentina international. "It makes you feel like you're in Argentina or Brazil, which isn't something easy to find in Europe. So playing for these fans will be something unique."

Dybala's arrival has been compared to how the transfer of Gabriel Batistuta – another Argentina standout – was considered the key move in helping Roma win its last Serie A title in 2001.

(Roma's moves) could change the hierarchy among Serie A's big clubs," said Fabio Capello, who coached the Giallorossi in 2001. "Roma has become a real contender."

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Barca signing Kounde ahead of Chelsea is a coup for the club and LaLiga

By Graham Hunter, ESPN Spain writer

AS is often true during the ceremony when a club unveils its new signing, the most interesting thing said when Barcelona paraded Jules Kounde at their training ground on Monday wasn't uttered by the player. Instead, it was said about him.

It came when Mateu Alemany, Barcelona's new director of football and "get-it-done" guy who ensures the club's dealings are now robust, intelligent and strategic, insisted on going back to the question as to why the €55 million defender wasn't already a Chelsea player.

Alemany emphasised that he'd several times told Kounde (via his agent Jonathan Kebe) that "... if you want things sorted out quickly, then take one of those other big offers you've got, but stop calling me because I've got no news ..."

Barca's representative was emphasising how brutally complicated it has been for the club to negotiate the economic "levers," with Sixth Street and Socios.com, worth several hundred million euros, that have left the club liquid and hungry to spend.

He looked out into the massed ranks of media to find Kede, who was seated there with some of Kounde's family, and asked: "What was it, Jonathan? Did you phone me every single day, or only every two days, for the last two months?"

Alemany made crystal clear that Kounde had chosen Barcelona as his destination over two months ago and despite weeks of the club being unable to give him any hope or encouragement, the 23-year-old had stubbornly resisted Chelsea and waited patiently for the green light from Camp Nou.

Under normal circumstances, a France international like Kounde would by now be a pillar of Chelsea's rebuild following Roman Abramovich's departure. But he wanted to stay in LaLiga, he wanted to join Barcelona and, above all, he wanted to play for Xavi.

In Kounde, the Catalan coach has grabbed a seriously talented defender who: knows LaLiga inside out; fits his new club's playing philosophy to perfection; can play in a few positions depending on formation; has broken the trend of young, excellent LaLiga footballers who've been unable to resist the call of the Premier league, and whose agent has only just completed a fabulous €80m deal to take Aurelien Tchouameni to Real Madrid.

It is a win for the club and the coach, but also for LaLiga. No success for another Premier League predator this time.

I've met and interviewed Kounde a few times, and he is quite the character. For example, it might not be a worldwide expression, but in the United Kingdom we grew up with "hard-men" footballers being described with the phrase "he'd slide tackle his grandmother if it helped his team win."

Step forward, Kounde ... well, nearly. He's previously admitted to Onze Mondial in his native France: "My mum had to put up with a lot when I went through a difficult phase as a kid. My local team was a bit of a disaster, we lost a lot, and I couldn't tolerate that. It drove me crazy and after a bad game, I'd be a nightmare at home. I'd be in a foul mood all weekend: atrocious behaviour. I got into such a rage that I ended up kicking my poor mum."

"Eventually she sought professional advice and the doctor told her 'do it back to him. If he kicks you, kick him back. He'll soon calm down!' That period didn't last long, but it wasn't great at the time."

These days, Kounde is far from a hothead. Take note that despite being a fast, aggressive, "see-the-ball-win-the-ball" type of player, he's been booked a mere 26 times in 227 club and international matches. Few lunges and almost zero dissent; his misjudgements are rare.

That's a properly remarkable stat. Nevertheless, Barcelona fans will recall that one of his two red cards in Spain was for chucking the ball at Jordi Alba during a



Jules Kounde's arrival in Barcelona was his only desire since it became clear he was leaving Sevilla. It's not just a coup for Barca and manager Xavi, but for LaLiga to keep one of its most promising young stars despite the Premier League's advances. (Agencies)

heated and very physical 1-1 draw in Sevilla, when the left-back elbowed and shoulder-barged him twice in short succession.

It's a "score" that should now be quickly sorted. Alba loves a gritty competitor ... just so long as they're wearing the same colour shirt as him.

Kounde's other red card? When Espanyol's Javi Puado man-handled and tugged him back four times over 15 metres and Kounde tried to push him off. It was a terribly soft expulsion, but on each occasion, it showed a little remnant of the kid who used to kick his mum's shins.

The defender finally decided that enough was enough at Sevilla back in April when Los Rojiblancos, 2-0 up at the break against eventual champions Madrid, collapsed to an ultra-dramatic 3-2 defeat in added time. Kounde hammered his team for having "tossed a good first half in the bin" and criticised Sevilla's "lack of character and personality" in the second half. Harsh words, even if accurate, but career-changing. It was time to go.

This is a guy who is normally serene, fun, curious about life, multilingual and absolutely obsessed with music partly thanks to the dad he barely knew being a talented drummer.

