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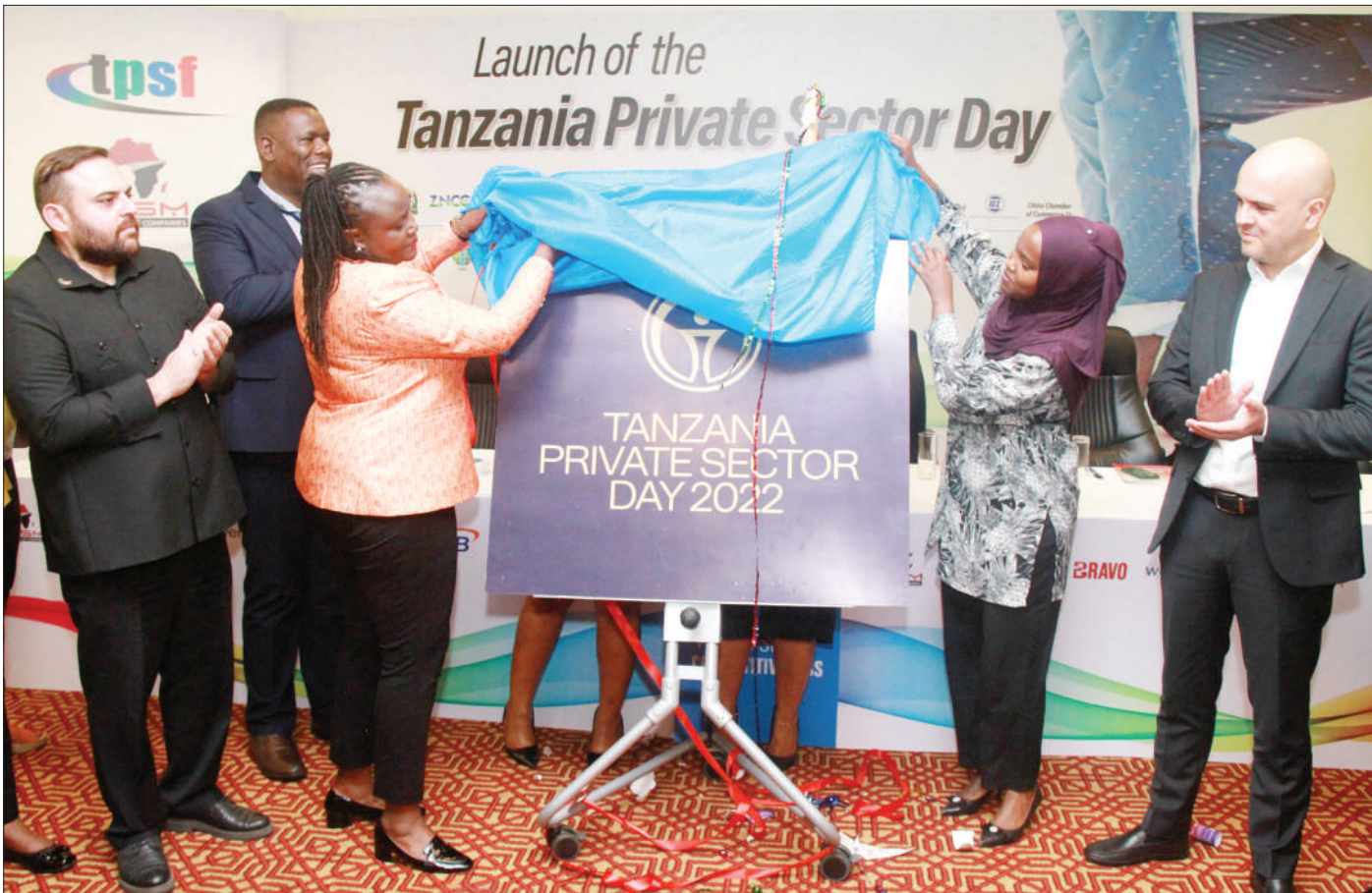


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GSM marketing manager Rukia Yazid (2nd-R) and Tanzania Private Sector Foundation chairperson Angelina Ngalula pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday unveiling the logo of the commemoration of Tanzania Private Sector Day 2022 scheduled for early next month. The Day will be marked to celebrate the achievements the private sector in the country has registered in the last two years. Looking on are Turkey Business Council Tanzania's vice chairman, Ersin Aydeniz (L), and Yapi Merkezi Construction and Industry Inc's Tanzania resident manager, Fuat Kemal Uzun (R). Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

# Water sources, livestock herds shifting to new regulatory zone

By Guardian Reporter

VICE President Dr Philip Mpango has called on regional and district authorities to work with water basin management boards to curb environmental destruction due to human activity in water sources.

He issued this directive on Wednesday this week at an inspection tour of the Lower Ruvu water treatment plant near Bagamoyo in the Coast Region, for a briefing on the situation in domestic and industrial water supply in Dar es Salaam and Coast regions.

He directed that ministries directly

administering concerned with water use, namely Agriculture and Livestock, Water, Lands, Natural Resources and Tourism as well as Environment set up coordination teams to sort out challenges of environmental destruction.

They need to work out a joint solution that can be implemented so that better results are obtained in that sphere for the benefit of the nation, he stated.

The Water ministry in particular needs to work together with the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local

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# Private sector setting day of business environment

By Henry Mwangonde

THE Tanzania Private Sector Foundation (TPSF) has set a day to celebrate policy changes that have improved the business environment in the past two years.

Angelina Ngalula, the TPSF chairperson, said at a press conference yesterday that the day will be a multi-sector event recognising the contribution of the private sector to the country's economic development.

"The purpose of the event is to assess accomplishments of the private sector during 2021 and 2022, highlighting the conducive business and investment environment that has driven social-economic growth under the sixth phase government," she said.

**Many families in the country are reliant on micro and small-scale enterprises with 35 per cent of the country's GDP**

Successes achieved during the two years include the rapid increase in trade with Kenya, registering a 95-percent increase, and thus contributing to local economic growth, she said.

The removal of force accounts in the construction sector has allowed local companies to obtain tenders, while the provision of agro-sector fertiliser subsidy has facilitated bumper harvests, she stated.

Other areas of growth with notable achievements include growth in investment opportunities, employment possibilities, tax compliance and access to new markets for local produce and industrial products, she elaborated.

The event will be marked during the first week of December.

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# Samia: Regional pool must focus on renewable energy

By Guardian Reporter

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan has underscored the need to invest heavily in renewable energy projects in regional efforts to strengthen the Southern African Power Pool (SAPP) moderation facility in the energy market.

A statement by the State House Communications Directorate said yesterday that President Samia

issued this emphasis at a high-level meeting on powering the SAPP arrangement focusing on renewable energy as a priority, on the sidelines of the global conference on climate change at Sharm el-Sheikh.

Heads of State of Malawi, Zambia, Botswana and Zimbabwe attended the meeting, while Angola's vice president represented her country.

World Bank president David Malpass and African Development

Bank (AfDB) president Dr Akinwumi Adesina (pictured) were part of the meeting and other senior officials.

She advised that adequate and affordable electricity is key to the region's development ambitions and ought to be generated to meet climate adaptation goals and obligations.

The dream was to form a large, integrated and competitive

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electricity market that will be leveraged to lower its price, increase access and power our economies, she said.

"We need to generate more electricity, and we need to transmit and distribute it to all the people and industries across our countries. Power pools and the promotion of renewable generation are game changers that could shape the energy landscape in Sub-Saharan Africa over the next 25 years," the president declared.

"If economic growth and regional integration mean anything, we need more electricity for our region. We should adopt this compact as an investment package for increased electricity access among our people.

"Investors and international partners must view and assess us as a regional power block and we must promote the stability and size of the SAPP electricity market as leverage for cheap financing for our power projects," she elaborated.

Preparing for renewable projects is costly, so Southern Africa needs to mobilise resources for preparations of key renewable energy projects in the region, she said.

"Powering the Southern African Power Pool (SAPP) with renewables is about developing while decarbonising. These two ambitions are not in contradiction," she said.

Addressing colleagues in the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) she said that the Heads of State and government need to generate enthusiasm for the implementation of the energy compact, powering the Southern African Power Pool with renewables as a standing agenda in future SADC summits.

She cited data to the effect that currently 62 percent of electricity

in the Southern African Power Pool is generated from coal, noting that if Sub-Saharan Africa aggressively promotes renewables, it could obtain a 27 percent reduction in CO2 emissions.

"This is not a small amount; she said, pointing out that given the rate of population and economic growth, this will at some point lead to our emission levels becoming less immaterial globally speaking

The renewables and green grid for SAPP is an opportunity to solve major problems at the same time, namely climate and poverty as it is meant to increase access, promote consumption and advance decarbonisation, she stated.

In the next 10 years, SAPP countries need to generate 8.4GW of variable renewable energy (VRE) and build 2,500kilometres of transmission lines, including remaining connections, she said.

SAPP was created in August 1995 at the SADC summit in Kempton Park, South Africa, when member governments (excluding Mauritius) signed an inter-governmental memorandum of understanding for the formation of an electricity power pool in the region.

Ministers responsible for energy in the SADC region signed the revised inter-governmental memorandum of understanding in February 2006, officials noted.



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Governments) to ensure a good pace in digging wells and dams to soften the creeping acute water shortage, he said.

DAWASA, on its part, has to make sure water rationing is conducted fairly without favouritism while the sharp reduction of supply lasts, he said.

Reiterating the absolute need for the conservation of patches of forest or dense bush, he said that preparing farms and new grazing areas by burning the area was contributing to forest destruction.

He similarly warned those who take the laws into their hands when conflicts arise among them, reminding administrators that President Samia Suluhu Hassan has directed state organs to act fairly when dealing with those introducing livestock into farms, thus destroying the livelihood expectations of others.

The Livestock and Fisheries ministry needs to conduct a

livestock census so as to match livestock numbers and available grazing areas to reduce the habit of migratory herding of livestock.

Work needs to be hastened by the Minerals and Energy ministry in enabling alternative energy access to replace charcoal and firewood for domestic use, as charcoal involves tree cutting, and igniting environmental destruction.

The Ministry of Agriculture was directed to conduct in-depth research on strategic water basins to set out methods to pump water, also finding out expected flows into rivers.

Water minister Jumaa Aweso said his ministry was alert to ensure people get clean and safe water, pointing at collaboration being generated with various institutions and enterprises to see how their water wells can be put to serving people in the city of Dar es Salaam

A total of 160 wells have been revived in the vicinity of the city, to pump out more than 26m litres of water per day, he added.

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involving various stakeholders and partners celebrating their achievements in the prevailing environment, she stated.

Marking the day will help in promoting available business and investment opportunities, a platform to tell the world what is available in Tanzania, the foundation leader noted.

Agriculture is a key sector with lucrative incentives to prospective investors, citing a recent deal with China for the export of over 40,000 tonnes of avocado, while South Africa and India will also buy the crop, she stated.

Through economic diplomacy, investment opportunities in mining are now being publicized abroad with results being observed in the

\$735m deals that the government signed with foreign companies.

To maintain the 5.1percent post-Covid-19 GDP growth rate, the government must protect open market arrangements as it was stimulating investments, she urged.

"The private sector is already playing an important role in providing solutions to the country's economic challenges through small enterprises that are the backbone of family livelihoods and the national economy," she asserted.

Many families in the country are reliant on micro and small-scale enterprises with 35 per cent of the country's GDP. During the day, discussions will be centred on how the private sector is helping the country realize its development vision, she added.



Former president Jakaya Kikwete, Co-chair of the High-Level Commission on the Nairobi Summit on ICPD25, has a word with expectant mothers at Zanzibar's Sebleni centre where they went yesterday for routine medical attention. Fourth-left is Denmark's Princess Mary, one of the commission's 29 members. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# Masasi Urban MP faults national development plan for 2023/2024

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

Masasi Urban MP, Geoffrey Mwambe has faulted the national development plan for 2023/2024 and guidelines for preparation for 2023/2024 budget presented by the finance minister on Monday this week saying it is like an academic paper.

Discussing the plan and guidelines, Mwambe said the proposed plan does not reflect the expectations of the National Development Plan 2025 through a wide objective of industrial growth and economic competitiveness.

"The development plan must address how eight million jobs are going to be created until 2025 not showing how many jobs have been created or will be created each financial year," he said, challenging that the plan does not mirror the five-year development plan.

Mwambe also observes that the proposed development plan and guidelines now indicate the strategies to expand the tax base from 11 percent to 12 percent of the GDP.

"What strategies do we have to expand our tax base? Are we going to create new taxpayers? Are we going to resolve pending cases at the tax tribunal and tax arbitration? The plan does not show how," he questioned.

Mwambe said the development plan has not also indicated clearly how to develop human resources by asking whether there will be a change of syllabuses.

The MP also observed that the development plan does not address how the issue of Mchuchuma coal and Liganga iron infrastructure projects are going to be implemented as addressed in the five years development plan.

He also spoke on the productive

sectors of the economy including agriculture, livestock and fishing which have recorded slow growth as well as industries including cashew nuts factories which are not operating.

"What plans do we have to ensure that these cashew nuts factories are resuming production," he said.

He warned that if serious measures are not going to be taken on the proposed fiscal year's development plan the economy will record 'natural growth'.

Meanwhile, the Special seats Member of Parliament Zaituni Swai said the proposed development plan should focus on maintaining macroeconomic stability at a time when many economies are recovering.

However, she observed that there is no coordination between the ministry of finance and planning and other ministries.

She said measures are also

needed to be taken through the proposed development plan to ensure the mitigation of economic shocks and calamities caused by climate change.

The MP said more plans are to be put in place to attain the plan of ensuring all Tanzanians are using cleaner and safer energies by 2032, by creating short term plans of one year.

The government has allocated 23bn/- to support the initiative of increasing the use of cleaner and safer energies among Tanzanians in order to reduce the use of charcoal which destroys forests, she said.

She also proposed an increased budgetary allocation on tourism which contributed 17 per cent of the GDP and is generating 25 percent of the foreign exchange earnings.

"We should ensure that we increase budget allocation to the tourism sector," she said.



Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa has an eyewitness account yesterday as a shallow well is rehabilitated and cleaned up ready for connection to the emergency water supply system serving residents of Dar es Salaam's Tabata Relini suburb. This comes in the wake of the acute shortage of potable tap water the city and parts of Coast Region have been facing for over a week now, with the water level at the major source (Ruvu River) having hit record low. Photo: PMO





CCBRT Hospital CEO Brenda Msangi briefs the ambassadors of Vietnam, Indonesia and Palestine to Tanzania on the Dar es Salaam-based hospital's operations. The envoys were on a visit meant to help them identify areas of possible collaboration with the specialised medical facility in extending health services to marginalised communities in the country. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# Tanzania is still a middle-income country, MP says

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

UBUNGO MP, Prof Kitilla Mkumbo has said Tanzania is still a lower middle-income country and it should continue to maintain and protect such status.

Speaking during the discussion of the national development plan for 2023/2024 and guidelines for the preparation of the next financial year budget, Prof Mkumbo said according to World Bank data, per capita income is \$1,135 and the projected Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of \$67 billion by 2021.

Earlier this week, Member of Parliament for Musoma rural constituency Professor Sospeter Muhongo (CCM) claimed that the GDP per capita fell to \$990 in 2021, which resulted in the country dropping from middle income to Least Developed Country (LDC).

In his view about the presented national development plan for the next financial year, Professor Mkumbo said the main focus of the plan should be directed on economic recovery in achieving the Development Vision 2025 aimed at reducing poverty.

"This development plan should indicate how we are going to achieve the Development Vision 2025," he noted.

Prof Mkumbo faulted the plan saying he does not see ongoing progress on how to fight against poverty.

"As we are going to start the third phase of implementing the five-year development plan, poverty and income disparities have increased to large extents," he said, noting that the effect of Covid-19 pandemic resulted in the loss of 140,000 jobs, two million people lost their incomes and 600,000 may fall into poverty.

He said through the whole development plan, the word poverty is mentioned only once on a programme to rescue poor households.

"Experts should bring to us the strategy on how we are going to reduce poverty," he said.

According to Prof Mkumbo, the proposed development plan should focus on the production sector, while measures are to be directed into family planning to contain rapid population growth.

"Our population growth is at 3.2 percent, an increase we have never recorded since we started the census," he asserted. "We should go back to discussing family planning through increasing the role of the Tanzania Commission for Aids to deal with family planning."

He suggested that in order to create population dividends, the development plan should focus on investing in education, food production and poverty reduction.

He also said the proposed development plan should focus on strengthening the role of local government authorities to increase their incomes by creating different revenue sources.

"This plan does not demonstrate any strategy aimed at strengthening local government authorities," he said.



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## Envoy praises Ward Holdings Tanzania for exporting cashew nuts direct to US market

By Guardian Correspondent, USA

TANZANIA'S Ambassador to the United States, Elsie Kanza has praised the step taken by Ward Holdings Tanzania (WHT) to make Tanzania cashew nuts get a direct US market that will help boost cashew farmers' incomes.

Speaking at Tanza Festival recently held in the US soon after the arrival in the US for a processed cashew nuts consignment, Amb. Kanza said it was time for Tanzania, and Africa in general to benefit from their own resources.

"Africa is a huge producer and

distributor of important resources which have been benefitting other world countries, hence it was time now for the continent to benefit from its resources," he said.

He said resources including cashew nuts are mentioned as having a very good taste compared to others, hence the opening of its direct market - from the farm to the US market is a great achievement for Tanzania and Africa in general.

"The existing task is to make sure farmers adhere to better farming practices to increase the crop's quality and hence more profit to enable us to hold on the market

we have secured as well as opening more markets in other countries," Amb. Kanza added.

He said this beginning will mobilise investment in factories in the cashew nuts entire value chain, hence it will reduce the cost of shipping raw cashew nuts to foreign countries, a situation that will produce employment opportunities for Tanzanians.

WHT Managing Director, Lloyd Ward said they will make sure Tanzania's trademark is recognized in the US and other nations to boost trade.

"Tanzania's cashew nuts have

great, good taste hence these qualities will make the crop continue being in high demand in the US market, it is among crops that will be directly introduced in the US from Africa," said Ward.

WHT President Godfrey Simbeye thanked Americans for the historic reception of Tanzania's cashew nuts in the US market and pledged to continue shipping cashew nuts consignments to satisfy the market.

"Its reception was excellent, and we are waiting for the feedback from customers on the commodity's quality in order to make more improvements if needed," Simbeye said.

"We want Tanznuts trademark to be recognised and be saleable in all countries of the world just like other products.



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### EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The USAID Feed the Future Tanzania Private Sector Strengthening Activity (PSSA) seeks expressions of interest from Tanzanian Business Development Service Providers (BDSPs). PSSA is active in Iringa, Mbeya, Morogoro, and Zanzibar (Unguja and Pemba) and also supports policy work in Dodoma. PSSA partners with private sector associations and youth-led and focused institutions to co-create and co-finance solutions to the challenges facing youth led enterprise, primarily in agriculture and its related value chains. Using PSSA's grants and subcontracting mechanisms, these partners will implement market-oriented sector level plans to improve enterprise access to business, financial, and other technical or extension services and to advocate for youth and business friendly policies and regulations on their members' behalf.

This call is open to individuals and consulting firms, think tanks, training organizations, and policy research organizations that are interested in providing advisory services and support to PSSA partners. Organizations must be Tanzanian owned and registered and may not be government owned. Individuals must be Tanzanian citizens. Those qualified will become part of the PSSA Technical Assistance Network and be eligible to tender for scopes of work under the project through a simplified competitive procurement process.

