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## Dar bank's profit up 43 pc in 2019

By Guardian Reporter

DCB Commercial Bank Plc profit reached 2.3bn/- in 2019, an increase of 43 per cent from the 1.6bn/- that the bank attained in 2018.

The bank said in a financial statement published on January 31, 2020 in line with requirements of the Bank of Tanzania (BoT), that DCB Commercial Bank Plc performance improved across a number of parameters.

The bank's balance sheet recorded tremendous growth, fueled by a 14 per cent (10.1bn/-) growth in customer deposits in 2019.

"With growth in customer deposits, the bank was able to raise the amount of loans by 11 per cent, translating into 8.0bn/- which is higher than the growth of the loan portfolio extended during the past two years," DCB Bank finance director Zacharia Kapama noted.

DCB Commercial Plc gross loans reached Sh93.3 billion in 2019, from Sh90.5 billion in



DCB Commercial Bank Plc Finance Director, Zacharia Kapama (2nd L), briefs journalists in Dar es Salaam at the weekend on the bank's performance during the past year. Others from left are the bank Director for Marketing and Communications Rahma Ngassa, Business Director James Ngaluko and Head of Personal Banking, Fortunata Benedict. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Moshi

PASTOR Boniface Mwamposa of Arise and Shine Ministry was yesterday arrested in Dar es Salaam and taken to Moshi municipality in Kilimanjaro Region where 20 people died at his service on Saturday evening.

Sixteen others were seriously injured in a stampede after the open-air Gospel crusade ended and the pastor had arranged for attendees to step onto what he termed as anointment oil from which healing and other miracles could be expected, placed in a basin at the exit gate.

Home Affairs Minister George Simbachawene said Mwamposa was arrested for questioning as he had prolonged the time he was allowed to conduct the service at Majengo Stadium.

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"When one conducts such a meeting with a large gathering, it is also their responsibility to guarantee safety of the people in attendance."

Speaking to reporters in Moshi yesterday, Kilimanjaro Regional Commissioner Anna

## Biteko: Minerals share in GDP to hit 10 pct by 2025

By Guardian Reporter

MINING sector contribution to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) can reach 10 per cent by 2025 if key players in the sector are ready to change their mindsets and create a friendly environment for investors.

The Minister for Minerals, Doto Biteko made the remark over the weekend at a function to inaugurate one of three modern office buildings in Mahenge, Ulanga District put up by the graphite mining firm, Mahenge Resources, a subsidiary company of Black Rock Mining of Australia.

The 50m/- office buildings are located at Mdingo, Kisewe and Nawenge villages,

He commended Mahenge Resources for choosing Tanzania as its investment destination and its commitment towards helping local communities around the mining site

close to the graphite mining site, put up in the spirit of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).

The minister called on responsible authorities to work hard and make sure that investors operate smoothly in their localities, to complement government efforts to transform the sector, "which if carefully nurtured it can contribute immensely to the country's development."

"Our aim is to ensure that the minerals sector contributes 10 percent in the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) by 2025. And I'm sure this is possible if we will continue improving the sector and establishing large,

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## Minister lauds high petroleum reserves, lower kerosene use

By Felister Peter

THE country's ability to preserve petroleum products has increased to 1.3 billion liters from 900 million liters in 2015, Minerals Minister Dr Medard Kalemani (pictured) has affirmed.

The country has a surplus fuel stock where the stocked petroleum (97 million liters) can carter for 38 days, 197 million liters of diesel for 28 days and over 30 million liters of jet fuel that can be used for 56 days, he stated in an event at the weekend.

"We also have over 600,000 liters of stocked kerosene. This is due to decreased demand of the product as most Tanzanians in rural areas have been connected to the national grid," he



stated. The successes are due to importation and distribution of fuel products under the bulk

procurement system (BPS) introduced in 2012, he further noted.

Speaking in the city during a Puma Energy (T) Ltd event to award fuel station dealers across the country, the minister said that the country's oil importation has further improved compared to the past five years.

He stated that the government's intervention to improve major ports (Dar es Salaam, Mtwara and Tanga) have facilitated fast unloading of fuel from ships where the job now takes two to three days, while previously fuel unloading at ports could take up to 60 days for one ship.

Dr Kalemani directed the oil marketing company, a joint venture between the

government (50 percent) and Puma Investment Ltd to improve business and give more dividends to the government this year.

He insisted that returns to the government in 2020 should be 13bn/- more than last year's 11bn/- and 9bn/- provided in 2018.

Oil marketing companies including Puma need to establish fuel stations in peripheral regions like Katavi, Mara and Geita since in various remote places people sell fuel from their houses.

"I have been to various places in rural Tanzania. People are selling fuel in used water bottles while stocked oil is kept in

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Mghwira said six individuals who were with Mwamposa at the service were also arrested in Moshi to help with investigations.

"The stadium has three gates but only one where the anointment oil was placed was left open, and with such a huge crowd they were supposed to open all the three gates," the RC emphasized, implying anointment oil ought to have been placed on all the gates to avoid the foreseeable stampede.

The Dar es Salaam-based miracle preacher who is referred to by his followers as an apostle and often goes by the moniker Bulldozer, left Moshi in a hushed and hurried manner after the ghastly incident.

But responsible authorities assert that he escaped from Moshi after authorities started looking for him.

"Even if someone was only injured, it was prudent for him not to leave," the RC insisted, noting that it was not easy for authorities to get the preacher.

"Sources at the airport confirmed that he did not leave with his flight at midnight. That is when we started suspecting that he left by car. I personally called him repeatedly but he did not pick my calls," she stated.

Police in Kilimanjaro Region released the names of the dead and injured victims of the mass stampede after hundreds of believers pushed and scrambled to step onto anointment oil, to remove any malevolent spirits and even cure ordinary diseases.

Among the dead were 14 women, five children and one man, with Regional Police Commander ACP Salum Hamduni saying that the macabre stampede area was inspected by Moshi Police District commanding officer, SSP Dotto Mdoe and senior investigators.

The police managed to identify one of the dead, Joyce Togoray Chamshama aged 58, a medical attendant at the Hai District Hospital and resident of Bomangombe section of the district. The 19 other bodies were yet to be identified.

The 16 injured were listed as Glory Kisanga, Suzan Mianga, Agnes Linus, Thomas Erabison, Rozina Steven, Mary Macha, Elizabeth Tarimo, Janeth Daniel, Junior Paulo and Angela Sinyagwa.

Others were Maureen Julius, Mary Paulo, Grace Shauri Nderelio and Elizabeth Peter, with two others in serious condition such that they were not able to speak.

Authorities in Kilimanjaro Region have asked people to visit the local mortuary so as to identify bodies.

At the same time, President Dr John Magufuli yesterday sent condolences to families of the 20 dead persons in the stampede, as well as to families of more than 20 people who died in Lindi and other regions owing to recent flooding.

A statement issued by the Presidential Communications Directorate at the State House in Dar es Salaam said the president expressed sadness at the large number of Tanzanians who lost their lives in the two incidents.

He prayed for their souls to be lifted to eternal peace and those injured quickly recover and proceed with their daily activities.

The president also appealed to Kilimanjaro RC Anna Mghwira and her Lindi counterpart Godfrey Zambi and other regional commissioners which have had cases of people losing their lives from flooding to take his condolences to the bereaved families, relatives, friends and other members of the community touched by their deaths.

Dr Magufuli also appealed to Tanzanians to take precautions when setting up or participating in gatherings where danger is apparent, including large gatherings and intense rainfall going on in the country at present.

Security organs also need to step up their duties to supervise any situations where danger is lurking, he added.



Energy minister Dr Medard Kalemami (2nd R) hands over a trophy to Puma Arusha Centre petrol station director HuseinSajan after the firm imaged the first winner for running a petrol station belonging to Puma Energy Tanzania Ltd in Dar es Salaam over the weekend. Left is Puma Energy Tanzania Ltd managing director Dominic Dhanah and board chairman SelemaniMajige. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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medium and small-scale mines," he said.

In order to achieve that goal, leaders at all levels must create a better environment for mining investors, by assisting them whenever they need support, he declared.

"Don't create unnecessary bureaucracy for investors as this will discourage them. Instead make them adhere to the country's rules and regulations," he emphasized, noting that inviting more people to invest in the mining sector was extremely vital.

"Tanzania is one of the best areas for investment. This country is rich in resources to feed raw material needs. What we need is to utilize them properly in a win-win situation... we will continue

establishing more mines (small and large). I hope the graphite found here will lead to the establishment of new and big factories," he said.

It is estimated that the mineral sector's contribution to GDP hit 5.07 percent in 2015 from about 3.5 percent in 2010 following reforms in the sector.

He commended Mahenge Resources for choosing Tanzania as its investment destination and its commitment towards helping local communities around the mining site.

Ulanga District Commissioner Ngolo Malenya said that the district has been receiving more mining investors in recent years, noting that this situation raises hope that mining will generate social change in

the graphite-rich area.

Black Rock Mining managing director & CEO for Mahenge Resources, John de Vries said that building the three offices is part of the firm's commitment towards responding to people's needs.

He said Mahenge Resources can play an important role in limiting the impact of climate change through the use of graphite in lithium ion batteries to replace internal combustion engines in cars.

"Climate change is increasingly the critical issue of our time and importantly of our children's time," he said, asserting further that Mahenge Resources is globally important in saving our planet.

Over the past four years the company has demonstrated that Mahenge graphite

counts among the best graphite in the world. "This has involved drilling, bulk sampling, pilot plants and metallurgical testing," he explained.

So far the project has cost US\$23 million and more funds are needed for further construction at the site, and paying compensation to villagers expected to be relocated.

He assured that the company will make fair and reasonable compensation for the villagers who making way for the project.

Mahenge district has graphite deposits of about 69.9million tones, with the material considered one of the softest minerals, where its applications range from pencils to automobiles, officials noted.

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houses. You should strive to expand your services to cover different areas of the country," he said, insisting that this will boost company revenues, taxes and dividends to the government.

Moving fuel services closer to Tanzanians will boost their development, he affirmed.

Puma Energy (T) managing director Dominic Dhanah said the award ceremony

was the first where the company provided certificates and prizes to best performers among its dealers countrywide.

The firm supports government efforts in creating jobs by extending opportunities to Tanzanians to operate its fuel stations. The dealers enable other employment opportunities among pump attendants, shopkeepers, fuel station supervisors and security personnel.

"These awards are aimed

to motivate and challenge dealers to offer the best services to our customers countrywide," he said, underlining that Puma has invested substantially to train its dealers to provide the best services.

Board chairman Dr Selemani Majige assured the minister that the directives given will be worked on as well as improving company performance to enable it to contribute more to government coffers through taxes

and other returns.

The award categories were for overall dealer of the year, pump attendant of the year, best dealer of the year for non-fuel services and best dealer in electronic purchase.

Others were best dealer for community engagement, best forecourt innovation, best dealer of the year in compliance, best dealer for car wash and service bay services and best site supervisor.

## Anxiety as suspected coronavirus case reported in Mombasa

MOMBASA

A FEMALE medical student suspected of having the deadly coronavirus is admitted to the Coast General Hospital in Mombasa.

The student from Southern Medical University in Guangzhou arrived in the country on Thursday.

"She is currently isolated in private room at Rehemtullah Ward. Her blood samples have been sent to Nairobi for analysis. She started feeling unwell while in China, complaining of chest pains and difficulty in breathing," Mombasa County Chief Health Officer Khadija Shikely said on Sunday.

Ms Shikely further said that the 22-year-old student from Likoni Sub-County arrived in the country on January 30 from China.

"The patient is now under strict isolation because we are not taking any chances," Dr Shikely said.

Currently, the hospital, the largest referral facility in the region, is also under strict surveillance.

The World Health Organisation on Friday declared the coronavirus a global emergency, with special focus on countries that have no health capacities to deal with the outbreak.

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noting that the bank will continue with the deployment of various initiatives geared at bringing the level of NPLs down to levels that are accepted by the banking sector regulator.

During its 17 years of existence, DCB Commercial Bank has been able to open eight branches. It has maintained its profitability record since the year 2004. Its shareholders received

dividends during the 12 year period from 2004 to 2015 inclusive.

It seeks to grow further, banking primarily on alternative platforms which include agent banking, branch network expansion, opening mini-branches and through mobile money. It is hoped that such platforms will help the bank to raise the money it earns through the non-interest income stream, the director added.



Social Enterprise director for T-Marc, FlavianoNgole (L) hands over newly launched 'Flowless' sanitary pads to the matron of Mugabe secondary school in Kinondoni district, Theresia Paulo (3rd R), as part of the firm's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative. Looking on (2nd L) is 'Flowless' brand ambassador DinaMarrios. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# PM personal office awarded OSHA certificate

By Guardian Reporter

OCCUPATIONAL Safety and Health Authority (OSHA) has given a certificate to the personal office of the Prime Minister after its inspection and certified its meeting the required standards.

The certificate was issued on Saturday by the OSHA ag. Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Khadija Mwenda and received by the Prime Minister's Secretary Raymond Gowelle.

Handing over the certificate, Mwenda congratulated the office for being an example in the implementation of the law and advised other public offices to emulate.

"The personal office of the Prime Minister has provided an example in the law's implementation, as they called us and we came to make an inspection and we gave directives to

improve a few areas which they have done," she said.

She said after implementing the directives what remained was medical examination for the workers and staff as well as giving training on First Aid that was done on Saturday.

The official said it is important for all public offices laws on Health and safety at work places as no one was above the law.

After completion of medical examination and First Aid training, worker and staff were reminded of working diligently.

The training was given by experts from the President's Office, Public Service Management and Good Governance.

The workers thanked the office for conduction medical examination exercise on them which had many respondents.



Minister for minerals, Doto Biteko (2nd L), Ulanga district commissioner, Ngolo Malenya (2nd R) and Black rock mining managing director and CEO Mahenge Resources John de Vries (1st L) and Ulanga MP Goodluck Mlinga (2nd L) and other officials clap hands moments after inaugurating one of the three office buildings constructed in Ulanga district by Graphite mining firm—Mahenge Resources. Photo: Guardian Correspondent.

# Avid Kilimanjaro climber from US begins record 45th ascend

By Correspondent James Lanka, Moshi

AN avid Mount Kilimanjaro climber from the United States yesterday began his record 45th ascend to the roof of Africa, setting him apart from other tourists who do it only once.

Macon Dunnagan from Charlotte, North Carolina, embarked on a six-day expedition with a group of five trekkers via Rongai route. He the current Tanzania's Goodwill Ambassador for

tourism in the US, thanks to his love for Tanzania and promotion of tourist attractions.

Before his marriage in the US, the 58-year-old engaged his wife Kim Brown at the Serengeti National Park (SENAPA) three years before and the two lovebirds later celebrated their engagement by climbing Mount Kilimanjaro together.

Dunnagan who has been climbing Mount Kilimanjaro with for more than 40 years, comes to Tanzania once, twice

or thrice every year with groups of tourists to climb Kili and visit other tourist tourism destinations in Tanzania.

Speaking with this paper in an exclusive interview yesterday in Moshi upon arrival from the US, he said in his 44 times experience of climbing the iconic mountain and other attractions in the country, he has written many books about Tanzania's tourism destinations including his famous book entitled 'Sons of Kilimanjaro'. After

the release of this book is when he was named Goodwill Ambassador for tourism by the Tanzania Tourist Board.

"I'm thrilled to begin my 45th climb and I look forward to once again making it to highest peak—Uhuru Peak," he said.

Uhuru Peak is the highest mountain in Africa at 19,341 feet (5,895 meters) above the sea level, hence the nickname of Kilimanjaro as the roof of Africa.

In the year 2018, Dunnagan,

made a record of climbing Kilimanjaro four times in 28 days; and from Monday of July 2, 2018; starting taking first group to the top of Mt. Kilimanjaro in different four summits in only 21 days, and he said that he is enjoying helping nonprofits plan and implement Kilimanjaro climb fundraisers.

According to Dunnagan, he has helped organizations and clubs like Rotary's End Polio Now campaign and Ovarian Cancer Canada to plan for Kili-

manjaro Fundraising climbs.

"As you know, I have four groups including a charitable organization called Samaritan's Feet which raises funds to buy shoes for the needy people Worldwide, a group of students from Cannon School in Charlotte, North Carolina in the US who climb Mount Kilimanjaro to learn more about it as well as visiting Serengeti National Park for that cause and a group of Rotarians from 7680 Charlotte Club who will climb Mount Kili-

manjaro to raise funds from the Rotary's polio initiative," he explained.

Dunnagan further explained that he will soon release his two other books about various tourism destinations in Tanzania including Serengeti and Taran-gire national parks, as well as Ngorongoro Crater.

In January last year, he conducted travel shows in Chicago and New York to promote Tanzania's tourism destinations in the US.



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Kilimanjaro regional commissioner Anna Mghwira consoles one of the injured victims at the congregation under Pastor Boniface Mwamposa of Arise and Shine Ministry. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## WHO's roadmap to help Tanzania in eliminating NTDs

By Beatrice Philemon

THE Ifakara Health Institute (IHI) has said the new 2030 Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTD) Roadmap developed by World Health Organization (WHO) will help Tanzania to control and eliminate NTDs.

IHI Researcher Scientist, Dr Michael Mihayo made the remarks recently at the just-ended event to mark the World NTDs day in Bagamoyo district, Coast region.

NTDs are a diverse group of 20 diseases with a singular commonality; they affect over one billion people and cost developing communities in 149 countries billions of dollars each year.

He said although considerable progress has been made in recent years, NTDs have continued affecting the world's poorest people including Bagamoyo residents.

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Dr Mihayo said the objective of the 2030 NTD Roadmap will save as key guiding document for global response to the diseases over the next decade and will become a critical tool for helping individuals to deliver programmes that cut across the 20 diseases.

He said IHI is working hard to control and eliminate NTDs but yet soil-transmitted helminthes and Schistosomiasis diseases are leading by causing infection to school-aged children and those below five year in Bagamoyo district. A research conducted in 2015 showed that most affected areas are Kiwangwa, Msata, Mkanga and Magomeni.

Dr Mihayo called upon parents and guardian in Bagamoyo district to change their mindset towards soil-transmitted diseases and make sure

children complete prescribed medicines for IHI works closely with the government in Bagamoyo through provision of free medical treatment to primary school students as well as conducting public awareness on NTDs, said the Researcher.

"We have succeeded to change people's minds and the response to those undergoing medicines is encouraging. The organization will in March and May this year distributes free drugs to primary school children for treatment of soil-transmitted helminth and Schistosomiasis diseases," he stated.

He said IHI has been struggling to provide drugs to pupils as majority parents and guardians across Bagamoyo district have been preventing children from taking the medicines over fears that medicines can harm children.

Bagamoyo District Administrative

Secretary (DAS) Kasilida Mgeni marking the World NTDs day was crucial for Tanzanians and the world since the disease have been a challenge affecting the world's poorest people including those in Tanzania.

She said: "It is important that we take measures to control and eliminate the diseases in our communities. Diseases such as blindness, lymphatic filariasis, schistosomiasis, soil transmitted helminths, trachoma and onchocerciasis affects the health of our people".

Mgeni said a healthy nation is vital for development.

According to UHI, globally, NTDs have so far affected 1 billion people and that 2 billion people are still at risk of contracting the diseases.

In Tanzania, 5,000 people have been affected with NTDs while 53 million are at risk of contracting this disease.

## Mbeya Immigration authorities hold 77 foreigners for illegal entry

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

IMMIGRATION authorities in Mbeya are holding 77 foreigners from various countries for entering into the country illegally and working.

Speaking here to reporters in his office yesterday, head of Immigration Department in Mbeya, Deputy Commissioner of Immigration Shaaban Hatibu said the immigrants were nabbed during a one-week special operation.

He said the operation was conducted in big farms owned by investors, mines, bus stations, various institutions and in people's residences.

He said some of them were found without any permits whilst some they had permits but were using them wrongly, but did not elaborate how, saying the issue was confidential.

He said out of the 77, 52 were Malawians, 10 Ethiopians, two Americans, two Indians and one Chinese.

They also included one Kenyan, one Somali, one Zambian and one Irish and added that they will all be dealt with including repatriation to their countries, whilst other will be taken to court, and

others will be fined according to the law.

He said according to the law those eligible for fine will be fined USD 6000 each.

He said in the operation six Tanzanians were also arrested for assisting the immigrants to enter the country and others for giving them employment.

He appealed to Tanzanians to avoid assisting immigrants as by doing so the country's security is placed at stake including eruption of diseases.

Speaking on behalf the Mbeya Regional Commissioner, the Mbeya District Commissioner William Ntinika, directed the Director of Mbeya Zonal Hospital to send medical experts to examine the health conditions of the immigrants before mixing them with other prison remandees.

Ntinika said as of now the country is on alert against the corona virus which has killed many people in China and other Asian countries.

He also told to the immigrants that after repatriation to their countries they should never come into the country without following proper procedures.



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## 'Government well prepared for water sources protection'

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

THE government is adequately prepared to deal with the issue of water sources destruction to alleviate water shortage in Wami-Ruvu Basin, a senior official has pledged.

Director for Water Resource from the Ministry of Water Dr

Gideon Lugomela gave the pledge in Morogoro when speaking at a meeting with stakeholders discussing the final draft joint plan over the Management and development of Water Resources in Wami-Ruvu Basin.

He explained in the plan, stakeholders look the volume of water in the Basin and its use currently

and in the future.

He said water resources have been consumed by many people in the farming, industrial and economic sectors hence it is necessary to have plans for the right water use as the quantity is limited.

"The Government had various plans to save water including the

construction of two big dams that includes Kidunda Dam on River Ruvu to restrict water flowing to the sea thereby increasing water supply for the city of Dar es Salaam, and on River Wami a dam will be built at Mandela areas," he said.

He said other smaller dams will also be build and refurbished

including five that were specially constructed to prevent floods on Kinyasungwe River that begins its journey in Dodoma region but now is filled with sediment.

The meeting's participants including Tanga regional Administrative Officer Zenna Sadick explained that the region is well prepared in the protection of wa-

ter sources including giving education on the destruction of the environment.

Acting Morogoro Regional Administrative Secretary Herman Tesha explained that the plan aims to incorporate all other plans to have one plan that will protect water resources.

Simoni Ngonyani, Wami-Ruvu

water official explained on various steps they take to deal with environmental destruction including to control and report to Council authorities in the three districts people who build settlements and engage in farming activities inside the rivers' reserve areas.



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Iringa region traffic police commander Yusuf Kamote (R) assists motorbike riders' chairman Juma Gamba to wear a jacket reflector during the inauguration of 'stop drinking and driving campaign coordinated by Serengeti Breweries Ltd held in Iringa over the weekend. Left is SBL public relations manager Neema Temba. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



The NMB Bank's chief retail banking Filbert Mponzi in a discussion with the Permanent Secretary of Ministry of works, Transport and Communications (in charge of Works sector) Elius Mwakalinga at a special symposium for contractors organised by NMB Bank in Mwanza over the weekend. The symposium brought together over 300 local contractors based in the lake zone regions of Mwanza, Mara, Kagera and Geita. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# 5,000 farmers to participate at agriculture, trade fair in Mbeya

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

OVER 5,000 farmers from Southern Highlands regions are expected to participate in agriculture and trade exhibition organized by Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TaRI) Uyoile Centre (TaRI-Uyoile) in Mbeya city.

The exhibition that has already started are expected to reach climax on May 9 this year during which the farmers are expected to be trained various technologies in modern farming.

The exhibition's organizer from TaRI Leonard Sabula said various institutions have started preparing study farms for imparting modern farming methods to farmers who will attend the event.

He said the exhibition will be held within TaRI farms

in Uyoile area off the main Tanz-Zambia highway and hence it is easily reachable for whoever wants to learn.