"My mum bought me a little drum kit that... how do I put it... was more of a toy. I remember spending so much time with it. It drove my mum slightly crazy because it was really noisy and I was constantly playing it. I think that this year, or next, I'll start taking piano lessons because my mother played the piano and it's a classy instrument."

Don't be fooled by Kounde, though: he's cultured, but tough,

especially if he detects below-par standards or attitudes. It's a trait that was hammered into him. He's previously explained where this demand came from: "Joining Bordeaux [Kounde's first senior club] was tough at first -- me being shy and withdrawn didn't help. My coach, Jean-Luc Dogon, worked really hard to get me to open up and bring more aggression to my game. I'm really grateful to him."

Various coaches at Bordeaux forged the guy that Barcelona just brought in. "Jocelyn Gourvenne was a hard man," said Kounde. "I might miss one pass while a teammate would miss two or three, but Gourvenne would come down on me like a ton of bricks and let the other guy off. It felt very unfair at the time, but it definitely left me with a strong work ethic plus a determination never to take my foot off the gas."

I was working for LaLiga TV with Chelsea, Uruguay and Real Zaragoza legend Gustavo Poyet, himself a former Bordeaux coach, the day that Sevilla signed Kounde. Off-camera, Gus immediately told me: "Fantastic kid, he just loves to go for adventures up the pitch, but so long as he continues with his attitude and his willingness to defend as well as attack, he'll become a fabulous player." He was right.

Kounde recalls that spell: "Gustavo really believed in me and gave me huge confidence in my own abilities. He wanted us to love everything about football, to take risks, play creatively and enjoy being part of a group. Maybe the best coach I ever had!"

What's next for Kounde is a period of experimentation and, in a sense, a survival of the fittest. Over their last few matches, the

23-year-old hasn't been an automatic choice for Didier Deschamps' brilliant France side, at least not when Les Bleus play four at the back. But last year, playing 90 minutes in the Nations League semifinal win over Belgium and final victory over Spain in a three-man back line, Kounde was Deschamps' first choice.

Xavi, theoretically, now has to choose between Gerard Pique, Eric Garcia, Ronald Araujo, Andreas Christensen, Frenkie de Jong (assuming he stays, anyway) and Kounde over who starts at centre-back. It promises to be a battle royale just to get a starting place. Will it be four at the back (so only two central defenders)? Or is Xavi planning a 3-4-3 in which Kounde profiles as the perfect wing-back/centre-back amalgam demanded by that formation?

Once again, this kid's route to success will depend almost as much on his hard yards in France as it will his maturation at Sevilla.

"Breaking through, I was used at right-back when I'd previously always played as a central defender," he once said. "At first, I was a total disaster. I remember tortuous training sessions practising crosses to the forwards, with me sending the ball all over the place. I'd end up crossing it behind them or making it too low or too high -- it was catastrophic! I used to go home utterly miserable."

Take note: he's only given four assists across his entire club career, but he's scored 13 times.

Last time Barcelona signed a 20-something, music-loving, exuberantly talented, right-sided defender from Sevilla and left Chelsea without a guy they thought they had convinced to come to London, it was Dani Alves 16 years ago. It's a lot to live up to, but equally, it's something for Kounde to aim at. Doubt him if you choose, but get ready to eat your words.



Kounde made waves for his red card vs. Barcelona, when he threw the ball at Jordi Alba, but the incident is just proof of his competitive spirit and is a rare exception to his generally serene play. (Agencies)

Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Yanga vice-president, Arafat Haji.

Basketball sides to take part in Kilimanjaro League finals

By Correspondent James Lanka, Moshi.

THE Kilimanjaro Regional Basketball Association (KBA) in collaboration with other sports stakeholders has started Kilimanjaro Basketball League final games in Moshi Municipality slated for July 30 to August 6, this year.

The Kilimanjaro Basketball League involves a total of 12 teams from different parts of Kilimanjaro.

In an interview with The Guardian at his office in Moshi, KBA's Chairman John Mmbando explained that a total of 12 teams from different parts of Kilimanjaro including four U-18 outfits are participating in the ongoing finals.

According to Mmbando, Moshi Urban legislator Priscus Tarimo will preside over the finals' closing ceremony on August 6.

He added the league has been officially sponsored by the Moshi-based KiliTiwende Tourism Company, his office, as well as the Moshi Urban legislator, Tarimo.

Mmbando further explained that KBA has trained 12 new coaches, and 13 referees from various parts of Kilimanjaro to improve their skills in the game.

According to him, the special training was organized by KBA in collaboration with the Tanzania Basketball Federation (TBF).

"As you have witnessed today, we had a training here at the Mashujaa Village famously known as 'Baptist grounds' where our trainees obtained special refereeing and coaching training from TBF special trainers from Dar es Salaam to promote new talents as well as tourism through sports," Mmbando disclosed.

According to Mmbando, apart from basketball, they are also promoting other sports such as football, netball, and golf to the young generation through his new project dubbed "Tanzania Youth Vision and Support".

"Kilimanjaro is one of the crucial tourism destinations in Africa, so through our project, we are promoting sports from the grass-roots seeking to promote sports tourism for sustainable tourism," Mmbando explained.