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# EU grants Tanzania 27bn/- to enhance production of crops

By Guardian Correspondent, Bariadi

THE European Union (EU) has granted Tanzania more than 270bn/- for the AGRI-CONNECT project under the Ministry of Agriculture with the aim of boosting coffee, tea and horticultural crop production.

This was revealed here by the project's public relations official, Michael Neligwa at the recently held Food and Nutrition Exhibition in Bariadi District, Simiyu Region.

The official added that apart from economically empowering the groups, the project also aims in mobilising them to engage themselves in farming activities in general by fighting the effects of climate change and environmental degradation.

He explained that the projects ensure the strengthening of the business environment and empower small traders to fully participate in the value chain in regard to coffee, tea and horticulture crops.

"At AGRI-CONNECT we work together with various institutions that are basically implementing what the project aims at, and which directly participate from the lower level where farmers are," he said.

Neligwa named some of the institutions

## Kyela rice farmers now opt for organic fertiliser

By Guardian Correspondent, Kyela

IN an effort to fight the effects of climate change, rice farmers in Kyela District have mobilised themselves to use organic fertiliser including compost to withstand drought and preserve moisture.

The farmers made the remarks on Wednesday this week in an interview with this paper saying they have prepared themselves to use an organic fertiliser that will help to withstand the ongoing drought for crop growth.

Furaha Mwasongela, a farmer said apart from recognizing the benefit of fertiliser in farming for preserving the ecosystem of the soil, it is important for them to be educated on the best ways to use organic fertiliser.

He said ecological rice farming has great benefits to farmers because they abide by the proper directives in using organic fertiliser that also nourishes soil fertility that has been affected by the use of

as including Helvetas, IDH, RIKOLTO, SOLIDARIDAD, VI AGROFORESTSTRY, TRIAS, PDF and FAO.

"The projects are being implemented in Southern Highland regions including Katavi, Songwe, Mbeya, Iringa, Njombe and Ruvuma and Unguja and Pemba in the Isles.

He said their involvement in the food and nutrition exhibition is to provide an opportunity to show the public how they use simple technology that can be easily obtained in their areas.

"For example farm inputs and pesticides which basically are alternatives to what can be available in shops or in factories, hence they are raw materials obtained in their areas to boost their farming activities," Neligwa added.

Regarding the huge area to which 48 per cent of the project cost has been directed, he said the aim is to make sure there are robust road infrastructures in rural areas, especially in southern highlands areas of Njombe and Iringa.

He said all these efforts are to support work being done by President Samia Suluhu Hassan who has been calling for boosting of investment by both local and foreign investors.

industrial fertilisers.

"As for now things have changed, we have heard and read in the media in regard to drought, and scarcity of water and we do not know when it will rain to start the farming season, but we think we are supposed to do away with industrial fertiliser that contains many chemicals, we should use organic fertiliser for soil and environmental preservation," he said.

Meanwhile, Salome Mahusi, another farmer, said ecological farming has helped them as they spend less money on production costs compared to buying industrial fertiliser.

Earlier, William Mmari, a soil researcher from Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute TARI-Uyole said the use of industrial fertiliser has contributed to the destruction of soil fertility.

He said ecological farming has come to cure soil fertility and enable rice farmers to get more quality crop yields as compared to the past.



Kilombero Sugar Company Limited seedling manager Giovanni Nguvu (R) briefs Illovo Group operations director Craig Jensen (2nd-R) yesterday on the production of quality seeds. The latter was on an inspection tour related to preparations for the implementation of the Kilombero Expansion Project lined up for completion in 2024. Looking on are KSC crop production manager Holy Kamuzora (3rd-R) and Illovo Group staff on the director's delegation. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Unesco donates ICT equipment to improve quality of TVET systems

By Correspondent Theresia Victor

THE United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) has donated ICT equipment worth \$200,000 to the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology to improve the quality of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) systems in the country.

Speaking yesterday in Dar es Salaam during the Better Education For Africa's Rise Phase II (BEAR II) project national steering committee meeting, UNESCO Officer In Charge And Representative to Tanzania, Michel Toto said the equipment's will help to enhance TVET system capacity to ensure employability of graduates from TVET programmes in creative industry (handcraft) and agribusiness sector.

"I urge the government to uptake the scaling up of BEAR II project initiative for addressing youth unemployment through TVET system as demonstrated by the project results," he said.

Toto said the project will promote the government approach to TVET transformations that foster youth employment and better connect and align relevant policy areas, access to education, employment, industrial and economic development, agriculture and rural development.

UNESCO would like to acknowledge the ministry's role as a project leading entity, for the cooperation and support, resulting in achieving the targeted achievements, he said.

Dr Lyabwene Mtababwa, Education Commissioner said the programme showed significant achievements attributed to the successful operation of the decentralization strategy including reinforced cooperation within the government offices and close collaboration at national and local government levels that have accelerated quality project delivery.

Mtababwa said the project was developed to provide room for young people to acquire, exchange information, and transfer

knowledge, promote the provision of job search skills training, career guidance, and employment counseling.

The project supported a pedagogy training programme for 200 TVET teachers across TVET institutions in mainland and Zanzibar, in-school and out-of-school adolescent girls and young women have been empowered through holistic efforts to make schools and communities safe with reduced gender-based violence, said Mtababwa.

UNESCO has reached more than 459 key TVET stakeholders (of which 232 were male and 227 female) from mainland and Zanzibar.

He said: "I urge all my fellow leaders, experts, and stakeholders involved in the implementation of the project to ensure this initiative is scaled up to address unemployment challenges facing young people."

BEAR II project is a joint initiative by UNESCO and the Korean government to cooperate with five countries of Eastern Africa - Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, Tanzania and Uganda being implemented in collaboration with the government to improve the relevance, quality, and perception of their TVET systems in between 2017 and 2022 at the cost of \$1.56 million.



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**Recruiting for Field Assistant**

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The Alliance of Bioversity International ([www.bioversityinternational.org](http://www.bioversityinternational.org)) and the International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT) ([www.ciat.cgiar.org](http://www.ciat.cgiar.org)) delivers research-based solutions that harness agricultural biodiversity and sustainably transform food systems to improve people's lives. Alliance solutions address the global crises of malnutrition, climate change, biodiversity loss, and environmental degradation.

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**Project background**

The Alliance of Bioversity International and the International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT) is looking for a qualified field assistant to support active projects related to the use modern breeding technologies to assist in bean varieties improvement. The use of genomic selection in plant science has been well established. Specifically, advanced breeding techniques for selection of desirable plant traits for advancement. The Alliance is working to establish breeding program to enhance breeding activities to create new bean varieties that are more resilient, productive, and nutritious.

**Position summary**

The field assistant will provide advance breeding techniques to promote the breeding research activities.

**Main duties and responsibilities include:**

- Support in making bean crosses for different bean varieties
- Assist in conducting and collect necessary data for advanced breeding and seed multiplication at different locations
- Support in analyzing the data and report to supervisor on time
- Visiting fields regularly to monitor weeds, disease development and insect growth.
- Collecting soil, tissue, and samples from fields for analysis.
- Assisting with research work and other project's activities.
- Assist in field layout and mapping.
- Carry out any other duties that will be assigned to you by the supervisor

**The candidate shall have the following competencies, skills and experience:**

- Diploma in crop production, plant breeding or any other related areas of study
- At least one-year experience in breeding activities especially in beans and other related crop will be an added advantage
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**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF FISHERIES/MARINE LIVELIHOODS RESTORATION PROGRAMS FOR TANGA REGION FISHING COMMUNITIES**

**REF 0000027**

EACOP Ltd (Company) Tanzania, invites experienced and reputable organizations to express their interest in providing services to the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) project to design and implement a Fishing and Marine Fisheries based Livelihoods Restoration Programme.

The EACOP project involves the construction and operation of a buried, cross-border pipeline to transport crude oil from the Lake Albert area in Uganda to the eastern coast of Tanzania for export to international markets. The pipeline will run from Kabaale in Hoima District, Uganda, to the Chongoleani Peninsula, Tanga Region, in Tanzania.

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE SERVICES:**

The EACOP Project's marine facilities at Chongoleani peninsula include a Marine Storage Terminal (MST), a 2km jetty and a load-out facility (LOF). The fishing activities of local communities will be impacted by the construction and operation of the Jetty which is likely to include a marine exclusion zone for fishing vessels.

A Supplementary RAP and Livelihoods Restoration Program has been designed and additional data gathering is ongoing to further define the program. One mtaa will be severely affected, a second mtaa significantly affected and two other mtaa impacted.

A specialist company/consultancy/organization is needed to undertake detailed design and implement a fisheries/marine livelihoods restoration program including a component targeted at affected households and a component targeted at the wider communities.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:**

Organizations expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:

1. Proof of registration as institutions whose activities are linked with fisheries, marine livelihoods, fisheries development programs, community fishing programs and marine-based livelihood activities (e.g. such as gleaning, fishing etc.) in Tanzania
2. Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority and Tax (TRA) Clearance Certificate for the latest year available.
3. Brief description of experience and capacity to design and implement fisheries development programs and marine livelihoods programmes and experience working with communities dependent on marine-based livelihoods.
4. Examples of recent and relevant experience within the last 5 years
5. Proposed experienced and qualified personnel
6. Registration with the EWURA Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database or an approved application at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended
7. Compliance with Petroleum Local Content Regulations in Tanzania/ Local Company definition.

Interested organizations which have the ability, capacity, and resources to implement the activities listed above should express their interest by sending together with the documents stated in the above section through an email to [procurement.tz@eacop.com](mailto:procurement.tz@eacop.com) (max. email size 20Mb) on or before **15:00 hours East African Time (EAT), on 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov. 2022**. Email object shall be **0000027**.

**Note:** The EACOP project will review and assess the documents provided by the interested companies to derive a list of prequalified companies. Only prequalified companies will receive, subject to signature of a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), invitation to submit bids in furtherance of the call for tender process. All Expression of Interests should be submitted in English language.

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## Resolve workers complaints on time, Dendego tells EWURA management

By Correspondent Friday Simbaya, Iringa

IRINGA Regional Commissioner, Halima Dendego has directed the management of Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA) to make sure workers' complaints are resolved on time, consequently enhancing performance and efficiency.

She was speaking yesterday at the opening of the fourth session of the EWURA workers' council.

"To avoid unnecessary conflicts you should work on employees' complaints on time. The management must be close to the workers," said Dendego, urging employees to be respectful when presenting their claims.

Meanwhile, the RC handed over a cheque worth 10m/- to Iringa Girls' Secondary School to support the construction of a fence surrounding the school and another 10m/- cheque

to support efforts to strengthen tourism in the Southern Circuit in promoting the ambition of 'Karibu Kusini Tourism Fair 2022'.

She said the support from EWURA will reduce the number of challenges to the young girls such as absence and pregnancy.

The Karibu Kusini Tourism Fair is a joint initiative between the government and private sector to promote tourism products and investment opportunities available in Southern Tanzania.

The fair is of international standard and is coordinated by the Iringa Region in collaboration with ten regions of Southern Tanzania and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism at Kihesa Kilolo Tourism Fair Grounds in Iringa Municipality.

EWURA Director General, Modeatus Lumato said the donation is part of their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) policy whereas

for now the priority has been given to the education and tourism sectors.

"We have deemed it fit to help strengthen education infrastructure as well as encourage local tourism to support the efforts by President Samia Suluhu Hassan," he said.

Iringa Girls Secondary School Second Headmaster, Mikodadi Rashid thanked EWURA for the support saying the donation would be a catalyst for improving the learning environment.

Representative of the Secretary General of TUGHE, Amani Msuya explained that all public institutions should ensure that they have a procedure to strengthen the interests and better conditions of employees.

EWURA's TUGHE branch secretary, Emmanuel Ndalawa promised to continue working with the authority to enhance productivity as well as improve the conditions of employees.

By Francis Kajubi

THE College of Social Sciences (CoSS) at the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM) has called upon the government and development partners to allocate enough funds for social sciences research projects so that scientific solutions for community-based problems are found.

Speaking yesterday in Dar es Salaam at the opening of a two-day Voice of Social Sciences (VSS) biennial international conference, Prof Bernadeta Killian, Deputy Vice Chancellor for Research said the college is always left behind when it comes to research project financing regardless of its core role in addressing social-economic challenges.

"We need to conduct more research related to social development and the goal cannot be achieved without sufficient funds. Social science research is a pillar to shaping our communities," said Prof Killian.

According to her, if the government is to address social and economic challenges, financing of research

## Scholars demand sufficient funds for social science research projects

projects is inevitable.

She said over 80 research papers on social transformation will be presented by scholars from Norway, China, Spain, the United Kingdom, Denmark, South Africa, Nigeria, Cameroon and from the hosting college.

The more than 200 participants have met to discuss and suggest the way forward on issues related to economy, environment, gender, political, ideological, and technological issues that continue to reinforce unequal power relations within institutions, between the ruling class and the common people, the rich and poor and between the global north and global south economy differences.


Prof Christine Noe, Principal of CoSS said the aim is to achieve a nuanced understanding of all these dynamics and how people respond to them demands theoretical and empirical reflections by social scientists to

inform academic debates, decision-making, policy and programmes.

"The African continent is considered to be at the receiving end of transformations that originate from other regions of the world, some changes have recently emanated from within Africa;

The continent is experiencing a redefinition of societal norms, knowledge systems and approaches, and policy landscape," said Prof Noe. She said developments in information technology and the growing influence of social media in particular are shaping the public space and social interactions in significant ways.

She said CoSS observes repositioning of the continent which is premised on rediscovering and putting the African knowledge systems at the centre. It also observes the diversification of diplomatic and trade relations from the West to non-western rising powers.



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### The Alliance of Bioversity International & CIAT Recruiting for Senior Research Assistant

**The Organization**  
The Alliance of Bioversity International ([www.bioversityinternational.org](http://www.bioversityinternational.org)) and the International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT) ([www.ciat.cgiar.org](http://www.ciat.cgiar.org)) delivers research-based solutions that harness agricultural biodiversity and sustainably transform food systems to improve people's lives. Alliance solutions address the global crises of malnutrition, climate change, biodiversity loss, and environmental degradation.

With novel partnerships, the Alliance generates evidence and mainstreams innovations to transform food systems and landscapes so that they sustain the planet, drive prosperity, and nourish people in a climate crisis.

The Alliance is part of CGIAR, a global research partnership for a food-secure future.

**Position Title and Background: Senior Research Assistant**

The Alliance of Bioversity International and the International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT) is looking for a qualified Senior Research Assistant to support active projects related to the use of modern breeding technologies to assist in bean varieties improvement. The use of genomic selection in plant science has been well established. Specifically, advanced breeding techniques for selection of desirable plant traits for advancement. The Alliance is working to establish breeding program to enhance breeding activities that will enable development of new bean varieties that are more resilient, productive, and nutritious. The Senior Research Assistant will provide advanced breeding techniques to promote the breeding research activities.

**Main duties and responsibilities include:**

- Support identification of traits in bean varieties that are desirable for advancement, such as disease resistance, increased yield, or improved growth rates.
- Participate in testing new bean varieties in different growing conditions to determine how well they perform in nature.
- Assist in monitoring and identifying bean diseases and creating strategies to prevent them from spreading to other plants.
- Supporting development of new strains of bean that meet specific criteria, such as increased productivity or improved taste, color and cooking time.
- Participating in selection of the best bean varieties to breed based on desired traits and characteristics.
- Participate in development of breeding strategies to produce bean varieties with the desired characteristics, including selecting parents with desired traits that can be passed on to offspring
- Ensure timely availability of germplasm inventory reports.
- Conduct and collect necessary data for advanced breeding lines in both greenhouses and in the field locations
- Maintain bean germplasm in the cold room
- Analyse the data and report to supervisor on time
- Supervise daily casual laborers and other subordinate staff
- Carry out any other duties as may be required.

**The candidate shall have the following competencies, skills and experience:**

- BSc degree or higher diploma level in agronomy, plant sciences, crop production, plant breeding or other related areas of study.
- At least one year experience in breeding activities especially in beans and other related crops will be an added advantage.
- Experience in data collection and entry, data management, quality assurance, and timely reporting.
- High attention to detail and excellent analytical skills.
- Excellent communication skills in English and Kiswahili
- Computer proficiency including MS Office (Word/ PowerPoint, advanced Excel skills, and SPSS)
- Must be able to work independently with minimum supervision, but also participate as a team member in accomplishment of duties.
- Excellent interpersonal with advanced written and verbal communication skills in English language.
- Strong ability to co-ordinate, prioritize and organize workload; take initiative and work under pressure.
- Ability to work in a multi-cultural environment.
- Ability to maintain the highest level of integrity and standards of ethics, confidentiality, and professionalism.
- Professional integrity and a high performing team player who can work autonomously, remains accountable and contributes to a positive and cohesive team environment.
- Commitment to Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT's mission and core values.

**Terms of employment:**  
This is a nationally recruited position based in Arusha, Tanzania. The contract will be for one year period, subject to a probation period of three (3) months and is renewable depending on performance and availability of resources. The Alliance offers a multicultural, collegial research environment with competitive salary and excellent benefits; we believe that the diversity of our staff contributes to excellence. The Alliance is an equal opportunity employer and strives for staff diversity in gender.

**Applications**  
Applicants are invited to visit <https://www.bioversityinternational.org/jobs/> to get full details of the position and to submit their applications. Applications MUST include reference number **Ref:102768-Senior Research Assistant** as the position applied for. Application and CV should be saved as one document using the candidate's last name, first name for ease of sorting.

**Note:** The Alliance does not charge a fee at any stage of the recruitment process (application, interview meeting, processing, or training). The Alliance also does not concern itself with information on applicants' bank accounts.

**Applications closing date: 22nd November, 2022**  
Please note that email applications will not be considered.  
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We invite you to learn more about us at:  
<http://alliancebioversityciat.org>



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### The Alliance of Bioversity International & CIAT Recruiting for Laboratory Technician

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**Position Title and Background: Laboratory Technician**

The Alliance of Bioversity International and the International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT) is looking for a qualified Laboratory Technician to support active projects related to the use of molecular biology technology to assist in bean variety improvement. The use of genomic selection in plant science has been well established. Specifically, segregation and selection of desirable plant traits for advancement. The Alliance is working to establish an active molecular biology laboratory to assist in creation of new bean varieties that are more resilient, productive, and nutritious. The laboratory technician will provide specialized laboratory and greenhouse research assistance to promote the breeding research activities. The incumbent will be required to proficiently handle standard laboratory and greenhouse procedures and maintain a safe work environment.

**Main duties and responsibilities include:**

- Receive, label, and analyze samples (plants, seeds, and plant tissues etc.)
- Assist in process samples for laboratory tests/procedures according to standard operating procedures, checks for proper samples identification.
- Perform special processing procedure to specimens including DNA extractions.
- Support in recording all data and results in specified forms (paper and electronic) with accuracy and responsibility.
- Organize and store all chemicals substances, fluids, and compressed gases according to safety instructions.
- Assist in preparing solutions, reagents, equipment, apparatus, accessories and other supplies needed at the laboratory.
- Monitor reagents for expiration dates, preparation dates, inventory, and prepare as needed.
- Clean, sterilize, calibrate, and maintain equipment and apparatus used in all tests and analysis.
- Perform quality control and quality assurance tests and maintain quality control procedures in the laboratory.
- Ensure that all safety guidelines are always followed strictly and maintain a clean and orderly environment.
- Support in providing laboratory training to other personnel on proper laboratory methods, procedures, and techniques.
- Perform any other related duties as required.