"The exhibition was held for the first time last year and achieved great success including spurring more institutions to come and show their various technologies and our expectation more farmers will benefit," said Sabula.

He said as of now they continue to register farmers and other institutions that will be ready to participate so as to ensure farmers benefit from their work.

He called upon the wananchi in the Southern Highlands Regions to come out in large numbers to learn new farming technologies to increase crop production.

On his part the director of

TaRI-Uyoile Dr Ndabhemeyi Mlengeri called upon institutions that are stakeholders in agriculture that will attend the exhibition to advertise their goods to farmers and to mobilize wananchi to benefit from the opportunities that will be available.

He said their expectation now is to ensure crops harvests from farms change and become of better quality than with the situation now.

He stressed that the exhibition are free hence farmers should not hesitate coming in fear of being charged entrance fees as is the case with Nane Nane Fair.

In last year's event conducted at the same venue government leaders stressed for the farming technologies to be exhibited every year.

## Don't live under power transmission lines, Minister warns Tanzanians

By Guardian Reporter

MINISTER for Energy Dr Medard Kalemami has appealed to people who have built houses and live near Tanzania Electric Supply Company's (Tanesco) transformers to move out immediately before they are adversely affected by them.

He also said the government will not be responsible for whatever happens to them by disregarding the directive.

Dr Kalemami issued the warning yesterday in dare salaam when speaking to reporters on what his ministry has accom-

plished since President John Magufuli ascended to power.

He said his ministry has accomplished four things in the last four years, including the availability of power in the country, rural electrification, and use of natural gas and the availability of liquid fuel.

He said the availability of power is strengthening with each passing day from 1,038 MW in 2015 to 1602.4 MW in 2020.

"Power transmission infrastructures have been beefed up and increased; my ministry has connected many areas in the country to the national Grid

(NG), which made the government save 138b/- purchasing heavy diesel oil for use in power generators.

"Lindi, Mtwara and Ruvuma regions, Ngara and Biharamulo districts have been connected to the grid, as different with the past when they used heavy diesel oil that was expensive for power generation," said Dr Kalemami.

Speaking on the procurement of power distribution equipment he said as of now more than four factories in the country manufacture the equipment.

He said Tanesco and Rural Energy Agency (REA) and their con-


tractors will continue to distribute power to enable the country attain middle-income industrial status. He said right now the government is finalizing REA I and will thereafter start REA II.

He further said this year the ministry expects to connect various factories to enable them use natural gas energy.

On the availability of fuel, he said the sector has been strengthened; the country has enough stocks of fuel and called upon fuel distributors and other stakeholders to construct small fuel selling stations to eradicate rampant sales of fuel.



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### Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Office in Dar es Salaam is soliciting applications for the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). The following is a notice that below NOFOs has been published on [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov):

**CDC-RFA-GH20-2063**, Entitled: "Technical Assistance to Government of Tanzania (GOT) and Public Health Institutions (PHIs) toward Sustained Health Systems Strengthening in Tanzania under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)". The application deadline is 03/21/2020.

**CDC-RFA-GH20-2062**, Entitled: "Health Information System Development, Project Management and Coordinated Deployment for National HIV and Health Sector Systems in the Republic of Tanzania under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)". The application deadline is 03/24/2020

Please forward any questions via email to [pepfarfoas@cdc.gov](mailto:pepfarfoas@cdc.gov) and to the Project Officer listed under the Agency Contacts Section of this announcement no later than 15 days after the publication date in [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).

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## CAREER OPPORTUNITY

Marie Stopes Tanzania (MST), a local Non-Governmental Organization, is a social enterprise and a leading provider of family planning, sexual and reproductive health care and allied services. MST is a partner of the Government of Tanzania and a member of the Marie Stopes International (MSI) Global Partnership, which operates in over 37 countries worldwide. MST's mission is that all women and men in Tanzania will have "Children by Choice, Not Chance".

We are looking for an active & qualified individual for the following role:

**I. ADVOCACY & MARKETING MANAGER- Dar es Salaam**

**Job Purpose:**

The Advocacy and Marketing Manager (A&M) heads the MST Advocacy and marketing activities and also provides the Executive Management Team with support, advice and guidance on corporate and policy issues, including the production of corporate annual business plans. As head of Advocacy and Marketing, the A&M Manager is responsible for managing a cross-cutting team of communication specialists in delivering information and awareness campaigns and initiatives about contraception and other sexual and reproductive health services; advocacy strategies; media engagement; online communication strategy; brand management; donor relations strategy and internal communications. External communications responsibilities also include a focus on reaching young Tanzanians with information and services about reproductive healthcare.

**Among the Key Responsibilities:**

- Working closely with the Director of Sales and Marketing and the Executive Team to develop annual business plans to guide corporate growth and development
- Working closely with Human Resources Team to lead or support key internal communications initiatives for the implementation of corporate priorities across teams
- Develop and commission radio, TV, online and other content to achieve clearly defined behaviour change, advocacy and promotional outcomes according to both project requirements and MST strategic goals
- Overseeing and supporting the relationship with journalists, identifying and managing strategic media relationships and overseeing the implementation of a public relations strategy to ensure frequent positive coverage in all forms of media for MST and the importance of reproductive health care, including a lead role in drafting of press releases
- Oversee the development of organizational decisionmaker centric messaging on key issues. Ensuring that MST speakers/presenters at events are fully briefed and deliver speeches that support behaviour change and advocacy objectives, often by playing a lead role in speech writing
- Oversee and develop MST positions on key issues and messaging for external audiences
- Represent MST in external fora to promote brand visibility, and influence advocacy issues
- Overseeing and supporting the Youth Mobilisation Officer/s to

deliver effective new initiatives to reach young people with reproductive health information and services at scale and to meet obligations to donors in serving youth

- Overseeing and supporting the development and implementation of brand management strategy through the media, advertising and production of attractive and informative branding materials
- Working with Social Marketing team to ensure that all social marketing operations are consistent with MST branding strategy and are supported by successful marketing strategies.

**Minimum Requirements:**

**Qualifications:**

- Masters Degree in Mass Communication/ Business Administration/ Social Science or related field from a reputable institution.

**Skills and Experience:**

- At least five years of previous experience in a professional communications capacity (including advocacy, brand management, internal communications, media relations or fundraising)
- Demonstrable knowledge and understanding of how to successfully communicate and engage with the public
- Advanced knowledge and understanding of the NGO and donor sector with successful track record of fund raising, preferably within the health sector
- Previous experience or knowledge of working for SRHR will be an added advantage
- Previous experience of managing or coordinating corporate change
- At least 3 years of experience in managing a team or small organisation
- Strong planning and management skills
- Advanced persuasive communication skills – both written and verbal – in English and also in Kiswahili
- Advanced analytical skills.

**Mode of Application:**

If you feel that you are able to meet the requirements, and you are motivated enough to be part of the team, please send your application CV and Cover letter by email detailing your suitability and why you are interested in the post, to the address below:

**Director of Human Resources and Administration**  
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E-mail: [jobs@mst.or.tz](mailto:jobs@mst.or.tz)

**Closing date:** All applications should reach the addressee before Sunday February 09, 2020.

**Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.**

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French ambassador to Tanzania Frédéric Clavier waves to the audience shortly after opening a discussion on the preservation of water resources and biodiversity of Lake Victoria organised by Alliance Française in Dar es Salaam over the weekend. Photo: Selemani Mpochi

## Dodoma to build pig abattoir worth 380m/-

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

THE department of Livestock and Fisheries Development in Dodoma City Council has set aside at least 380m/- for the construction of a modern pig abattoir in capital city.

Head of the department Dr. Gratian Mwesiga said at least 100 acres of land had already been obtained at Kizota area in readiness to undertake the key project.

"Absence of the said abattoir poses a great challenge to pock consumers that's why we're working round the clock to ensure the facility is constructed," he said.

As per the Animal Disease Act (2003), all animals meant for public consumption supposed to be slaughtered at official ab-

attoirs after being inspected by relevant doctors, which simply interprets that consumption of pock in capital city to a greater extent violates the set health regulations. Recently, Tanzania Meat Board (TMB) slapped a ban over consumption of uncertified meat in capital city of Dodoma, and the country at large.

Currently, there's no any certified, neither official pig abattoir in Dodoma region, a situation which keep pock enthusiasts in the region at a risk of getting serious health problems.

Speaking under condition of anonymous, a high profile livestock officer in the region observed that pock comprises high concentration of tape worms, added that, consuming the meat with tape worms at certain cyst stage (cysticecus cellulose) was

very dangerous as it can damage human brain system and thus, propels to serious mental illness.

"The situation is very risk, there's an urgent need for the authority to see how best and fast to construct pig abattoir can be constructed in order to avert serious health diseases that are likely to affect the population in the city who are pock enthusiasts," he pleaded.

Moreover, the expert expressed that eating uncertified meat was more dangerous basing on the fact that some animals (including pigs) are being marketed and slaughtered while under going treatment.

"Principally, animals under drugs dose must stay for at least 14 to 30 days to allow drugs residues before being slaughtered and consumed. Therefore, you

can see how it is important for any meat to be inspected and certified before going into the markets," he explained.

"For instance, if one consumes meat that was under the serious dose like ox tetracycline or pen. stropto the impact is very negative," he insisted.

Sharing the same concern, Dodoma regional medical officer (RMO), Dr. Best Magoma said the unprofessional move poses a very dangerous situation, especially when it comes to zoonotic diseases.

"We can lose a lot of people if the relevant authority will remain inactive," he said.

Zoonoses are defined as those diseases and infections naturally transmitted between people and vertebrate animals."

## 'Community engagement crucial for protection of Lake Victoria'

By Felister Peter

STAKEHOLDERS have underscored the need for additional efforts to preserve Africa's largest lake water resources and biodiversity insisting on community engagement and avoiding pollution for successful conservation.

Lake Victoria, the second largest freshwater lake in the world is faced by a number of threats resulting growing population, for increased human activities including agriculture, invasive species mining and quarry.

Speaking during a debate on the preservation of water resources and biodiversity of Lake Victoria that was held in Dar es Salaam over the weekend, Editrudith Lukanga, executive director of environment management and economic development organisation (EMEDO) said community engagement was crucial for protection of the lake.

Lukanga was of the view that educating communities on various environment laws and policies would help broaden their understanding thus reducing pollution.

She said establishment of school clubs where children will have chances to discuss environmental issues will help avoid irreversible environmental damages.

Lecturer at the directorate of aquatic sciences and fisheries technology at the University of Dar es Salaam, Dr Lulu Kaaya said since the country strives to conserve Lake Victoria, it was important for the government to invest more in human resources (youth) who will later work in biodiversity.

Dr Lulu who is also a researcher was concerned with the small number of university students applying for aquatic

course at UDSM, saying those choosing environment sciences end up specializing in agriculture and conservation.

Florence Mahay, basin director of the Lake Victoria Water Board said: "All the major mines are in lake zone regions such as Geita Gold Mining (GGM), Bulyanhulu Gold Mining, Buzwagi and North Mara Gold Mining. All the mines have installed waste water purifying systems to ensure discharged liquids are not chemically contaminated", said Mahay.

He noted that almost the fish processing factories in regions surrounding the lake have complied with required environment standards with exception of a few in Mwanza, Musoma and Bukoba.

Mahay explained that preserving water resources at Lake Victoria is done in accordance with the country laws, regulations and policies.

He said the law prohibits anyone from conducting activities 60 meters from the lake, adding the basin also work to control mines and factories from discharging water to the lake.

According to him, the major challenge towards preserving Lake Victoria is pollution. He said contrary to Rivers, it takes up to 23 years for the lake to be cleared from a certain type of pollution.

Mahay said most pollution is done at catchment areas where people conduct various activities including agriculture. He said to control pollution, the basin have established a number of water users association at River Mara, River Simiyu, River Kagera and Nyankanga River in Geita.

Director of the Tanzania Fisheries Research Institute (TAFIRI), Ishmael Kimirei, stated that urban planning in

Mwanza city and other regions surrounding Lake Victoria will reduce the amount of waste water going to the lake.

He said industries operating in lake zone regions should avoid directing chemical contaminated water in the lake.

"Lake Victoria is being affected by human activities but also climate change, agricultural activities that uses chemicals affects the soil which goes into the lake and affect fishes", he noted.

Kimirei however stated that government efforts in controlling illegal fishing at the lake have resulted into increased fish stock. He said report on successful implementation of operations to control illegal fishing that were conducted at Lake Victoria and other lakes will be launched soon.

French ambassador to Tanzania, Fredrick Clavier added: "It is important to preserve Lake Victoria which shared by 44 million people in five countries. The lake has its resources shrinking, we should look into proper ways to continue using the resources but also see how we can preserve biodiversity".

The Ambassador informed that France has prioritized preservation of the lake which 51 percent of it is in Tanzania by issuing a US \$ 1 million grant for a project on agro-ecology supporting 8,000 smallholder farmers with innovative techniques that do not harm the environment.

The pilot project, he said, is being expanded through a regional grant of US \$ 1.5 million for French Development Agency (AFD).

The agency has invested more than US \$ 220 million for the past ten years on water access and sanitation, said ambassador Clavier.



### THE REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF ZANZIBAR MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND PLANNING

#### REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TENDER NO. SMZ/PFMRP/FOI/C/OQ/2019.2020/04

#### DEVELOPING M&E FRAMEWORK GUIDELINES AND SETTING KPIs FOR DONOR FUNDED PROJECTS TO MDAs AND LGAs.

<b>COUNTRY:</b>	<b>TANZANIA</b>
<b>NAME OF PROJECT:</b>	<b>PUBLIC FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REFORM PROGRAMME.</b>
<b>ASSIGNMENT TITLE:</b>	<b>CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR ASSESSMENT ON EFFICIENCY OF PUBLIC FINANCIAL CORPORATION IN THE CONTRIBUTION OF ECONOMIC GROWTH IN ZANZIBAR</b>
<b>TENDER NO:</b>	<b>SMZ/PFMRP/FOI/C/OQ/2019.2020/04</b>

1. The Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar has received funds from several donors under Basket Funds arrangements towards the cost for implementation of PFMRPV, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of the funds for eligible payments under the contract for **CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR ASSESSMENT ON EFFICIENCY OF PUBLIC FINANCIAL CORPORATION IN THE CONTRIBUTION OF ECONOMIC GROWTH IN ZANZIBAR**. Ministry of Finance and Planning Zanzibar. It is expected that the consulting firm will be engaged to undertake the assignment for two months.

2. The consulting services (the services) include but not limited to; conduct assessment on public financial corporations in Zanzibar which include the People's Bank of Zanzibar (PBZ), Zanzibar Insurance Corporations (ZIC) and Zanzibar Social Security Funds (ZSSF). The Consultant's task involves assessing the current situation of the institutions and to identify areas that will increase their contribution to economic growth from the current 1.8% to 4.5% by the year 2020 as stated within the Zanzibar Vision 2020.

3. The Ministry of Finance and Planning now invites eligible firms to indicate their interests in providing the services. Interested consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services. (The qualification and experience of the consultant firms likely to be proposed for the assignment, experience on similar projects and capacity to undertake the assignment. A final consultants firm invited to submit proposals for this assignment will be prepared from consultants responding to the notice. Only consultants firms with demonstrated

experience and excellent track records in similar assignments will be considered for short listing.

4. A firm will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Act No. 11 of 2016.

5. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from 08:00 to 15:00 hours local time, from Mondays to Fridays inclusive, except on public holidays.

6. Expressions of Interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by email) by 18th February, 2020 at 10:00 hours and addressed to Project Coordinator, Public Finance Management Reform Program (PFMRP V), Ministry of Finance and Planning, P.O. Box 1154, Zanzibar and clearly marked "CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR ASSESSMENT ON EFFICIENCY OF PUBLIC FINANCIAL CORPORATION IN THE CONTRIBUTION OF ECONOMIC GROWTH IN ZANZIBAR"

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#### REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TENDER NO. SMZ/PFMRP/FOI/C/OQ/2018.2019/04

#### DEVELOPING M&E FRAMEWORK GUIDELINES AND SETTING KPIs FOR DONOR FUNDED PROJECTS TO MDAs AND LGAs.

<b>COUNTRY:</b>	<b>TANZANIA</b>
<b>NAME OF PROJECT:</b>	<b>PUBLIC FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REFORM PROGRAMME.</b>
<b>ASSIGNMENT TITLE:</b>	<b>CONSULTANCY SERVICES TO DEVELOPING M&amp;E FRAMEWORK GUIDELINES AND SETTING KPIs FOR DONOR FUNDED PROJECTS TO MDAs AND LGAs.</b>
<b>TENDER NO:</b>	<b>SMZ/PFMRP/FOI/C/OQ/2018.2019/03</b>

1. The Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar has received funds from several donors under Basket Funds arrangements towards the cost for implementation of PFMRPV, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of the funds for eligible payments under the contract for **CONSULTANCY SERVICES TO DEVELOPING M&E FRAMEWORK GUIDELINES AND SETTING KPIs FOR DONOR FUNDED PROJECTS TO MDAs AND LGAs**. Ministry of Finance and Planning Zanzibar. It is expected that the Individual consultant will be engaged to undertake the assignment for forty five (45) days.

2. The consulting services (the services) include but not limited to; reviewing organizational capacity of sampled grantee organizations, and aligns the donor-funded project's reporting system with national requirement – aligned with MKUZA III. Thereafter develop / design a step by step guideline for establishing core functions for Division of M and E in the Department of External Finance by collecting, collating, analyzing and disseminating information to MoFP as well as stakeholders who implement donor funded projects in Zanzibar.

3. The Ministry of Finance and Planning now invites eligible individual consultant to indicate their interests in providing the services. Interested consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services. (The consultant must be able to demonstrate experience in systematic verification, synthesis and analysis of both quantitative and qualitative data, preferably in a grant making context, the Consultant must be a holder of at least first degree in business Administration, finance, economics or related field with a minimum of three working experience in the

same field and who has undertaken at least two similar assignments. The successful candidate for the assignment must also demonstrate knowledge and experience in monitoring and evaluating regional projects in Zanzibar, Tanzania and Africa as a whole. The consultant should have a proven ability of producing a comprehensive but easy to understand and use guidelines.

4. A consultant will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Act No. 11 of 2016.

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Deputy minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office, Youth, Labour and Employment, Anthony Mavunde (R) listens to an entrepreneur Dorothea Ezron of Shinyanga on how she works to produce goods, selling the goods to obtain money. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## DTBi equips secondary, primary school leavers with new skills

By Aisia Rweyemamu

THE Dar Teknohama Business Incubator (DTBi) has equipped more than 140 secondary (Form Four) and primary school leavers with entrepreneurship, computer and innovation skills that will enable them to create jobs and address some social challenges in the society.

The skills provided will empower youth to use technological skills to address challenges and come up with the solutions.

The scheme is implemented through Tanzania Digital Youths Empowerment (TADIYE), a programme designed to inspire and promote technology-based young start up entrepreneurs in Tanzania.

The project is funded by the Royal Danish embassy in Tanzania and implemented through the Dar Teknohama Business Incubator (DTBi) in collaboration with two other key partners namely Magilitech Entrepreneurship Development (IMED).

Speaking during the graduation ceremony for primary and secondary leavers last year who benefited from the programme, the project coordinator Makange Mramba said that the project aims to address youth including marginalized young women, unemployed youth by equipping them with businesses, entrepreneurship and digital literacy skills.

Mramba said: The beneficiaries have been equipped with knowledge that will enable them to take advantage of opportunities offered in the digital

economy to generate wealth, create jobs and increase the number of sustainable enterprises.

He explained that, the business entrepreneurship platform (BESP) an online programme was among the methods used for training during the programme whereby the platform includes a good number of entrepreneurship subjects which are useful for the trainees.

The beneficiaries come from five primary schools and nine secondary schools both from Kinondoni municipal in the city.

In his remarks at the event, the representative from Kinondoni education office, Mwita Boaz, commended the efforts made by DTBi on empowering youth and women, saying that the knowledge and skills will help them to

address a number of social challenges within their community.

"We are now living in the world of science and technology, therefore everyone in the society needs technological skills to cope with development of science and technology as well as to be comparative in the job markets", Boaz explained.

He has also requested other stakeholders to join the efforts and expand the programme all over the country so that many youth can benefit from the digital skills training.

Magreth Raymond is among the programme beneficiaries. She joined it last year after completing Form Four at St. Maria Salome secondary schools. "I have acquired technological skills to address challenges facing me", she said.

## UNIDO in strategy to link sunflower farmers to direct assured markets

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

FARMERS in the sunflower sub-sector must have all reasons to smile following undergoing strategic programme by United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) which seeks to link them to direct assured markets.

For years, sunflower growers from across the country have been facing a major challenge of absence of assured markets as well as unfriendly prices for their produced, a move which have been diluting their cultivation morale.

The on-going initiatives, implemented by the international organization, UNIDO, through its flagship programme, 'Programme for Inclusive and sustainable industrial organization' (PISID) among others, targets also to solve diverse challenges that haunting the key sub-sector in the country.

According to national consultant for UNIDO, Dr Vedastus Timothy, the four-year programme (2016-2020) focuses to link sunflower farmers with processors (Factories) with an eye to ensure the farmers are directly selling their crops to the factories, and at rewarding prices.

Moreover, he added, the initiative also majored in capacitating the farmers on how to acquire capital loans from varied financial institution in order to expand their cultivation scope, but also, train them (farmers) how to

develop project proposals.

"Being part of our responsibilities to spur performance of the sunflower sector, in 2016 we conducted a rapid assessment which proved that the sunflower sub-sector in Tanzania is impeded by many factors," he unveiled.

And he added, the assessment established further that, most of sunflower growers lack means and knowledge to acquire loans for expanding their executions and hence adopt recommended agronomic practices, whereby, on other side, processors are short of required facilities to refine the seed oil to recommended international standards.

"Primarily, the target of this initiative which receives funds from Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) is to improve the national economy by increasing job opportunities by assisting more youth to venture into sunflower cultivation," Dr Timothy revealed.

Detailing over other intervention by the program (PISID) is to promote mutual understanding and business ties between sunflower growers and processors, to organize a series of training with an eye to improve the value chain in the sunflower sector.

"The programme involves various visits to processors (sunflower oil seeds factories) to see and advice them to use modern facilities (technologies), including uses of equipped food laboratories in order to produce high refined oil," he added.




United Republic of Tanzania  
Ministry of Water

Belgian Development Agency

### CALL FOR BIDS

REHABILITATION OF MKONGORO GRAVITY-FED WATER SUPPLY SCHEME AND SUPERVISION OF WORKS

The Kingdom of Belgium through Enabel and the Government of Tanzania through the Ministry of Water, are implementing a water and sanitation project in Kigoma region. This is a 5-year project which runs through June 2022 and aims to promote provision of sustainable water supply services in the region. This intervention has three key result areas namely: 1) sustainable water supply operations and maintenance, 2) water supply scheme rehabilitation and extension and 3) promotion of safe hygiene practices in domestic water management. Under the second result area, the Water and Sanitation Kigoma Region Project (WASKIRP) is now inviting bids from qualified construction companies and consulting firms for the works program for the Mkongoro Gravity-fed water supply scheme.

**1. Rehabilitation Works**

This public works contract will consist of construction of a new intake, a treatment plant, transmission mains and distribution network which includes distribution points, in conformity with the conditions of the provided tender documents. The preferred contractor will have demonstrated financial and technical capacity to carry out the assignment described in the specifications of this tender.