Mmbando stated Tanzania has not managed to hold sway in international basketball tournaments, appealing to the government and other stakeholders to invest more in sports particularly basketball so that the country can do much better internationally.

Simba SC set to add two more signings



A section of Simba SC players features in training in Ismailia, Egypt recently to shape up for the coming season. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBA SC

By Correspondent Michael Mwebi

SIMBA SC is set to sign another two players before the end of the transfer window, with a new attacking midfielder and forward being the priorities.

The Msimbazi Street outfit has been busy this transfer window, bringing in six new faces to work under newly-appointed head coach Zoran Maki. Simba SC strengthened their squad from back to front.

Burkina Faso international center-back Mohamed Outara has joined it after a spell with Sudanese giants Al Hilal.

He arrives as a direct replacement for the released Ivorian Pascal Wawa and is expected to break last season's defensive partnership of Henock Inonga and Joash Onyango.

In central defense, Nigerian international Victor Akpan has arrived from Coastal Union.

The arrival of Akpan has pushed out of the squad Ugandan interna-

tional Taddeo Lwanga who is set to be either released or loaned out until the end of his contract.

Utility player Nassoro Kapama has also signed from Kagera Sugar, he can play as a defensive midfielder, defender, and attacking midfielder.

In attack, Habib Kyombo joined from relegated Mbeya Kwanza FC. Zambian international Moses Phiri is another attacking addition to Maki's squad.

Another new signing, Augustine Okrah joined from Ghana's Bechem United. The attacking midfielder is a direct replacement for his fellow Ghanaian Bernard Morrison who has returned to arch-rivals Yanga.

Barbara Gonzalez, Simba SC Chief Executive Officer confirmed to reporters it will close its transfer business with two more signings.

The club is likely to announce the two signings this week or at the culmination of a week of charity events coordinated by Simba SC, popularly known as 'Simba Day'.

Barbara revealed: "Regarding the regis-

tration of players, I would like to tell you that the registration exercise is already done, and we have only two foreign players left and we will introduce them any time this week and it might be a surprise package for 'Simba Day', for the local players we have finished and there is no one else."

Meddie Kagere and Chris Mugalulu who were part of the pre-season squad in Ismailia are no longer in the club's plan ahead of the new campaign, which would leave Phiri, Kyombo, and John Bocco as center-forward options.

Talks for Vipers SC striker Caesar Manzoki have dragged on since May, and though the Central African Republic international remains one of Simba's priority signings, the club is already looking for an alternative replacement.

Multiple sources have confirmed that Nigerian international Nelson Okwa is on the verge of completing a deal with Simba SC.

He is viewed as a replacement for Larry Bwalya who left Simba to join South African side Amazulu at the end of last season.

Pitso Mosimane to grace Yanga's Wananchi Week

By Correspondent Michael Mwebi

ONE of Africa's most iconic football coaches, Pitso Mosimane is expected to be at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam as Mainland Tanzania's champions Yanga mark the climax of 'Wiki Ya Mwananchi'/'The Citizen's Week' on Saturday.

The former Al Ahly and Mamelodi Sundowns head coach, who is also a passionate African football advocate revealed the details through his Twitter page when he accepted a personal invitation from Yanga president, Hersi Said.

"Thank you for the invitation to the 'Week Ya Mwananchi'! I am honoured to have accepted the invitation to visit with you and spend time learning more about this auspicious occasion in your country," Mosimane tweeted.

During the official launch of this season's 'Wiki Ya Mwananchi', Arafat Haji, Yanga's vice-president confirmed that African football legends will be part of the festival as well as renowned reporters from all parts of the world who have shown interest in covering the event.

The official noted: "Last year, we filled the stadium, we believe we will repeat that feat. We expect the event will be graced by sports dignitaries from all over Africa and the rest of the World."

On the same day, 2021/2022 Mainland Tanzania Premier League champions will host Uganda's Vipers SC in an international friendly game.

The club has also released information for the big event. Each of the VVIP tickets for the occasion, which retails at 300,000/-, has sold out.

Each VIP A ticket retails at 150,000/-, VIP B tickets go for 30,000/- each, VIP C tickets are going for 20,000/- each, and for terraces, fans will each have to part away with 10,000/-.

Yanga will parade their new signings in a day-long full entertainment menu.

The new arrivals include Burundian international and former Newcastle United midfielder Gael Bigirimana, Congolese Joyce Lomalisa, Burkina Faso international, and former ASEC Mimosas midfielder Stephane Aziz Ki, Zambian Lazarus Kambole, and Ghanaian Bernard Morrison.

The 'Wiki Ya Mwananchi' is a traditional annual celebration where Yanga celebrates sponsors, government, members of the team, fans, and other national and international football stakeholders.

The event adds to pre-season hype ahead of the eagerly-anticipated new season.

The big day is also a celebration of the club's success last term where they won the Premier League title, Azam Sports Federation Cup, and Community Shield, and in the transfer window ahead of the new season which kicks off on August 13.

The unveiling of new signings before the fans has become a tradition that is done in style and unleashes a full entertainment menu.

Retired President Jakaya Kikwete who is an ardent Yanga fan had graced the past two events.

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