**The candidate shall have the following competencies, skills and experience:**

- BSc degree or higher diploma level in laboratory technology, biology, chemistry, biotechnology or relevant fields.
- Proven experience working as a molecular laboratory technician or relevant position for at least one year.
- Experience in applying modern laboratory procedures, methods and computer linked equipment.
- Experience in operating electrical and nonelectrical laboratory equipment and potentially dangerous substances (flammable liquids, infectious bacteria, biohazards etc.)
- In depth knowledge of preventative measures and laboratory best practices
- Working knowledge of MS Office (especially Excel) and database systems
- High attention to detail and excellent analytical skills.
- Must be able to work independently with minimum supervision, but also participate as a team member in accomplishment of duties.
- Excellent interpersonal with advanced written and verbal communication skills in English and Kiswahili language.
- Strong ability to co-ordinate, prioritize and organize workload; take initiative and work under pressure.
- Ability to work in a multi-cultural environment.
- Ability to handle multiple tasks under pressure and meeting deadlines.
- Ability to maintain the highest level of integrity and standards of ethics, confidentiality, and professionalism.
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## Nahodha underlines the need to enhance vocational education

By Guardian Reporter

NOMINATED Member of Parliament Shamsi Vuai Nahodha has urged the government to rethink enhancing vocational training to produce skilled people who will solve social problems.

In his views on the national development plan and guidelines for the preparation of budget processes for the financial year 2023/2024 yesterday, Nahodha, once served as Chief Minister of Zanzibar government said the government should allocate at least 20 percent of the budget to education.

"We as a nation face problems either caused by our low or lack of skills in science and technology," he said while debating the plan presented in parliament by finance and planning minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba on Monday.

"Since independence, our development plans and the main focus has never changed, as the objective remains to fight poverty."

Nahodha said, as a nation, the reality is known but the implementation is lacking.

Looking at the development plan presented by the minister, Nahodha said he vividly doesn't see whether education is the first priority.

He said: "We need to produce many people who are highly skilled to change our lives. We have lakes and rivers, where are we failing?"

He said the founding father of the nation Mwalimu Julius Nyerere recognized the importance of education which is why he established many vocational education institutions.

However, he is wondering why most of these institutions, which were purposely established to produce technicians have turned into universities.

"I advise the ministry of education, if we really want to fight against poverty, we should allocate at least twenty percent of the budget to educate our children science subjects to enable them to create solutions for our social problems," he said.

## Activists in appeal for more education on effects of GBV

By Correspondent Sabato Kasika

GENDER activists say there is a need to expand the scope of education on the adverse effects of gender-based violence (GBV) in the community starting at a lower level - from entrepreneurial groups, and houses of worship to the national level.

The activists made the remarks on Wednesday this week in Dar es Salaam at a one-day Gender and Development Seminar Series (GDSS) organised by Tanzania Gender Networking Programme (TGNP).

The seminar's theme was "Psychological Effects from Gender-Based Violence, What Should Be Done to Rescue Victims," which participants discussed in-depth.

One of the participants, Mwamingila Peter from Kisarawe, Coast Region said some people have placed money before humanity, a situation that spurs GBV to flourish in the community.

"We should not expect to live through other people's miseries, as there are some people who recognise the problem but do not report it on the reason that it is none of their responsibility unless they are paid, hence GBV will not end," Peter said.

She said the GBV teaser in society is huge and that everyone is supposed to take steps to fight it, or else it can befall anyone in other ways in case he/she will not take steps.

The chairman of Majohe Knowledge Centre, Tabu Kilonge said there is a need for expanding the scope of education on GBV because "in my area, I have been receiving many cases on GBV which

Janejerry James Ntate, Member of Parliament, Special Seats representing trade unions stressed the importance of building human capital through investing heavily in education and health.

She said the government has built a lot of schools and health facilities, but there is a huge shortage of health workers and teachers.

According to her, the health sector has a shortage of 52 percent of staff while primary schools have a shortage of 51 percent of teachers.

"Without having sufficient human capital, all these new schools and health facilities built using Covid-19 funds will turn into ghosts and poverty will never be eradicated in Tanzania," she said.

Looking into the presented development plan, Ntate said she does not see any strategy to increase teachers and health workers.

"We want to see that the plan is presenting a clear direction on how to fill the gap of health workers and teachers as physical infrastructures are already available," she said.

She said local government authorities should also be allowed to employ teachers and health workers on a temporary contractual basis to plug the shortages.

Meanwhile, Hamisi Tabasamu, Member of Parliament for Sengerema constituency (CCM) has suggested the split of the ministry of works and transport into two ministries.

Tabasamu also suggested the split of the ministry of energy into two to make the ministry of electricity and the ministry responsible for petroleum and gas.



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I make follow-ups, but the snag is I do not get cooperation, hence many such cases are finalised unofficially.

She cited the example of one case in which a woman was doused with hot water by her husband, but when she followed it up she did not get any cooperation from the victim and the community around her, hence she abandoned the case.

Another seminar participant, Hussein Wamanywa advised TGNP to concentrate more on training for empowering the stakeholders to enable them to become true ambassadors in the fight against GBV at any level in the community.

The seminar's facilitator, Sylvia Sosthenes, who is also a psychologist from Thamani Yangu Initiative institution said it is better for the community to recognise the psychological effects of GBV.

"There are psychological concepts as well as psychological effects, and quite often we have been hearing about a person subjected to GBV with people saying he/she has a psychological problem - it is true that psychology is involved," Sylvia said.

Elaborating on the psychological concept, she said it is concentrated on reading people's behaviour, and that this behaviour can be contributed to the human environment in the said area and incidents that happen daily.

The coordinator of gender seminars and development from TGNP, Clara Godson said the seminars help stakeholders in the fight against GBV by having a free forum to speak from and air their views aimed at building up a movement for change through TGNP knowledge information centres.



Health minister Umyy Mwalimu has an audience with health experts and stakeholders in Dar es Salaam yesterday when opening training on ways to enhance vigilance against the spread of the Ebola virus disease. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

## Stakeholders give nod to suspension of TCCIA's Koyi

By Guardian Reporter

STAKEHOLDERS of the Tanzania Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (TCCIA) have greeted with a nod and positive anticipation the suspension of their president, Paul Koyi, to clear the way for conclusive investigations.

"Suspension of an elected person in a democratic institution should be understood well by all of us. It is a good move. It is neither a punishment nor an action that seeks to put a suspended person into disrepute. There is no. The suspension of an institution is an indication of its respect for its constitution. It is also a signal to elected leaders and people under them that there is a price to pay when it becomes obvious that they are not doing what they are expected of, Anthony Laltaika, a Mkuranga retired lawyer-cum-farmer argued in a random interview yesterday. He said the suspension is good

for affected individuals or a group of persons because he explained, it protects them from wholesale rushed judgments that may be a result of spite or such ill motives. "The dignity of suspended persons remains intact; they have a right to appear before the organ that suspended them to give their side of the story. They have an opportunity to defend themselves and be listened to before they are condemned. That is natural justice in practice," explained the aging lawyer.

A Dar es Salaam medical doctor who chose to remain anonymous said members of the public are following keenly what is taking place in the TCCIA.

"Some of us wish TCCIA well. This is an important organisation for the growth and strengthening of the private sector in Tanzania. We hope justice, as an idea and belief, will finally triumph and so will innocent individuals involved," she said.

Nickson Maganga, Shinyanga TCCIA stakeholder said that great effort is made to put individuals in leadership using the TCCIA constitution. So the recent actions show that those efforts were not in vain.

"When TCCIA constitution is respected this helps our leaders to know their responsibilities and the boundaries within which to operate and take action. When boundaries are known, there is efficiency, there is no extravagance and abuse of power," he said.

Deogratius Ntunguru, a Songea TCCIA stakeholder commended the action taken on October 31, saying such firm actions reduced haphazard complaints against leaders and send a message to leaders that they have to remain on the guard and be responsible.

"When there are flaws and shortcomings in TCCIA leadership it is good and important for the council to take action of that

nature. Such an action guarantees discipline and accountability within the TCCIA," he said.

Angela Mwombeki interpreted the action of the council as a signal to all that nobody is above the constitution of the TCCIA. "When the constitution and rules of the TCCIA are not respected, vices like corruption, bribery and even fraud are likely to set in. This action shows that no one is above the law," she said.

TCCIA stakeholders were commenting on the running story following the suspension of TCCIA President, Paul Koyi, on October 31, 2022, by the TCCIA National Executive Council on charges that are yet to be made public.

However, the Acting President, Swallah Saidi Swallah last week assured stakeholders that the TCCIA constitution will be observed in every step taken to implement directives of the national executive council.



Peter Shewiyo (in tie), a principal tax management officer with the Tanzania Revenue Authority, has a quick word with College of Business Education rector Prof Emmanuel Mjema at the CBE convocation held in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

## 'More education needed to eradicate malnutrition'

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

MORE education on a balanced diet is needed for the community to eradicate malnutrition.

The Permanent Secretary in the Zanzibar Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Livestock, Dr Omar Ali Amiri made the observation yesterday at a meeting that discussed the specialized report on human diets held at Zanzibar Beach resort here.

Amiri said the Ministry of

Agriculture helps farmers to employ profitable farming practices that will produce nutritious foods through better planting and harvesting practices.

"We are empowering farmers on better food production just the way the government has started with rice farmers on appropriate irrigation," he said. He added that the Zanzibar government has put in place a better environment for irrigation for rice, vegetables and fruit farmers to ensure that the food

produced is safe for consumers.

He said the aim of the meeting is to look into statistics that show the food situation in Zanzibar and how to eradicate food shortages.

Meanwhile, the representative from Zanzibar's Food Security Department, Ahmed Gharib Khamis said 25 per cent of Zanzibaris face acute food shortage, hence, he added, the meeting will look into the ways to assist the community gets food in collaboration with various stakeholders on the issue.

FAO representative in Tanzania, Charles Tulahi, said food is healthy, hence it is better for the community to be educated on balanced diets for their health.

Earlier, the Director of Policy and Planning from Tanzania Ministry of Agriculture, Obadiah Nyagi said stunting in Tanzania is at 30 per cent in some regions, hence, he added, it is better for the meeting to come up with strategies that will assist in at least reducing, if not eradicating the problem.





## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

### Advisor Legal and Institutional Frameworks – Access to Justice for Women and Children

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

Gender based and sexualized violence (SGBV) remains a big challenge worldwide and also in Tanzania and coordinated efforts are needed to enhance both prevention and response. The Access to Justice for Women and Children/ Society in Action for Equality (SAFE) programme, jointly implemented by the Ministry of Constitutional and Legal Affairs (MoCLA) and GIZ, aims at contributing towards the elimination of SGBV through improving the prerequisites for access to justice for women and children. To this end, it will work towards (1) identifying the legal and institutional causes that may impede access to justice, (2) strengthening the capacities of state actors to provide support services in cases of violence against women and children and (3) improving the support offerings of non-state actors at community level. In addition, a nation-wide campaign should raise awareness about the damaging effects of violence against women and children and create awareness and exchange about rights and rights violations as well as legal aid.

The SAFE Programme is seeking to recruit an Advisor to support the development and implementation of the Programme activities with regard to Legal and Institutional Frameworks

**Duty station:** Dar es Salaam, with regular travel to Dodoma. The position may move to Dodoma within the first year of assignment.

**Fixed term contract 01.01.2023 to 31.08.2025**

#### Responsibilities and Tasks

The Advisor is expected to carry out the following tasks and services:

- managing the area of legal and institutional causes that may impede access to justice for women and children in cases of violence ("the area of technical expertise") under the programme objectives, team agreements and agreements with the superior
- assisting programme initiatives to provide professional advisory services to the political partner (Tanzania Ministry of Constitutional and Legal Affairs (MoCLA), the commissioning party and related bodies, and to cooperate with a broad range of target groups in and outside of the Tanzanian government
- participation and representation of the Programme in national forums in the area of Access to Justice/ Legal Frameworks with regard to Violence against Women and Children
- innovation and knowledge management
- supporting programme management on selected cross-cutting topics as assigned by the programme manager
- assists and monitors the development and implementation of project/Programme plans and activities in close consultation with counterparts
- advises the partner at national level for strategic and operational documents and research products (e.g. policies, strategies, plans, guidelines, SOPs) in the area of technical expertise
- works on design, preparation and implementation of workshops, seminars and other events on issues connected with the program's areas of activity
- develops and organizes quality assurance measures and suggests necessary changes, improvements and initiatives
- supports cooperation, regular contact and dialogue with partners at the national and regional level
- oversees communications work and cooperates with relevant organisations, non-governmental agencies and individuals in the programme environment and with other projects to improve and maintain good working relationships in the area of technical expertise
- communicates specific ideas and interests of different partners, encourages sharing of ideas and information for the benefit of the programme
- ensures knowledge transfer to programme information
- develops ready-to-use strategies and technical concepts, including guidelines, manuals and procedures
- draws up reports and presentation documents
- prepares appropriate input for various programme reports including annual reports, and contributes to the other reports required by the programme manager and GIZ Head Office
- assists with research activities and studies on issues which benefit joint Programmes
- Develops, implements and monitors the implementation of operational and financial plans in the area of technical expertise, and integrates them into programme-wide plans
- coordinates programme activities with programme management and advisors in other areas of expertise, and in cooperation with the partners
- supports the implementation of work packages in the area of expertise through preparing procurements of services and goods as well as grant making
- monitors progress, quality assurance and supports contractors and grant recipients in implementation of their plans and activities

#### Required Qualifications, Competences and Experiences

- Master's degree in law; special focus on Criminal Law, Human Rights, especially women's and children's rights and access to justice
- at least 8 years of experience in human rights work/ access to justice work with a focus on sexual and gender-based violence/ violence against women and children
- at least 5 years' professional experience in a comparable position
- Proven experience in advising partner institutions in related thematic areas, especially Women's and children's rights and legal aid
- Proven experience in network management and stakeholder dialogues
- Proven experience in designing, organizing, and facilitating trainings, workshops, and conferences
- good understanding of the interaction between the formal legal system and framework and customary law and practices in Tanzania
- established network within the human rights/ women's and children's rights and legal aid sector in Tanzania
- high level of professional and personal integrity
- proven ability for team-work, co-creation and skill-transfer
- very good working knowledge of ICT (related software, phone, email, the internet) and computer applications (e.g. MS Office, Excel)
- fluent written and oral knowledge of Kiswahili and English, knowledge of German is an added advantage but not a requirement

#### Applications:

Interested candidates should send their letter of application together with the CV and copies of academic certificates via the enclosed link

<https://www.fuzu.com/jobs/advisor-legal-and-institutional-frameworks-access-to-justice-for-women-and-children-open-to-tanzanian-nationals-only-giz-tz>

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

### Advisor support services and legal aid – Access to Justice for Women and Children

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

Gender based and sexualized violence (SGBV) remains a big challenge worldwide and also in Tanzania and coordinated efforts are needed to enhance both prevention and response. The Access to Justice for Women and Children/ Society in Action for Equality (SAFE) programme, jointly implemented by the Ministry of Constitutional and Legal Affairs (MoCLA) and GIZ, aims at contributing towards the elimination of SGBV through improving the prerequisites for access to justice for women and children. To this end, it will work towards (1) identifying the legal and institutional causes that may impede access to justice, (2) strengthening the capacities of state actors to provide support services in cases of violence against women and children and (3) improving the support offerings of non-state actors at community level. In addition, a nation-wide campaign should raise awareness about the damaging effects of violence against women and children and create awareness and exchange about rights and rights violations as well as legal aid.

The SAFE Programme is seeking to recruit an Advisor to support the development and implementation of the Programme activities with regard to services and legal aid.

**Duty station:** Dar es Salaam, with regular travel to Dodoma and Tanga regions.

**Fixed term contract 01.01.2023 to 31.08.2025**

#### Responsibilities and Tasks

The Advisor is expected to carry out the following tasks and services:

- managing the area of strengthening support services by state and non-state actors in cases of violence against women and children ("the area of technical expertise") under the programme objectives, team agreements and agreements with the superior
- assisting project/programme initiatives to provide professional advisory services to and cooperate with a broad range of target groups
- participation and representation of the Programme in national forums in the area of legal aid and other support services with regard to sexual and gender based violence
- innovation and knowledge management
- supporting Programme management on selected cross-cutting topics as assigned by the programme manager
- assists and monitors the development and implementation of project/Programme plans and activities in close consultation with counterparts
- contributes to preparing and implementing the coordination process, joint project/Programme activities and work at the regional level
- works on design, preparation and implementation of workshops, seminars and other events on issues connected with the program's areas of activity
- develops and organizes quality assurance measures and suggests necessary changes, improvements and initiatives
- supports cooperation, regular contact and dialogue with partners, assists with communication work and cooperates with local communities, relevant organisations, non-governmental agencies and individuals in the project/programme environment and with other projects to improve and maintain good working relationships
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- develops ready-to-use strategies and technical concepts, including guidelines, manuals and procedures
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- prepares appropriate input for various programme reports including annual reports, and contributes to the other reports required by the programme manager and GIZ Head Office
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- Develops, implements and monitors the implementation of operational and financial plans in the area of technical expertise, and integrates them into programme-wide plans
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- compiles the relevant information for joint activities and assignments
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#### Required Qualifications, Competences and Experiences

- Master's degree in law, social sciences, gender studies or another relevant subject; special focus on women's and children's rights
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- at least 5 years' professional experience in a comparable position
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- Proven experience in project management, network management and stakeholder dialogues
- Proven experience in designing, organizing, and facilitating trainings, workshops, and conferences
- Proven knowledge in prevention and response/ support offerings for survivors of SGBV
- established network within the human rights/ women's and children's rights and legal aid sector in Tanzania
- high level of professional and personal integrity
- proven ability for team-work, co-creation and skill-transfer
- very good working knowledge of ICT (related software, phone, email, the internet) and computer applications (e.g. MS Office, Excel)
- fluent written and oral knowledge of Kiswahili and English, knowledge of German is an added advantage but not a requirement

#### Applications:

Interested candidates should send their letter of application together with the CV and copies of academic certificates via the enclosed link

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## Let us try task force method on use of water in basins, catchment areas

THERE is some confusion among water sector stakeholders on the big question of 'who gets what, where, when and how' when it comes to accessing water for agricultural purposes - including the dairy industry.

The usual idea was to pay a fee as an investor, show it to a water board or district authority and then proceed to invest in machinery to pump out water. In some cases there was diversion by canals, etc.

When this occurs, it is seldom damaging if a canal is properly constructed and thus takes determined amounts of water on a canal that doesn't spill water to the ground over a lengthy track.

When this involves an earth diversion, the water source risks drying relatively swiftly without the need for climate change effects diminishing the level of the water being harvested.

That is why sourcing water from Lake Victoria to Shinyanga Region followed clear rules entailing the development of well-built canals but guarding against the risk of drying up the lake.

These used to be among several rules of the thumb followed in water use when the situation was decidedly more relaxed than it has since become.

Higher policymaking authorities in the sector are now seeking a long-term strategy to inhibit the destruction of water sources.

Some top officials think that empowering basin water boards to implement conservation plans at water catchment areas in the respective basins would do the job.

But there is a trap in the predictable rules that the boards would follow if the work is done in that they issue licences but do not control the "harvesting" of the water. Just how water access is handled needs to be sorted out in explicit policy.

The overall issue has recently cropped up in the legislature, with

MPs concerned with water access pains in urban as well as rural areas.

A question was posed as to what the government was doing to protect water sources in Morogoro municipality, with the respective legislator noting that "human activities" were threatening most water sources.

Implicitly, the idea is to remove such activities, or control the flow of water to most of them. But then this brings up issues relating to equity - as to who has the right to water and who doesn't - as well as technique, as to how best the precious liquid can be accessed aside from piped water for domestic use, etc.

The relevant ministry, whose most important category of advisers are executives in water supply bodies or being experienced in that field, float the singular idea of 'supremacy' of water bodies as the solution.