**Duration:** 8 months with a post-construction defects liability period of 12 months.

**Location:** Mkongoro in Kigoma rural district in the region of Kigoma.

**2. Works Supervision**

In close collaboration with Enabel and the Rural Water and Sanitation Agency, the consultant shall supervise the works execution on a day-to-day basis in accordance with the signed works contract. The consultant shall make sure, amongst others, that (i) the works are carried out in accordance with the construction contract; (ii) the quality of materials and workmanship conforms with the specification of the construction contract; and (iii) construction plant and personnel provided and used by the contractors are adequate for the works.

**Duration:** The contract is for 8 months but the consultant shall also participate in the warranty period.  
**Location:** Mkongoro in Kigoma rural District.

More information and bid documents of these two assignments are available at: <https://btctanzania.wordpress.com/>

The works contract notice is also published on the Enabel website, [www.enabel.be](http://www.enabel.be), in the Belgian Public Tender bulletin (BDA) and on the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) website.

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### Request for Application for Competitors for the AgResults Tanzania Dairy Productivity Challenge Project

On behalf of the AgResults Tanzania Dairy Productivity Challenge Project, the Project Manager (PM) Land O'Lakes Venture 37 invites your organization to participate in a prize competition through which the Project aims to test Pay-for-Results mechanism approaches to scaling up innovative technologies, tools, and approaches to increase dairy productivity through the use of improved input. **The competition will take place in the coastal region of Tanzania, and specifically the regions of Dar es Salaam, Pwani, Tanga, and Morogoro (excluding Kilombero and Ulunga districts).**

**Land O'Lakes Venture 37** is calling for applications from potential Competitors who are established entities from the private, parastatal, and non-profit sectors to participate in the project

The RFA outlines the competition background, objectives, and rules, and includes an application form. In submitting an application, your organization consents to the RFA terms, including the application procedures and instructions.

Please note the deadlines for receipt of the application, with all required signatures and certifications, is due no later than **1700 Hrs. ET on February 28, 2020**. Application documents must be submitted in one email to [AgResultsTanzania@gmail.com](mailto:AgResultsTanzania@gmail.com) or hand delivered to Veterinary Complex; 131 Nelson Mandela Road, Dar es Salaam. Please indicate "Competitor RFA-AgResults Tanzania Dairy Productivity Project" **in the subject line of the email or on the cover page.**

The Project management team will review applications according to the criteria described herein. The applicants whose applications meet the selection criteria will be invited to participate in the competition.

We encourage you to submit an application and join us for a chance to win prizes and contribute to the development of a dairy sector in Tanzania. Should you have any questions or comments please direct them to [NMrema@landolakes.org](mailto:NMrema@landolakes.org). We appreciate your timely response to this RFA and look forward to cooperating with you on this important project.

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## World can gear up for the fight against cancer

**J**OINING experts from around the globe at the World Cancer Congress in Melbourne five years ago, the question running through my mind is: how much more evidence is needed before the world steps up action on cancer prevention?

Over the course of the year in 2014 the momentum has been building around cancer - and what we can do to prevent it - in the wake of a significant increase in the number of cases of the disease worldwide, and mounting evidence of the strong links between lifestyle, obesity and a whole host of cancers. In February 2014, for example, UN Agency, The International Agency for Research on Cancer reported that "cancer is now the world's biggest killer, with the number of cases set to explode" to 24 million a year by 2035. In May, The Lancet published the Global Burden of Disease study revealing that nearly one-third of the world's population is either obese or overweight. And just in November 2014, the McKinsey Global Institute calculated that the global economic impact of obesity amounts to roughly \$2 trillion annually - 2.8 per cent of global GDP - nearly equivalent to the global impact of smoking or of armed violence, war, and terrorism.

Put simply, we are experiencing what the World Health Organization describes as a cancer epidemic, and the scale of the problem means that humanity will not be able to treat its way out of it. We urgently need to focus on prevention.

World Cancer Research Fund International's systematic, and rigorous analysis of global research shows that there is a strong link between being overweight, obese and an increased risk of nine cancers - ovarian, advanced prostate, bowel, kidney, gallbladder, womb, oesophageal, pancreatic and postmenopausal breast cancer - and that about a third of the most common cancers can be prevented through diet, weight and physical activity. In other words, globally, about 2.8 million cases of cancer a year are preventable.

And it looks as though world leaders are beginning to take cancer prevention seriously. Recent examples include the World Health Organization (WHO) Global Action Plan on NCDs 2013-2020, the WHO Regional Committee for Eu-

rope's new five-year Food and Nutrition Action Plan (adopted this September); the new European Code Against Cancer (launched in October) which provides 12 ways for people to adopt healthier lifestyles and boost cancer prevention; and world governments attending the Second International Conference on Nutrition adopting the Rome Declaration on Nutrition and Framework for Action in November 2014, addressed malnutrition - including overweight and obesity - in all its forms. But much more needs to be done - by everyone; because so far, the world has been dancing a slow waltz, when it's actually a much faster, quickstep that's required. This means that governments, cancer charities and health professionals across the world need to work collaboratively - and across sectors - to create comprehensive, and urgent behaviour change across populations, food systems and food environments. Words and commitments are no longer enough, it's concrete and immediate action that's needed.

More specifically, we at World Cancer Research Fund International, would like to see the following action to be taken:

Early intervention - the first thousand days from conception to age two are critical to health both in childhood and later life, so efforts to encourage healthy lifestyles need to start early; globally, the number of overweight children rose from 32 million in 2000, to 42 million in 2013.

Implementation of effective policies - There is no single solution, so governments need to implement comprehensive, multi-sectoral cancer prevention policies.

National governments, the cancer community and health professionals have a long way to go to address the lifestyle factors of overweight, lack of physical activity, poor diet and alcohol linked with cancer. We need to maintain efforts already underway while accepting that a sustainable approach to the problem will require more than a focus on individual responsibility.

Developing countries - tackling the rising tide of overweight and obesity is key to cancer prevention, particularly in developing countries where the adoption of 'Western lifestyles' means that obesity is accelerating. One of the ways of doing this is through the post-2015 development goals.

## Mobile communication in rural areas will speed up development

**R**ECENTLY the Minister for Works, Transport and Communications Eng. Isack Kamwelwe launched mobile communication service in the villages of Mele district in Katavi region by inaugurating 300m/- communication tower erected by Universal Communications Service Access Fund (UCSAF) in collaboration with Vodacom Tanzania.

The minister said there are mobile phone operators that did not want to go to villages, but only to places with money, hence the government established UCSAF and provide subsidy to mobile phone firms which also contribute in erecting communication towers in villages.

UCSAF board chairman Dr Joseph Klongola said by using UCSAF fund they ensure communication service reach to the wananchi as mobile phone firms alone are not ready to send communication service to the villages. On her part UCSAF managing director Justina Mashiba said UCSAF has advertised tenders to construct communication towers in 252 wards in the country whose implementation, when finished, service reception will reach 96 percent, and added that UCSAF will continue to ensure public schools get computers.

We hail the government's deliberate initiative through UCSAF to ensure coverage of mobile communication service

in the country is increased as we believe the move will spur social-economic development.

Few may be in disagreement that mobile technology is indispensable in the modern workplace. Mobile communication technology includes devices such as cellular phones, Wi-Fi-enabled hand-held devices and wireless laptops. Due to its versatility, it offers a range of benefits, but also comes with considerable risks.

But all the positive contribution of mobile communication to economic development in the world via information and communication technologies (ICTs) is clearly discernible.

In fact the impact of ICTs is not limited to the sector in which they are produced, but rather spreads to all sectors of production and consumption. In addition, its influence increases as network spreads - that is, when the number of people using the service rises so are the opportunities in their self advancement.

Tanzania chose not to be left behind in this communication boom as it now claims to have more than 40 million mobile phone subscribers out of a population of over 50 million. The figure means that eight in ten Tanzanians own a mobile phone. On the other hand internet customers number over 20 million or 40 percent.

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## There's only one thing worse than being talked about - and that's not being talked about



Matamela Cyril Ramaphosa is a South African politician and the fifth and current President of South Africa. He succeeded Jacob Zuma. Previously an anti-apartheid activist, trade union leader and businessman, Ramaphosa served as the Deputy President of South Africa from 2014 to 2018

By Oscar Van Heerden

**S**OUTH Africa has been the subject of some attention lately from international pundits, sometimes for all the wrong reasons. But that's a good thing - as long as the government takes note.

The recent social media clips making the rounds from Davos have everyone talking. Richard Quest, speaking on the sidelines of Davos, laid into the South African delegation and took issue with our president and his approach to the current challenges facing our country.

Quest says: "There's no point in saying, invest, invest, invest, when you don't have the policies worthy of it." He then continues to say that while it was bad two years ago, "since then we've discovered just how awful the State Capture of state-owned enterprises has been. This is one of those few subjects where Pravin Gordhan tells us, 'if you think it was bad, it is worse'."

"Now you tell me," he continues, "how anybody for the last five to 10 years has been saying South Africa is doing really well, we've got everything under control, and suddenly turns around and says well actually the economy was hijacked, by the way. And we're terribly sor-

ry to tell you that the losses are in the billions, well actually, we really don't know, it could be in the trillions and oh by the way, even if it was bad, it was worse and we're not even sure we've dealt with it."

He concludes on the issue of SAA and says that proper transformation means "government hands off the airline. That's proper transformation. Stop pretending that you are interested in transformation as the government, when in fact all you're doing is moving the chairs around on the deck of the Titanic."

When asked, how then does this reflect on the credibility of the South African government at a place like Davos, he simply responds "what credibility? The president, Cyril Ramaphosa, came in knowing that the government had minuscule credibility following the Zuma years and State Capture, you can't suddenly whitewash it away, like you're cleaning a wall."

Then he states on a positive note:

"Don't get me wrong though, the opportunities in South Africa are huge, the potential is enormous, the labour force is fantastic, but you cannot just turn around to people and say, oh, by the way, don't worry about that nasty little business,

where trillions were siphoned off in a very corrupt environment".

And so, the question beginning to rear its ugly head here, back home is, are you and your government doing anything about this very serious matter, Mr President? We know there's some movement on some of these matters, but clearly the outside world does not.

Then, to add salt to the wound, the historian Matthew Graham from the University of Dundee in Scotland added his critical voice to the chorus in an article published in The Star. He compared Ramaphosa's negotiation skills of the 1990s to today's challenges and states boldly that it clearly seems as though the president's skill-set did not bear fruit in this current environment.

"His term in office has failed to deliver, raising the question: Has the legendary deal-maker lost his touch?"

Further on, he writes, "the president has the choice of economic meltdown, or keeping the ANC intact". Stark choices it seems. But before we delve into these observations, let's just put into perspective where we as South Africa stand in the global economy. South Africa is ranked as the 33rd-largest economy in the world, and we rank 37th in terms of GDP per

capita (size of a country's economy expressed per person living in it). By way of comparison, Nigeria is ranked as the 22nd largest economy, but 47th in terms of GDP per capita. Meaning, South Africans are wealthier per person in real terms.

What lesson can we draw from these two pundits, I ask? Well, first, it's nice to know that international pundits do take an interest in our domestic affairs and that they seem to think they have all the answers for us. Second, they seem to agree with the general sense in the country that Ramaphosa is not taking the bold decisions required to move the country forward, so to speak. Let's take a look at both these sentiments and let's see if we agree with them.

I have written before on the many strategic decisions made by our president in recent times, but the truth remains that a bolder and more decisive trajectory is required going forward. This is what most local pundits advocate for and as we have now seen, so too some international pundits. Quest is right - as South Africa, we have lost some of our international shine and attractiveness. Structural reforms are needed and if the unions are not outside, then so be it. Let them take to the streets if that's what their contribution is going to be to our attempts to get ourselves collectively out of this rut.

Government shutdowns in the US are common, so why not here? Future generations must be uppermost in our minds when contemplating solutions to our current crisis. We simply cannot take opportunistic short-term decisions that will haunt future generations for decades to come.

This is the kind of Radical Economic Transformation we require and not this nonsense from the EFF and some quarters of the ANC of nationalisation of land and the Reserve Bank. And may I also just add, the secretary-general of the ANC is correct that we as members must all be in support of conference resolutions, but this does not apply to the general public out there.

The ANC is, after all, a governing party with a mandate from much more than just its one million members, and as such must be much more circumspect when it comes to radical resolutions from its conference. It did, after all, run the general elections in 2019 based on a manifesto which the people bought into. I don't recall it saying the Reserve Bank must be nationalised, do you?

Talking about decisive decisions, on another note, the pending decision by the ANC parliamentary caucus as it relates to the public protector (PP): Let us be clear, she is on the chopping block not because she is putting certain individuals into a corner, notably Gordhan and Ramaphosa, but because her office has been brought into disrepute too many times over the past few years. Losing court cases, embarrassing the office by overreaching the powers of her office, and our courts becoming irritated by her, hence imposing personal costs on her all the time.

Let's not fall into the trap which advocates that the removal of the PP is politically motivated. Seriously, she is incompetent and has brought the office into disrepute.

That is why she has to go. I agree with the ANC and the DA on this one - the sooner, the better for us all. We need someone who can restore the image and reputation of the PP's office.

As for Quest and Graham, I concur thus: If the South African government and policy-makers can't get growth in one of Africa's biggest economies kick-started soon again, the rest of the world will outpace us in terms of poverty reduction, overall wealth and prosperity of people, and continued economic growth and development while South Africa keeps spinning its wheels due to corruption, ineffective and inefficient policies and their implementation.

Lack of investment opportunities, both domestic and foreign, and policy uncertainty in terms of the land question (property rights), to name but a few stumbling blocks in South Africa's economy right now.

Let's restore our credibility, Mr President, and let's take heed of the views of our friends from afar.



# Agriculture: Harper basin bid considered paramount to economic recovery but lawmakers express concern about underwriting cost

By Rodney D. Sieh

**P**RESIDENT George Manneh Weah used his third Annual Message Monday to lay out what Senator J. Milton Teahjay (Unity Party, Sinoe) would later describe as an ambitious undertaking. "The presidential address was to some extent comprehensive, the ideas the President has laid out are ambitious, but I am not sure we have the kind of economy to underwrite those ambitions," the Senator averred.

But for a little over one hour and fifty minutes, the President expressed confidence that the New Year would see some positive projections for his administration, now in its third year, especially with a new emphasis on the agriculture sector which has been lying dormant for years and plans to open up the Harper Basin in bidding rounds in April.

Roads Will Complement Agriculture

Said the President: "Liberia cannot realize full economic transformation without a vibrant agriculture program. Agriculture is critical to the kind of development my government strives to achieve. This is why the sector remains a major pillar of the country's development agenda," the President declared while foreseeing positive growth this year. "With these foundations in place, we see no reason why the year 2020 cannot see positive growth. We will work with determination, vigor, and focus, to stabilize the macroeconomy, reduce inflation and put Liberians to work in agriculture and other key sectors."

This is why Mr. Weah emphasized the issue of road connectivity, he says should complement the agriculture sector. "With the program to connect the various communities and counties through quality paved road networks now fully mobilized, funded and underway, the next big push by my administration this year will be to re-

organize the agriculture sector and put it at the front burner of our national development initiatives."

A greater investment in the sector, the President noted, will not only guarantee food security, but will also provide jobs and a source of livelihood for thousands of families across Liberia.

The President explained that his emphasis on the sector and the vision he has for Liberia, was a key reason why he delayed naming a new Minister of Agriculture. "That is why my vetting and selecting of a new agriculture minister was comprehensive and thorough. I believe we have found the right person to lead this charge. The nominee is a woman whose track record, competence and dedication match my vision for agricultural transformation in Liberia. I hope that you will share my view, and grant her speedy confirmation so that she can urgently embark upon the great task that is before her. If she cannot do it, then I do not know who else we will find to do it."

Last two weeks, the President named Mrs. Jeanine Cooper as his new minister, succeeding Dr. Mogana Flomo, who was relieved of his duties on June 29, 2019.

In order to get the sector moving again, the President said his administration, in the coming months, intends to harness both local and international support and resources to lead the new agriculture drive, which will focus on the entire value chain - from the remote farmlands to the sprawling marketplaces across the country. We will exert every effort to subsidize the works of more farmers and local cooperatives with the objective of enhancing productivity.

While the country has traditionally focused on rice production, in previous years, he said, the new emphasis will not be shifted toward working with authorities in the sector and



international counterparts to look at ways we can fully cultivate other cash crops, such as cocoa and coffee.

Citing example in neighboring West African countries gaining international acclaim for the production and exportation of cocoa and coffee, the President said, Liberia should be following suit. "Their natural endowment is not that different from ours. Therefore, we will join ongoing efforts by the European Union and others to revamp and make the coffee and cocoa sectors viable and profitable. We will assist farmers to increase their yields through new farming methods and mechanization."

Where Will Money Come From?

This is where critics say the coming days, weeks, and months could prove pivotal,

**Liberia's Minister of Agriculture Dr. Mogana Flomo, Jr has urged Liberians to take farming seriously if Liberia is to become self-sufficient. Minister Flomo was speaking in Foya recently, at program marking the official harvest launch of the Agriculture and Infrastructure Investment Company (AIIC).**

matching Senator Teahjay's concerns about underwriting cost.

Funding of the sector has always been a key detriment to farmers. For example, the draft National Budget for the 2018/2019 fiscal year was US\$488.8 million, with US\$8.3 million being appropriated for agriculture, amounting to 1.69% of the total National Budget of Liberia, while 62.1% went to recurring expenditures, the bulk of which pays for huge salaries and allowances and logistics for top officials.

On Monday, the President said, working in close collaboration with the legislature, they have been able to pass a credible National Budget at Five Hundred and Twenty-six Million United States dollars (US\$526 million). "This budget brings public spending closest to the revenue received in the 2018/19 national budget. In executing this budget, we have taken steps to control spending so that we significantly reduce the deficit by the end of the fiscal year."

Under the new Budget, agriculture was further slashed to US\$6,208,754, Infrastructure and Basic Services: US\$33,350,005 and Industry and Commerce account for US\$6,066,362.

Nevertheless, the administration is promising a big push on the sector with plans to release some money through commercial banks to local rice producers. The current budget has some \$1.7 million for public sector investment in agriculture. This money is intended to guarantee flexible lending to local rice and good crop growers. The Government is working to scale up investment in agriculture beyond the 1.7 million. The World Bank has agreed to pull in more money for agriculture.

On Monday, the President urged lawmakers to also take another look at forestry, mining and fisheries laws to inject new and innovative thinking, to include viable strategies for expansion of productive capacity, best practices for better returns and gains, as is the

case in other jurisdictions.

Over the years, he said, millions of dollars were put into agriculture with very little result to show. This time around, he says, the new drive will tap on available knowledge and experience, while working with international partners and local farmers to lead a new program that empowers Liberians, through agribusinesses, in order to grow the economy.

This is where he says he will be leaning on his new appointee. "We expect the new minister (if confirmed by the Senate) to bring harmony to the various efforts in the sector for efficiency and greater productivity. We will be seeking the help of Your Honorable Legislature in this regard, working with the appropriate committees of both Houses. We have already secured the commitment of key local and international stakeholders who are supportive of our new drive to upgrade agriculture so that the country can reap its full benefits."

For President Weah, leapfrogging the process would be key. "Traditional economics tell us that agriculture surplus should lead to industrialization, but our government plans to leapfrog this process through the Special Economic Zone Concept. It is our intention to promote labor-intensive light manufacturing through the establishment of Special Economic Zones. We are cognizant of our infrastructure challenges which pose certain hurdles, but with a well-organized Special Economic Zone program, domestic production by small and medium enterprises will get the needed boost to spur economic growth."

Rekindling Harper Basin - Bid Opens for 9 Oil Blocks

The President says, the Special Economic Zone, a vehicle that will create job opportunities, will also increase personal incomes and add value to unprocessed raw materials for export.

Another sector, the President has his eyes set on rekindling in the oil and gas, announcing Monday, plans to lift the lid on a number of offshore blocks. "I am pleased to announce to you today, that the Government of Liberia, through the Liberia Petroleum Regulatory Authority (LPRA), will open up the entire Harper Basin during the next Licensing Round beginning in April. Nine (9) offshore blocks will be put up, allowing competent and reputable international oil and gas companies to bid with the hope of recommencing exploration programs, following years of inactivity. Details of the Licensing Round will be made available in the coming weeks through a partnership between LPRA and NOCAL."

By Special Correspondent

**E**THIOPIA, a democracy in the making, and has been for the past three decades, is preparing for what is thought to be a memorable election: the national election of 2020. In preparation for the election the brand new National Electoral Board of Ethiopia (NEBE) under the former self-exiled politician and judge, Birtukan Midekssa, looks to be grasping at straws to make the August 16 timetable. As part of that preparation, just last week the Board convened various stakeholders to discuss a new code of conduct directive intended to regulate election reporting in the upcoming parliamentary and regional council elections.

In almost all major democracies around the world the result of decisive elections (national or regional) are announced by big media outlets, either conducting their own polls or collaborating with pollster companies. Based on exit polls (survey of voters as they leaving polling stations) these major media channels actually predict election outcomes even before final vote tallies are complete and official results are announced. In most cases, the official vote tally could take very long hours and even days leaving voters and candidates hanging.

Thanks to the exceedingly improving polling methodology and infrastructure employed by media institutions and pollsters, election result prediction is now mainstreaming around the world. True to form, in advanced democracies like the US, presidential election candidates relay

entirely on election predictions from some of the major pollsters and media houses to either declare victory or concede defeat.

Nevertheless, predictions are nothing more predictions; it remains to be the best possible approximation of the actual votes counted by election officials. And yes, they can rarely get the results wrong.

The most memorable UK election of 1992 in which Conservative party's replacement for the renowned UK leader Margaret Thatcher, John Major, not only retained the premiership but his party's majority in the house of commons is one case in point. What makes this a unique election is the fact that more than 50 independent and experienced pollsters and media institutions gave the election to the contender labor party under Neil Kinnock, at best projected a hung parliament until hours before the polling day. Not only that, some exit polls as well predicted another hung parliament in the UK.

Much to the surprise and afterwards leading to revision of most of polling houses methodology in the UK, Major's Conservative party took unprecedented overall majority in the House enabling it to form a conservative government.

However, election prediction based on exist polls has come a long way since then. The margin of error as well is declining through time. Meanwhile in the corners of East Africa, Ethiopia, a democracy in the making, and has been for the past three decades, is preparing for what is thought to be a memorable election: the national election of 2020.

## Ethiopia: Dawn of election

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One of the things covered in this code was the issue of pre-election polling and exit poll predictions. Much to the Board's credit, and in departure from the previous ways, it did not block the possibilities of polls appearing in mainstream media in Ethiopia. It generally allows pre-election poll and publicizing these polls and the results on the media. But, with an added caveat

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that all essential information about the pollster, the methodology and even the polling questions being clearly cited in such reports.

Nevertheless, the Board did not seem to be ready to deal with potential risks emanating from allowing exit polls and election predictions. But, what seems to be more worrying to media practitioners is the overall stipulation of the code which looks to be bent on heavily regulating media content and election reporting.

"In general, I felt like, this I have also said at the consultative meeting last week, the Board wishes to setup a desk at each and every media institution and regulate content in real-time," says Muluken Yewondwossen deputy-editor in chief of Capital Ethiopia, one of the few local English business newspapers in Ethiopia.

Some of the assertion in the code really exposes the drafters sever lack of insight as to how the media is operating worldwide, he argued further. "For instance, one of accreditation guidelines

says that the Board will provide accreditation both for journo reporting from within 200 meters radius of polling stations and Outside," he states.

It is perplexing to see the Board planning to issue accreditation for reporters rooming outside of 200 meter radius of polling station, according to him; and claims that this is anti-constitutional and absurd in so many ways. "They might as well issue accreditation to journalists sitting at their homes, since in its strictest sense they can also be considered to be outside the 200 meter radius and observing elections".