Yet the issue isn't just stopping access to water for 'human activities' but figuring out how this can best be done.

With the current demands for equipment for wells and canals that don't harm lakes or rivers, how all this is financed has partially to be included in water pricing.

Just how far different water users on the same scale or differently would change the present setting are things that need a veritable task force to bring usable ideas and regulatory methods that uphold equity and make water access predictable.

Simple regulatory sanctions might increase misuse of water by individuals while board officials look the other way until top level authorities are alerted.

Alternatively, water could become an even scarcer commodity for large tanker operators out to serve members of the public on the streets as obtained previously.

While scenarios of this kind can't be ruled out as a possibility, the supply/availability and pricing of water ought to be controlled. It is a sufficiently tall order.

## Sustainable farming making its way with schooled youth

HABITS are changing in many rural areas of the country, and indeed elsewhere, as both retiring adults and youths not already tied to particular engagements are increasingly take to farming.

A recent illustrative piece of such tendency is a group of 71 young farmers from 12 wards of Kahama municipality in Shinyanga Region who are taking up swathes of land for the growing of food and cash crops have been provided with free farm inputs.

Officials have explained this as meant for those people's wellbeing and the agro-sector push as a whole, seemingly related to assisting special groups.

It is reported that the free supply of farm inputs to youthful farmers began in the 2018/2019 financial year.

It is said part of the idea was to boost employment in the farming sector, including by clearing off the streets youths willing to lead gainful lives.

Authorities say that 172 youths have thus far benefited from the farm inputs support, valued at 115.7m/-, with expectations that more will turn up for consideration if they are ready to take up rural life. A municipal extension officer spoke on these efforts in a presentation on the distribution of farm inputs as subsidy to the youths and other demonstration farmers.

The key element in getting youths to take up agriculture is to allocate funds from local councils' internal revenues for purchasing farm inputs for free distribution to young farmers.

There is a policy that youths take up five acres or more while the harvests belong to them, not the councils, which is in effect having councils

taking up parentage of sorts - the equivalent of sponsorship.

Irrespective of what has already been achieved in this effort, what is salutary about this particular effort is that it provides a non-industrial solution to youth unemployment by potentially making farm work usable for that segment of the population.

Were there other agencies concerned over the matter, they could make additions either on a subsidy and participatory basis as with the free inputs or as soft-term loans. This could take the form of building materials, enabling small-scale animal husbandry, etc.

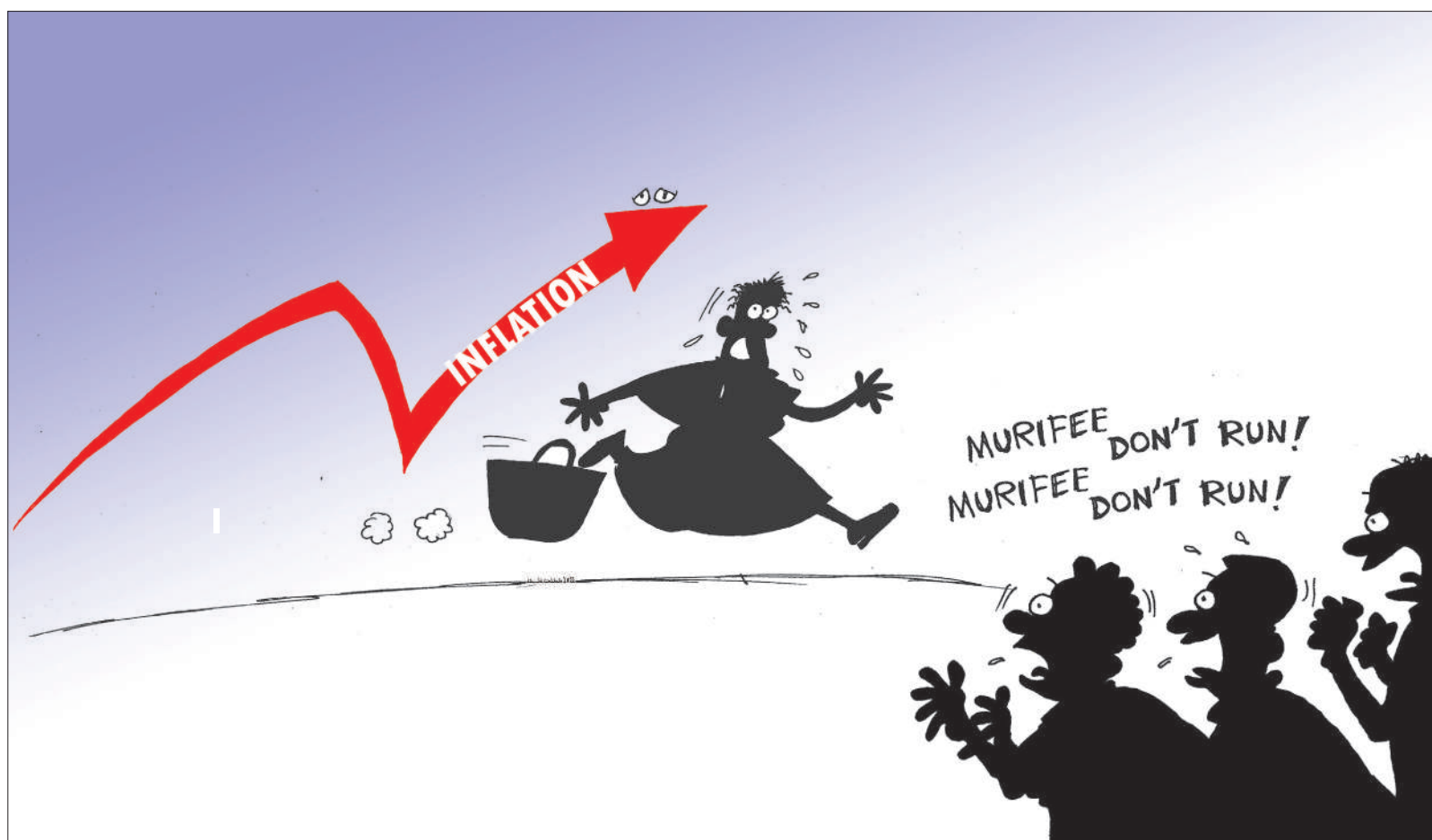
Looking at the data, the municipal council efforts seems impressive enough, as they have provided youths with 680 bags of fertiliser, 1,500 kgs of quality maize seeds, 300 kgs of sunflower seeds and 225 litres of farm pesticides to the 71 young farmers, all costing 66.8m/-.

A total of 11 villages are included in this particular scheme, and this is just for one municipal-cum-rural administrative entity, with the district authorities saying that the farmers will be appropriately supervised by ward extension officers.

This administrative part is definitely useful, though it is not really the big news, as otherwise public authorities generally ought to see how such efforts can be supported, enhanced and extended.

Discovering how to bring youths into agriculture is a potential response to urban growth crises and could eventually need greater funding than merely depending on auxiliary council cash. This mode of financing is a good start but should not be the limit.

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By Special Correspondent

WHO hasn't at one time or another felt cheated and abused by the current

medical system? For over one hundred years, the money-hungry Mainstream Medical Establishment has been trying to hide from the American public a form of medicine that could solve most health problems gently, inexpensively and quickly.

Now you're going to be even more incensed... Because the real cures - the real answers for the health problems that plague us - have been right under our noses the whole time. But we haven't been able to get to them!

Are you serving cancer-causing foods from your grill? Research shows that cooking certain meats at high temperatures creates new chemicals that don't exist in uncooked meat. Some of them may increase your cancer risk. But take heart, as there are ways you can reduce your risk.

Grilling creates two dangerous chemicals that are synthesized when a piece of meat encounters fire: heterocyclic amines (HCAs) and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs).

HCAs form when muscle meats such as beef, pork, fowl and fish are cooked at high temperatures. The high cooking temperatures cause amino acids (the building blocks of all protein) to react with creating (a chemical in the muscle), thereby creating HCAs.

Frying and broiling can also produce HCAs, but the charred edges of barbecued meat produce these chemicals in their purest and potentially most dangerous form.

Researchers have identified 17 different HCAs linked to stomach, colon, liver and skin cancer - but only in animal studies. Though scientists think HCAs can directly damage your DNA and initiate cancer, they have not yet confirmed that HCAs cause cancer in people.

That hasn't stopped the US Department of Health and Human Services from naming HCAs as a possible carcinogen (cancer-causing agent). The (US) National Cancer Institute (NCI) has also studied HCAs.

The NCI's Division of Cancer Epidemiology and Genetics studied 176 people diagnosed with stomach cancer and 503 cancer-free people, assessing their diet and cooking habits.

They found that those who ate medium-well or well-done beef had more than three times the risk of stomach cancer compared to those who ate it rare or medium-rare. In addition, those who ate beef four or more times a week doubled their risk of stomach cancer.

Another study also found that those who eat the most barbecued

## Some cooking methods increase the risk of cancer - know which?

red meat nearly doubled their risk of colon polyps, compared with those who don't eat them. And, as you probably know, colon polyps can develop into colon cancer.

Other studies associate colorectal, pancreatic and breast cancer with high intake of well-done, fried or barbecued meats. Just as an aside, cigarette smoke also contains HCAs.

PAHs, meanwhile, form when meat juices drip onto coals or other hot surfaces and create smoke. In this case, it's the smoke that contains the carcinogen, which then settles on the surface of the meat. PAHs have been associated with an increased risk of breast and stomach cancer.

Four factors determine HCA formation in food, so you can influence the risk, short of totally giving up cooked meat. They are temperature, type of food, cooking method, and time.

Temperature is the most important factor. Frying, broiling and barbecuing create the most HCAs because the meats are cooked at high temperatures.

Researchers found a stunning three-fold increase in HCAs when the cooking temperature increased from 392 to 482 degrees Fahrenheit (200 degrees to 250 degrees Celsius). Oven roasting and baking use lower heat and therefore create lower levels of HCAs. Stewing, boiling, and poaching are done at or below 212 degrees F, and so produce negligible amounts of chemicals.

Well-done (versus medium) meats also produce more HCAs, linked to both longer cooking times and usually higher temperature.

HCAs are only found in muscle meats, whereas other protein sources (milk, eggs, cheese, and organ meats) contain very few HCAs whether uncooked or cooked. The NIH suggests partially cooking your meat in a microwave and then finishing it off on the grill. While that may reduce HCAs, I'm not sure I could recommend a microwave as a safe cooking method either.

Put this into perspective: Currently, no one knows for sure how many HCAs Americans eat, nor has a "safe" level been established. Scientists simply do not know at this time how many HCAs are needed for an increased cancer risk.

But many feel that in the grand scheme of cancer prevention, there are much greater risks than grilling.

Incidentally, the other missing piece of information in all these studies is the quality of the meat in the first place. Nowhere in these studies do they discuss the dangers of conventional meats.

For example, dangerous newly

emerging antibiotic-resistant killer bacteria *E. coli* and salmonella all "force" you to overcook your meat to offer some measure of protection... which isn't necessary with grass-fed organic meats. Plus, grass-fed meat should always be cooked at lower temperatures... or it will become tough.

What do cancer experts do? I'm a realist. Rather than urging people to aim for perfection, I try to get them to change a few bad habits here and there. I try to take into account what's going on in the real world.

I'm not a frequent meat-eater - a couple of times a week at most, red meat once a week or less, grilled meat almost never (mostly when I'm a guest at someone's house).

Quite aside from high-temperature cooking, there's other evidence that associates high meat consumption with cancer risk.

Roasting and braising, not frying and grilling, are my favourite ways to cook meat. Once you've had a great braise, I don't know why you'd ever want to eat grilled meat.

For the healthy individual, I think meat is all right as a treat once in a while, provided that your other habits are good. Cooked properly, animal protein has enormous health benefits that are very hard to get from a pure vegetarian diet.

If you're a cancer patient, most cancer advocates say that you should NOT eat meat at all. It's not served at most of the alternative cancer clinics we've visited. These places are run by first-rate alternative and integrative doctors. I trust their judgment.

On those rare occasions when you do indulge in grilled meat, take these steps. I suggest you always choose organic grass-fed meats for what they do contain, as well as for what they don't. Grass-fed animals have much higher levels of omega-3 fatty acids, and a much healthier nutritional profile overall. Grass-fed meat has much lower fat content than conventional meat. So conventional meat is much more likely to drip down and form PAH-laced smoke that settles on your meat.

In any case, lower the cooking temperature on your grill. Get used to eating your meat medium-rare instead of well-done.

Use the leanest cuts you can find. Use thinner cuts, which cook more quickly. Be sure your meat is completely defrosted before cooking - to reduce cooking times.

Cut meat up into cubes, as these cook more quickly. Enjoy them as kebabs. Don't cook directly over coals. Use indirect cooking methods.

Keep the grill rack farther from the fire. Flip the pieces before they

become charred.

Keep your grill really clean! Scrape off charred residue every time you cook so that you don't transfer carcinogenic chemicals to your food the next time you use it.

Use marinades. Some studies show that, besides creating superb flavour, it reduces carcinogens.

The Journal of Agriculture and Food Chemistry says that marinating red meat for two hours significantly reduced HCAs. Beer, wine, lemon and vinegar are thought to create an "invisible shield" that protects from the formation of HCAs and PAHs.

A Kansas State University study found that rubbing rosemary (a fragrant evergreen herb used as a culinary condiment, to make bodily perfumes, and for its potential health benefits) onto meats before grilling cut HCA levels by up to 100 per cent - apparently owing to its high antioxidant levels.

Heat any extra marinade you intend to use as a sauce at least three minutes to kill whatever bacteria it may have picked up from its contact with uncooked meat, poultry or fish.

And always marinate meats in the refrigerator to keep bacterial levels low. You have to bring the sauce to a boil to kill microbes. Otherwise, set aside sauce beforehand and don't reuse the marinade.

The best food for grilling is vegetables and fruits, which do not form HCAs. They also provide you with a host of cancer-fighting nutrients and phytochemicals.

In fact, there's some evidence that these natural phytochemicals may convert HCAs into an inactive, stable form that you can easily eliminate from your body.

Try grilling asparagus, carrots, eggplants, onions, mushrooms and even mangoes brushed with a bit of olive oil. Avoid charred meat like the plague. Cut off offending spots to protect yourself. Grill fish instead of meats. They tend to form fewer HCAs.

Place juicy foods in a foil packet to reduce dripping. And before you fire up the grill, go and enjoy a 40-minute walk - which will help reduce the greater risk of that "extra 30 pounds".

At least there's one silver lining, though: You may be better off grilling your own meats in your backyard versus eating meat in a restaurant. That way you're able to control what you eat - including how many additives, antibiotics and other health saboteurs found in your food.

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# Will insurance uptake in Africa improve after slump caused by pandemic?

By Guardian Reporter

**A**MONG the drivers of economic growth and development in emerging countries, insurance is often overlooked in favor of flashier sectors like technology or infrastructure.

In fact, though, insurance is a behind-the-scenes factor driving growth at all levels of society, from family life to massive infrastructure projects to technology development.

The falling income of average citizens in Africa, poor technology adoption and infrastructural challenges are major factors causing poor penetration of insurance.

According to industry authority, increasing level of poverty across the continent makes people focus on basic needs of survival with little or no attention to uptake of insurance.

These were the major reasons for drop in insurance penetration in the continent, from 2.78 per cent in 2019 to 2.0 per cent in 2020, whereas the global industry recorded improved growth from 7.20 per cent in 2019 to 7.40 per cent in 2020.

Tope Smart, president, African Insurance Organisation (AIO) attributed the low insurance penetration to low income, low awareness level, fail-



ure to embrace digital technology, high level of financial exclusion, lack of infrastructural and distribution channels, lack of domestic skills and a shortage of data, even as insurers also battle brain drain.

Smart, speaking at the Insurance Retreat for Africa, organised by the Government of Zanzibar in February this year, stat-

ed that regulators are not keeping pace with innovation, as timing and implementation of regulatory changes need improved reasonably.

He also stressed the lack of consumer trust, stating that presence of weak companies erode trust; pricing and other market related issues, culture related issues, fragmentation and over competition

were hindrances to the insurance penetration on the continent.

He noted that while in 2019 the global average penetration rate was 7.20 percent that of Africa was 2.78 percent. In 2020, while the global average went up to 7.40 percent, that of Africa came down significantly to about 2 percent.

Smart charged relevant

stakeholders to address these barriers in a bid to galvanise insurance sector in Africa to a level comparable to other regions in the world.

"If the issues highlighted are critically addressed, the result will lead to a significant growth of the insurance sector. It is also important to mention that the underlying economic growth forms the most

important catalyst for growth and good enough, the outlook for GDP growth is strong across markets," he pointed out.

The coming up of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), an initiative of the African Union, he said, is a game changer for the Insurance sector.

Since Insurance plays a major role in the eco-

nom ic development of the continent, he said, the expected increase in intra-African trade through AfCFTA would lead to higher insurance penetration across the region.

To him, "the potential to increase life insurance growth is noteworthy. "In many markets apart from South Africa, non-life represents at least 65 percent of total premium

income with even some up to 85 percent (Tanzania & Uganda). Given this scenario, the potential opportunity to expand life insurance is very great."

In Tanzania, the contribution of insurance to the economy is still below one percent of the gross domestic product (GDP), this is despite various plans the government is executing with the view towards improving industry's performance.

According to industry experts, there are many areas that need improvement. One of them is fraud which is committed by individuals inside the companies; various insurance stakeholders as well as their own clients.

There is also a large area to work on and the challenge is big because Tanzania currently doesn't have a database of claims and clients that become difficult to deal with. If this database was available, it would be easy to monitor and thus come up with a way of dealing with those fraudsters as they press for claims every year.

Things have changed and there is need to invest in the digital space. The digital transformation helps in reducing some of the costs and increases efficiency but also to build more confidence in customers.

# Tanzanian gender activists optimistic as report paints grim global picture

By Correspondent Daniel Semberya

**A**CHIEVING full gender equality, one of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), could take close to 300 years if the current rate of progress continues, says a new report published this week by UN Women and the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA).

The study reveals how gender disparities are worsening in the face of "cascading" global crises - such as the COVID-19 pandemic, violent conflict, and climate change - coupled with the backlash against women's sexual and reproductive health and rights.

"This is a tipping point for women's rights and gender equality as we approach the half-way mark to 2030," said Sima Bahous, Executive Director at UN Women.

"It is critical that we rally now to invest in women and girls to reclaim and accelerate progress. The data show undeniable regressions in their lives made worse by the global crises - in incomes, safety, education and health. The longer we take to reverse this trend, the more it will cost us all."

The Gender Snapshot 2022 report showcases how cooperation, partnerships and investments are essential to put the world back on track.

Without swift action, legal systems that do not ban violence against women, or protect their rights in marriage and family, may continue to exist for generations to come.



Deogratias Temba, a facilitator, makes a point during at a workshop on women's rights organisations and feminism groups organised by TGNP in Dar es Salaam recently. Photo: TGNP courtesy.

The report warns that at the current rate of progress, it will take up to 286 years to close gaps in legal protection and remove discriminatory laws. As a result, countries will not meet SDG5 by the 2030 deadline.

But here in Tanzania, gender rights activists are hopeful that more gains will be made despite grim global picture. Officiating a two day evaluation workshop for women's rights organisations in Dar es Salaam recently, Tanzania Gender Networking (TGNP) Executive Director Lilian Liundi said Tanzania is making progress and gender rights activists are changing stereotypes in

their communities. The workshop brought together gender rights activists and feminists from Dar es Salaam, Dodoma, Kigoma, Kilimanjaro, Mara, Mbeya, Morogoro, Mtwara and Shinyanga regions.