Ermias Begashaw, journalist working for the Ethiopian Broadcasting Station (EBS), however, shares the fears and pressure that the Board might feel at this time. "I think the Board just like many in Ethiopia today is worried that the upcoming election would not be concluded peacefully and hence, it appears to be going to an extraordinary length to contain everybody and anybody who has something to do with the election."

The first problem for me is, Ermias told to The Reporter via phone interview, the fact that the Board seeks to dictate journalistic ethics in the name of election code of conduct to journalist. It is absolutely unnecessary to go that far and trying to shape professional conduct of an industry, he laments. This is expected from every media and we cannot be told of our own ethical responsibilities. If you ask me this looks like a tendency and inclination to dictate content and nothing else, he says.

To the contrary, the Board and its experts deny this fact. In fact, they argue that content regulation is not their intention, at all.

"They should have focused more on granting better access to journalists to works extensive and clear election coverage," he says.

The thing is, Ermias continues, even if there is an intention to regulate content, the Board has no legal ground to

do. On the other hand, if by any stroke of coincidence, if they do manage to get this directive passed, even then they still would have to think of conducting comprehensive content review of all broadcast and print outlets in the increasingly expanding media environment of Ethiopia. I think, it would be a difficult task for an overstretched NEBE, he argues.

As matter of fact, there are some 20 radio, 29 television and another 29 newspaper and magazine outlets in Ethiopia today.

The fact that both commercial and public media outlets are treated in the same manner in code is also telling as to the depth of the understanding the drafter has about how media functions, Ermias added.

The Board, however, believes that both public and commercial media outlets should be looked up on in the same way as far as election reporting is concerned.

This is very troublesome for Ermias. "The public media space, since it is funded by taxpayer's money, it has to provide equal access to all political parties in the country by principle; it is common property and every side should have equal share of the benefits. But commercial media is a different beast all together," Ermias argues.

Furthermore, he says public media due to its ownership structure is beholden to all the political parties to allocate equal time so that they can communicate their messages. "Are they saying commercial media as well is obliged to so? It is not clear at this point."

As far as Muluken is concerned the issue is not only about the principles and the difference in practice emanating from the ownership structure of media outlets, but it is also about availability of resources and capacity. It is highly impossible for commercial media outlets to afford the kind of equal access that the public media is supposed to prove due to lack of capacity, according to him.



# Prison education-the way to go

By Supt Courage Atsem

“WHEN I closed THE GRAPES OF WRATH, I was a different man. It enriched my powers of thinking and discipline, and my relationships. I left prison more informed than I went in and the more informed you are the less arrogant and aggressive you are.” - Nelson Mandela

The above quote by one of the world's icons of democracy, Nelson Mandela, clearly demonstrates the significance of information and for that matter education in the transformation and reformation of a person. It is for this reason that I believe the Ghana Prisons Administration's focus on inmates' education is a step in the right direction.

It would be recalled that the Ghana Prisons Service in 2007 with the support of the Ghana Education Service (GES) introduced formal education into Ghana's Prison system. It is worthy of note that the inmate students, have also over the years, justified the investments being made in their education as they continue to churn out remarkable results. In 2019 for example, all the 40 inmates presented for BECE recorded a 100 per cent pass of which 25, all juveniles of the Senior Correctional Centre, secured placement in various Senior High Schools, thus benefitting from Government's free SHS programme. Nine adults also sat for WASCE, Nov/Dec and are awaiting results of whom I don't expect less.

The Service also runs various vocational and trade training programmes for interested inmates. These include carpentry, tailoring, kente weaving, batik, tie and dye, macramé, block moulding and crocheting, among others.

The Ghana Prisons Service's 2018 Annual Report puts the educational backgrounds of inmates admitted same year as follows:

Tertiary - 2.48 per cent  
Secondary/ post basic - 15.79 per cent  
Basic - 65 per cent  
No formal education-16.55 per cent

The above statistics shows that the majority of inmates admitted were persons with very low educational backgrounds and also seems to suggest that the higher one's level of education, the less the tendency to fall foul of the law. It is against this backdrop that I find the initiative of Plan Volta Foundation to partner the University of Cape Coast



and the Ghana Prisons Service to bring tertiary education to the doorstep of prison inmates, very exciting and highly commendable. This indeed is a gesture worthy of emulation.

The matriculation of 59 inmates on Saturday, January 18, 2020, by the University of Cape Coast at the Nsawam Medium Security Prison is a testimony that Ghana has joined the league of giant nations such as Sweden, USA, UK, Denmark and Australia in offering higher education to prison inmates.

The benefits of prison education are enormous. According to Kathleen Bender, it is a cost-effective way to reduce crime that leads to long term benefits. A report produced by the RANS Corporation in 2016, shows that individuals who participate in any type of in-prison educational programme are 43 per cent less likely to return to prison. Research also shows that in the US for example, prisons with college programmes have less violence among prison inmates, which, therefore, creates a safer environment for both the prison inmates and prison staff. In fact, studies consistently show that not only is in-prison education an effective way to reduce recidivism but also saves the expenditure of future prison sentences. In the UK for example, it is estimated that every pound spent on prison education saves the taxpayer more than 2 pounds, and in the US the rate is \$4.00 to \$5.00 saved for every dollar spent.

Again, a study conducted on the value of prison education at two correctional facilities in Pretoria, South Africa, found that education for prisoners is not a

waste of taxpayer's money but has socio-economic values, manifested in the promotion of social cohesion, re-integration of ex-convicts as reformed members of the community, provision of knowledge and skills for employment and self-employment through entrepreneurial activities.

According to the 2018 Annual Report of the Ghana Prisons Service, second offenders constitute 14.5 per cent while recidivists constitute 4.11% of total admission of inmates in 2018. This means that the number of persons who returned to prison after serving an earlier sentence constituted 18.6 percent. The benefits of the success of the Ghana Prisons Service in reforming offenders committed into its custody can therefore not be over-emphasised.

It is instructive to note that the Ghana Prisons Service has the requisite human resource to achieve this, given the necessary logistic and financial support. It is in this vein that I wish to call on all corporate bodies and public spirited individuals to emulate the example of Plan Volta Foundation and other partners to support to make these inmates' tertiary education and other reformatory and rehabilitative programmes of the Ghana Prisons Service a success and our dear nation, Ghana, will be the ultimate beneficiary.

Ghana officially the Republic of Ghana, is a country located along

the Gulf of Guinea and Atlantic Ocean, in the subregion of West Africa. Spanning a land mass of 238,535 km<sup>2</sup> (92,099 sq mi), Ghana is bordered by the Ivory Coast in the west, Burkina Faso in the north, Togo in the east and the Gulf of Guinea and Atlantic Ocean in the south. Ghana means "Warrior King" in the Soninke language.

The first permanent state in the territory of present-day Ghana dates back to the 11th century. Numerous kingdoms and empires emerged over the centuries, of which the most powerful was the Kingdom of Ashanti. Beginning in the 15th century, numerous European powers contested the area for trading rights, with the British ultimately establishing control of the coast by the late 19th century. Following over a century of native resistance, Ghana's current borders were established by the 1900s as the British Gold Coast. It became independent of the United Kingdom on 6 March 1957.

Ghana's population of approximately 28 million spans a variety of ethnic, linguistic and religious groups. According to the 2010 census, 71.2 per cent of the population was Christian, 17.6 per cent was Muslim, and 5.2 per cent practiced traditional faiths. Its diverse geography and ecology ranges from coastal savannahs to tropical rain forests.

Ghana is a unitary constitutional democracy led by a president who is both head of state and head of

the government. Ghana's growing economic prosperity and democratic political system have made it a regional power in West Africa. It is a member of the Non-Aligned Movement, the African Union, the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), Group of 24 (G24) and the Commonwealth of Nations.

Ghana was already recognized as one of the great kingdoms in Bilad el-Sudan by the ninth century.[21]

Ghana was inhabited in the Middle Ages and the Age of Discovery by a number of ancient predominantly Akan kingdoms in the Southern and Central territories. This included the Ashanti Empire, the Akwamu, the Bonoman, the Denkyira, and the Mankessim Kingdom.

Although the area of present-day Ghana in West Africa has experienced many population movements, the Akans were firmly settled by the 5th century BC. By the early 11th century, the Akans were firmly established in the Akan state called Bonoman, for which the Brong-Ahafo Region is named.

From the 13th century, Akans emerged from what is believed to have been the Bonoman area, to create several Akan states of Ghana, mainly based on gold trading. These states included Bonoman (Brong-Ahafo Region), Ashanti (Ashanti Region), Denkyira (Central region), Mankessim Kingdom (Western region), and Akwamu Eastern region. By the 19th century, the territory of the southern part of Ghana was included in the Kingdom of Ashanti, one of the most influential states in sub-Saharan Africa prior to the onset of colonialism.

The Kingdom of Ashanti government operated first as a loose network, and eventually as a centralised kingdom with an advanced, highly specialised bureaucracy centred in the capital city of Kumasi. Prior to Akan contact with Europeans, the Akan Ashanti people created an advanced economy based on principally gold and gold bar commodities then traded with the states of Africa.

The earliest known kingdoms to emerge in modern Ghana were the Mole-Dagbani states. The Mole-Dagbamba came on horseback from present-day Burkina Faso under a single leader, Naa Gbewaa. With their advanced weapons and based on a central authority, they easily invaded and occupied the lands of the local people ruled by the Tendamba (land god priests), established themselves as the rulers over the locals, and made Gam-

baga their capital. The death of Naa Gbewaa caused civil war among his children, some of whom broke off and founded separate states including Dagbon, Mamprugu, Mossi, Nanumba and Wala.

**European contact (15th century)**

18th Century Ashanti kudoku. Gold dust and nuggets were kept in kudoku, as were other items of personal value and significance. As receptacles for their owners' kra, or life force, kudoku were prominent features of ceremonies designed to honor and protect that individual.

Akan trade with European states began after contact with Portuguese in the 15th century. Early European contact by the Portuguese people, who came to the Gold Coast region in the 15th century to trade and then established the Portuguese Gold Coast (Costa do Ouro), focused on the extensive availability of gold.[33] The Portuguese built a trading lodge at a coastal settlement called Anomansah (the perpetual drink) which they renamed Elmina.

In 1481, King John II of Portugal commissioned Diogo d'Azambuja to build Elmina Castle, which was completed in three years. By 1598, the Dutch had joined the Portuguese in the gold trade, establishing the Dutch Gold Coast (Nederlandse Bezittingen ter Kuste van Guinea) and building forts at Fort Komenda and Kormantsi.[34] In 1617, the Dutch captured the Olini Castle from the Portuguese, and Axim in 1642 (Fort St Anthony).

Other European traders had joined in gold trading by the mid-17th century, most notably the Swedes, establishing the Swedish Gold Coast (Svenska Guldkusten), and Denmark-Norway, establishing the Danish Gold Coast (Danske Guldkyst or Dansk Guinea). Portuguese merchants, impressed with the gold resources in the area, named it Costa do Ouro or Gold Coast.

More than thirty forts and castles were built by the Portuguese, Swedish, Dano-Norwegians, Dutch and German merchants; the latter Germans establishing the German Gold Coast (Brandenburger Gold Coast or Groß Friedrichsburg). In 1874 Great Britain established control over some parts of the country, assigning these areas the status of British Gold Coast. Many military engagements occurred between the British colonial powers and the

## Can Eskom be saved?

By Ghaleb Cachalia

ESKOM has been run into the ground by the agents of State Capture. But it can still be saved if the new chairperson and CEO are given licence to run it free from political interference and cadre deployment, and with sound business and engineering practice.

The resignation of Jabu Mabuza as chairman of the board of Eskom allows for some useful reflection on the history of the utility, focusing on the operation, structure and governance issues.

Mabuza's resignation follows hard on the appointment of André de Ruyter as the new CEO - the 11th such appointment in 10 years and an oft-repeated mantra from the government that it will not allow Eskom to fail. The reasons, however, as to why the utility stands on the brink of catastrophe lie in its history and the litany of mismanagement and interference over many years.

Predating Mabuza and starting from the beginning of the millennium, Eskom paid scant attention to providing assurance of the life of power plants. Plants were driven to operate at an average of 90% utilisation (Eskom won utility of the year in 2001). This followed the deregulation of the energy industry in the late 90s when the government stopped Eskom from planning and building new power stations.

Plants were run hard, with minimum maintenance budgets as the plan was to run the older plants down. During this period, the Department of Minerals and Energy released a policy paper warning that the country could run short of energy by 2007. The policy document recommended private investment in the in-



dustry, predictably resulting in inaction from the government. As early as 2004, it was clear that the inaction would entail a future energy deficit, requiring an almost impossible task of government needing to close the energy gap by 2007. It's a tale of woeful mismanagement, political interference and growing graft that goes back many years.

In 2004, the government-mandated Eskom to build new power stations that would mostly come online in four years. This mandate was barely challenged, but in hindsight, it was strategically flawed and had set the organisation up for failure. Best practice shows that a two-pack coal power station project would take eight to 10 years to be constructed, but Eskom was mandated to do it in four.

Planning alone is meant to take four years, then two years of pre-construction work and two years to construct and commission the first unit. It appeared to be lost on government that when governed by haste, folly is often not far away, and in the case of the commission and construction of power plants this dictum needed to be heeded, as the results later showed.

This trajectory resulted in the actioning of some very questionable decisions like simply copying and pasting the Majuba power station design and using cost estimates from the 90s with inflation. The pressure to execute the poorly planned programme resulted in

some experts and knowledgeable employees leaving and taking their skills abroad, and as they say, the rest is history.

The lack of action from the government on the looming energy crisis in the 90s and the hasty decision in 2004 to start the capital programme with an organisation that had lost mega-construction project capabilities (in the 90s after Majuba power station), resulted in most of the current challenges.

These are evidenced by poor maintenance of rundown power plants, cost overruns for poorly planned mega projects and a lack of leadership accountability and

performance.

The poor planning and lack of foresight have now meant that Eskom has had to operate in uncharted territory, with no reference to utilities around the world with similar structures, finance and operation issues. Due to this, Eskom has had to change leadership and boards on an ongoing basis, with the government refusing to take accountability for the mess it created.

In the last 15 years, Eskom has spent billions of taxpayers' money on external experts/consultants from across the globe who have been involved in different projects. The common denominator of the problem has however not changed, and hence the problems have been exacerbated over time.

Could the entity be fixed? Well, by way of historical reference, in late 2015, a bash was had to do just that.

Despite objections from at least three influential McKinsey partners, the global business and strategy consulting firm, which had been previously involved in various initiatives within the utility, Eskom decided the risk was worth taking and signed on to what would become its biggest contract ever in Africa, with a potential value of \$700-million. The project was called Top Consultant Programme (TOPS) - the "Top Consultants" being internal Eskom resources that were meant to execute the programme together with McKinsey, as part of a National Treasury requirement for internal

capability building.

The influential consultancy was brought in to help drive and achieve the goals of the Eskom Business Productivity Programme (BPP). BPP was initiated by Eskom leadership at the time (2013-2014) to help the utility achieve the target set by the Multi Year Price Determination 3 (MYPD3) as determined by Nersa, the energy regulator. The programme included operations improvement, cost-cutting, balance sheet optimisation, process optimisation and completion of the new build programme.

Successes at Majuba power station's operation performance, cost reduction in procurement, and optimisation of certain schedule packages at Medupi were achieved and internal capability built through the TOPS programme. But why was McKinsey - a strategy consultancy - involved in operations? In 2008, on a smaller scale, McKinsey had achieved a measure of success at the Kriel and Duvah power plants (stations that were run down in the 2000s). Some two years later energy availability improved to about 72% from about 56%.

Subsequently, McKinsey was brought in to intervene as part of the recommended external experts in 2008. Unit trips at both power stations were reduced during the engagement to between three to six per unit/per annum - high in terms of global best practice, but considerably better than South African standards at the time.

# Stop promoting tourism habitually, urges Kanyasu

By Guardian Reporter

DEPUTY Minister for Natural Resources and Tourism Constantine Kanyasu has directed Saadani National Park to stop promoting tourism habitually and instead must come up with new strategies that will help to increase the number of tourists, especially local tourists from the city of Dar es Salaam.

He also called upon Tanzania National Parks Authority (TANAPA) to change its working system by ensuring every Reserve has one marketing officer instead of relying marketing officers from TANAPA headquarters in Arusha who are few as they cannot cover all 24 reserves and parks in the country.

He said every marketing officer will have the responsibility to ensure every day he devises a new way to woo more tourists as a measure of his/her work performance.

Speaking to workers and staff of Saadani National Park in a meeting held on Tuesday inside the Park located in Bagamoyo District in Coast Region, Kanyasu said the current strategies to woo tourists to come to the Park cannot bring desired results.

He said Saadani National Park is very near the city of Dar es Salaam which is 139.7 kms away by road, hence the proximity he expected it to lead in the influx of local tourists.

He suggested there should be a procedure whereby a special vehicle brings tourists from Dar es Salaam.

He also suggested to conduct census for animals in the park to increase the number of the wildlife which tourists like most to view but don't see them easily.

He also advised wildlife to carry special devices that will help tourists to view them as of now tourists have been using a lot of their time to find these animals often without success.

He also advised for the establishment of beach tourism as well as fishing tourism (sport fishing) instead of concentrating in photography tourism only.

He also advised that in order to woo in more tourists villages inside the Park should be relocated because the pose the danger of poaching especially for game.



Natural Resources and Tourism Deputy minister Constantine Kanyasu (2nd L) participates to remove a car stuck in the mud following the ongoing rains during his visit in Hanang district, Manyara region yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## TRA, JICA and WCO in drive to counter illicit trafficking

By Guardian Reporter

THE Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) in collaboration with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and the World Customs Organization (WCO) organized a National Follow-Up Training on Programme Global Shield (PGS) in Dar es Salaam involving 35 customs and investigation officers working in borders and in the Inland Container Depots (ICDs) and ports.

PGS is a multilateral WCO initiative, which aims at building the capacity of customs administrations to counter illicit trafficking and diversion of precursor chemicals and other components that could be used to build Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs).

In East Africa, the Revenue Authorities of Tanzania, Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda are working closely with JICA and WCO to build capacity of the customs administrations in the region.

In order to equip officers of East African customs with knowledge and

skills in this new area for effective border control, the JICA-supported "Project on Capacity Development for Trade Facilitation and Border Controlling East Africa" under the partnership of JICA-WCO cooperation, initiated regional awareness seminars and the Train-the-Trainer workshops of the WCO Programme Global Shield (PGS) since 2018. Since then, more than 1,000 officers have been trained on PGS by these regional trainers.

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35 TRA customs and investigation officers working in borders and in the Inland Container Depots (ICDs) and ports attended the training.

Both JICA and the WCO will continue to support TRA and other revenue authorities in East Africa to further enhance their border control capacity. ENDS



Illegal immigrants nabbed in Mbeya region by the immigration department yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Nebart Msokwa

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## Tabora municipal council issues 190m/- loans to 36 groups

By Guardian Correspondent, Tabora

TABORA Municipal Council has issued loans totaling 190m/- to 36 groups up to December last year as part of 10 per cent

from the council's internal revenues set by the law.

This was revealed yesterday by the council's economist Joseph Kashushura at the councilors special sitting to deliberate on income and expenditure.

He said out the figure 115m/- was given to 23 women groups, 55m/- to 9 youths groups and 20m/- to four groups for people with disabilities.

Meanwhile, Kashushura also said the Municipal Council has

committed 119.4m/- to 19 wards for the implementation of development projects.

He also said the Council received 899.2m/- from the central government that has been used in repairing Kazima sec-

ondary school infrastructure.

He mentioned the work done as including renovation to 6 rooms that were razed down by fire, renovation to boys and girls dormitories and repairs to six rooms in Block 1 as well as

to students and teachers toilets. He said other repair works done included refurbishing of sewage water system, a classroom for students with disabilities, rooms in Block 23, chemistry, physics and biology laboratories and

a workshop that is to be transformed into a girls' dormitory.

Kashushura also said the Council received 522m/- from the central government for refurbishing infrastructures at Milambo secondary school.

## THRDC and ABA signs subaward agreement

By Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

TANZANIA Human Rights Defenders Coalition (THRDC) has signed a subaward agreement with the American Bar Association (ABA) amounting to US\$ 120,000 (277m/-) to implement a two-year project to enhance the protection of freedom of expression in the country.

Speaking to reporters in Dar es Salaam over the weekend,

THRDC national coordinator Onesmo Olungurumwa said that the agreement was signed through the fund for justice and education. He said the subaward agreement became effective on February 1, 2020 and to

be concluded on July 31, 2021.

The direct beneficiaries of the project are human rights defenders (HRD) including human rights organisations, lawyers and journalists.

"This project aims to enhance

protection of freedom of expression, as guaranteed by the provision of Article 18 of Constitution of the United Republic of Tanzania (URT) 1977 and freedom of association, rights and responsibilities of HRDs in Tanzania as it

is also guaranteed and provided for by the URT Constitution," he said.

Head of protection and security management programme at THRDC Deogratias Bwire said that the project is expected to be

implemented through variety of means and strategies including research and documentation, litigation, multi-stakeholders dialogues and engagements with key governmental and non-governmental institutions.

# The changing face of economics

By Dani Rodrik

RESPONDING to pressures from within and without, the economics profession is gradually changing for the better. Not surprisingly, the populist backlash sweeping advanced democracies in recent years has produced some soul searching in the discipline. After all, the austerity, free-trade deals, financial liberalisation and labour market deregulation that caused it rested on the ideas of economists.

But the transformation extends beyond economic-policy tenets. Within the discipline, there is finally a reckoning with the hierarchical practices and aggressive seminar culture that have produced an inhospitable environment for women and minorities. A 2019 survey carried out by the American Economic Association (AEA) revealed that nearly half of female economists felt discriminated against or treated unfairly on account of their gender. Nearly a third of non-white economists felt treated unfairly, based on their racial or ethnic identity.

These failings may be related. A profession that is less diverse and less open to different identities is more likely to exhibit groupthink and hubris. If it is to generate ideas to help society achieve inclusive prosperity, it will have to start by becoming more inclusive itself.

The new face of the discipline was on display when the AEA convened for its annual meetings in San Diego in early January 2020. There were plenty of panels of the usual type on topics such as monetary policy, regulation and economic growth. But there was an unmistakably different flavour to the proceedings. The sessions that put their mark on the proceedings and attracted the greatest attention were those that pushed the profession in new directions. There were more than a dozen sessions focusing on gender and diversity, including the headline Richard T Ely lecture delivered by the University of Chicago's Marianne Bertrand.

The AEA meetings took place against the backdrop of the publication of Anne Case and Angus Deaton's remarkable and poignant book, *Deaths of Despair*, which was presented during a special panel. Case and Deaton's research shows how a particular set of economic ideas privileging the "free market", along with an obsession with material indicators such

as aggregate productivity and GDP, have fuelled an epidemic of suicide, drug overdose and alcoholism among America's working class. Capitalism is no longer delivering and economics is, at the very least, complicit.

A panel named "Economics for Inclusive Prosperity" (EfIP), organised by a network of the same name which I co-direct, discussed several strands of new thinking taking over the discipline. One is the need to expand economists' focus from "average" levels of prosperity to distributive aspects and to non-economic dimensions that are equally fundamental to well-being, such as dignity, autonomy, health and political rights. How economists talk about, say, trade agreements or deregulation may well change when they take such additional considerations seriously. This will require new economic indicators. One proposal that goes part of the way is for government agencies to produce distributional national income accounts.

As Samuel Bowles and Wendy Carlin argued in a paper presented in the same session, every policy paradigm embeds a set of ethical values – about what the good life entails – along with a view of how the economy works.

Neoliberalism presumes individualistic, amoral individuals and a free market that delivers efficiency, thanks to complete contracts and a relative paucity of market failures. What we need, according to Bowles and Carlin, is a new paradigm that integrates egalitarian, democratic and sustainability norms with a model of the economy as it really operates today.

This paradigm would place community alongside the state-market dichotomy and would include policies such as wealth taxes, broader access to insurance to reduce risk exposure, workplace rights and voice, corporate governance reform and a substantial weakening of intellectual "property rights".

Speaking in the same session, Luigi Zingales faulted economists for foisting their own preferences on the body politic. This happens because economists tend to place greater value on certain outcomes (such as efficiency) than others (such as income distribution) and because they fall prey to groupthink and fetishise particular economic models over others. Part of the solution is to value diversity and exhibit greater modesty. Another part,



according to Zingales, is to pay more attention to research in other social sciences, including history, sociology and political science.

The implication of all these perspectives is that economics must be open to institutional alternatives and to institutional experimentation. Fostering such thinking is one of the major aims of the EfIP network. The institutional basis of a market economy is largely indeterminate. We can stick with institutional arrangements that sustain privilege and restrict opportunity. Or we can devise institutions that, in the words of Bowles and Carlin, are consistent with the pursuit of not only shared affluence but also an expanded concept of freedom.

Empirical methods – especially of causal inference – will help, and they have become much more central to the profession in recent decades. This is a very good thing insofar as real-world evidence, with all of its necessary messiness, displaces ideology. But the focus on evidence also risks creating its own blind spots. Evidence about what does and does not work can be obtained only from actual experience. We necessarily lack data on alternative institutional arrangements that are distant from our current reality.

The challenge for economists is to remain true to their empiricism without crowding out the imagination needed to envisage the inclusive and freedom-enhancing institutions of the future.

Economics is the social sci-

**Rural communities are looking for paths to sustainable economic development, strategies that will build/ attract jobs that will remain for the long-term.**

ence that studies the production, distribution, and consumption of goods and services.

Economics focuses on the behaviour and interactions of economic agents and how economies work. Microeconomics analyzes basic elements in the economy, including individual agents and markets, their interactions, and the outcomes of interactions. Individual agents may include, for example, households, firms, buyers, and sellers. Macroeconomics analyzes the entire economy (meaning aggregated production, consumption, saving, and investment) and issues affecting it, including unemployment of resources (labour, capital, and land), inflation, economic growth, and the public policies that address these issues (monetary, fiscal, and other policies).

Other broad distinctions within economics include those between positive economics, describing "what is", and normative economics, advocating "what ought to be"; between economic theory and applied economics; between rational and behavioural economics; and between mainstream economics and heterodox economics.

Economic analysis can be applied throughout society, in real estate, business, finance, health care, and government. Economic analysis is sometimes also applied to such diverse subjects as crime, education, the family, law, politics, religion, social institutions, war, science, and the environment.

## The term and its various definitions

The discipline was renamed in the late 19th century, primarily due to Alfred Marshall, from "political economy" to "economics" as a shorter term for "economic science". At that time, it became more open to rigorous thinking and made increased use of mathematics, which helped support efforts to have it accepted as a science and as a separate discipline outside of political science and other social sciences.

There are a variety of modern definitions of economics; some reflect evolving views of the subject or different views among economists.[19][20] Scottish philosopher Adam Smith (1776) defined what was then called political economy as "an inquiry into the nature and causes of the wealth of nations", in particular as:

a branch of the science of a statesman or legislator [with the twofold objectives of providing] a plentiful revenue or subsistence for the people ... [and] to supply the state or commonwealth with a revenue for the public services.[21]

Jean-Baptiste Say (1803), distinguishing the subject from its public-policy uses, defines it as the science of production, distribution, and consumption of wealth. On the satirical side, Thomas Carlyle (1849) coined "the dismal science" as an epithet for classical economics, in this context, commonly linked to the pessimistic analysis of Malthus (1798). John Stuart Mill (1844) defines the subject in a social context as:

The science which traces the laws of such of the phenomena of society as arise from the combined operations of mankind for the production of wealth, in so far as those phenomena are not modified by the pursuit of any other object.

Alfred Marshall provides a still widely cited definition in his textbook *Prin-*

ciples of Economics (1890) that extends analysis beyond wealth and from the societal to the microeconomic level:

Economics is a study of man in the ordinary business of life. It enquires how he gets his income and how he uses it. Thus, it is on the one side, the study of wealth and on the other and more important side, a part of the study of man.

Lionel Robbins (1932) developed implications of what has been termed "[p]erhaps the most commonly accepted current definition of the subject":

Economics is a science which studies human behaviour as a relationship between ends and scarce means which have alternative uses.

Robbins describes the definition as not classificatory in "pick[ing] out certain kinds of behaviour" but rather analytical in "focus[ing] attention on a particular aspect of behaviour, the form imposed by the influence of scarcity." He affirmed that previous economists have usually centred their studies on the analysis of wealth: how wealth is created (production), distributed, and consumed; and how wealth can grow. But he said that economics can be used to study other things, such as war, that are outside its usual focus. This is because war has as the goal winning it (as a sought after end), generates both cost and benefits; and, resources (human life and other costs) are used to attain the goal. If the war is not winnable or if the expected costs outweigh the benefits, the deciding actors (assuming they are rational) may never go to war (a decision) but rather explore other alternatives. We cannot define economics as the science that studies wealth, war, crime, education, and any other field economic analysis can be applied to; but, as the science that studies a particular common aspect of each of those subjects (they all use scarce resources to attain a sought after end).

Some subsequent comments criticized the definition as overly broad in failing to limit its subject matter to analysis of markets. From the 1960s, however, such comments abated as the economic theory of maximizing behaviour and rational-choice modelling expanded the domain of the subject to areas previously treated in other fields. There are other criticisms as well, such as in scarcity not accounting for the macroeconomics of high unemployment.

Smith discusses potential benefits of specialization by division of labour, including increased labour productivity and gains from trade, whether between town and country or across countries. His "theorem" that "the division of labor is limited by the extent of the market" has been described as the "core of a theory of the functions of firm and industry" and a "fundamental principle of economic organization."

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Smith represents every individual as trying to employ any capital they might command for their own advantage, not that of the society, and for the sake of profit, which is necessary at some level for employing capital in domestic industry, and positively related to the value of produce.

Arab civilizations. Economic precepts occur throughout the writings of the Boeotian poet Hesiod and several economic historians have described Hesiod himself as the "first economist". Other notable writers from Antiquity through to the Renaissance include Aristotle, Xenophon, Chanakya (also known as Kautilya), Qin Shi Huang, Thomas Aquinas, and Ibn Khaldun. Joseph Schumpeter described Aquinas as "coming nearer than any other group to being the 'founders' of scientific economics" as to monetary, interest, and value theory within a natural-law perspective.

Two groups, later called "mercantilists" and "physiocrats", more directly influenced the subsequent development of the subject. Both groups were associated with the rise of economic nationalism and modern capitalism in Europe. Mercantilism was an economic doctrine that flourished from the 16th to 18th century in a prolific pamphlet literature, whether of merchants or statesmen. It held that a nation's wealth depended on its accumulation of gold and silver. Nations without access to mines could obtain gold and silver from trade only by selling goods abroad and restricting imports other than of gold and silver. The doctrine called for importing cheap raw materials to be used in manufacturing goods, which could be exported, and for state regulation to impose protective tariffs on foreign manufactured goods and prohibit manufacturing in the colonies.

Physiocrats, a group of 18th-century French thinkers and writers, developed the idea of the economy as a circular flow of income and output. Physiocrats believed that only agricultural production generated a clear surplus over cost, so that agriculture was the basis of all wealth. Thus, they opposed the mercantilist policy of promoting manufacturing and trade at the expense of agriculture, including import tariffs. Physiocrats advocated replacing administratively costly tax collections with a single tax on income of land owners. In reaction against copious mercantilist trade regulations, the physiocrats advocated a policy of *laissez-faire*, which called for minimal government intervention in the economy.

Adam Smith (1723-1790) was an early economic theorist. Smith was harshly critical of the mercantilists but described the physiocratic system "with all its imperfections" as "perhaps the purest approximation to the truth that has yet been published" on the subject. [37]

## Classical political economy

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The publication of Adam Smith's *The Wealth of Nations* in 1776, has been described as "the effective birth of economics as a separate discipline." The book identified land, labour, and capital as the three factors of production and the major contributors to a nation's wealth, as distinct from the physiocratic idea that only agriculture was productive.

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5 letter word: INN, KIT, SOW  
4 letter word: NEAR, RAIN, KILL, BLUE, NEAR, LICE, SELF  
5 letter word: DREAM, ENDOW, CADET, WHEAT, INEPT INLAY, WHALE  
6 letter word: MATTER, ARRIVE, CREATE, NUBILE  
7 letter word: HADDOCK, AMOEBIC,  
8 letter word: ARDENTLY, HARANGUE, THANKFUL  
10 letter word: DICTIONARY

WORD FIT: COTTON

CROSSWORD

Clues: Across  
1 Great physical pain (7)  
3 Back in the past (3)  
6 Dried stems (5)  
7 Substance part of chemical substance (8)  
10 Family and relations (3) 11 Yes (3)  
13 Beliefs that God does not exist (7)  
14 Something to hide your face (4)  
15 Existed many years (3)  
17 Report in a newspaper (5)  
18 Prefix describing when a person or thing rented for particular job not sincere  
21 Save (5)  
22 Person who takes care of animals (6)  
23 Flavour (5) 24 generous (4) 25 new (7)

Down:  
1 Stormy weather (7)  
2 Arrive (5)  
3 Noah's ship (3)  
4 Refuse to accept sth as a truth (7)  
5 Possess (3)  
6 A pigsty (3)  
8 Dense and heavy (9)  
9 Person having name as others (8)  
12 Give official authority to act (7)  
16 Used when you are slightly annoyed (4)  
19 Long periods of time (3)  
20 Show truth (5)  
21 Ill (4)

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## Failed banks hold Sh13bn in customers' cash – IMF

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Customer deposits worth Sh13.7 billion are still held up in some Moi-era banks that went bust up to three decades ago, a new International Monetary Fund (IMF) report has shown, underscoring the high cost of liquidating banks and selling off assets to settle liabilities.

According to the IMF report, the 17 banks, 14 of which were liquidated between 1994 and 2003, were holding assets worth Sh84.6 billion, which includes unpaid loans and properties that could be actively generating returns in the market.

This is the first time that authorities have compiled the total balance sheet of the lenders under liquidation after the IMF said they had the potential to affect money supply in Kenya. The Bretton Woods institution said that if those deposits were acquired by existing commercial banks and included as deposits in broad money, the maximum impact would be to increase 0.51 percent of broad money in the economy.

Kenya Deposit Insurance Corporation (KDIC) provided the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) with a trial balance data for each of the 17 commercial banks in liquidation as of January 2018. "In aggregate, total assets of all banks in liquidation amount to Sh84.6 billion, accounting for 1.9 percent of commercial banks' total assets. Loans outstanding account for 3.1 percent of commercial banks' loans. Deposits account for 0.45 percent of commercial banks' deposits both included in and excluded from broad money," the IMF advisory team said.

## Bitter liquidation process

Resolution of several institutions have dragged for three decades, leaving dispossessed depositors in their wake as the KDIC tries to sell off the banks' properties and go after borrowers to repay depositors. Since 1993, several lenders including Post Bank, Trade Bank, Trust Bank and Euro Bank, have collapse due



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malpractices and irregular lending by executives and political cronies.

Dubai Bank, which was the last lender to be liquidated in 2015, was linked to dubious lending worth Sh1.3 billion to a dozen firms associated with Moi-era powerbrokers, including former Youth for Kanu '92 chairman Cyrus Jirongo, according to an audit report by Crowe Horwath East Africa. Upon its collapse, nearly 99 percent of its borrowers stopped repaying loans totalling Sh4.4 billion, prompting KDIC to resort to collateral and litigation to recover some money with which to pay depositors.

KDIC also sought to attach Sh1.1 billion that the bank's founder and former chairman, Hassan Zubeidi, was demanding from a Khartoum-based contractor, Active Partners Group, in a separate case indicating the extent to which the corporation was willing to go to get back depositors' money. The bitter process of liquidation forced CBK and KDIC to try and resolve the collapse of Imperial Bank and Chase Bank, which went under shortly after Dubai Bank.

The regulator carved out the assets of Chase Bank and sold them to the State Bank of Mauritius while Imperial Bank's assets were carved out for Kenya Commercial Bank, a deal that is yet to be concluded to date, risking another long process of liquidation. Although Imperial Bank has not been liquidated, it has been under receivership for almost five years, leaving tales of woe by depositors who lost money.

Bank collapses have also inspired reforms in the sector with KDIC promising that no bank would collapse under its watch as it would proactively engage struggling banks to find ways of resolving their weaknesses before they dissipate. KDIC has also introduced risk-based insurance cover on deposits so that risky banks pay more as a motivation to ensure prudent lending.

KDIC chief executive Mohamad Ahmed Mohamad said from July this year, the corporation will increase deposit coverage from the current Sh100,000 to Sh500,000. "With this move we will increase coverage from 90 percent of the deposits to 98 percent and in terms of value we will increase cover from eight percent of deposits to 20 percent," Mr Mohamad said in an earlier interview.

Kenyan had saved up Sh3.55 trillion in deposits as at October 2019, according to CBK data. In turn, banks have issued loans worth Sh2.82 trillion. However, Sh347.7 billion worth of these loans were not being paid back, posing a risk to the sector. In an earlier report on Kenya's fiscal transparency, the IMF revealed that KDIC had an exposure of Sh261 billion in terms of the money they insured.

OUTSTANDING

## Nsekela rediscovers CRDB's super profit making ways with 120bn/- in 2019

By Guardian Reporter

As he takes CRDB Bank Plc back to its money making ways, Group CEO and Managing Director, Abdulmajid Nsekela has defied all odds in the market to post an impressive 87 percent increase in profits to 120bn/-.

Nsekela said in Dar es Salaam on Friday while announcing the bank's 2019 results that growth in profit was a result of adoption of a sound strategy, which has transformed the business and unlocked the CRDB's potential of growth.

"We have changed the way we do business by investing more in efficient processes, improving productivity and inculcating a high-performance culture," said the youthful chief executive who has been at the helm of the country's largest commercial bank in terms of net assets value, deposits and digital network, since 2018.

CRDB which recorded its worst results in 2017 when it posted 36.2bn/- in profits before improving slightly to register an increase of 77 percent to over 64.1bn/- in 2018 under Nsekela's watch, has before 2017 been making profits above 100bn/- mark.

He said the bank's net interest income grew by 19 percent to 526bn/- driven by retail loans, investment in government securities and reduced funding costs. Non-interest income grew by 15 percent to 253bn/-.

During the year, customer deposits grew by 11 percent to 5.2trn/- fuelled by a mix of business initiatives such as enhancement of the digital banking offering (SimBanking and internet banking) and the launch of new products targeting new seg-



CRDB Group CEO and Managing Director, Abdulmajid Nsekela speaks at a past event. File photo.

ments of the market.

"We are actively engaging customers using targeted fo-

ums with the view of listening to their unique needs and building better relationships to

help them achieve their goals," the CEO noted.

Loans and advances grew

by 8 percent to 3.4trn/- compared to 3.1trn/- reported in the fourth quarter of 2018 thanks to a favourable business environment and reinforced sustained push to extend credit to Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) and consumer sectors.

Non-performing loans fell significantly to 5.5 percent from 8.5 percent reported in 2018 following the implementation of stringent bad loans containment strategy.

The group also enhanced its network distribution by recruiting more than 9,000 CRDB Wakala agents to deliver banking services to the masses, an expansion aimed at deepening financial access and drive financial inclusion. "Financial inclusion is part of our broad strategy to create value because we see it as an opportunity to build a sustainable business," Nsekela explained.

Group total assets grew by 11 percent to 6.6trn/-, up from 5.9trn/- reported in the same period in 2018, further reinforcing its strength as a market leader in domestic banking industry.

Privatized in 1996 after near collapse of state owned Cooperative and Rural Development Bank, CRDB Bank Plc has grown and prospered over the years to become the most innovative, first choice, and trusted bank in the market.

CRDB Bank Group comprises of CRDB Bank Insurance Brokerage Limited and CRDB Bank Burundi SA as its subsidiaries with expansion plans to cover East Africa.

SHAREHOLDING

## EABL spends Sh300m on Serengeti shares

NAIROBI

East African Breweries Limited (EABL) spent Sh300 million (\$3 million) to acquire an additional four percent stake in Serengeti Breweries Limited, raising its ownership in the Tanzanian subsidiary.

The deal, which has been disclosed by EABL's parent company Diageo Plc, was completed in July last year following the approval from Tanzania's Fair Competition Commission. EABL's effective ownership in Serengeti following the latest transaction was not immediately clear.

It has previously hovered between 51 percent and 72.5 percent, depending on a blend of factors. These include the treatment of Sh15.3 billion that EABL lent to Serengeti and the pace at which minority investors in the subsidiary can provide their share of capital.

"On 29 July, 2019, EABL completed a purchase of four percent of the share capital of



EABL Group Managing Director, Andrew Cowan.

Serengeti Breweries Limited for \$3 million (Sh300 million)," Diageo said in its results for the six months ended December.

"This increased Diageo's

effective shareholding (in Serengeti) from 39.2 percent to 40.2 percent." Diageo holds a stake of about 51 percent in EABL and the Nairobi Secu-

rities Exchange-listed firm's move to raise its ownership in Serengeti has the impact of also boosting the UK multinational's interest in the Tanzani-

an firm. Serengeti is a promising subsidiary for EABL, having accounted for 12 percent of the total sales in the year ended June 2019. Net sales from this unit rose 20 percent during this period.

Diageo sees more potential in the East African region where sales grew by 10 percent in the half year to December 2019, driven by strong growth in spirits and beer. "Beer net sales grew 10 percent led by strong growth in Serengeti in Tanzania, Senator in Kenya, and the launch of Guinness Smooth in Kenya," said Diageo.

Prior to the latest disclosures, EABL had announced that Serengeti's minority investors were to inject an additional capital of Sh3.2 billion into the company. EABL in June 2018 converted the Sh15.3 billion loan to Serengeti to ease the Tanzanian company's debt burden. This saw its stake in the subsidiary rise from the previous 51 percent to 72.5 percent.

ACQUISITION

## Momentum buys Alexander Forbes insurance business

JOHANNESBURG

Momentum Metropolitan [JSE:MTM] on Friday announced the completion of its acquisition of Alexander Forbes' [JSE:AFH] short term insurance business, AFI.

The announcement came in the form of a statement from Momentum as well as a shareholder notice and is

the culmination of a process that was first announced in July of 2019. At the time, the acquisition was proposed at R1.938bn, covering 100% of the shares of AFI, which supports the business and its trademarks.

Momentum Metropolitan CEO Hillie Meyer said its portfolio of businesses already had substantial market share in the life insurance, investments,

corporate and health products and the acquisition strengthened those synergies.

"This transaction more than doubles our client base to 150 000 policyholders and positions the combined short-term insurance business of Guardrisk, Momentum Short-term Insurance and AFI within the top three players in the short-term insurance market in South

Africa," said Meyer.

The shareholder notice said the company aimed to apply the net proceeds after tax to partially repay its revolving credit facility and complete the implementation of a proposed repurchase of Alexander Forbes shares.

"The sale proceeds of R2.0038bn will be received by a subsidiary of the company, 90% of which is attributable

to Alexander Forbes after minority shareholders' interests," the shareholder notice said. Herman Schoeman, CEO of Momentum Metropolitan's non-life insurance portfolio, said the acquisition complemented Momentum's customer value proposition.

Alexander Forbes CEO Dawie de Villiers said clients would continue to receive the premium benefits and

service offering that they have enjoyed with Alexander Forbes Insurance. The statement said the integration of the two businesses will be realised in several steps involving integrating operations and consolidating product offerings, which once concluded, will trade under the Momentum brand, using one insurance licence.

## ADJUSTMENTS

## IMF wants South Africa to speed up reforms, urgently

JOHANNESBURG

The International Monetary Fund has urged the SA government to speed up reforms to revive the economy.

The IMF has published the outcome of consultations with Treasury, which were held in November 2019. The IMF visits South Africa twice a year to assess government policies and provide policy recommendations.

Strong potential, weak growth

The IMF found that while South Africa had "undeniable, untapped economic potential", risks to the economy going including weak growth, deteriorating fiscal and debt positions as well as difficulties in the operations of state-owned enterprises persisted and continued to undermine potential.

Externally, the performance of the global economy has an impact on South Africa, as an open, small economy. The IMF recommended that South Africa create a conducive environment for private sector investment and take a decisive approach to implementing structural reforms in order to boost economic growth.

"These include reducing the cost of doing business, streamlining operations of SOEs, releasing the spectrum, improving governance, promoting competition in product markets and addressing labour market issues," the IMF stated. "Government has progressed in implementing many of the reforms to revive the economy, however, more urgency is required in the speed of implementation."

The documents, detailing engagements between the South African government and the international fiscal assessment authority, come as South Africa struggles to get to grips with assisting parastatals including Eskom and South African Airways, which is currently in business rescue.

The IMF based its finding on the assumption that partial reform implementation and continued governance improvement would lift business confidence and gradually allow a limited recovery of investment and consumption.

"It forecasts South Africa's growth to gradually increase from 0.4% in 2019 to 0.8% in 2020 and to 1% in 2021. However, it warns that per-capita growth will continue to contract in the near term," the IMF stated.

### Decisive approach to reforms

National Treasury responded, saying projected short-term growth for South Africa was subdued, but that it expected a stronger recovery in confidence moving forward that would result in GDP growth of 1.7% by 2022.

"Average inflation expectations for 2019 have fallen from 6% to 4.5%. Most recently, in January 2020, the South African Reserve Bank cut its repurchase rate by 25 basis points, taking into consideration inflation expectations," Treasury said.

Treasury said failure to address governance and operational issues at state-owned enterprises would continue to weigh negatively on the outlook. "National Treasury is mindful of the fiscal risks that SOEs, particularly electricity utility Eskom, present to the fiscal framework. Furthermore, there is commitment to resolve the challenges facing SAA," Treasury responded.

## SENSITIZATION

## SBL takes road safety tips to Iringa to reign in traffic accidents

By Guardian Reporter

A campaign to promote road safety by targeting drunk drivers and other road users was taken to Iringa region during the weekend.

In a statement, Serengeti Breweries Limited said thousands of Iringa region's residents who included public and private vehicle users and drivers have received road safety tips through a joint awareness creation campaign conducted jointly with regional traffic police officials.

The campaign dubbed 'Don't drink and drive' is aimed to support the government in promoting road safety in the country and reduce road carnage associated with drunk driving, said SBL Director of Corporate Relations, John Wanyancha.

Wanyancha said the campaign targets bus drivers, bodaboda riders, pedestrians, students from high learning



SBL Corporate Relations Director, John Wanyancha speaks at a past road safety event. File photo.

institutions and bar customers. "Don't drink and drive" is a countrywide campaign whose objective is to educate all road

users especially drivers on responsible alcohol consumption," he said.

The campaign has over the

past one year been held in seven regions including Arusha, Dar es Salaam, Dodoma, Kilimanjaro, Morogoro, Mwanza

and Tanga, has reached an estimated 100,000 people.

The Dar based brewer uses radio programs, flyers, provision of reflector jackets to motor cyclists, billboards, one on one engagements and other forms of behaviour change communication materials to reach educate its targeted audience.