Liundi said that main objective of the workshop was to evaluate the implementation of the organisation's strategic plans and achievements gained so far.

Deogratias Temba, one of the facilitators of the seminar more needs to be done to level playing field as there are communities that are still rigid to accept changes and sensitization efforts have not reached every community in the

country. "If you want to succeed in emancipating a woman from the shackles of gender inequalities and all kinds of oppressive systems, you need to work as a team while collaborating with your local leaders," he said.

Idda Mushi from Morogoro Women Organisation said that women have a big role to play in changing social norms and gender stereotypes but for success to be registered, men involvement is critical.

She said that the organisation works in awareness creation in efforts to eliminate gender based violence, child pregnancies, child

marriages and child labour. Mushi said in they have since reached 686 pupils in five secondary schools in Morogoro Municipality, 441 among them being girls and 254 boys.

Isaac Dawa, Monitoring and Evaluation Officer at Mtwara-based Door of Hope Tanzania lack of gender rights awareness among leaders and citizens in the southern region has led to rise of GBV cases and perpetrators walk free.

Aluwa Mkilindi from Female Graduate Volunteers (FGV) which is based in Dar es Salaam said that there is a major challenge at the family and community level in

changing discriminatory social norms and gender stereotypes.

"Freedom from violence in a society and freedom from violence in the family is a necessary starting point for fruitful relationships and development," she said.

John Eddy, Monitoring Evaluation Learning Officer at Shinyanga-based Women Elderly Advocacy and Development Organisation of Shinyanga said that only awareness

at family and community levels can help break and dismantle oppressive cultural systems that hinder women's development.

The 2030 Agenda recognises that sustainable development will only be possible if all women and girls are empowered to have control over and make decisions about all aspects of their lives, and barriers to their equality are eliminated.

Transformation of discriminatory social norms

and gender stereotypes must be a priority for accelerating the implementation of SDGs and for effectively moving towards gender equality, women's empowerment and the realisation of women's and girls' human rights.

Men and boys must also take responsibility to challenge discriminatory social norms and gender stereotypes and foster positive norms of gender equality, non-violence and respect.

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# 'Tactical' nuclear weapons could unleash untold damage, experts warn

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Since the start of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the conflict's potential to escalate to the use of nuclear weapons has been highlighted by political analysts and military experts alike.

Now growingly bellicose rhetoric from Russian president Vladimir Putin, particularly following the illegal annexations of four parts of Ukraine at the end of September, has raised fears he may be seriously considering using them. He has been quoted in September this year as saying that Russia would use "all available means to protect Russia and our people", but last month said there was no need to consider the use of nuclear weapons. This week Russia ordered troops to withdraw from the Dnieper River's west bank near the southern city of Kherson.

But while much of the media debate around this prospect has focused on the expected use of a so-called low-yield "tactical" nuclear weapon and what this might mean strategically for either side in the war, anti-nuclear campaigners say any discussion should be reframed to reflect the devastating reality of what the use of even the smallest weapons in modern nuclear arsenals would mean.

They say that even if only one such bomb was dropped, be it in Ukraine or in any other conflict, the consequences would cause a country - if not a continent-wide catastrophe, with horrific immediate and long-term health effects and a subsequent humanitarian disaster on a scale almost certainly not seen before.

Moreover, they say, a single strike would almost certainly be met with a similar response, quickly igniting a full-scale nuclear war that would threaten much of human life on earth.

"There is no conceivable reality in which a nuclear weapon is used, and life goes on as normal. It is very, very likely that there would be escalation and additional nuclear weapons used, but even the use of one nuclear weapon would break a decades-long taboo on the use of the most catastrophic, horrific weapon ever created," Alicia Sanders-Zakre, Research, and Policy Coordinator, at the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) told IPS.

"We have already seen the global impacts of the war in Ukraine just using conventional weapons, including worldwide rising inflation, and energy and food shortages. But the use of a nuclear weapon would really have consequences beyond what any of us can imagine," she added.

Since the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945 - the only time nuclear weapons have been used in conflict - a number of states have built up nuclear arsenals, including bombs many times more powerful than those dropped on the two Japanese cities.

But they also include bombs that can be set to have varying explosive yields



**Nuclear experts warn that 'tactical' nuclear weapons could have devastating death toll and destruction. This photo shows the war damage in Borodianka, Kyiv Oblast. Photo: Oleksandr Ratushniak / UNDP Ukraine**

-which are measured in kilotons - including potentially in just single figures. For comparison, the devices dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki had yields of around 15 kilotons.

These lower yield bombs are, unlike strategic nuclear weapons with yields in the hundreds of kilotons that, are specifically meant to cause mass destruction and serve a deterrent purpose, designed for use on a battlefield to counter overwhelming conventional forces.

The strategic thinking behind their use is that they could cause maximum damage to enemy troops in specific areas without the wider massive destruction caused by larger bombs.

This does not mean, though, that tactical nuclear weapons are not devastatingly lethal - an estimated 130,000 people were killed by the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima, while NUKEMAP pre-

dicts that even a 5-kiloton bomb detonation on Kyiv would leave more than 90,000 people dead, and injured.

Campaigners against nuclear weapons worry the global public is not being made properly aware of the scale of the loss of life and ecological damage which would be wrought by the use of such a weapon.

"There has been a lot of discussion about using a tactical nuclear bomb in Ukraine. But the use of the word 'tactical' is no more than a rebranding exercise to make a nuclear weapon sound like a conventional one," Dr Ruth Mitchell, Board Chair of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW), told IPS.

"A tactical nuclear weapon would be about the same size as the one dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and we don't need to imagine what the effects would be; we have already seen them,"

she added.

The death toll itself would be massive, but authorities would also have to deal with radioactive fallout possibly contaminating large areas, while the event itself would trigger massive population displacement.

And a report by ICAN also shows that even the most advanced healthcare systems would be unable to provide any effective response in such a situation, highlighting the likely destruction of local healthcare facilities and staff and pointing out that the 1945 atomic bombing of Hiroshima destroyed 80% of its hospitals and killed almost all its doctors and nurses.

Healthcare staff in Ukraine have told IPS that preparations are being made at hospitals and healthcare facilities to respond to a nuclear attack, including plans for reprofiling wards and forming special teams of emergency staff

to treat those affected both directly in the area of any strike and where needed in other parts of the country.

Meanwhile, authorities in cities have said potential evacuation centres have been set up, and supplies of potassium iodide, which can help block the absorption of harmful radiation by the thyroid gland, have been secured to be distributed if needed.

Some doctors have said they are also counting on international help for Ukraine's healthcare response if the worst to happen.

But Mitchell said while admirable, such efforts were likely to be of little help.

"It is naïve to think there is a terrible amount that we can do in the event of use of a nuclear weapon against civilian populations, which is the only way any will ever be used. They will be used strategically, i.e., on a populous city. No one's going to be dropping them in a paddock. It would be a massive disaster," she said.

Some Ukrainian doctors admit they may not be able to provide much help.

"If the hospital is hit with a bomb then there won't be much we can do," Roman Fishchuk, a doctor at the Central City Clinical Hospital in Ivano-Frankivsk in western Ukraine told IPS.

Another key issue, Mitchell said, is the fact that any use of a nuclear weapon in a conflict situation, be it in Ukraine or anywhere else, would almost certainly not be left in isolation.

There would likely be a response in kind, followed by a very rapid escalation to nuclear war and multiple missile detonations, with terrifying planet-wide consequences, she said.

A recent report by experts studying the potential effects of a nuclear

conflict concluded that while more than 5 billion could die from a war between the United States and Russia, "even a war between India and Pakistan using less than 3% of the global nuclear arsenal" could result in famine for a third of Earth.

ICAN's Sanders-Zakre explained that the current situation in Ukraine has only highlighted the need for nuclear weapons to be abolished across the world, and how more attention needs to be paid to experts pointing out their potential for civilisation-threatening destruction.

"What this shows is that we really need to listen to medical professionals, and organisations like IPPNW. They have been warning for decades about the consequences of using nuclear weapons, and we have learned from the catastrophic Covid-19 pandemic that it is essential that we listen to professionals and experts and take their expertise seriously, and it's the same in this case with the use of a nuclear weapon," she said.

Meanwhile, in Ukraine, people are preparing for the worst. Some have begun stocking rooms converted into bomb shelters with food and other supplies they believe will help them ride out the aftermath of a nuclear strike. Others have been buying potassium iodide tablets.

But some say they have little faith they would survive any such attack and are just hoping it will never happen.

"The Health Ministry has given out advice on what to do if there is a nuclear attack, and I know some of the basic things to do, but I don't feel like I'm prepared to deal with something like this if it happens. I just hope we won't have to deal with this. It would be horror," 23-year-old Kyiv resident Viktoria Marchenko (NOT REAL NAME) told IPS.



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# Initiative in new drive of supporting rural girls with bicycles to fight school dropouts

By Getrude Mbago

**M**SICHANA Initiative in collaboration with several stakeholders is implementing a special project to support school girls in rural areas with bicycles as a means of transport to commute to and from school every day.

The move is part of the efforts to address distance challenges and facilitate equal access to education.

Dubbed "One Girl, One Bike", the project is focused on helping secondary school girls who walk more than 10-km to and from school to enable them attend school safely, but also to reduce the risk of being subjected into various abuse such as rape, early pregnancies and child marriage.

Rebeca Gyumi, executive director of Msichana Initiative says since the project commenced in 2017, has benefited a total of 448 school girls directly from Lindi, Dodoma, Tanga, Coast and Shinyanga regions. Each of them now own a bicycle that helps them to attend school smoothly thus reducing truancy and increasing performance.

Gyumi says recently the organization has donated 100 bicycles to girls in Banyibanyi and Sejeli secondary schools in Kongwa District, Dodoma Region and Zinga and Mapinga secondary schools in Bag-



amoyi District of Coast Region.

She urged the school girls to invest in their education journey by continuing focusing on studies and be confident so as to fulfill their life dreams.

"Ensuring equal access to education and keeping young girls' dreams alive. One Girl, One Bike is a donation campaign that supports young girls in Secondary Schools in rural areas, living more than 10 kilometers from where the schools are, and having to walk two to three hours every day to attend school," she says.

She notes that long distance is one of the major challenges to many girls in the rural areas dreaming to attend school and fulfill their dreams, as the trip is associated with various obstacles by putting girls in high risk of sexual harassment, teenage pregnancies which lead to dropping out and early marriages.

The campaign mobilizes citizens to contribute bikes for girls in disadvantaged conditions in rural Tanzania, distance being a major determinant fac-

tor in selecting schools and girls who benefit from the campaign.

Gyumi appreciates support from partners including the Karimjee Jivanjee Foundation, Partners for Equality, MY ILAVA, InfoBip and many other Tanzanians who have devoted their efforts to help the girls achieve their dreams.

"I am so happy to get the bicycle because it will help me arrive to school on time and concentrate in my studies. It was so difficult for me to walk every day to reach school, I sometimes failed to attend classes, but with this support, I am sure I will focus more in my studies," says Vivian Milonge, a student at Zinga secondary school.

Vivian says she was missing morning sessions, something which was affecting her performance in exams.

Josin Salum, a parent says: "We thank the organization for seeing this challenge and extending its support to rescue our girls, our economic situation is very bad and this bar us from supporting our children to have

transport, so they are forced to walk every day, but with this support, we are so happy that our girls are going to fulfill their dreams of completing studies."

Sophia Msefu, teacher at Zinga secondary school commended Msichana Initiative saying that the bicycles are going to increase school performance as many girls will now be attending all classes.

It is clear that girls in rural areas, especially those mostly affected by child marriages and teenage pregnancies, face a lot of challenges in access to education, and it will take more than a bike to ensure that there is equality in accessing education for both girls and boys.

According to UNICEF, around the world, 129 million girls are out of school, including 32 million of primary school age, 30 million of lower-secondary school age, and 67 million of upper-secondary school age. In countries affected by conflict, girls are more than twice as likely to be out of school as girls living in non-affected countries.

Only 49 per cent of countries have achieved gender parity in primary education. At the secondary level, the gap widens: 42 per cent of countries have achieved gender parity in lower secondary education, and 24 per cent in upper secondary education.



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#### COMPANY PROFILE

##### ABOUT US

GA Insurance Tanzania Ltd is promoted by a renowned group with strong financials having interests in banking, insurance, manufacturing, real estate and services across East Africa. The group has business interests in Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda and Mauritius.

The group companies include I&M Bank Kenya, I&M Bank Tanzania, Bank One Mauritius, GA Insurance Ltd Kenya, GA Life Assurance Ltd-Kenya, GA Insurance Uganda Ltd and Highland Estates Tanzania. The Company has an authorized and paid up capital of TZS 4.5 bn (USD 2 Mn). GA Insurance Limited, Kenya holds 67% and the remaining 33% is held by Highland Estates and its key promoter.

GA Insurance Limited is one of the oldest insurance companies operating in Kenya specializing in all classes of general, medical insurance and specialized lines of insurance products. Having its parentage from General Accident, UK, it was incorporated as a Kenyan Insurance Company in 1979. Enjoying its presence for over 60 years, GA brand has earned its standing as one of the most reputable insurance companies in Kenya. GA has a legacy of stable and steady company, it has evolved into a stronger, responsive and progressive underwriter under qualified, professional and experienced management. During the past few years the company has secured its place in the market with consistent profitable growth in business supported with excellent customer service. The Parent Company GA Insurance Ltd enjoys a credit rating of GCR A+ (KE), National Scale Financial Strength rating with a Stable Outlook.

GA Insurance Tanzania Ltd was incorporated in October 2013 and commenced business operations in April 2014 with a goal to be a customer centric organization aiming to provide the best of insurance solutions encompassing private, commercial and industrial segments.

GA Insurance Tanzania is committed to excel in its objective of reaching various segments of the market with a range of insurance products to cater for the distinct needs of individual and corporate customers and thus helping individuals have a secured living and Corporates are financially secured ensuring continuity of business. Apart from the regular non life insurance products, the company offers Speciality line products such as Bankers Blanket Bonds, Cyber Liability, Professional Indemnity, Directors and Officers Liability, Commercial Crime, Plastic Card Liability, Weather Index based Insurance-Parametric Insurance for agriculture sector and the like.

##### Financial Strength and Reinsurance

The company has in place a strong reinsurance program supported by highly rated securities. The reinsurance program adds to its financial strength by way of higher capacities to underwrite business. All the reinsurers are known for financial strength & stability and have a good track record of timely claims payment for large losses.

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##### Operations and Technology

The company has made significant investment in technology and implemented the latest version of a well tried and tested insurance software solution to enable it to provide superior customer service by efficient policy issuance, claims management and secure data base management. The Company continues to explore current digital trends in the industry with view to digitizing its processes with current modern technology.

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GA Insurance Tanzania has underwritten insurance programs for clients in varied industry segments like construction, infrastructure projects including road, water projects, power generation, transmission and distribution projects, steel manufacturing, textile and chemicals, oil storage, gas exploration, warehousing, financial services, tourism, hospitality, offices, business centers, hospitals, diagnostic centres, clinics, shopping malls and aviation sector.

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##### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors have extensive experience in Insurance, Banking, Law and various other businesses. The Directors of the company are:

##### Mr Sachit Shah

He is Executive Director of GA Insurance Limited, Kenya. Sachit Shah is a graduate in Banking and International Finance from the UK. He is also a Director of I&M Bank in Kenya, Coastal Bottlers and a few other companies. He is the Chairman on the Board of GA Insurance Tanzania Limited, member of both the "Board Audit and Risk Management Committee" and the "Board Investment Committee."

##### Mr Haroon Pirmohamed

Haroon Pirmohamed is a reputed businessman in Tanzania with vast interests in real estate, manufacturing and construction. He is also Chairman of Amana Bank. He chairs the Board Investment Committee of G A Insurance Tanzania Limited.

##### Mr M Soundararajan

M Soundararajan is a financial services expert. He is one of the most experienced and renowned senior professionals in the financial sector in Kenya. He serves on the Board of many financial institutions. He has been on the board of other insurance companies in Tanzania in the past. He chairs the Board Audit and Risk Management Committee of both G A Insurance Limited, Kenya and G A Insurance Tanzania Limited. He is also a member of the Board Investment Committee.

##### Mr Vijay Srivastava

Vijay Srivastava is Chief Executive Officer of GA Insurance Kenya. He holds a Masters degree in Physics and is an Associate of the Insurance Institute of India. An insurance professional, he has vast experience of the insurance markets in India, Tanzania and Kenya. He is also a member of the Board Audit and Risk Management Committee and the Board Investment Committee.

##### Mr Ngassa M Dindi

Ngassa is a senior partner at Lawcastles, a reputed Law firm based in Tanzania. He is an expert in Corporate and Commercial Law, Project Finance and Public-Private partnership projects. He is a member of the Board Audit and Risk Management Committee.

##### MANAGEMENT

##### Chief Executive Officer and Principal Officer:

**Mr Amit Srivastava** has extensive experience in underwriting, product development, claims and reinsurance, with over 30 years serving in various capacities in the second largest Public Sector Company and in Senior management positions in Private Sector Insurance companies in India. He has been the founding member of 2 insurance startups in Joint Venture with leading global corporations like Tokio Marine & Nichido Fire Insurance Co.Ltd, earlier known as Millea Group, Japan a subsidiary of Tokio Marine Holdings and other one with Nippon Koa Sampo Japan Holdings and Sampo Japan - now called as Sampo Holdings, Japan. He holds a Masters degree in Physics with Specialization in Electronics, Masters in Business Administration and is an Associate of Insurance Institute of India. He has been associated with G A Insurance Tanzania from its startup stage. He has an extensive experience in Bancassurance, Parametric Insurances and expertise in Project Insurance, Speciality Lines and Liability Business apart from having professionally specialized in Marine Insurance.

##### Chief Operating Officer

**Mr Vincent Peter Tivali** has an extensive experience in underwriting, claims, reinsurance, customer service and special projects management spanning 24 years.

##### Head of Finance, Accounts & Administration

**Mr Boaz Wallace Kapaya** holds CPA degree and has rich experience of a decade and half in Insurance Industry in Tanzania in Finance, Accounts and Administration.

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# Progress on tuberculosis can be achieved in Africa

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The news in many parts of the world is that tuberculosis (TB) is reclaiming the title of the world's most deadly infection, even as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to kill an estimated 1,450 people daily around the world. But this is not news to African countries, which are home to one third of the people globally who die from TB, even though they have less than one fifth of the world's population.

And on our continent, the real burden might be worse: only 60% of the estimated cases have been diagnosed. All the other infections are hidden by poverty—and so the disease continues to spread.

Consider Zanyiwe's story, who is recovering from TB a fifth time. Her son-in-law died from the disease, and her 18-month old granddaughter has it currently. TB has hammered her family and her community in Cape Town, South Africa—but this story could be set in Nigeria, Kenya, or just about anywhere, as TB has never been contained in Africa.

Four years ago, there was hope that TB might be receiving the attention it deserves. The United Nations held a High-Level Meeting with heads of state in September 2018 where more than half of the world's nations convened to rally support to tackle TB. Many pledges were made; fulfillment of these pledges got off to a slow start and then the COVID-19 pandemic derailed things completely.

The first commitment was to find and treat 40 million people with TB between 2018 and 2022, including 3.5 million children and 1.5 million people with drug-resistant TB. We're 19% behind that overall goal, but 32% behind with children and 46% behind with drug-resistant TB. We now have new and shorter treatment regimens for TB and drug-resistant TB; using these new technologies could make next year, when another UN high level meeting on TB will convene, a different



**In Africa only 60% of the estimated TB cases have been diagnosed. All the other infections are hidden by poverty—and so the disease continues to spread. Credit: Jeffrey Moyo/IPS.**

story.