Speaking at Iringa bus stop, Regional Traffic Commander, Yusuph Kamota applauded SBL for organizing the campaign which he said provided fresh impetus to promoting road safety in the country.

"All of us, ranging from the police force, drivers, the community and other stakeholders have a responsibility to make our roads safe. I am happy to see that SBL has recognized the fact that apart from selling alcohol, they also have a role to play in encouraging responsible drinking," Kamota said.

Incorporated in 1988 as Associated Breweries, SBL

is the second largest beer company in Tanzania, with its beer brands accounting for over 20 percent of the market share by volume. SBL has three operating plants in Dar es Salaam, Mwanza and Moshi.

Since the creation of SBL in 2002, the business has grown its portfolio of brands year on year. The majority stake acquisition by EABL/Diageo in 2010 has seen increased investment in international quality standards leading to greater job opportunities for the people of Tanzania.

SBL Brands have been receiving multiple international awards and include Serengeti Premium Lager, Serengeti Premium Lite, Pilsner Lager, Pilsner King, Tusker Lager, Kibo Gold and Guinness Stout. The company is also home to world's renowned spirits such as Johnnie Walker Whisky, Smirnoff Vodka, Gordon's Gin, Captain Morgan Rum and Baileys Irish Cream.

## SUPPORT

## Bank dishes out record 500 bid guarantees to local contractors

By Guardian Reporter

IN a bid to ensure that local contractors undertake major infrastructure projects funded by the government smoothly, NMB Bank Plc has given out 500 bid guarantees worth billions last year.

Speaking during the special symposium that brought together over 300 contractors from all over the Lake Zone in Mwanza over the weekend, NMB Chief of Retail Banking, Filbert Mponzi said the bank's decision was in response to a call by President John Magufuli.

"We are honouring the challenge put to us by President Magufuli who asked the banking sector to support local contractors by giving guarantees and so far we have supported over 500 of them countrywide," Mponzi said.

He said under the arrangement, NMB has dished out loans equal to 50 percent of the total work value in advance which has brought a huge impact to many small and medium size contractors who faced liquidity challenges.

Mponzi pledged NMB's commitment to keep on supporting local contractors on

a number of aspects including providing insurance cover and lending at an affordable interest rates. However, he challenged them to be honest in repaying the loans as per agreed terms and assured them of affordable interest rates for those who will repay on schedule.

The symposium was also attended by the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Works, Transportation and Communication, Architect Eliud Mwakalinga who commended NMB for a number of innovative products targeting local contractors.

Mwakalinga dared local contractors to remain competitive despite their inability to compete with foreign companies by employing professional engineers and merging their small companies. "We have carried out a study which shows a number of local contractors failing to maintain professional engineers and end up employing graduate engineers and even technicians who somehow lack essential skills in undertaking quality works," he said.



Acting Head of Commercial and Government Business, Aziz Chacha speaks at a Lake Zone construction sector stakeholders' meeting held in Mwanza during the weekend. Left is Chief of Retail Banking, Filbert Mponzi. Photo courtesy of NMB.

He further noted that the government has been reviewing factors behind many local companies failing to win major projects and hinted a number of measures to arrest the situation.

The PS mentioned one of them as emanating from a meeting with World Bank officials recently where they deliberated on key issues including

reviewing some financial conditions in order to give local companies more opportunities in undertaking major projects.

On his part, Chairman of Contractors Association for Mwanza Region, Engineer Oscar Munisi said apart from banks supporting local companies financially, contractors should conduct

self evaluation before blaming the government for failing to deliver.

Eng Munisi admitted there were some internal challenges that must be addressed and remained hopeful that Contractors Registration Board is working on them especially in dealing with rogue contractors who are tarnishing the image of the profession.

## RECOGNITION

## Master Steel, VW win big at RDB investment awards



Prime Minister Édouard Ngirente (L) gives the Investor of the Year award to an official of Master Steel Ltd.

KIGALI

Steel construction material manufacturing company Master Steel Rwanda, and carmakers Volkswagen were some of the big winners in this year's edition of Rwanda Development Board's Business Excellence Awards that took place on Friday evening at the Kigali Convention Centre.

Master Steel Rwanda was recognised as the Investor of the Year, while VW was named the Emerging Investor of the Year in the awards that seek to recognize businesses that have demonstrated excellence, and also proved to have significantly contributed to the country's economic

transformation.

Master Steel manufactures construction materials like roofing sheets, mild steel plates, hollow sections, nails and rebars; and VW runs Rwanda's first-ever car assembling plant in the Kigali Special Economic Zone.

Among other winners on the night were manufacturers of nutritious cereal-based foods Africa Improved Foods were named exporter of the year, "Multi-Sector Investment Group" an agro-based company was named the Emerging Exporter of the Year, Agropy Limited a pesticide manufacturer was awarded the Made In Rwanda Enterprise of the

Year.

Moshions, a fashion Company was awarded the Emerging Made in Rwanda Enterprise of the Year, cEasyHatch, a chicken hatchery, and veterinary company emerged the SME of the year, KCB Bank was named the skills development promoter of the year, and MTN, the innovator of the year.

According to RDB, the awards are aimed at acknowledging and celebrating efforts made by local companies in promoting a sustainable and prosperous economy. In an earlier media briefing, RDB CEO, Clare Akamanzi underscored that the main objective of the awards is to encourage competitiveness among

private sector enterprises and promote innovative business culture in the country.

"We believe so much that one good business should be awarded. If investors have responded to our call to do business in Rwanda, and have demonstrated excellence, they should be recognised. We also believe if the business community share their best practices, it should help increase competitiveness in the business sector," she pointed out. Akamanzi also observed that the culture of awarding and recognising outstanding performance will help improve overall performance as well as elevate the standards of doing business in the country.

OPTIMISM

# India's 2020 budget seeks to revive slowing economy

NEW DELHI

India on Saturday unveiled an annual budget that pledged to boost people's incomes as Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government aimed to revive the country's slowing economy, with the pace of growth slumping to its lowest level in more than a decade.

India's finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman was under huge pressure to meet sky-high expectations to formulate a budget that would foster growth in the next financial year - which starts at the beginning of the April - while trying to keep the country's fiscal deficit in check as far as possible.

Highlights of the budget aimed at addressing the economic challenges included a widely-anticipated cut in personal income tax, a big push on



India's finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

investment in infrastructure, and an injection of close to \$40 billion into the country's farming sector. It also abolished a tax on dividend

distributions. "The budget has clearly been a pro-people and populist budget with a view to address the concerns

across diverse spectrums of the economy," says Rajesh Narain Gupta, the managing partner at SNG & Partners, an Indian corporate law

firm. But he warns that "it remains to be seen how these big-ticket announcements would translate into reality."

"This is the budget to boost incomes and enhance their purchasing power," said Ms Sitharaman in a speech ahead of its release. "Only through higher growth we can achieve that and have our youth gainfully and meaningfully employed."

India's economy was the world's fastest growing in 2018. But the government expects GDP growth of just 5 per cent in the current financial year, which runs until the end of March. That would be the country's slowest growth since the 2008 global financial crisis.

Weak private investment and consumer demand, exacerbated by a credit crisis in the country's non-banking financial sector, have pressured the economy in the last year. Ms Sitharaman's delivery of the

budget lasted more than two and a half hours, making it the longest ever budget speech. She cut off the end of her speech, however, as she started to feel unwell.

Stock markets, too, were ailing by this point. The benchmark S&P BSE Sensex fell more than 1 per cent during afternoon trading. Stock markets in India opened on Saturday to allow investors to trade as the country's budget was unveiled. This came after the benchmark index suffered a fall of 1.3 per cent in January - its worst start to the year since 2016.

"Though the budget focused on agriculture and rural development, it didn't meet expectations," says Deepthi Mary Mathew, an economist at Geojit Financial Services. "The abolishment of the dividend distribution tax is a welcome step. However, for consumption revival,

the finance minister mainly focused on the adoption of [a] new tax regime. It needs to be looked into whether the new regime will be enough [to revive] the consumer spending." Given the high hopes, there was clearly some disappointment too.

"As the market reaction suggests, it gives a picture that budget 2020 was a disappointing one," says Ajit Mishra, vice-president of research at Religare Broking, based in New Delhi. "It fell short of expectations as the stimulus package for rural, infrastructure and transportation was up marginally. Further, even the widely-expected personal income tax came with a caveat of having to forego earlier exemptions and deductions."

But he adds that "it is important to note that the expectations were way higher this time around from the government considering

the ongoing economic slowdown." "Further, the government had limited resources due to lower tax collections," said Mr Mishra. Overall, he says the budget is "a worthy attempt to cater to the needs of all sections of society and at the same time provide fiscal stimulus to key social sectors."

There is also some skepticism among investors about how the steps announced will be implemented. The government has already taken steps to boost growth in recent months but this has come at a price. Ms Sitharaman revealed that fiscal deficit for the current financial year would increase to 3.8 per cent of GDP, which was in line with expectations, up from an earlier target of 3.3 per cent. For next year, the fiscal deficit has been set at 3.5 per cent.

INNOVATION

## Apple CEO Tim Cook says 5G is still in its 'early innings'

NEW YORK

Rivals like Samsung, Huawei, and Motorola are already selling 5G-enabled smartphones, but Apple CEO Tim Cook believes the next-generation wireless network is still in its early days - and sidestepped any questions about a potential 5G iPhone.

"With respect to 5G, we're in the early innings of its deployment on a global basis," Cook said in response to an analyst question about Apple's potential plans to bring 5G connectivity to future iPhones.

Cook's comments during the company's fiscal first-quarter earnings call comes as Apple has been widely rumored to be developing 5G iPhones for a September launch, as reports from Bloomberg and TF Interna-

tional Securities analyst Ming-Chi Kuo have indicated.

However, Cook declined to comment on the company's plans for 5G, except to insinuate that the slow pace in the United States of the rollout of the technology may be a cause for concern at Apple. "I think it's important when you think about 5G to look around the world at the different deployment schedules," he said. "Some of them look very different than what you might be seeing here. That's very important."

The term "5G" has been a buzzword for years, but 2019 was the year that many smartphone makers and wireless carriers began more widely implementing the technology. Samsung's flagship smartphone, the Galaxy S10, is available in a 5G variant, for example. Android phone makers like OnePlus, Motorola, and LG also sell 5G-enabled devices.

But even in the United States, 5G coverage is fairly limited. Verizon's 5G network is only currently available in 31 cities, for example. AT&T launched its consumer 5G network in just five cities in December, as The Verge notes, although it said it would soon be deploying the network in an additional 10 cities.

Apple posted record-breaking results on Tuesday during its fiscal first quarter earnings report, as holiday sales of the iPhone and Apple's wearables resulted in a 9% increase in revenue. Apple's iPhone revenue also returned to growth following four consecutive quarters of year-over-year declines, largely driven by the iPhone 11 lineup.



Apple CEO Tim Cook.

Marketing

## Huawei scouts Europe for tech start-ups to secure supply chain

LONDON

Huawei is in talks about investing in European tech start-ups and contributing to research in a bid to secure its supply chain as tensions with the US escalate, people familiar with the matter said.

In the final weeks of 2019, Huawei executives visited start-ups and venture capital firms in countries including Germany and France, they said. The companies discussed business collaborations and potential cash injections in exchange for equity stakes, the people said, asking not to be identified because the talks were private.

No final decisions have been made and Huawei may decide against making any investments, the people said. A spokesman for Huawei didn't immediately respond to a request for comment. Huawei has rapidly shifted toward self-reliance as American sanctions jeopardised a carefully orchestrated global supply chain.

The US President Donald Trump has repeatedly railed against China and its companies, including Huawei, citing industrial espionage, national security and intellectual property theft. He has limited their access to the US market and

to American suppliers, while also pressing allies from Japan to the Netherlands to review policies towards the Asian giant.

The company has been open about its desire to work closely with researchers in Europe. But any larger investment may face scrutiny. The UK this week revealed partial bans for Huawei equipment in high-speed 5G networks. Orange, the former French phone monopoly, said on Friday it would leave Huawei out of future wireless infrastructure.

Under President Emmanuel Macron's watch, the French state has added artificial intelligence and semiconductors to the list of sectors under the foreign investments regulation act. The law allows the state to review, block or demand government reviews in any investment in entities that are part of the list, which spans communications to space.

UK merger rules introduced in 2018 increased scrutiny of technology deals on national security grounds. Germany's economy ministry also said in November that it planned to tighten regulation covering the takeover of high-tech firms by non-EU companies. Still, Huawei already has a collection of small investments in Europe.



# ISIDINGO MONDAY - FRIDAY STARTING 7:30 PM

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19:30 Isidingo	18:15 Igizo: Mizengwe rpt	15:00 Meza huru	18:30 Shamba lulu	16:30 Capchat rpt
20:00 Habari	18:30 Igizo rpt: Dhoruba	15:30 Meza huru	19:00 Kipindi Maalum: TMDA	17:00 Meza huru
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23:30 The Base	21:10 Kipindi Maalum: Tanesco	18:15 Mipishi	21:30 Capital Prime News	19:00 Drive it
00:30 Al Jazeera	21:40 Kipindi Maalum: Watumishi Housing	18:30 Shamba lulu	22:00 Kipima Joto	19:30 Eco@Africa
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5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi	23:30 The Base	2:00 DWTV	06:00 Al Jazeera	20:45 Telenovela: (Dónde está Elisa?) Where is Elisa?
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09:55 Habari za saa	8:55 Habari za saa	10:00 Mjue Zaidi rpt	17:30 Innovation	10:00 Culinary delight rpt
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## WORLD

# Commanding China's fight against novel coronavirus outbreak

BEIJING

A new hospital built in just ten days in a Chinese city hit hardest by the novel coronavirus outbreak will soon start operation.

Approved by Chairman of the Central Military Commission Xi Jinping, 1,400 medical staff from the armed forces are tasked with treating patients in the 1,000-bed Huoshenshan Hospital in Wuhan starting from today.

This is the latest development in the Chinese people's critical battle against the novel coronavirus outbreak, with the number of cumulative confirmed cases on the Chinese mainland reaching 14,380 by the end of Saturday.

Commanding this fight is President Xi Jinping, also general secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee.

Under Xi's leadership, China has taken unprecedented measures to

contain the outbreak, pooling national medical personnel and supplies to the hardest hit regions, building new hospitals, extending the Chinese Lunar New Year holiday, postponing the opening dates for schools and businesses, and imposing travel restrictions.

The nation is currently experiencing a peak period of confirmed cases. With prevention and control measures in place, the number of future infections will be significantly reduced, said Li Lanjuan, a renowned Chinese epidemiologist.

World Health Organization (WHO) Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said China's measures are not only protecting its people, but also protecting the people in the whole world.

President Xi's personal guidance and deployment show his great leadership capability, Tedros said.

## TOP PRIORITY

Over the past few weeks, Xi has called multiple meetings, heard reports and made important instructions on the prevention and control work.

The message is crystal clear: people always come first.

Before the Chinese Lunar New Year, as the epidemic spread, Xi ordered resolute efforts to curb the spread, stressing people's lives and health as the top priority.

On Jan. 25, the first day of the Chinese Lunar New Year, Xi chaired a meeting of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee. He reiterated putting people's lives and health as the top priority and ordered Party committees and governments at all levels to take novel coronavirus outbreak prevention and control as the most important task.

On Jan. 27, in an instruction to Party organizations, members and officials, Xi asked them to keep in mind that the people's interests are the highest priority in the current arduous battle.

Xi said in an instruction to the military that the epidemic prevention and control remained grim and complex and demanded the armed forces shoulder their responsibility, fight the hard battle and actively assist local authorities in fighting the epidemic.

## UNIFIED COMMAND, JOINT EFFORTS

Following a unified command and pooling together efforts from all sectors are key to China's battle against the novel coronavirus outbreak.

At the Jan. 25 meeting of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee, a central leading group was set up to

form a unified command to oversee the prevention and control work in different localities.

In the Jan. 27 instruction, Xi asked Party organizations, officials and members to unite the people in resolutely implementing the decisions and arrangements of the CPC Central Committee, to let the Party flag "fly high at the frontline of the battleground."

On Jan. 28, Xi told Tedros that China has full confidence and capability to win the battle against the virus with concerted efforts, scientific containment and targeted policies under the strong leadership of the CPC.

The joint task mechanism was repeatedly stressed. It would help fortify a strong defense against the outbreak by mass participation, according to Xi.

## INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

As the virus is highly contagious, the entire world is looking to China's prevention and control efforts. Xi has stressed releasing information in a timely manner and deepening international cooperation.

The Jan. 25 meeting of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee underscored the timely, accurate and transparent release of information to address concerns from home and abroad.

Xi told Tedros that China attaches great importance to the cooperation with the WHO.

China is ready to work with the WHO as well as the international community to safeguard regional and global public health security, Xi said.

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A new hospital built in just ten days

## All-out efforts demonstrate China's ability to contain epidemic

HANGZHOU

FEWER cars, empty streets, quiet stations and smaller crowds in the supermarkets, this year's Spring Festival is quite different from previous years with the novel coronavirus sweeping China.

Many Chinese are going in the reverse direction during the Spring Festival, not heading home, but to work on the frontlines of the fight against the epidemic.

Hua, a resident in Hangzhou, capital of east China's Zhejiang Province, decided to shorten her family union in central Henan Province and travel back to Hangzhou on Jan. 26, the second day of the Lunar New Year and traditionally a day for visiting relatives and friends.

"In order to reduce face-to-face interactions with others, we decided not to visit our relatives during this Spring Festival," Hua said. She did not talk with anybody during her five-hour journey back to Hangzhou. People around her wore masks and the ride was quiet.

Chinese health authorities said on Sunday that the overall confirmed cases of novel coronavirus infection on the Chinese mainland had reached 14,380 by the end of Saturday, and a total of 304 people had died of the disease.

Hua chose to stay at home, separating herself from the outside world physically, with a mobile phone full of downloaded films.

According to Chinese health authorities, residents are advised to stay at home in order to contain the epidemic.

Hua's choice was shared by many other Chinese people during the Spring Festival holiday. Many people got instructions from TV and mobile phones, stayed at home with their family members and chose not to visit relatives and friends.

With just a few taps on her mobile phone, Hua easily sends wishes to her relatives and she can also make video calls.

The day after her arrival, the seven-day Spring Festival holiday, scheduled to end on Jan. 30, was extended to Feb. 2.

Universities and schools across the country are required to postpone the opening of the spring semester, and many factories and companies postponed the start of work.

Large-scale activities for the Lunar New Year celebrations, including temple fairs, winter sports and exhibitions, have been canceled to minimize large gatherings of people.

At the national level, China is mobilizing medical resources to aid Wuhan and control the epidemic. Thousands of doctors and nurses left their families behind and volunteered to go to the city.

According to the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, Chinese travel agencies and online tourism enterprises should suspend group tours starting from Jan. 24.

In urban areas, local governments are trying their best to control the spread of virus through traffic control, temperature measuring and technologies to block and track infections.

In rural areas, village chiefs urge villagers to stay at home to reduce risky face-to-face interactions.

The Chinese government at all levels is making efforts to ensure financing and supplies. In east China's Zhejiang Province alone, financial support related to the prevention and control of the coronavirus has exceeded 1.2 billion yuan (about 173 million U.S. dollars).

Factory workers went back to work on the first day of the Lunar New Year in Zhejiang, producing masks, medicines, and even zips for protection suits which were greatly needed in Wuhan.

"As an old Chinese saying goes, every man is responsible for the fate of his country. At this critical juncture, we should do our work and help our nation as much as we can," said Liu De, a technician who kept working in his factory on New Year's Eve to manufacture more masks.

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## Arab FMs reject US Mideast peace plan, voice support for Palestine

CAIRO

ARAB foreign ministers voiced rejection on Saturday to the recently released U.S. Middle East peace plan, while expressing their support for Palestine which emphatically refused the new peace plan upon its announcement.

"Rejection of the U.S.-Israeli Deal of the Century comes as it does not fulfill the minimum rights and aspirations of the Palestinian people," said the final communique issued by the foreign ministers following the meeting.

The statement described as "unfair" the peace deal, announced on Jan. 28 by U.S. President Donald Trump in the presence of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

The U.S. vision of the Israeli-Palestinian peace process includes annexing the disputed holy city of Jerusalem as Israel's "undivided capital" while the Palestinian capital will include areas on the outskirts of East Jerusalem.

The U.S. president outlined the 80-page plan, saying it proposes a "realistic" two-state solution.

The Trump administration has postponed several times the publi-



Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas (C) speaks during an emergency meeting of Arab foreign ministers at the Arab League headquarters in Cairo, Egypt, on Saturday. (Xinhua)

cation of its "Deal of the Century," a proposal that has been criticized repeatedly by the Palestinians who had little engagement in it.

The final statement of Arab foreign ministers agreed to boycott the U.S. "unfair deal" and not to cooperate "in any way" with the United States in its implementation.

The U.S. plan "violates the references of the peace process based on the international law and the relevant United Nations resolutions," the Arab ministers added.

They also highlighted the Arab Peace Initiative endorsed by the Arab League in Beirut in 2002 as

the minimum acceptable limit to achieve peace "through ending the Israeli occupation of all Palestinian and Arab territories occupied in 1967 and the establishment of the independent, sovereign state of Palestine with East Jerusalem as its capital."

The final statement agreed on "sticking to peace as a strategic option to settle the conflict," underlining the necessity of the two-state solution as the basis of the peace process.

They warned Israel against implementing the Trump-proposed deal unilaterally, reaffirming full support for the struggle of the Pal-

estinian people and its leadership.

Speaking at the meeting, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas said the Palestinian Authority informed the Israelis that it will "not have any relations with them or with the United States, including security relations."

Abbas said his authority sent two letters to both Netanyahu and the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency to convey the Palestinian rejection of the deal.

"The U.S. deal is completely rejected once they announced annexing Jerusalem to Israel," Abbas told the Arab foreign ministers at the meeting attended by Arab

League Secretary-General Ahmed Aboul-Gheit.

The United States is a biased mediator, said Abbas, noting he will head to the UN Security Council to protest the deal and find a solution.

He condemned that Washington wants to abolish former UN resolutions and international legitimacy decisions related to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and use the new U.S. plan as the only reference.

The Palestinian president said he declined the U.S. requests to receive a copy of the deal, nor letters and phone calls from Trump after the deal was announced.

"We have the right to continue our legitimate struggle through peaceful means to end the (Israeli) occupation and establish our independent state," said Abbas, calling for international and regional support for the legitimate rights of the Palestinians.

Abbas urged the formation of an international mechanism to implement the resolutions of international legitimacy and the Arab Peace Initiative endorsed by the AL in Beirut in 2002.

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## Kenyan investors venture into waste recycling to boost youth employment

NAKURU

FOR Kenyan industrialist Mary Ngechu, tackling joblessness in a country where 85 percent of the unemployed are below 34 years old, strikes her investment nerve to create avenues for absorbing those yet to secure paid work.

Ngechu is the co-founder and managing director of the Nairobi-based LinePlast Group Limited which manufactures plastic bottles for packing pharmaceutical, cosmetic and agro-veterinary products as well as provide labeling services.

She has experience in the manufacturing sector for more than 15 years. In her line of work, she has

been exposed to realities of joblessness among women and youth, considered vulnerable groups in Kenya due to little accessibility to economic resources such as land and property.

Endeavored to be part of the problem solvers, in 2017, she started a waste management initiative-Takataka ni Mali (Waste is Wealth), looping in women and youth from 46 counties, Nairobi exempted due to existence of related initiatives.

"Being a manufacturer of (plastic) bottles, I understand well how proper management of waste can generate wealth for the women and youth who have no jobs," Ngechu told Xinhua during an interview on Friday.