The second commitment was to provide preventive treatment for 30 million people at risk for TB infections. We're 48% behind here; while we already exceeded the sub-target of reaching 6 million people with HIV with preventive treatment, from 2018-2021 we've only provided

preventive treatment to 2.2 million household contacts of people with TB, 11.5% of the goal. Once again, we now have new, more effective and shorter preventive regimens to deploy—but we need the outreach capacity and willingness of countries to get the treatment into the hands of the people who need it.

The third and fourth commitments are about funding. Leaders pledged to spend a total of US\$13 billion annually on prevention, diagnosis and treatment by 2022; in 2021 only 42% of that yearly goal was spent. For TB research, US\$2 billion annually was pledged by 2022 but in 2021 research spending reached

less than half that amount (46%). Rolling out the new treatments and developing even better ones will require a stronger embrace of these commitments; the status quo simply will not get us there.

While we have yet to finish 2022, it is obvious that we will not meet these goals. With that being said, there have been

signs of progress worth drawing attention to.

First, Gabon, Kenya, Liberia, Namibia, Republic of Congo, Sierra Leone, and Uganda all made progress in finding more cases of TB last year. And Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Mozambique, Nigeria, Tanzania, and Zambia have all made progress throughout the pandemic—showing the political will needed to keep their people healthier. Overall, Africa found 4% more TB in 2021 than in 2020. It's a start—and we can do better.

New TB medicines are being supported by the World Health Organization (WHO). Six-month therapy for drug-resistant TB has been approved in more than 20 countries, including the Democratic Republic of Congo, Mozambique, South Africa, and Zimbabwe. And Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, South Africa, Tanzania, and Zimbabwe are working to roll out a new TB prevention treatment.

In Africa, we will not mistake these initial signs of progress for anything more significant. Yet, at the same time, it is still progress to be respected and built upon. Next year, the world will consider their long-ignored pledges. We need to show the world that it is time to move forward; all that's been missing is the same thing that's been missing for far too many years: political will.



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- Approved Supplier on the Mining Commission of Tanzania
- Supplier Classification Letter – Original Equipment Manufacturer or Approved Distributor.
- List of referrals where mineral process lab equipment has been supplied .
- Details of completion of similar type of contracts in the last three years and similar contracts/agreements currently under execution under headings:
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  - b) Value of work in USD
  - c) Contractual Duration
  - d) Client's name
  - e) Contact details of the Client (Mantra may approach the client directly for the feedback).
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### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE SERVICES:

- Journey Management Plan review and approval
- In Vehicle Monitoring System (IVMS) tracking for Light Vehicles:
  - Provider should demonstrate ability to provide IVMS to the fleet of light vehicles (approx. 150) and in-cab cameras for some of them.
  - Provider should demonstrate ability to provide dedicated control center and operators in Dar es Salaam for tracking light Vehicles.
- Reporting of Incidents and provide support to the Recovery of Vehicle from the incident scene
- Provision of Defensive Driving and other Vehicle Safety Training [eg 4 x 4]
- Provision of other Vehicle Management Safety support as required.

### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Companies or organizations expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:

- Business license.
- Appropriate licensing if any from relevant in-country authorities for the provision of the services.
- Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) and Tax Clearance Certificate for the latest year available.
- Application for registration with the EVVURA Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended.
- Compliance with Local Content Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition.
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- Experience, performance, and capacity in delivering the Scope of Services outlined above at a large scale in Tanzania, in compliance with national and international standards.
- Financial capacity to deliver the services required including submission of financial accounts for the past three years.
- Evidence of a QHSE Management system, organization, and process in compliance with applicable Local and Industry standards for similar works.
- Proof of Anti-corruption, Anti-bribery, Compliance and Human Rights policies.

Companies which have the ability, capacity, and resources to implement the activities listed above should express their interest by sending together with the documents stated in the above section through an email to [procurement.tz@eacop.com](mailto:procurement.tz@eacop.com), [max.email size 20Mb] on or before **17:00 hours** East African Time (EAT) on or before **25<sup>th</sup> November 2022**. Email object shall be: [0000033] \_ Light Vehicle Safety Management Services. Statements of EOI should be no more than ten (10) to twenty (20) pages long.

All Expression of Interests should be submitted in English Language.

**Note:** Note: EACOP LTD will review and assess the documents provided by companies that have expressed interest in accordance with this EOI and conduct evaluations based on internal criteria to determine which companies will be included in the list of pre-qualified companies. Only the pre-qualified companies will receive, by signing a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), an invitation to bid as a continuation of the call for tender process. EACOP LTD reserves the right at its sole discretion to make the decision to select or reject a company and maintain its decision without having to give reasons to the company concerned.

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# TULIA LAUDS NBC WOMEN EMPLOYEES FOR SUPPORTING THEIR PEERS ECONOMICALLY

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

**N**ATIONAL Assembly Speaker Dr Tulia Ackson has commended the efforts made by NBC Bank through its Women employees Network Forum in conducting various trainings aimed at liberating women from economic challenges.

Speaker Dr. Tulia gave the opinion in Dodoma yesterday while opening a seminar on economic opportunities organized by the National Bank of Commerce (NBC) for women parliamentarians known as "Pamoja na NBC Bank".

She also noted that various efforts made to liberate women from the various social challenges they face may not be successful if priority is not given to providing them with trainings that aim at sharpening them economically.

According to Dr. Tulia, through this kind of training women will be able to change their thinking about their priorities when they make various economic decisions while stressing that despite the various efforts made by women in the country to increase their income, the challenge remains in the way they use the same.

"Let me give you a small example in Village Community Banking (VICOBA) where despite



Speaker of the National Assembly Dr. Tulia Ackson (Right - foreground) in a joyful mood when opening a seminar on economic opportunities organized by the National Bank of Commerce for women parliamentarians held in Dodoma yesterday. Besides her are the senior officials of the bank led by the bank's Head of Operations, Allelio Lowassa (C).

the success that we women get through schemes, the problem still remains in the way we use the benefits. We have been spending a lot in non-priority issues including buying different outfits for each social activity we participate in. That's why I congratulate NBC women for coming with this kind of training because I believe through the MPs the kind of education will further reach many women across the country," she said.

She said apart from helping the women parliamentarians who face similar challenges, the seminar will also equip the MPs with financial knowledge that could help them during parliamentary debates that aims at advising the government on matters related with women empowerment and proper use of public funds.

"And I hope to see the fruits of this seminar in the various debates that are going on in the parliament currently... I am very grateful to NBC women for doing the right thing at the right time," she said.

On behalf of the bank's Managing Director, NBC's Head of Operations, Allelio Lowassa said the seminar

was aimed at the women parliamentarians as they are representatives of the people and have great influence on society, especially women's groups, hence that they can properly deliver the message to the target audience.

On NBC Employees Women Network Forum, Lowassa said it aims to unite and also promote financial education among its members so that they can become ambassadors for other women.

"The forum has also gone a long way by providing entrepreneurship training to groups of women in various areas of the country. Through the forum, the bank has also established a special procedure to give opportunities to female employees to hold leadership positions," she said while noting that the bank currently has more than 900 employees where 47% of them are women.

During the seminar, some female officers from the NBC bank presented to participants various topics on finance and economic opportunities including financial management, insurance and awareness on the recently issued NBC Twiga Bond.

## BoT governor comfortable with Zanzibar's airport construction

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

THE Bank of Tanzania (BoT) has said construction of the Abeid Amani Karume International Airport terminal three in Zanzibar has fully met its expectations in terms of quality and value for money.

The central bank's governor, Prof Florens Luoga said yesterday during a special visit at the construction site which is in its final stages that the airport will help stimulate

tourism and economic growth.

"Zanzibar relies on the tourism sector for its foreign currency basket. In this case, completion of the terminal building will increase the number of tourists and thus stimulate development in the islands," he said.

He commended efforts by the Zanzibar government for developing and managing its development projects well, including the airport building which is currently in the final stages of its com-

pletion.

"Zanzibar should start preparing to receive many visitors in the next short period, after the completion of the terminal, because these improvements are going to boost air transport," he asserted.

He also said that the modern buildings at the airport also attract people to visit Zanzibar as well as invest in various sectors.

"In promoting the economy, the central bank's role is to provide advice on various matters relat-



ed to finance so as to accelerate growth. The bank is satisfied with how the economy will grow here due to the foreign exchange services which will be available in this airport," he added.

Prof Luoga further said that despite

the Ukraine-Russia conflict affecting various sectors across the World, the Tanzanian economy is still going well.

Acting director of trade, planning and projects at the Zanzibar Airports Authority, Mudriki Abdulla Mussa said the con-

struction of the terminal with a cost of 133,547,089/- is expected to be completed next month.

He said the number of passengers using the airport has increased to 993009 in 2022 from 408,479 recorded in 2021.

## Govt to bolster road networks to enhance economic development

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE government has expressed its commitment to improve the road networks in the country to enhance economic development and improve people lives.

Deputy Minister for Works, Godfrey Kasekenya told the lawmakers that the government will continue improving and constructing roads and improve communication networks across the country.

He also noted that at least 668.345 mn/- has been set aside for regular maintenance of Fulo-Nyambiti-

Malya road in Sumve.

He made the assurance when responding to questions raised legislators who had wanted to know when the government would improve road networks in their areas.

In the main question, the Sumve MP, Kasalali Mageni, queried what plans the government had to conduct feasibility study and construction to tarmac level on the 73 kilometer road from Fulo-Nyambiti-Malya.

In his response, the deputy minister noted that the government was looking for funds to conduct feasibility

study for the construction of the road to tarmac.

However, he noted that the ministry through, Tanzania Roads Agency (TANROADS), will continue maintaining the road to ensure it is passable throughout the year.

"The government has been improving roads in the country on phases depending on the availability of funds," he said.

Last year, the government through the Tanzania Rural and Urban Roads Agency (TARURA) revealed plans to spend 3.6tr/- in the next five years to widen its road network countrywide.

With the plan, the government envisages to increase the distance of upgraded roads to tarmac level from the current 2,404.90 to about 3,855.65 Km.

TARURA came up with the Second Five-Year Strategic Plan, following the expiration of the First Five-Year Strategic Plan 2016/2017 - 2020/2021.

It revealed the Second Strategic Plan 2021/2022-2025/2026, which details how the government is fully committed to implementing infrastructure projects in efforts to spur the country's economic development.

## Z'bar govt collects 2.97bn/- in revenue from sand quarrying in three months

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

THE Zanzibar Ministry of Water, Energy and Minerals has collected a total of 2.97bn/- in the past three months from sale of sand for building and issuance of permits due to better non-renewables electronic management system that had been introduced.

This was revealed here on Wednesday by Energy and Minerals Deputy Minister Shaaban Ali Othman at a meeting for the implementation of the Ministry's programmes for the period July-September 2022 that involved the Communications, Lands and energy Committee

of the House of Representatives.

Othman said better management and the strengthening of the electronic system for application and issuance of permits for the non-renewable resources has helped in controlling wanton sand quarrying resulting with the mineral sector collecting 2.97bn/-, equivalent to 120 per cent of the estimated target for collecting 2.46bn/-.

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had been trained in permits inspection and provided with communications equipment for ease of communication among themselves.

He added that his ministry spent 100m/- to pay compensation to 23 people whose crops were affected by sand quarrying activities.

For his part, the Committee's Chairman, Yahya Rashid Abdallah instructed the ministry to have a meeting with the district Commissioner and the youth who sell sand at TAVETA area in order to find a solution in controlling the activity in the area.



# MINISTER CHANA URGES FINANCIERS TO TRY SOUTHERN TOURISM CIRCUIT

By Correspondent Friday Simbaya, Iringa

**N**ATURAL Resources and Tourism minister Dr Pindi Chana has urged investors from various parts in the world to come and invest in the southern parts of Tanzania saying that there is a good number of opportunities that are yet to be seized.

She said the Southern tourism circuit is made up of about ten regions, namely Iringa, Mbeya, Njombe, Songwe, Ruvuma, Lindi, Mtwara, Katavi, Rukwa and Morogoro.

Speaking yesterday at the opening of the International Tourism Fair known as 'Utalii Karibu Kusini 2022', she said that there are many opportunities in the southern region of Tanzania that investors can come to invest in, especially in the tourism sector.

The Karibu Kusini Tourism Fair which goes with a slogan, 'Tourism and Investment in the Southern Our Pride' was officially opened on Wednesday and ex-



pected to end today at the Kihesa Kilolo Exhibition Grounds in the Municipality of Iringa.

Dr Chana explained that the tourism sector in the country contributes 17 percent of the country's gross domestic

product (GDP) and 25 percent of foreign currency.

She said the tourism sector in the country was affected by the epidemic of Covid-19 and caused a drop in income from tourism as well as the number of

tourists and visitors visiting various tourist attractions.

Global statistics show that during the period of Covid-19, the number of tourists and visitors decreased from 1.5 billion in 2019 to approximately 620 mil-

lion visitors in 2020, equivalent to approximately 50 percent.

Likewise, the decrease in the number of tourists and visitors also caused a drop in revenues from 2.6 billion US dollars in 2019 to 780 million dollars in 2020.

Dr Chana said that through President Samia Suluhu Hassan's programme of "The Royal Tour" the number of tourists and visitors from overseas has started to increase.

"The government has also begun to improve the infrastructures in various tourist attractions so as to facilitate easy transport making tourists enjoy their tour and stay. This will ultimately increase the income generated from tourism as well as increase the job opportunities," she explained.

She also noted that Tanzania is blessed with a variety of water sources including rivers, lakes, wetlands and groundwater.

## Nairobi building plan certification defying election fears, set to grow by a steep 93 pct

NAIROBI

THE value of buildings that received approvals for construction in the first six months of the year in Nairobi increased sharply by 93 percent to Sh85 billion from last year, defying election jitters.

The latest data from the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) show that the value of approvals in the January to June period rebounded to almost pre-Covid levels. This points to a busy season for county officials involved in the approval process, as the rest of the country prepared for the August poll.

The rebound was largely driven by residential buildings, which accounted for 75 percent (Sh63.6 billion) of total value of approvals in the period.

The rise in building approvals went against the tide of an election year whereby private sector spending is muted in anticipation of economic disruptions.

The government has stepped up efforts to revive the housing sector to create more jobs and grow the economy.

The building and construction sector contributed 7.0 percent to the country's gross domestic product (GDP) in 2021, while the real estate sector accounted for 8.9 percent of Kenya's total production last year.

The two sectors have shown unmatched resilience over the years, being among the few sectors that did not contract during the pandemic.

The growth recorded by the sectors was faster than the overall economic growth in the second quarter of this year. Construction expanded at 5.8 percent while real estate grew at 5.5 percent, higher than the 5.2 percent posted by the whole economy in the reporting period.

Construction and real estate combined accounted for 230,600 formal jobs as of December last year, according to the Economic Survey, representing 8.0 percent of the total formal jobs.

Available data suggest that an employee in the construction sector takes home a monthly salary of Sh63,000 while one in real estate earns Sh27,280 monthly.

However, most workers in the two sectors remain in the informal space, which accounts for 83 percent of all employed Kenyans.

The buoyant performance was backed by an 8.0 percent jump in cement consumption in the first eight months of the year to hit a record 6.28 million tonnes.

Cement prices jumped by over 50 percent to Sh850 in Nairobi and even crossed the Sh1,000 barrier in different parts of the country for a 50 kg bag but have since eased to previous prices of Sh600 per bag.

The jump in prices was largely driven by the invasion of Ukraine by Russia, which led to supply chain disruptions globally and a shortage of coal that is used in the production of clinker.



## Beware of housing scam in Cape Town

CAPE TOWN

A housing scam is doing the rounds in Cape Town and the City urges residents not to fall prey to it.

According to the mayoral committee member for human settlements, Councillor Malusi Boo, a number of cases have been reported across the Cape metropole.

The City said it wishes to remind residents that they do not need to pay for a housing opportunity to be placed on the Housing Needs Register or for property transfer services.

Booi said housing beneficiaries who are asked to pay in these instances are being scammed by individuals or 'shack-farming' syndicates.

"If you are asked to pay to register on the City's Housing Needs Register, to pay for a government housing Breaking New Ground (BNG) opportunity or a plot of City-owned land, or to pay for property transfer services to any individual except a conveyancer, you are being scammed. These types of cases often affect the most desperate residents," Boo said.

He has urged residents who think

they may have fallen victim to this housing scam to report the incident at their nearest police station.

"We have recently been made aware of a number of these cases across the metro and we encourage our residents and beneficiaries to also contact the City should they suspect this to be the case.

"Qualifying beneficiaries are registered on the Housing Needs Register at no cost to them. The Register, which is protected, updated, and audited, is necessary to prevent queue-jumping.

"This is especially important, given the very acute need for housing opportunities across the metro," Boo said.

He has further urged residents to come forward and give anonymous tip-offs if they are aware of any illegal activity.

"Residents can give anonymous tip offs if they are aware of illegal activity that is taking place; that has happened or is still to happen. Please call 112 from a cell phone (toll free) and 107 from a landline or 021 480 7700 for emergencies," Boo added.

## 85 villages bordering Lake Tanganyika to benefit from major water project by 2025

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

AT LEAST 85 villages in districts bordering Lake Tanganyika to benefit from a major water project from the deepest lake in the continent by 2025.

Deputy Minister for Water, Maryprisca Mahundi told the august House that the government will in the 2022/2023 financial year employ consultant to conduct a study on using

Lake Tanganyika as a source of water for people living in the districts of Tanganyika, Mlele and Mpanda as well as the neighbouring areas to reach the 95 and 85 percent in urban and rural water connectivity target by 2025.

She was responding to a question asked by the Special Seats MP, Taska Mbogo, who had wanted what the government was doing to ensure residents of Katavi region have access to clean

and safe water.

"Residents of Katavi region have water problem for decades now, when shall the government provide them with this precious resource?" she asked.

In response, the deputy minister said that accessibility of water in the region has reached at least 71 percent in rural areas and 60 percent in urban areas.

She added that in 2021/2022, the government continued implementing 42 water projects in all district in Katavi region, aim being to ensure residents get clean and safe water. She named one of the projects as at Karema, tapping water from Lake Tanganyika.

The project is expected to end in September, 2022, noting that Mpanda town is also expected to benefit from implementation of 28 water projects.



## CONSTRUCTION

# TRADITIONAL BUILDING PRACTICES OFFER SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS AS AFRICAN CITIES GROW

By Special Correspondent

**L**OCATED on the dusty outskirts of the Burkina Faso town of Koudougou, the Lycée Schorge Secondary School shows what is possible when you mix traditional techniques and new materials.

The school consists of nine modules arranged around a central courtyard, protecting the central space from wind and dust. Each module is built out of locally sourced laterite which is cut into bricks and left in the sun to harden. These bricks absorb the heat during the day and radiate it at night.

A secondary façade made of local eucalyptus wood wraps around the classrooms like a transparent fabric and creates various shaded spaces to protect students from stifling daytime temperatures.

The building, designed by the Berlin-based, Burkinabè founded architecture firm Kéré Architecture, is an example of how countries on the continent are using traditional building techniques to lessen the carbon footprint of their buildings.

Research shows that these techniques can help prevent the need for air conditioning, the long-range transport of building materials and concrete production, all of which contribute to the greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions driving the climate crisis.

An industrial site turns into a green neighbourhood in Stockholm

With 70 per cent of Africa's building stock that



Lycée Schorge Secondary School

will exist in 2040 still to be constructed, experts say these energy-saving techniques are crucial.

"Traditional sustainable construction and building practices are a cornerstone of African cultural heritage," says Jonathan Duwyn, from the United Nations Environment Programme's (UNEP's) Buildings and Construction, Cities Unit.

"Locally adapted sustainable design, construction, practices, and materials coupled with renewables and innovation represent a great opportunity for both mitigation and resilience in Africa's rapidly growing building stock."

The continent accounts

for roughly 6 per cent of global energy demand, with more than half of this coming from its buildings. Given that Africa's population is expected to reach 2.4 billion people by 2050, with 80 per cent of this growth occurring in cities, it is clear that sustainability needs to be a core principle of all future buildings.

With the launch of UNEP's 2022 Global Status Report for Buildings and Construction at the UN Climate Conference (COP27) today, the focus is on how Africa can manage this urban growth and increase the resilience of its housing stock while avoiding an increase in GHG emissions.

It is a tall order, yet inspiration can be found in Africa's past. Travel through Africa today, and hints of this past can be found everywhere, from Eswatini's beehive huts to the Drogon cliff villages of Mali to the

mud-brick mosques of West Africa. "Africa is rich in renewable energy sources, solar and wind, with nearly half of the planet's total renewable energy technological potential," Duwyn says. "Locally adapted sustainable design, construction, practices, and materials coupled with renewables and innovation represent a great opportunity for both mitigation and resilience in the face of Africa's rapidly growing building stock," he adds.

This is particularly important given the projected demand for air conditioning units as more people get access to electricity and temperatures rise. "We expect cooling to be a major challenge when it comes to residential energy demand in Africa in the future," says Duwyn. "This is why it is so important to ensure new buildings use natural cooling systems

wherever possible."

Only 43 per cent of the population had access to electricity in 2021, and the International Energy Agency estimates that African household energy demand by 2030 for cooling will increase the most.

Another Kéré Architecture project utilizing sustainable design and building practices is the Gando primary school. It is constructed of clay/cement hybrid bricks for a dry-stacked brick ceiling - instead of the more common corrugated metal roof - allowing maximum natural ventilation. "These projects

show that sustainable building practices are possible when innovative techniques are used," says Duwyn. "And as Africa's climate warms even more, it is vital that we embrace sustainable building designs that do not need costly and damaging cooling systems."

As the Building Global Status Report highlights, Africa is rich in natural, sustainable materials such as adobe, laterite, termite mound soil, timber, stone, bamboo, sand and dry vegetation. While traditional construction techniques include rammed earth, sun-dried bricks, compressed earth

blocks, wattle and daub, cob, timber-framed construction, sandbag construction and thatched roofs.

Lycée Schorge secondary school  
 Photo by Kéré Architecture/Iwan Baan | Lycée Schorge Secondary School

Ensuring sustainable materials are used is particularly important, given that according to UNHabitat, more than half the population (excluding in North Africa) live in overcrowded informal settlements, which are particularly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change.

"Quality, sustainable housing is an important way of ensuring vulnerable populations are more resilient to the effects of the climate crisis," Duwyn says. Particularly the frequency of natural disasters has tripled in the past 30 years, with Sub-Saharan Africa home to nearly three-quarters - 393 million - of the global number of children living in countries affected by emergencies.

As the report makes clear, there is no one-size-fits-all answer to tackling Africa's future building needs. But, as it is rich in renewable energy sources, and most of its building stock over the next two decades still needs to be built, the continent is well placed to be a leader in sustainable design practices.

## Land prices soar 20 pc on Nairobi Expressway lift

By Special Correspondent

THE opening of the Nairobi Expressway has seen land prices along the Mombasa Road commuter belt and its satellite towns grow at the fastest pace in the past six years, unlocking value for investors in Syokimau, Kitengela and Athi River.

HassConsult's third quarter report also shows that house prices in Nairobi and its environs jumped by 10.3 percent in the year to September, reversing a painful trend witnessed in the past six years.

The value of land surged by a high of 9.49 percent in the year to September due to better accessibility in the towns through improved infrastructure.

This is the fastest increase since 2016 when the growth stood at 21.39 percent, reflecting property market appreciation over the last six years on account of freed up traffic which

has benefited home buyers seeking to settle away from the busy capital.

But it is the towns along Mombasa Road that recorded the highest windfall in land prices after the opening of the Nairobi Expressway that has seen them become more accessible to investors and homeowners.

The HassConsult report shows the asking price of an acre of land in Syokimau rose by 20.1 percent from last year to Sh27.7 million on average, with some quoting up to Sh31.6 million. Buyers seeking to invest in Mlolongo will cough up to Sh33.2 million after the price of an acre rose by 4.6 percent, the town having benefited from the launch of the Expressway this year and the standard gauge railway earlier.

Kitengela and Athi River recorded a land price jump of 11.2 percent and 5.3 percent respectively in the period



Part of the 27 km Nairobi Expressway

under review.

"Expansion of infrastructure and road projects in satellite towns is easing pressure for Nairobi land property development," said Sakina Hassanali, the head of development consulting and research at HassConsult.

Collins Chacha of Universal Homes said that the Expressway had shortened commuting from Nairobi's Westlands, where most offices and potential homebuyers work, to

Kitengela to around 15 minutes.

"Before the Expressway, going to Kitengela was very hard and one had to plan their whole day around that event. Now one can commute there in 15 minutes and have several meetings later while at it," said Mr Chacha.

Real estate expert Daniel Ojijo, who is also the chairman of Universal Homes, reckons the rising population and demand for housing in the satellite towns is

also pushing land prices up.

"Another factor is cheaper land in the outskirts of Nairobi as compared to real estate in the central business district and within Nairobi," added Mr Ojijo.

The price of land in towns away from the city increased by 9.49 percent in the year to September, compared to 5.55 percent in the year before. Satellite towns recording an increase in the cost of plots included Juja where an acre of

land touched a historic high of Sh18.8 million.

"Juja has benefited from road infrastructure and investors getting drawn to develop housing and affiliated property for higher education centres located in the area," the HassConsult report says.

The average price of land within Nairobi depreciated to Covid levels when the growth plunged to -2.17 percent in 2020 due to the economic headwinds relat-

ed to the pandemic.

Real estate has in the past few years been hit by a lack of credit and affordability after years of booming prices, and the Covid-19 pandemic that greatly eroded spending power among prospective buyers.

In the period under review land prices within Nairobi fell by -0.13 percent compared to a growth of 0.82 percent last year due to the reduced demand for the prime real estate.

As land prices rose

to new highs, property in general grew by 10.3 percent in the same period.

Townhouses and villas bucked the trend by recording a growth of 16.6 percent in the year to September on increased demand while apartment prices fell slightly by -0.4 percent.

The report revealed stronger house price movements in the villas and townhouses segment in the upper suburbs where demand for units with ample parking was high.

The drop in apartment prices signalled that sellers in the highly price sensitive market were showing more flexibility in accepting negotiated asking prices.

"We are in a price-sensitive market and owners are taking the hit to sustain sales. Despite this, projects that have excessive demand are increasing prices in line with inflation. These projects include townhouses and villas in higher end areas," said Ms Hassanali.

The average value for a one- to three-bedroom property is currently Sh12.5 million while a four- to six-bedroom property is currently valued at Sh40.1 million.

Apartments in other suburbs recorded a depreciation in value.



## WORLD

## Biden plans to run again, to make it final in early 2023

WASHINGTON

US President Joe Biden said on Wednesday he intends to run for re-election and would likely make a final decision by early next year, after declaring the results of Tuesday's midterm elections good for democracy.

White House officials expressed a sense of vindication that Biden's fellow Democrats did better than expected.

Biden, who turns 80 this month, has faced questions on whether he will seek a second term. A Biden adviser said preparatory discussions for a 2024 campaign were under way.

"Our intention is to run again, that's been our intention," Biden told reporters at the White House, his wife Jill sitting nearby. "This is ultimately a family decision."

Biden said his family wanted him to run and he did not feel rushed to make a final decision. He said he would do so unrelated to any announcement from his 2020 rival, Republican former president Donald Trump, who is expected to run as well.

Biden has spent his first two years in office warning against threats to democ-

racy after Trump's supporters stormed the US Capitol on Jan 6, 2021, and did not accept Biden's legitimate victory.

He underscored those arguments in the final days of the midterm elections.

When asked how other world leaders should view this moment for America, with Trump potentially running again, Biden said the answer was to make sure Trump never returned to power.

"We just have to demonstrate that he will not take power if he does run, making sure he - under legitimate efforts of our Constitution - does not become the next president again," Biden said.

Trump has criticized Biden's policies sharply and has said he will make an announcement about his plans next week. About a potential competition between Trump and Florida Governor Ron DeSantis for the Republican nomination, Biden said it would be "fun watching them take on each other."

Biden, in a jovial mood, parlayed with reporters for nearly an hour in the White House State Dining Room and talked about an array of issues including billionaire Twitter owner Elon Musk's ties with other countries.

He gently chided reporters for pre-



US President Joe Biden speaks in the State Dining Room of the White House in Washington on Wednesday. AP

dicting, based on opinion polls, bigger losses for his Democrats.

Republicans made modest gains in Tuesday's elections and are likely to take control of the House of Representatives, but control of the Senate hinges on three races that remained too close to call late on Wednesday. A so-called "red wave" or large Republican takeover did not occur.

"It was a good day, I think, for democracy," Biden said.

He acknowledged that the results showed Americans were frustrated, however. Inflation was a big topic for voters.

Biden focused his campaign pitch largely on preventing threats to US democracy, securing abortion rights and extolling his economic policies.

Republicans are expected to try to undo some of those policies and prevent him from achieving further goals.

Biden said he was prepared to work with Republicans.

"The American people have made clear, I think, that they expect Republicans to be prepared to work with me as well," he said.

Biden said he would veto efforts to pass a national ban on abortion and opposed tax cuts for the wealthy, two policy proposals Republicans may pursue.

He said he was going to speak to House Republican leader Kevin McCarthy later on Wednesday and, when Biden returns from a trip to Asia, would invite Democratic and Republican leaders to the White House to discuss priorities going forward.

The White House has prepared for a host of investigations that may come from a Republican-controlled House, including over his son Hunter's business dealings. Biden said the American people would look at such probes for what he said they were - "almost comedy" - but said he could not control what they did.

Agencies

## Putin congratulates Russian law enforcers on their professional holiday

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin has congratulated Russian law enforcers on their professional holiday marked on November 10 and praised their contribution to the defense of state and public interests.

"Today, on Day of Police and Internal Affairs Servicemen's Day, I would like to wish you good health, success and prosperity to your near and dear," the president said in a video address.

He noted that many law enforcers are on duty on their

profession holiday. "I am sure that you, like your comrades, are ready to face any danger to help people, to stop and neutralize any criminal," he stressed.

He thanked policemen for their devotion to their duties and fidelity to the people, the motherland and their oath, and for their contribution to the defense of state and public interests, rights and freedoms of people.

The president noted that the number of grave crimes is decreasing in the country. "There are visible results in combating organized crime,



drug trafficking," Putin said. "The number of traffic accidents is also decreasing, as is juvenile crime."

"I expect you to continue your efforts to prevent and combat any manifestations of violence, arbitrariness and

corruption. Among priorities is combating extremism, violations of migration laws, cybercrime," he said.

"I know how courageously and boldly interior ministry employees are acting during the special military operation, thwarting acts of sabotage, ensuring law and order in the Donetsk and Lugansk People's Republics, in the Zaporozhye and Kherson Regions," he said.

Day of Police and Internal Affairs Servicemen's Day, commonly known as Police Day, is marked in Russia on November 10.

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## Upcoming forum seeks solutions for inclusive digital future

ADDIS ABABA

MAJOR internet-themed UN gathering in Ethiopia is set to seek solutions for building an open, free, secure and inclusive digital future.

The upcoming 17th Internet Governance Forum (IGF), slated to be held in Addis Ababa, the Ethiopian capital from Nov. 28 to Dec. 2, is expected to determine concrete steps for achieving universal and meaningful internet connectivity, the UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) said in a statement issued late Tuesday.

The high-level annual gathering is expected to bring together governments, businesses, civil society, the technical community and international organizations against a backdrop of surging geopolitical tensions, internet shutdowns and deepening mistrust, it

said.

The IGF, convened annually by the UN Secretary-General, is a critical platform for enabling open and engaging discussions on internet governance, including the Internet's sustainability, robustness, security, stability and development.

This year's edition of the forum, hosted by the Ethiopian government with support from the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs in collaboration with the UNECA, will be in a hybrid format.

Discussions at the high-level gathering will focus on five key areas that are connecting all people and safeguarding human rights; avoiding internet fragmentation; governing data and protecting privacy; enabling safety, security and accountability; as well as addressing advanced digital technolo-

gies.

According to the UNECA, safe and secure internet is a fundamental human right and pivotal to advancing the Sustainable Development Goals. Open and secure internet access can generate huge benefits in the health, economic and educational sectors.

In countries where there is low broadband connectivity, providing schools with access to the internet can grow GDP by 20 percent, according to figures from the UNECA.

"The 17th IGF comes at a crucial time when approximately 2.9 billion people still remain unconnected, many of them living in least developed countries and rural communities," according to the UNECA.

Women also lag behind men in terms of internet access. Other than access to and affordability of devices, an open

and free internet has also allowed for its misuse through online misinformation and disinformation, cyberattacks and the endangerment of child online safety, it said.

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## China to waive tariffs for 10 least-developed countries

BEIJING

CHINA will grant zero-tariff treatment to 98 percent of taxable items from 10 least-developed countries in a bid to promote an open global economy.

Starting from Dec 1, China will waive all tariffs on 98 percent of the related imports from Afghanistan, Benin, Burkina Faso, Guinea-Bissau, Lesotho, Malawi, Sao Tome and Principe, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia, according to the Customs Tariff Commission of the State Council.

The step is conducive to opening up with win-win outcomes, building an open global economy, and helping least-developed countries to accelerate their development, the commission said.

This policy measure will gradually expand to all the least-developed countries that have established diplomatic ties with China, it added.

## China issues 145 million digital driver's licenses

CHINA has issued 145 million electronic driver's licenses nationwide since it officially started digitalizing the legal authorization in December 2021.

The digital licenses were issued to drivers through an official mobile app called 12123 launched by Chinese traffic management authorities.

Apart from applying for digital driver's licenses, users can enjoy 33 services on the mobile app, such as making appointments of driving tests, selecting license plate numbers and renewing their driver's licenses.

According to Li Jiangping, director of the Traffic Management Bureau of the Ministry of Public Security, China had 499 million registered motor vehicle drivers. Therefore, the digitalization was not an easy task. It needed massive data analysis and computing, and had a high requirement on system development, equipment upgrading, process adjustment and applications under various scenarios.

The use of digital driver's licenses was firstly piloted in the cities of Tianjin, Chengdu and Suzhou on June 1, 2021. Three months later, it was officially implemented in 28 cities, including Beijing, and 70 percent of the drivers could obtain the digital version of their licenses in a couple of minutes on the 12123 app without submitting their profile photos.

The digitalization of driver's licenses concerns the handling of traffic services, traffic law enforcement, as well as the handling of traffic violations and accidents. It helps improve the law enforcement efficiency of traffic management departments.

Besides, digital driver's licenses can also facilitate transportation, car rental and car insurance sectors, thus better contributing to the development of relevant industries.

A man surnamed Zhang in Jinzhou, northeast China's Liaoning province recently had a minor auto accident, but found himself not taking his driver's license when going through insurance claims procedures.

Under the suggestion from traffic police officer Liu Shubo, the man applied for a digital driver's license on his mobile phone and soon had his loss assessment procedures completed.

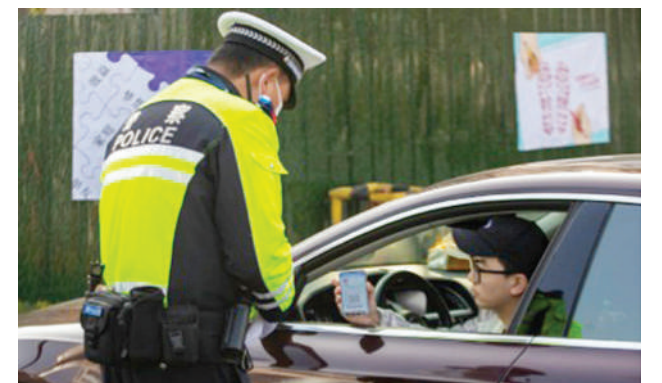
In mid-July, Li Shipeng from Zhengzhou, central China's Henan province went on a business trip to Beijing. When he was about to get a car he rented after arriving in the capital, he was told that he could not pick up the car because he was not taking his driver's license. Therefore, he downloaded the 12123 mobile app and applied for a digital driver's license. A few minutes later, Li got the car he reserved.

Apart from all the convenience it makes, digital driver's licenses are able to show the latest information of their holders and are much safer.

"Different from other electronic licenses, digital driver's licenses are updated in a real-time manner to show the latest penalty points and license status," said Liu Dongbo, deputy head of the Traffic Management Research Institute of the Ministry of Public Security.

Li disclosed that more services will become available on the 12123 mobile app.

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A man shows his digital driver's license to a traffic police officer in Taizhou, east China's Jiangsu province, December, 2021.

## Fifth World Laureates Forum held in Shanghai

THE 5th World Laureates Forum was held in Shanghai on Nov. 6 and 7. It was joined by over 60 top foreign scientists from some 20 countries and regions in 12 time zones, as well as more than 30 academicians from the Chinese Academy of Sciences and Chinese Academy of Engineering.

At the click-and-mortar event, they shared the latest academic achievements, explored scientific cooperation mechanisms suiting new development trends, and discussed solutions to common issues facing humanity.

The forum, which included 21 sub-activities, witnessed global scientists' appeal for openness and

cooperation in the science community.

Michael Levitt, winner of the 2013 Nobel Prize in Chemistry and vice chairman of the World Laureates Association (WLA), noted that there's no other forum in the world that could gather dozens of international science prize winners for inter-discipline exchanges like the World Laureates Forum could.

He called the forum an act of innovation, saying it reflected the importance attached by China to science and the country's open attitude toward the world.

The first WLA Prize was awarded at the 5th World Laureates Forum, with each winner receiving a re-

ward of 10 million yuan (about \$1.38 million), which made the WLA Prize rank among the highest-rewarding science prizes in the world.

The 2022 WLA Prize in Computer Science or Mathematics went to American computer scientist Michael I. Jordan.

When delivering an acceptance speech, he said only through international cooperation could machine learning and artificial intelligence embrace prosperity and achieve their targets.

Over the past five years, the WLA has gathered 162 members from 80 top laboratories and institutes in 25 countries, including 68 Nobel

laureates. It indicates that open cooperation is a common aspiration of scientists around the world.

Shanghai is a fertile ground for international scientific cooperation. As of 2021, the municipality was home to 516 R&D centers of foreign companies and five representative offices of international science and technology organizations.

About 1/3 of the foreigners with permanent residence live and work in Shanghai, and the city has issued about a quarter of China's total work permits for foreigners.

The permanent venue of the World Laureates Forum, located by the Dishui Lake in Shanghai, was

put into use on Nov. 4, and an international R&D community was unveiled on the same day.

A number of joint labs are expected to be launched in the international R&D community by 2025 to attract top-notch scientists and young researchers from the world.

Sci-T Conference, one of the most popular sub-activities of the World Laureates Forum, was attended by many top scientists, young scientists and science-loving adolescents from home and abroad.

They attended lectures, carried out fun experiments, displayed their creations, and experienced frontier technologies to feel the connotation of the science spirit.

The conference ignited their passion to continue their pursuit of science.

This year, WLA laureates had a campus tour to have direct conversations with Shanghai high school students, and a Next Generation Scientists program was launched to foster young and promising middle school students.

At the 5th World Laureates Forum, top scientists around the world once again demonstrated their original aspiration of sowing the seeds of science. The event will keep bringing together top-notch scientists and "scientists of the future."