Under the initiative, she collabo-

rates with other partners to educate the cohorts on environmental protection and their role in keeping it sanitary. "They are trained on collecting the plastic bottles and sorting them out for sale to recyclers," said Ngechu, adding that she has created a value chain in which the sellers have direct linkage with recyclers.

She said they have installed Kajjido, located 80 km south of capital Nairobi, as the model county where they have set a waste management hub with at least 250 women and youth attached to it.

"We seek to multiply these numbers as we spread to the rest of the counties. I am a strong believer in gender equality and I devote to

change the lives of both men and women," said Ngechu.

At the moment, she is mobilizing partners in the respective counties to ensure a successful uptake of the initiative. The Takataka ni Mali initiative won her UN recognition in 2017 as Kenya's Person of the Year (runners up) for having changed lives by promoting enterprises in manufacturing.

Ngechu's social contribution counts as one of the many ways the private sector can expand employment bandwidth in Kenya, as such pool many out of poverty, experts argue.

"Investors always conduct an analysis of market trends and they iden-

tify the gaps or emerging opportunities...they are therefore best placed to invest in those opportunities...and create jobs for Kenyans," said Tom Nyamache, a Kenyan economist.

Judson Nyabuto, an investment advisor with Stag African said governments in Africa need to prioritize addressing challenges investors face as they supplement government's efforts to tackle unemployment.

"Any step an investor takes to create employment opportunities for a country's citizens should surely be applauded," said Nyabuto.

"But the government needs to have a discussion with investors to remove obstacles like high taxation which stifle business making it diffi-

cult for an investor to put money in an enterprise benefiting locals," he added.

With a stable economic environment, established companies can offer contractual jobs to many people who would then invest their income in enterprises branching out jobs to others, said the investment advisor.

They can also offer apprenticeship which enables fresh graduates to sharpen their skills thus not only improve their employability but prepare them for self-employment, said Nyabuto.

"But the most important factor in all these, is for the government to listen and respond to the concerns of investors," said Nyabuto. Xinhua





Michael Bloomberg (L) and Tom Steyer

## Billionaires bombard US presidential campaign with hundreds of millions in cash

WASHINGTON

TWO billionaire Democratic presidential hopefuls, Michael Bloomberg and Tom Steyer, collectively spent about \$389 million last year on their campaigns, more than the rest of the remaining Democratic field combined, according to disclosures filed on Friday.

Bloomberg launched his campaign in November and spent more than \$188 million in two months, a sum sourced entirely from his personal wealth.

Steyer, who was also considered a late addition to the field of candidates when he launched his campaign in July, spent \$201 million in 2019 which largely came from \$202.5 million of his own money he put into his campaign and about \$3 million raised in donations.

While the rest of the Democratic field is heading to the Iowa caucuses that will be held on Monday, spending on advertising and staff in the small state, Bloomberg is skipping the first four contests. Instead, he has turned his focus to the more than one dozen states that will vote on "Super Tuesday" on March 3rd.

The Iowa caucuses are the first contest in a series of state-by-state votes that are used to pick nominees. There are 11 Democrats vying to be their party's pick to challenge Republican President Donald Trump in November 2020.

Bloomberg is hoping to overcome any momentum winners in Iowa, New Hampshire, South Carolina and Nevada might gain by blanketing the airwaves in Super Tuesday states with television ads touting his candidacy.

Bloomberg's spending appears to be paying off, with his standing in national polls continue to climb. Steyer has done well enough to qualify for debates, but has struggled to exceed 2%

in national polls.

Spending by the rest of the Democratic field pales in comparison.

U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders, who ranked third in campaign spending, spent \$90.7 million over the 10 months in 2019 he was running for president.

Bloomberg even outspent Trump, whose campaign reported spending about \$148 million since he launched his reelection in January 2017.

Candidates for president are required by law to file regular disclosures with the Federal Election Commission detailing the how much money their campaigns have raised and how it was spent.

Bloomberg's spent more than \$132 million on television ads through the end of 2019. Independent media trackers estimate that the total Bloomberg has spent on his campaign exceeded \$250 million in January.

Steyer also spent mainly on advertising, pumping \$117 million into TV ads and \$44 million in online ads.

U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren's largest campaign expense was salaries. She spent more than \$16 million on staff in 2019.

Over the course of the year, Sanders also spent the most on staff, disclosing almost \$14 million in payroll. His spending on advertising was a close second, \$13.5 million on television and about \$9.7 million in online ads.

Former South Bend, Indiana Mayor Buttigieg's biggest expense for 2019 was online advertising, spending about \$11.6 million on the ads. His payroll came in at \$9.9 million and he spent \$9.4 million on television.

Former Vice President Joe Biden also listed staff costs as his top category, spending \$11.7 million on payroll in the year. He spent \$7.2 million on online advertising, and trailed its rivals in television spending, spending on \$2.3 million on ads.

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# Trump's expanded travel ban targets Nigeria, five other countries

WASHINGTON

U.S. President Donald Trump issued an expanded version of his travel ban on Friday that targets prospective immigrants from Nigeria and five other countries, a move that could affect thousands of people and reignite debate on whether the policy is discriminatory.

Of the six countries added to the ban, four are African nations and three have Muslim-majority populations. Democrats and immigration advocates accuse the Trump administration of seeking to expand its original 2017 ban that targeted Muslim-majority countries and of disproportionately focusing on African coun-

tries. Acting Homeland Security Secretary Chad Wolf said during a call with reporters that the six countries failed to meet U.S. security and information-sharing standards, which necessitated the new restrictions. The problems Wolf cited ranged from sub-par passport technology to a failure to sufficiently exchange information on terrorism suspects and criminals.

Belarus, which had been under consideration for inclusion, took steps to remedy deficiencies in recent months and will not face visa restrictions, Wolf said.

The United States will suspend the issuance of visas that can lead to permanent residency for na-

tionals of Eritrea, Kyrgyzstan, Myanmar and Nigeria, a presidential proclamation said. Temporary visas for tourists, businesspeople, students and workers from those nations will not be affected, it said.

The U.S. government also will stop issuing "diversity visas" to nationals of Sudan and Tanzania, the proclamation said. The visas, which Trump has criticized, are available by lottery for applicants from countries with low rates of immigration.

"These countries, for the most part, want to be helpful," Wolf said, "but for a variety of different reasons simply failed to meet those minimum requirements that we laid out."

The original travel ban barred



nearly all immigrants and travelers from seven countries with majority Muslim populations. The policy was revised amid court challenges, but the U.S. Supreme Court ultimately upheld it in June 2018. Trump has made cracking down on immigration a focus of his 2020 re-election campaign. His travel ban policy is popular with Republican supporters.

The existing version of the ban includes Iran, Libya, Somalia, Syria and Yemen. North Korea and Venezuela also face visa bars, but those measures affect relatively few travelers. Those restrictions will remain in place.

The new travel ban will take effect on Feb. 21, according to the proclamation.

MOST VISAS FROM NIGERIA

U.S. Representative Joe Neguse, a Democrat from Colorado and son of Eritrean refugees, said the updated ban unfairly singled out allied African nations.

"It is un-American to discriminate against immigrants solely because of where they come from or how they pray," Neguse told

reporters. In 2015, when he was running for president, Trump called for "a total and complete shutdown of Muslims entering the United States."

Three nations included in the updated ban - Kyrgyzstan, Nigeria and Sudan - have majority Muslim populations. Eritrea and Tanzania have sizable Muslim minorities.

U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi criticized the ban, calling it "discrimination disguised as policy." She said the Democrats would introduce legislation barring religious discrimination in the U.S. immigration system within a few weeks. Nigeria sends the most immigrants to the United States. The U.S. State Department issued approximately 7,900 immigrant vi-

sas to Nigerians in fiscal year 2018, which began Oct. 1, 2017.

Geoffrey Onyeama, Nigeria's foreign affairs minister, said he was "disappointed" by the decision. The U.S. State Department will host meetings in Washington on Monday and Tuesday with Onyeama, other officials and business leaders.

The administration said the new ban was narrowly tailored.

Investor visas, which lead to permanent residence, will also be barred. But the restrictions will not apply to skilled foreign workers entering the United States on H-1B visas, according to a DHS official who briefed reporters. Such visas are temporary, but can lead to permanent residence.

## 'Dawn of new era' marked as Britain leaves EU

LONDON

MEMORIES, celebrations and commiserations marked a historic day that will be narrated differently by the Brexiters and Europhiles in the future.

Britain officially left the European Union (EU) at 11 p.m. (2300 GMT) Friday, putting an end to its 47-year-long membership of the world's largest trading bloc.

The Brexit Day was marked with both celebrations and protests across Britain, leaving the EU in mixed feeling and the remaining EU members calling for stronger solidarity within the bloc.

HISTORIC MOMENT

In a televised special address to the nation, British Prime Minister Boris Johnson, who took office amid the Brexit crisis, called the moment of departure "the dawn of a new era" when "the curtain goes up on a new act."

"Our job as the government -- my job -- is to bring this country together and take us forward," he said. "And the most important thing to say tonight is that this is not an end but a beginning."

A joint statement of EU leaders said that the day is of "reflection and mixed emotions" for themselves and many others, and that Britain and EU will have to work hard to weave together a new way forward "as allies, partners and friends."

The moment also marked the start of a transition period which will last till the end of this year as negotiators try to forge a trade arrangement between Britain and the remaining EU nations.

Big Ben, which has been mostly silent since restoration work began in 2017, did not chime at the historic moment for the nation that was hugely divided by the Brexit referendum in 2016.

10 Downing Street, the prime minister's residence, counted down to the 11 p.m. deadline with a light display. Government buildings in central London were lit up to celebrate the special occasion.

The British government has hailed the Brexit Day as a significant moment in the country's history and said it intends to use the event to bring communities back together and "heal divisions."

On Friday, a British government cabinet meeting took place in Sunderland, the first city to declare support for leaving the EU three and a half years ago.

A commemorative Brexit coin which reads "Peace, prosperity and friendship with all nations" also went into circulation in Britain on the day.

At London's Parliament Square, the Union flags were flown from flag poles outside the Houses of Parliament as Brexiters chanted slogans to celebrate the moment.

For the Brexiters, the day signifies that Britain has once again become a truly independent, sovereign state and



Supporters of a pro-Brexit group celebrate at Parliament Square in London, Britain, on Friday. (Xinhua)

a normal self-governing, parliamentary democracy.

"We will now be fully in control of our own, laws, finance, borders and trade," Alan Sked, founder of leading Brexit political party UK Independence Party, told Xinhua.

On the other side of the English Channel, the Union Jack was lowered for the last time outside the building of the European Parliament in Brussels.

Despite challenges, leaders of the EU and remaining member states have pledged to turn Brexit into an opportunity of forging a more competitive, integrated and influential bloc.

"It's never a happy moment when someone leaves, but we are opening a new chapter," European Council President Charles Michel said, vowing that "we will devote all our energy to building a stronger, more ambitious EU."

BEGINNING OF THE END OF UNITED KINGDOM?

To some, Brexit also means an uncertain future for the United Kingdom.

Brian Renaghan, whose farmland straddles the border between Northern Ireland and Republic of Ireland, fears that he may lose the annual EU subsidies to keep his business afloat.

"I will have to come up with another way to make money, perhaps turning it into a recreational farm or something," he told Xinhua.

He said he believed Brexit was the beginning of the end of the United Kingdom, adding that he could see a United Ireland coming within 10 years.

In Dundee, a high-profile "Yes City" in the 2014 Scottish independence referendum, city council leader John Alexander said he was eager to get a good sleep before starting the next day campaigning even harder for Scottish independence.

"Brexit has not only resulted in huge political upheaval and public anger, but is already having a negative impact upon the UK's, and therefore Scotland's, economic outlook," he told Xinhua, adding the British government's

position "does not in any way reflect the views of the Scottish population."

In the 2016 Brexit referendum, every single voting district in Scotland voted to remain in the EU, the largest and most strategically important economic partner for Scotland.

"Independence offers Scotland an opportunity to right that wrong," Alexander said. "It is not a question of whether it will happen but when."

FUTURE PARTNERSHIP

Withdrawing from the EU is merely the first hurdle that will be followed by negotiations on a permanent trade and working arrangement between Britain and Brussels. The tough talks are expected to be wrapped up within this year as the Brexit transition period ends.

Britain's departure from the EU will be just the starting point in a rocky and uncertain journey that may continue for years, and almost certainly into the second half of the 2020s, said Ivan Rogers, Britain's former permanent representative to the EU.

The veteran ex-diplomat warned that Jan. 31 is just the beginning of Brexit rather than the end of it.

In Dover, one of Europe's busiest ferry ports and Britain's closest physical point to mainland Europe, residents voiced their optimism despite the warning.

"I know it will be a tough road ahead, but I am confident that we will find a way out," said Stuart Ord-Hume, who has been a stock broker for 23 years. "I believe the government has the ability to deal with all the challenges, and they don't want the country to collapse."

Brexit has also cast doubt on the future of the EU, which expanded a number of times throughout its history, and the trend of globalization as a whole. Martin Albrow, a renowned British sociologist and a pioneer of the theory of globalization, told Xinhua that he thinks Brexit will make no difference to globalization which is driven by technology, culture and ideas. Xinhua

## Putin, Merkel discuss US 'deal of the century', execution of Libya conference decisions

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin and German Chancellor Angela Merkel discussed the US Israeli-Palestinian conflict settlement plan, which Washington dubbed "the deal of the century," during a phone call, initiated by Berlin, the Kremlin press service said.

"Among other topics, they hashed over the developments in Ukraine and Syria, as well as the Middle East peace process issue. In this context, the leaders exchanged opinions regarding the US plan for the settlement of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict," the press service commented.

Other subjects included the implementation of the agreements reached at the conference on Libya held in Berlin on January 19, the Kremlin press service reported.

"[The parties] discussed the implementation of the agreements reached at the international conference on Libya in Berlin on January 19," the press service said.

"The Russian president pointed to the need to coordinate the decisions made [at the conference] with the Libyan parties, which is important for their subsequent consideration and approval by the UN Security Council." "The two sides highlighted the expediency of stepping up the international community's efforts for the benefit of ensuring a stable ceasefire and launching a political dialogue."

The two leaders also raised some bilateral issues and agreed on further contacts.

Libya conference

On January 19, Berlin hosted a high-level conference on the settlement process in Libya. In the final document, the participants in the meeting called for a ceasefire, pledged to refrain from meddling in Libya's affairs, proposed to form a unified government and trigger reforms to restore the country's nationalhood destroyed by NATO's intervention in 2011. The parties to the conflict also agreed to set up a commission to monitor the ceasefire.

'Deal of the century'

On January 28, US President Donald Trump unveiled the key points of the so-called "deal of the century," a plan for Israel-Palestine settlement process based on mutual recognition of both states.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu supported the initiative and said he was willing to start negotiations immediately. Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas condemned the deal, while the Hamas movement stressed that the plan is "not worth the ink it was written with."

Agencies



Zantel Tanzania Head of Mobile Financial Services and Marketing, Sakyi Opoku (R), hands over an award to Femin Mabachi (C), the overall winner of the Zantel Monthly Mug golf tournament, which took place at Lugalo Golf Club in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Looking on (L) is Lugalo Golf Club's women team captain, Hawa Wanyenche. Zantel organizes golf weekly Fiddle and Monthly Mug tournaments at the club's course. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

## India beats NZ by 7 runs in 5th T20 to sweep series 5-0

MOUNT MAUNGANUI, New Zealand

MASTER finisher Jasprit Bumrah took 3-12 from four overs as India beat New Zealand by seven runs in the fifth Twenty20 cricket international Sunday to sweep the five-match series 5-0.

For the third match in a row New Zealand seemed to be coasting to victory before India, led by Bumrah, dragged themselves back into the match and won in a gripping finish.

India made 163-3 batting first, a moderate total in good batting conditions, and New Zealand was 116-3 in the 13th over before it again self-destructed and lost six wickets for 40 runs to finish 156-9 after 20 overs.

The third and fourth matches were also New Zealand's to win before India forced them into Super Overs then snatched victory in the tie-breakers.

New Zealand seemed even more well-placed to win on Sunday when Ross Taylor and Tim Seifert made half centuries in a 99-run partnership for the fourth wicket to put the home team in a commanding position.

Taylor made 53 in his 100th Twenty20 international as he moved closer to the milestone of becoming the first cricketer to play 100 matches in all three formats.

Seifert made his second consecutive half century after his 57 in the second match at Wellington which also lifted New Zealand to the brink of victory in that match.

But his dismissal for 50 in the 13th over Sunday signaled the beginning of the end for New Zealand.

Daryl Mitchell, Mitchell Santner and Scott Kugeleijn followed quickly and when Taylor was out to the first ball of the 18th over, New Zealand's hopes of a drought-breaking victory had ended.

New Zealand needed 24 off the last two

overs and 20 from the last, far beyond the abilities of its tail-enders.

Ish Sodhi hit two sixes in the final over, bowled by Shadul Thakur, but New Zealand couldn't reach its winning target.

"The match got close at one point but we had the belief in ourselves that we could squeeze in one or two good overs and the match could get close," Bumrah said. "It was windy and we were trying to use the wind, use the longer side of the boundary and we had good communication out there."

Rohit Sharma top-scored with 60 before retiring hurt as India, playing without captain Virat Kohli, batted first after winning the toss. K.L. Rahul made 45 to total more than 240 runs in the series.

"Obviously we were positive coming into the series because we had been playing good Twenty20 cricket," Rahul said. "Against the West Indies and Bangladesh we did really, really well so we came into the series feeling positive and confident."

"Every time we were put under pressure and every time there seemed like there were no answers we came up with the answers."

New Zealand's chase seemed a forlorn hope when it lost its first three wickets for just 17 runs but Taylor and Seifert put in on course to a convincing win. The match seemed to have tipped in New Zealand's favor when it took 34 runs from the 10th over, bowled by Shivam Dube. But India pulled the match back with superb bowling by Bumrah, Navdeep Saini and Thakur.

"It's another close one and unfortunately we're on the wrong side," New Zealand captain Tim Southee said. "But you give India a sniff, they're a great side and they take it with both hands."

The teams now meet in three one-day internationals starting Wednesday and two test matches. AP

## James has a triple-double, Lakers throttle Kings 129-113

SACRAMENTO, Calif.

THE Lakers say they are fully prepared for the steady stream of tributes for Kobe Bryant that they will surely see the rest of the season.

LeBron James welcomes it, calling it a therapeutic and needed part of the Lakers' healing process.

James had another triple-double despite an off-night shooting. Anthony Davis scored 21 points and Los Angeles thumped the Sacramento Kings 129-113 on Saturday, its first win since Bryant's death.

"It's never going to feel normal. It's never going to feel the same," Lakers coach Frank Vogel said. "But we got our first win since this happened. There's going to be a lot of important steps for us along the way and this was definitely one."

James had 15 points, 11 assists and 10 rebounds while helping Los Angeles end a two-game skid. James shot 6 of 15 and missed three of four 3-pointers but made up for it with his 11th triple-double of the season and the 92nd of his career.

The Lakers were playing the second half of a back-to-back, one night after an emotional 127-119 loss to Portland at Staples Center in their first game since Sunday's helicopter crash that killed Bryant, his daughter Gianna and seven others.

During the first timeout less than four minutes into the game, a video of both Bryant and Gianna playing basketball was shown on the giant scoreboard as members of both the Lakers and Kings watched. The numbers 8 and 24 flashed on the court as Bryant's voice echoed through the building.

Tributes continued to play throughout the game as fans - many wearing Bryant's jerseys - repeatedly chanted his name. "We're prepared for it. We understand it and we hope it happens every night just because of the legacy that he's left behind," James said. "We're prepared for it as a team, as an organization and we're going to continue to get through it. It's our obligation just to go out and play the game, have that winning mentality because that's what he would want."

A memorial wall with pictures of Bryant and Gianna was set up outside one of the main entrances to Golden 1 Center. Fans scrawled messages on the wall and left



Los Angeles Lakers forward LeBron James, right, drives against Sacramento Kings forward Harrison Barnes during the first quarter of an NBA basketball game in Sacramento, Calif., Saturday, Feb. 1, 2020. (AP Photo)

flowers. Inside, the Lakers did their best to move forward following the tragedy that left the entire organization reeling.

They scored 44 points in the first quarter, made 14 3s and dished out 26 assists before halftime, dominating the Kings on both ends while building an 81-64 lead.

Avery Bradley added 19 points, Kentavious Caldwell-Pope scored 15 and Rajon Rondo had 13 points and eight assists for Los Angeles.

James capped a fast break with a two-handed dunk in the second quarter that drew roars from the crowd, then made a long bounce pass to Caldwell-Pope for a layup. James followed that with another dunk, and Rondo added a 3-pointer.

"Tonight, it was get back on track," Vogel said. "Let's get back to business and go out and get a win, no matter what."

De'Aaron Fox scored 24 points and Buddy Hield had 22 for Sacramento.

"That was a really good team that was unfortunately ... they were locked in," Kings coach Luke Walton said. "Give them credit, they came out firing."

The Kings got within 108-93 early in the fourth quarter before the Lakers pulled away. James had a 3-pointer, Rondo scored twice and Caldwell-Pope made three free throws.

"We wanted to put together a complete game and we did that tonight," James said.

Meanwhile, Cleveland, the Golden State Warriors have the worst record in the NBA, but Steve Kerr hasn't lost his sense of humor.

The Warriors coach grew accustomed to dealing with a media throng when Golden State played NBA Finals games in Cleveland every season from 2015-18.

Kerr couldn't resist making a joke when he saw the number of reporters jammed into a small interview room Saturday night before a 131-112 victory over the Cavaliers.

"Still here?" he said with a laugh. "LeBron's not walking through that door. Kevin Durant's not walking through that door. Why is everybody here?"

Kerr had plenty to smile about during the game as the Warriors recorded their biggest margin of victory this season. Glenn Robinson III scored 22 points, Draymond Green tied a career high with 16 assists and the Warriors dominated the second half night in a matchup between teams at the bottom of the NBA standings.

While the Warriors enjoyed a rare victory, Cavaliers coach John Beilein was clearly frustrated. Cleveland has lost 10 straight at home and 15 of 18 overall. Beilein said he asked a member of the team's media relations staff if he had to attend his customary postgame press conference.

"He said, yeah I do," Beilein said in comments that drew laughter from reporters. "I asked him if I could plead the Fifth and how that no witnesses could be called to this game. That tells you a little bit how I feel."

Golden State (11-39) has the NBA's worst record while Cleveland (13-37) has the second-worst record in the Eastern Conference.

The matchup bore little

resemblance to when the teams met in the NBA Finals four straight years. The Warriors won three times while the Cavaliers broke the city's 52-year championship drought in 2016.

Injuries to Stephen Curry and Klay Thompson are a major reason the Warriors have had such a difficult season. Golden State hit 18 3-pointers, including a team-record 10 in the third quarter when it took control.

"Who needs the Splash Brothers?" Green said with a laugh. "That's kind of a slap in the face (to them). That's nuts. There are a lot of numbers that don't make sense and that's one of them. I can have some fun with Steph about that."

The Warriors trailed 59-52 late in the second quarter, but went on a 53-19 run to take a 105-79 lead going into the fourth. Golden State scored 17 consecutive points - its biggest run of the season - to begin the game-changing spurt.

The Warriors outscored Cleveland 44-19 in the third, causing Beilein to send his starters to the bench.

Green played 26 minutes and scored eight points. The Warriors had seven players in double figures, including D'Angelo Russell with 19 and Damion Lee with 18.

Collin Sexton scored 23 points while Kevin Love had 14 points and 11 rebounds for Cleveland.

Curry, who broke his hand in the fourth game of the season, could return in March. Curry was injured Oct. 30 and had surgery two days later. Thompson had knee surgery after being injured in last season's Finals.

AP

## Women's tennis 'never been more open' as Kenin becomes latest Slam surprise

MELBOURNE

THE last five women's Grand Slams have now been won by five different players. Good luck trying to predict who triumphs at the French Open.

Sofia Kenin's three-set victory over Garbine Muguruza in Saturday's final at the Australian Open underlined just how open the women's game is.

The young American was seeded 14th in Melbourne and her best performance at a Slam prior to this was reaching the round of 16 at Roland Garros last year.

But here the fiery 21-year-old was, beating world number one and home hope Ashleigh Barty in the semi-finals and then defeating two-time Slam champion Muguruza.

A Kenin-Muguruza final was 750-1 with British bookmakers before the tournament.

Kenin's victory was the last episode in a wildly unpredictable draw in which six of the top-10 women's seeds, including Serena Williams and holder Naomi Osaka, went out in round three.

Moscow-born Kenin, who will now jump to seventh in the world and above Williams as the top-ranked American, has confidence in bucketfuls.

The unwavering belief that she was destined for the biggest stage in tennis shone through in the past fortnight in Melbourne.

Yet she was reticent when asked if she will be the one who emerges from the pack behind the 38-year-old Williams to win multiple Major titles.

"I would love to, that would be amazing," said Kenin, glass of champagne in hand after defeating



Sofia Kenin of the United States was the surprise winner of the Australian Open (AFP Photo)

Spain's Muguruza.

"Right now I still can't believe what just happened. I need to somehow come down and just let it all sink in.

"Hopefully I can just keep going, build up on everything that I've done these past two weeks, just move forward."

- Free-for-all -

There is a marked contrast between men's and women's tennis.

Last year's Grand Slam titles in the women's game were won by Osaka (Australian Open), Barty (French Open), Simona Halep (Wimbledon) and Bianca Andreescu (US Open).

Yet in the men's game Novak Djokovic triumphed at last year's Australian Open and Wimbledon, and Rafael Nadal won the French and US Opens.

Those two, along with 20-time Grand Slam champion Roger Federer, have reigned over men's tennis for the best part of two decades.

There is at least a chance for Austria's Dominic Thiem to gate-crash the "Big Three" on Sunday when he plays Djokovic in the men's Melbourne final.

But the 33-year-old Spaniard Nadal will once more be hot favourite at the French Open in May-June, having won the crown there a remarkable 12 times.

In comparison, the women's draw in Paris looks like being another bun fight.

Williams will once more be chasing a record-equalling 24th Grand Slam title, but it is her least-favourite sur-

face. She may need to wait until Wimbledon if she is to equal Margaret Court's record for career Slam titles.

Defending champion Barty and former winners Halep and Muguruza will be expected to challenge at Roland Garros. Now add Kenin to the mix. Osaka has never been past round three.

Or could it be another Jelena Ostapenko, the then-47th ranked Latvian who - much like Kenin - came out of left field to win in 2017? She has lifted one title since.

Some argue that, Williams aside, it shows up the weakness of women's tennis. British coach Nigel Sears believes the opposite.

"I think the women's tour is very open, I felt that for quite a while now," said Sears, coach of Estonian quarter-finalist Anett Kontaveit.

"I have said quite often that I feel there are at least 35 quality players on the WTA Tour now, and any one of 20 different players could win this Slam or any of the others," he said prior to Kenin's victory.

"I think it's never been more open. I think the depth in women's tennis has improved enormously."

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## SOCCER.NEWS

## Infantino wants African Cup of Nations every four years, not two

RABAT

FIFA boss Gianni Infantino told African football leaders on Saturday that he wants their continental Cup of Nations to be played every four years as part of a package of reforms designed to lift "African football to the top of the world".

Infantino also told a seminar in Rabat attended by delegates from each of the Confederation of African Football's 54 member associations, that he wanted new stadiums in every member state and had earmarked \$1 billion to finance the ambitious program.

The Africa Cup of Nations is currently staged every two years, which makes it unpopular with European clubs.

"What I'm asking you, and it's your decision, is to discuss and consider moving to a Nations Cup every four years," Infantino said.

He said he wanted to "revolutionise African football".

"Pele once said that an African team would win the World Cup, but this hasn't happened and it seems we are not making progress. Today must be the day we turn that page" Infantino said.

"Our objective must be to project African football to the top of the world," he said.

He said FIFA was "elaborating a proposal to mobilise \$1bn."

"In the countries where there is already at least one very good stadium, the investments can be done in other infrastructures," he said.

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Infantino also promised to create a pan-African league that would feature 20-24 clubs with a maximum of maybe two clubs per country that would still play in their national leagues.

"So we can really crown the club champions of Africa," Infantino said although the African Champions League already does that.

"Let us show the world what we can do," Infantino challenged Africa's footballing community.

"This day is special -- it's the start of a new chapter for African football."

AFP

## Zidane inspires Real Madrid to derby victory over Atletico

MADRID

ZINEDINE Zidane's double substitution at half-time transformed the Madrid derby on Saturday as Real Madrid edged past Atletico 1-0 to move six points clear at the top of La Liga.

Karim Benzema scored the winner at the Santiago Bernabeu after Zidane's decisive intervention turned a contest that Atletico had dominated into another comfortable Real Madrid victory.

Vinicius Junior, one of the substitutes, was also key to the goal.

"I wasn't happy with what I saw but it's not down to the players, it's my responsibility," Zidane said. "We had to make a change."

Second-place Barcelona can cut the gap back to three points by beating Levante at home on Sunday but Atletico now trail the leaders by 13.

While Diego Simeone's side were strong in the first half, they were yet again blunt in front of goal and then failed to respond when their opponents found a different gear.

This is Atletico's fifth game without a win and on this form, they might begin to worry about missing out on Champions League qualification.

"Of course there is concern, we must work to improve," said Simeone.

It is a far cry from pre-season when they thrashed Real 7-3 and many were tipping them as serious challengers.

Zidane was under pressure then but his team are on a relentless run, now 21 games unbeaten, the latest due in large part to his changes.

The decision to ditch a failing system and revert to 4-3-3, with Vinicius Junior and Lucas Vazquez coming on for Isco and Toni Kroos, was both brave and effective.

Real's form is impressive and they have Eden Hazard, out since November, on the brink of a return, perhaps on Thursday in the Copa del Rey quarter-finals against Real Sociedad.

Gareth Bale's absence was not related to fitness. The Welshman was left out of the squad despite training for most of the week after an ankle injury.

AFP

"He was available," said Zidane. "I had to choose and I chose someone else. But it's not a big issue and I'm counting on him until the end."

Atletico were without the injured Kieran Trippier, meaning Sime Vrsaljko came in a right-back. January signing Yannick Carrasco was named on the bench, after rejoining from Dalian Yifang the day before.

Simeone's side were significantly better in the first half and should have taken one of a handful of decent chances as Vitolo hit Thibaut Courtois, Saul Niguez flashed wide and Angel Correa poked past the post after going through one-on-one, even if he probably would have been called offside.

Casemiro was fortunate not to concede a penalty when he clumsily fell into Morata.

Real Madrid's cluster of central midfielders looked unsure of their 4-3-2-1 shape. Fede Valverde looked particularly uncomfortable as he spent much of the first half as a right winger. Luka Modric was virtually anonymous in his more advanced role.

Zidane's double change was a recognition of Atletico's superiority as he reverted to the more familiar 4-3-3 with Modric deeper in midfield.

The balance shifted immediately. Real dominated the start of the second half.

In the 56th minute, Vinicius cut in from the left and slipped in the overlapping Ferland Mendy, whose cross to the back post gave Benzema a simple finish.

Atletico had been weakened shortly before when Alvaro Morata, perhaps the best player on the pitch in the first 45 minutes, went off with an injury. He was replaced by Thomas Lemar, whom Simeone expected to be sold in the January transfer window.

Real retreated a little, perhaps waiting for an Atletico push that never came.

Valverde enjoyed a spontaneous standing ovation for a burst forward, an appreciation too perhaps for his brilliant breakthrough season. Another roar of approval greeted the final whistle.

## Liverpool move 22 points clear, Man United held on Fernandes debut

LONDON

LIVERPOOL surged 22 points clear at the top of the Premier League with a 4-0 win over Southampton, while Bruno Fernandes made his Manchester United debut in a goalless draw against Wolves on Saturday.

Mohamed Salah scored twice as the champions-elect equalled a Premier League record with a 20th straight home win at Anfield.

Southampton believed they should have had a penalty early in the second half when Danny Ings went down in the box against his old club, but no spot-kick was given. Liverpool went straight up the other end to take the lead through Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain.

"The game would have been going in a different direction," admitted Liverpool boss Jurgen Klopp.

"We had to change in the second half. That helped massively and when we are rolling it's difficult to stop."

Jordan Henderson doubled the European champions' lead with a smart finish on the hour mark.

Salah then produced two cool finishes in the final 20 minutes as Klopp's men took their tally of points to a remarkable 100 from the last possible 102.

Having completed his move from Sporting Lisbon on Thursday, in a deal worth an initial £47 million (\$61.2 million), Fernandes went straight into the starting line-up at Old Trafford.

The 25-year-old midfielder delivered a composed display full of neat passing as he lined up behind



Manchester United's Harry Maguire heads the ball clear under pressure from Wolverhampton Wanderers' Romain Saiss during the English Premier League soccer match between Manchester United and Wolverhampton Wanderers, at Old Trafford, in Manchester, England, Saturday, Feb. 1, 2020. (AP)

United striker Anthony Martial and took the role of chief creator.

He kept Rui Patrício on his toes with a series of long-range drives, one of which the Wolves goalkeeper nearly spilled into his own net.

There was also a booking for Fernandes for pulling back Raul Jimenez in the second half of a tame clash that left sixth-placed United without a win in their last three league games.

"Bruno is a top player. It's the first game. Bruno is one of those who, when he gets it into feet, he wants players moving in front of him and we didn't," United manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer said.

"We've played so many games in the past few months the players are

down to the bare bones. Energy levels are down and we need a break."

Leicester and Chelsea consolidated their places in the top four in a 2-2 draw at the King Power Stadium.

Fourth-placed Chelsea sit five points clear of fifth-placed Sheffield United and six ahead of United and Wolves.

Frank Lampard's men have won just four of their last 13 league games and needed two goals from centre-back Antonio Rudiger just to claim a point.

"Not many people gave us the top-four slot and I understand why, and it's probably the same now," Lampard said.

- Blades on the rise -

All the goals came in the second

half as Rudiger nodded Chelsea in front before two goals in 10 minutes from Harvey Barnes and Ben Chilwell turned the game around for Leicester.

A brilliant leap from Rudiger 19 minutes from time denied the Foxes all three points, but Brendan Rodgers' men maintain an eight-point lead over Chelsea in third.

Sheffield United are Chelsea's closest challengers as Chris Wilder's men earned a 1-0 win at Crystal Palace thanks to a calamitous own goal from Eagles goalkeeper Vicente Guaita.

A double for Robert Snodgrass after Issa Diop's opener put West Ham 3-1 up against Brighton at the London Stadium, but the Seagulls fought back through Pascal Gross and Glenn Murray for a point that keeps them two points above the drop zone.

Watford failed to even collect a point after going 2-0 up on Everton through Adam Masina and Roberto Pereyra.

The Hornets switched off from two set-pieces in first half stoppage time to allow Yerry Mina's double to bring Carlo Ancelotti's men level.

Everton then went down to 10 men when Fabian Delph was sent off but snatched all three points through Theo Walcott.

Aston Villa's celebrations at reaching the League Cup final in midweek were short-lived as 10-man Bournemouth held on for a 2-1 win that lifted them up to 16th.

Norwich are seven points adrift of safety at the bottom of the table after a 0-0 draw at Newcastle.

AFP

## Ighalo can offer Man United more than goals -- he knows all about adversity

BY COLIN UDOH, SPECIAL TO ESPN

MANCHESTER United and their fans think they know about adversity after the events of the post-Sir Alex Ferguson years. Their latest deadline day signing has a whole lot to teach them in that department.

Beyond the goals United hope Odion Ighalo will score for them during his loan from Shanghai Shenhua, there is much more the Nigeria international can bring to smooth out the fraying edges of a dressing room still negotiating their way around uncharacteristically troubled times.

For United, this season has been even more frustrating than most since Ferguson retired in 2013. Just when it seemed that the club -- under the guidance of Ole Gunnar Solskjaer, a former player steeped in the club's history -- were on the mend, they would fall right back into the funk. What they can and should learn from their latest acquisition is how to look failure in the eye and treat it with the same disdain as fickle, fairweather friends who only pitch up when that other impostor -- success -- comes visiting.

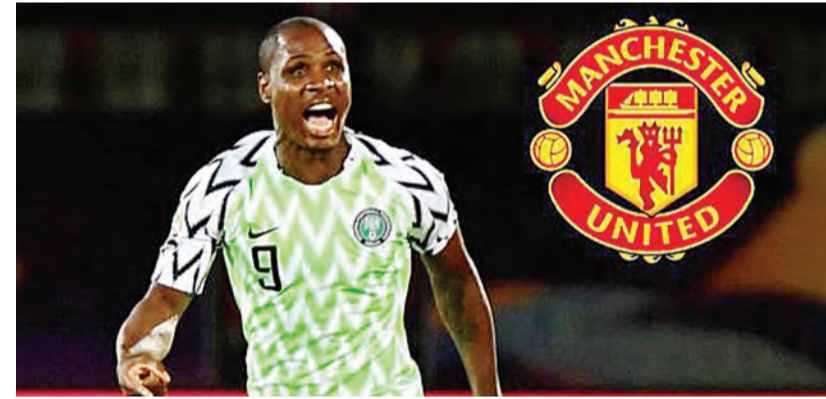
Millions of Nigerians flocked to social networks to celebrate this recent step up the ladder by Ighalo. But it is the same Nigerians who made a habit of criticising the forward during his time as an international. And it is not so long ago, either.

When Nigeria limped out of the 2018 FIFA World Cup via a gut-twisting late goal loss to Argentina, Ighalo was singled out as the villain of the piece by the majority of Super Eagles fans. He endured vitriolic abuse on social media from trolls who not only targeted him but abused his wife and called his children names too, even going so far as making death threats against the player and his family.

Ighalo told ESPN at the time that he was deeply hurt by those over-the-top reactions. To his credit, that was when his equanimity shone through, and he simply disabled comments on his Instagram feed. A deeply religious man, the striker turned to the one place he always goes in times of distress: his faith.

"God is always faithful," he told ESPN at the height of his troubles. "When you believe in Him and you trust Him, everything all work out."

Nigeria coach Gernot Rohr also believed in the forward and Ighalo -- despite pressure to quit from his family -- returned to not only help Nigeria qualify for the 2019 Africa Cup of Na-



Odion Ighalo

tions, but did so as top scorer in qualifying. He was serenaded by grateful, adoring fans as he was subbed off in one of the games. The outcast had returned to become the cornerstone. Ighalo then went on to claim the golden boot at the tournament proper as the Super Eagles won bronze, before going out on a high by announcing his international retirement.

Beyond the goals, Ighalo mentored Victor Osimhen, the man who would come to replace him as the Super Eagles leading striker, taking him under his wing and showing him the ropes. When Osimhen got impatient about his lack of playing time at AFCO, Ighalo was there to advise patience. And when he needed encouragement, the elder statesman was also there to offer words of advice.

"I always told him that he has everything it takes to lead this attack, but it all depends on him," Ighalo told ESPN after the game against Lesotho. "I told him he has to keep working hard, stay humble and always be ready to learn, and above all not to get carried away with suc-

cess or hype but just to keep improving."

His presence in the dressing room also proved decisive in rallying the troops when they suffered a group-stage loss against Madagascar, which pitted them against old foes Cameroon. After that game, most of the squad had high praise for Ighalo's leadership in keeping them calm and focused both prior to and during the game, when they surrendered the lead to go behind. But that was not the first piece of adversity he had to fight through.

Despite what looked a promising youth career, he ended up a late bloomer, not making his international debut until he was 26, a full six years after he represented Nigeria at the Under-20 World Cup in Egypt. That tournament was a disaster for Nigeria, despite a group of players that included Lukman Haruna, Sone Aluko, Gbolahan Salami and Obiora Nwankwo. Captain Ighalo and midfielder Haruna, whose ill-advised attempt to dribble cost Nigeria possession and led to the game-winning counter-attack, were the scapegoats for the

defeat. Ighalo ended up taking the long route to becoming a full international.

Late bloomer or not, that patience was eventually rewarded, with 16 goals in 35 international appearances. He also proved to be a clinical dispatcher of penalty kicks, something United are desperately in need of at the moment. He is also an imposing presence in the box, with deceptively nimble feet and the cold-blooded efficiency borne of hard-knock experience.

Off the field, Ighalo, who lost his father as a young boy, had to deal with another family tragedy when his sister died last year. Again, like every time he has had to look adversity in the face, the forward turned to his faith to deal with a life-changing circumstance. And through all of that, he has stayed humble, always the first player available for media appearances and always keeping a smile on his face.

Back home in Nigeria, he has always supported the underprivileged and is one of a few players deeply invested in charity work, regularly sending money home to take care of widows and others. In 2017, the forward opened an orphanage where children would be cared for and educated in both sports and academics until they turned 18.

"Life was tough growing up in Ajegunle and I vowed that if I eventually had a breakthrough, I'll give back to the society that made me, hence, the Ighalo Orphanage Foundation," the forward says on the website of the orphanage.

Ighalo may not have been the striker United wanted, but they are getting a well-rounded individual who could bring more than just the goals that are in short supply at Old Trafford. His acquisition by United is a brilliant out-of-the-box piece of thinking to address an obvious lack of proper planning.

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## Miller hails 'refreshing' South Africa squad for England ODI series

CAPE TOWN

HARD-hitting batsman David Miller has backed the new-look South Africa One-Day International squad to banish the memories of a disastrous World Cup campaign last year, ahead of a three-match home series with England starting at Newlands on Tuesday.

South Africa won only three of their nine matches at the global finals last year as England went on to be crowned world champions on home soil, and at the start of a new cycle ahead of the 2023 finals have refreshed their squad.

Batsmen Janneman Malan and JJ Smuts, wicketkeeper Kyle Verreynne, spinning all-rounder Bjorn Fortuin and seam bowler Lutho Sipamla are all fresh faces that will be led for the first time by captain Quinton de Kock.

"It's exciting," Miller told reporters. "It is not the normal squad everyone is used to seeing. From my side that is refreshing, it's a new start."

"The guys that have come in must learn as quickly as possible. We are here to win, not to just see how things go."

"It's an exciting time to be in South African cricket. The guys have got a lot of energy and are willing to learn."

Miller has also welcomed the appointment of De Kock, who takes over from Faf du Plessis, the latter having been rested for the series along with fast bowler Kagiso Rabada.

"Quinny and I have come a long way. He is an unbelievable performer and thinks about things very simply."

"But I genuinely believe as he has got older, he has got a great feel on the ground during the game. A great understanding of what is going on and what to do."

Miller hopes the selectors will back the squad that has been chosen beyond this series and give the players a fair run.

"It is about trying to find the best combination as early as possible and sticking with that. It is about doing the business on the park. It is about putting scores together as a batting unit."

"We are playing the world champions, but everybody is beatable. If we come with the right mindset it will be a really good series."

REUTERS

## Yanga edge Mtibwa Sugar in VPL



By Guardian Reporter

A 58th minute strike by striker David Molinga helped Yanga edge Mtibwa Sugar 1-0 in a thrilling Vodacom Premier League clash, which took place in Dar es Salaam yesterday.

It was not plain sailing for Yanga in the clash, given Mtibwa Sugar put scintillating showing in either half and went close on several occasions.

Mtibwa Sugar's first attempt was made on the sixth minute when midfielder Ally Makarani's effort from outside Yanga's area went over.

Midfielder Abdulhalim Humud blasted over from outside Yanga's box two minutes later as Mtibwa Sugar sought to stay in control.

The hosts got two good chances later in the half which were wasted by

Yanga

midfielders Patrick Sibomana and Haruna Niyonzima.

Sibomana agonizingly shot off target after he had pounced on a rebound within Mtibwa Sugar's box.

Niyonzima later unleashed a shot that went over when he was set up by winger Bernard Morrison.

Mtibwa Sugar keeper, Shabani Kado, had to make two saves to frustrate Yanga forwards a few minutes later, in what was the latter's most dangerous attack in the period.

Yanga knocked on Mtibwa Sugar's door after Kado had punched a dangerous dipping

free kick by one of Yanga players during the added on time for a corner kick, which was then wasted.

The first period came to an end with neither squad managing to score.

Yanga went close on the 48th minute when Morrison, positioned well within Mtibwa Sugar's box, failed to make the most of second stanza substitute Ditram Nchimbi's pin point cross.

Muscular forward David Molinga netted the opener for Yanga on the 50th minute, coolly slotting home a good cross by Nchimbi from within Mtibwa

Sugar's area.

Mtibwa Sugar won a free kick outside Yanga's area on the 58th minute, the opportunity was wasted by Riphath Hamisi given his shot went over.

Forward Juma Luizio that had replaced Ismail Aidan cracked a rasping shot from distance several minutes later as Mtibwa Sugar sought to draw level.

Yanga keeper Metacha Mnata palmed away a dangerous corner kick whipped by Mtibwa defender Issa Rashid for another corner kick, which was cleared by Yanga.

Mtibwa Sugar won free kick in a promising position during

the added on time, an effort by the team's player was cleared by Yanga defenders.

Rashid made clearance two minutes later, booting the ball away within his team's box to frustrate Nchimbi.

Mtibwa Sugar defenders had to stand firm during the closing stages, clearing several attacks by Yanga, who were eager to come out with a comfortable victory.

Yanga's victory in the yesterday clash was also a revenge for their loss to Mtibwa Sugar in the 2020 Mapinduzi Cup's last four stage, in which the latter won in the penalty shootout.

## Dar to host French Schools swimming tourney

By Correspondent Renatha Msungu



Dar es Salaam junior swimmer, Nawal Shebe, competes at a past swimming event in the city.

THREE teams will compete in the inaugural French Schools swimming competition, which has been scheduled to take place at International School of Tanganyika (IST) Masaki Campus in Dar es Salaam on February 8.

The schools are Dar es Salaam International Academy (DIA), International School of Tanganyika (IST) and BayBridge, according to the tournament coordinator, Emmanuel Isobe.

The competition, consisting of three age categories, has been organized for the swimmers who are yet to compete in any competition.

The age categories are six to seven years, eight to nine years and 10 years' swimmers, with both boys and girls battling it out.

He said the competition has been scheduled to start at 8am and climax at 4pm.

He disclosed he believes the event will bring forth young and talented swimmers in the city.

Isobe said the event will be held in 25 meters swimming pool and the swimmers will compete in swimming styles, namely Freestyle, Butterfly, Breaststroke and Backstroke.

There will be also Individual Medley relays for both boys and girls.

Apart from that, the swimmers will compete in the open events in Butterfly style which will have 25 meters event, 50 meters backstroke and 50 meters freestyle involving boys and girls.

"We call on swimmers and coaches to be punctual in order to start the event as per our schedule. We expect the thrilling and the best events during the day," Isobe disclosed.

He said each club is entitled to send 20 swimmers in the competition.

He said the winners would be awarded special prizes and heats would be regarded as the final to pick the winners.

Isobe said they are planning to stage the event annually and apart from promoting and scouting the swimmers, the event is expected to increase number of events for the swimmers in the country.

"This is the place where all swimming stakeholders will meet and share their views. So swimming enthusiasts should expect lots of excitement from our swimmers," he said.

## Flexibles by David Chikoko