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## Strikes sweep across UK, as high inflation heats up pay disputes

LONDON

A series of large-scale strikes are set to disrupt daily life in the United Kingdom (UK) over the next few months, due to long-running disputes over pay. The walkouts are expected to take a huge economic toll.

Strikes on the London Underground will go ahead on Thursday, after the government body Transport for London (TfL) and trade union representatives failed to reach an agreement.

The unions had asked TfL to pause job cuts and changes to pensions. "Our members are resolute in their determination to see a just settlement to this jobs and pensions dispute," said Mick Lynch, general secretary at The National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers.

"They will continue their industrial campaign for as long as it takes." TfL has warned that there will be "limited or no services running" on Thursday, and passengers should avoid traveling on the Tube.

London Underground handles up to five million passengers a day, according to TfL. At peak times, there are over 540 trains running around the capital. Meanwhile, starting on Nov. 18 around 700 workers at London's Heathrow airport will participate in three days of strike action over pay.

These workers are responsible for a wide variety of roles, including ground handling, airside transport and cargo, said Unite, one of the largest trade unions in the UK.

The strike will particularly affect Qatar Airways, which has scheduled an additional 10 flights a week during the World Cup, which starts on Nov. 20. Passengers returning to the United States for the Thanksgiving holiday are also set to be adversely affected, Unite said.

Next, more than 70,000 university staff at 150 UK universities will strike for three days at the end of November over pay, working conditions and pensions.

The strike will be "the biggest ever to hit UK universities and could impact 2.5 million students," the University and College Union (UCU) said on Tuesday. UCU's demands include a meaningful pay rise to deal with the cost-of-living crisis, after employers granted a pay rise worth just 3 percent this year.

This followed over a decade of below-inflation pay rises, the union underlined. More than 300,000 members have been urged to vote for strike action in the Royal College of Nursing's (RCN) biggest strike ballot in its 106-year history.

The ballot was closed in early November, with results set to be announced at a later date. "None of us wants to take industrial action but we've been forced into this position after a decade of real-terms pay cuts. We can't stand by and watch our colleagues and patients suffer anymore," said RCN General Secretary Pat Cullen.

Driven by rising food prices, Britain's Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose by 10.1 percent in September. In the last few months, households have felt the squeeze due to persistently high inflation, which has heated up disputes over pay.

Average public sector earnings in July 2022 were 4 percent lower in real terms than in July 2007, according to the Institute for Fiscal Studies. Private sector earnings fared slightly better, but were still only 0.9 percent higher on average in July 2022 than in July 2007.

The UK has also seen a summer of walkouts by staff in sectors including public transport, container port operation and postal delivery. The walkouts have taken a huge economic toll.

As well as the huge impact on day-to-day life, economists have assessed that the first wave of rail strikes alone, in June 2022, cost the UK economy nearly 100 million pounds (114 million U.S. dollars). This put extra pressure on business, and stopped people across the country from accessing their workplaces during a cost-of-living crisis.

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## Russian defence chief orders troop withdrawal behind Dnieper

INTEGRATED RUSSIAN TROOP COMMAND POST

RUSSIAN Defense Minister Sergey Shoigu has ordered to start pulling out troops behind the Dnieper River.

"Start withdrawing the troops and take all measures to ensure the safe relocation of the personnel, armaments and hardware behind the Dnieper," the defense chief said, setting the task for Commander of Russia's Integrated Group of Forces in Ukraine Sergey Surovkin.

Surovkin reported to the defense minister earlier on Wednesday on the situation in that area.

Defense along the Dnieper barrier frontier is the most expedient option of operations in the zone of the special military operation, Surovkin said.

"If the Kiev regime resorts to a larger water discharge from reservoirs or a more powerful rocket attack on the Kakhovka dam, this will create a flow of water flooding vast areas and causing civilian casualties. A further threat for civilians and of a complete isolation of our group of forces on the right bank of the Dnieper will emerge. Under these conditions, it is expedient to organize the defense along the barrier frontier of the Dnieper River," the commander said.

"Comrade defense minister, after comprehensively assessing the current situation, the proposal is to assume defense along the left bank of the Dnieper River," Surovkin pointed out.

"I understand that this is a very uneasy decision. At the same time, we will preserve, which is the most important thing, the lives of our servicemen and, as a whole, the combat capability of the group of forces, which is inexpedient to be kept in a limited area on the right bank. In addition, this will release a part of forces and capabilities that will be involved in active operations, including for offensives in other directions in the zone of the operation," the general reported.

Prior to that, the Russian defense chief requested Surovkin to report on the situation in the Kherson area. After listening to the report, the defense minister agreed with the commander's conclusions and proposals.

"For us the life and health of Russian servicemen is always a priority. We must also take into account the threat for the civilian population," the defense chief emphasized.



## What the latest UN science says about climate change

AT THE COP27 conference in Egypt, delegates have at their disposal decades of research into warming trajectories published by the UN climate science agency to inform their decisions.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) produces reports roughly every five years that represent global scientific consensus on climate change, its causes and its impact. Last year's report tackled the main drivers of global warming and the core elements of climate science.

That was followed by two major reports this year - one in February addressing how the world will need to adapt to climate impacts, from rising seas to dwindling wildlife, and another in April on ways to mitigate climate-warming emissions.

Here are some of the takeaways from those reports:

### Humans unequivocally to blame

\* Last year's report on the physical basis for climate change unequivocally blamed humans for rising temperatures.

\* It also said climate change was dangerously close to spinning out of control.

\* Previously rare weather extremes are becoming more common, and some regions are more vulnerable than others.

\* For the first time, the report's authors called for urgent action to curb methane. Until now, the IPCC had focused on carbon dioxide, the most abundant greenhouse gas.

\* With time running out to prevent runaway climate change, the authors said it was worth looking into the benefits and drawbacks of geoengineering, or large-scale interventions, such as injecting particles into the atmosphere to block out solar radiation.

\* The report said the world's nations, including the wealthiest, needed to start preparing for climate impacts and adapting to a warmer world.



People vote at a fire station in the midterm elections on Tuesday, in Hialeah, Florida.

### Urgent need to adapt to extreme weather

\* News of Russia's special military operation in Ukraine eclipsed the release in February of a seminal report on how the world should prepare for a warmer world.

\* With climate change already causing extreme weather worldwide, the report urged rich and poor countries alike to adapt now to impacts including more frequent heatwaves, stronger storms and higher sea levels.

\* The report made clear that different regions face different risks, and offered localized projections for what to expect.

\* Millions of people face poverty and food insecurity in the coming years, as climate change hits crops and water supplies and threatens to disrupt trade and labor markets.

\* The daunting forecast for the world's poor reignited calls for a "Loss and Damage" fund through which rich nations would compensate for costs incurred by poor countries from climate-related disasters.

Following a breakthrough at the start of this year's climate summit, the issue of loss and damage is for the first time part of the UN talks' formal agenda.

### Individual action matters

\* It's "now or never," one report co-chair said in releasing findings that show that only drastic emissions cuts in the next few decades would prevent warming from spiraling out of control.

\* The report explored how various emissions scenarios would translate into future temperature rise.

\* Cities are a big part of the emissions problem, it said, but also a source of hope and positive solutions.\* The energy transition to renewable sources and clean-burning fuels is moving too slowly.

\* The report went beyond focusing on fossil fuels and manufacturing to urge strong climate action in agriculture, where farming methods and better forest protection could curb emissions.

\* It warned that climate change threatens economic growth, and for the first time highlighted the need for action at the individual level, calling on governments to agree policies to change consumer and transportation habits to encourage less waste.

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## African insurers offer \$14b protection from climate change

SHARM EL-SHEIKH

A group of over 85 insurers in Africa has pledged to create a financing facility to provide \$14 billion of cover to help the continent's most vulnerable communities deal with climate disaster risks such as floods and droughts.

The commitment to create the African Climate Risk Facility (ACRF) made on Wednesday during the COP27 climate talks comes as developing countries push their richer peers to do more to help them pay for the costs of responding to such events.

Demand for compensation for the "loss and damage" caused by global warming has long been rejected by wealthy countries, whose leaders are wary of accepting liability for the emissions driving climate change.

Africa, which accounts for less than 4 percent of greenhouse gas emissions, has long been expected to be severely impacted by climate change.

Against that backdrop, the African insurance plan is based around creating a scalable, local market-based funding tool to help countries better manage the

financial risk of climate shocks and increase the resilience of its more vulnerable communities, the group said in a statement.

"This is the African insurance industry saying let's come together and try and solve this ourselves," said Kelvin Massingham, director risk and resilience at FSD Africa, one of the partners behind the launch.

"We have a massive risk gap in Africa and existing solutions aren't working," Massingham said. FSD Africa is a UK government-backed development group.

The ACRF will provide protection for 1.4 billion people against floods, droughts and tropical cyclones by providing \$14 billion of climate risk insurance by 2030 to African sovereigns, cities, humanitarian organizations and NGOs, the insurers said.

The group is calling for \$900 million in funding from development partners and philanthropies to support the project, much of which will go towards providing a subsidy on the cost of the premium to help governments and cities with limited fiscal resources buy the cover.

## Nansha: linking Hong Kong and Macao, a new gateway for China's high-level opening up

NANSHA district of Guangzhou, south China's Guangdong province, sits in the geometric center of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA).

Close to all the 11 GBA cities and five major international airports within 100 kilometers, it is an important hub linking the city cluster at the Pearl River estuary and the two special administrative regions.

Nansha district has seen its strategic position constantly improving over the past years, from serving as a state-level new area to a pilot free trade zone, and now it becomes a demonstration zone for comprehensive cooperation among Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao. It is an important carrier promoting the construction of the GBA.

In June this year, the State Council issued an overall plan on promoting comprehensive cooperation among Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao by further deepening opening up in Nansha district. The plan aims to build Nansha district into a major strategic platform for global cooperation to better spearhead the construction of the GBA.

Under policy support, Nansha district has seen accelerated high-quality development.

In the past three years, the average annual growth in the number of technology-based small- and medium-sized companies stood at 106 percent. More than 620 firms related to artificial intelligence and biotechnology were



Photo taken on Aug. 15, 2022 shows the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (Guangzhou). (Photo by Liu Wei/People's Daily Online)

registered in the district during the same period.

Last year, 11 enterprises based in Nansha district, including Pony.ai, an autonomous vehicle technology firm, were included in a list of unicorn companies with strong innovation capacity released by Guangzhou.

Nansha's technological progress has created new opportunities for collaborative technological innovation among Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao.

For instance, supported by the Nansha sub-center of China's National Supercomputer Center in Guangzhou, the Fok Ying Tung Research Institute of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) closely connects

Guangzhou supercomputer capacity with Hong Kong's science and technology innovation. A group led by professor Shao Minhua with the Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering, HKUST has developed a new type of hydrogen cell, which set a record in battery durability.

Besides, Gan Jianping, an expert in physical oceanography and his team have launched the WavyOcean - the first 3D simulation and visualization system for ocean circulation and biogeochemical processes in China.

So far, the Nansha sub-center of China's National Supercomputer Center in Guangzhou has served over 200 scientific research teams from Hong Kong, Macao and overseas.

Relying on the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong and Guangzhou-Zhuhai-Macao science and technology innovation corridors, the GBA is accelerating its steps to build itself into a global center of sci-tech innovation.

A demonstration zone for comprehensive cooperation among Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao is well underway in Nansha district, and the permanent venue for GBA Science Forum has commenced in the district.

The Southern Marine Science and Engineering Guangdong Laboratory (Guangzhou) has set up 16 academicians

teams, and a facility for the studies of cold seep ecosystems has been put under national special planning. An industrial base aiming to manufacture 30 carrier rockets per year is about to be completed in the district.

Thanks to its geographical advantages, Nansha district is a gateway for opening up. It is building a major trade channel connecting China and the rest of the world.

The Nansha Port is one of the busiest ports in the world, with the first fully automated container terminal in China empowered by domestically developed technologies. It is equipped with four berths for ships over 100,000 tons. The port handled 17.66 million twenty-foot equivalent units of containers last year.

As of this August, the port has opened 150 foreign trade routes reaching over 200 port cities around the world.

On May 30 this year, the port railway launched its first freight train to Europe, continuously sending "Made in China" goods to the continent. The new service model is expected to seamlessly connect silk routes both over land and at sea. **People's daily**





Opa Clement. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBA QUEENS SC

## Opa Clement opens up on move to Europe

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

TANZANIA'S Simba Queens striker Opa Clement has said so far she has not heard anything about being wanted by some football clubs in Europe that are reportedly impressed by her performance.

Opa said the information may have reached Simba Queens' leadership but she does not have such information and she has instead planned to help the club overcome Mamelodi Sundowns Ladies FC of South Africa in the 2022 CAF Women's Champions League last year.

The forward noted before the duel: "I have not heard any information about attracting the interest of clubs in Europe, my outfit's management may have more information, but at the moment I am focused on helping my team in the semi-final game that we will play later today (Wednesday) against Mamelodi Sundowns Ladies."

"If it happens and it is confirmed, I believe the management of Simba SC will allow me to leave because they do not have the habit of frustrating their players when there is an

opportunity for them to play football abroad," Opa stated.

Opa went to seek greener pastures in Turkey earlier this year but she was not successful in landing a contract with any of the outfits there instead she returned to Simba Queens and helped the squad win the Mainland Tanzania Women's Premier League silverware and CAF Women's Champions League's CECAFA Zonal Qualifiers.

The attacker's other notable achievement is her presence in the 2022 CAF Women's Champions League's best side on the group stage. The list of 11 players was announced on the social media networks of the Confederation of African Football, with Opa being listed as one of the players making the squad's striking force.

The list was unveiled after a detailed and technical evaluation of the group stage games that came to an end at the end of last week.

Opa has shown great potential in the women's continental showpiece, helping Simba Queens reach the semi-final stage while scoring two goals in three ties.

## Biden hopes Putin will negotiate WNBA star Griner's release

WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Joe Biden said Wednesday that he hopes Russian President Vladimir Putin will be more willing to negotiate the release of WNBA star Brittney Griner now that the U.S. midterm elections are over.

"My hope is that now that the election is over, that Mr. Putin will be able to discuss with us and be willing to talk more seriously about a prisoner exchange," Biden told reporters at a news conference.

He spoke hours after Griner's lawyers revealed that she had been sent to a penal colony to serve her sentence for drug possession.

U.S. officials have for months tried to negotiate the release of Griner and another American jailed in Russia, Paul Whelan. But there have been no overt signs of progress.

A diplomatic resolution has taken on new urgency after a Russian court rejected an appeal of her nine-year sentence last month. The eight-time all-star center with the WNBA's Phoenix Mercury and two-time Olympic gold medalist was convicted Aug. 4 after police said they found vape canisters containing cannabis oil in her luggage at Moscow's

Sheremetyevo Airport.

Her arrest came at a time of heightened tensions between Moscow and Washington, just days before Russia sent troops into Ukraine, and the politically charged case could lead to a high-stakes prisoner exchange between Washington and Moscow.

"Every minute that Brittney Griner must endure wrongful detention in Russia is a minute too long," White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said. "As we have said before, the U.S. Government made a significant offer to the Russians to resolve the current unacceptable and wrongful detentions of American citizens."

Griner's legal team said she left a detention center outside Moscow on Nov. 4 for a penal colony – as prisons in Russia are commonly known. The move was expected since she lost her appeal.

Such transfers can take days or even weeks, during which time lawyers and loved ones usually don't have contact with the prisoner. Even after she arrives, access to Griner may be difficult since many penal colonies are in remote parts of Russia.

## Simba Queens to battle for third place in 2022 CAF Women's Champions League

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

TANZANIA'S Simba Queens have lost out on making it to the 2022 CAF Women's Champions League final following a 1-0 loss to Mamelodi Sundowns Ladies of South Africa in the semi-final which took place in Morocco on Wednesday.

Midfielder Boitumelo Rabale scored the only goal of the tie for Mamelodi Sundowns Ladies that are the showdown's defending champions to ensure the outfit moves closer to defending the top honour.

The pulsating semi-final game played at the Prince Heritier Moulay El Hassan Stadium started with both sides launching attacks and Mamelodi Sundowns Ladies ultimately broke the deadlock in the 76th minute via a good finish executed by left-footed Boitumelo from close range.

Simba Queens, which was placed in Group A of the tournament, advanced to the last-four stage after finishing second with six points behind the tournament hosts, AS FAR WFC of Morocco, who ended at the top with nine points.

The Tanzanian side had opened its campaign on the wrong foot, going down 1-0 to AS FAR WFC but thereafter bounced back and garnered victory in the following two duels against Liberia's Determine Girls and Zambia's Green Buffaloes WFC.

In this season's CAF Women's Champions League, Simba Queens had a unique record as it was the second team in the showdown's history to qualify for the semi-finals after losing the opening group stage game.

Simba Queens as a result equaled the record garnered by Malabo Kings FC of Equatorial Guinea in the continental showpiece that took place in Egypt last year.

Apart from the success, Simba Queens became the first team from the CECAFA Zone to qualify for the semi-final stage of the continental tournament, given no other women's club from the region has had such an achievement.

For that matter, Simba Queens will take the pitch at Stade Moulay Hassan Stadium tomorrow in search of third place with the club locking horns with



Tanzania's Simba Queens' footballers warm up ahead of the 2022 CAF Women's Champions League semi-final duel against South Africa's Mamelodi Sundowns Ladies FC that took place in Morocco two days back and ended in a 1-0 victory for the latter. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBA QUEENS SC

Bayelsa Queens of Nigeria in the match.

Bayelsa Queens conceded a 1-0 defeat to AS FAR WFC in the second semi-final which was also played on Wednesday.

Meanwhile, Simba SC honorary president Mohamed Dewji and the squad's Information and Communication Manager Ahmed Ally have congratulated Yanga for successfully qualifying for the 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup group stage.

Yanga managed to win the test by beating Club Africain of Tunisia 1-0 in the showpiece's Additional Second Preliminary Round's return leg played at the latter's home turf on Wednesday.

Dewji took to his social media pages to convey his congratulatory message to Yanga, wishing them all the best on the group stage and welcoming them to what he termed 'Big League'.

The Msimbazi Street club's honorary president stated on his Twitter account, saying: "Congratulations 'Mtani', you have made Tanzania famous! Welcome to the 'Big League', #MpiraNiUmoja.

Simba SC's Information and Communications Manager Ally as well congratulated Yanga for the success the side has achieved via the memorable victory over Club Africain while insisting that Yanga should again work hard in the group stage.

Ally wrote in his social media accounts, saying: "The efforts we made to send four teams to continental competitions have borne fruits."

The leader stated: "Two of the four teams our country sent to CAF inter-club competitions will play in the group stage, congratulations 'Mtani', the ones who let us down are Azam FC and Geita Gold FC but they also have time to continue learning."

Ally pointed out: "Welcome to the group stage, this is where we live, we are just reminding you that you ended last the last time you participated in the group stage, this time you have a chance to alleviate that shame... well done."

Yanga's information officer Ally Kamwe revealed the reasons for his squad's victory that took it to the group stage of the CAC Confederation Cup.

Kamwe that was among Yanga's leaders that made the

trip to Tunisia said what was done before the rematch was the motivation for the players who carried the burden of fighting for the outfit.

He said that they realized many of the outfit's fans and members were disappointed with it but the strategy prepared by the club's leaders brought about shocking results.

The official noted: "We are very grateful to God, I will talk about everything else but most of all we thank God. Our fans were disappointed with their team going into this match but we sat with the players and talked to them."

Ally pointed out: "What many people didn't know was that there was an incident whereby a fan of Club Africain died and it was said that the police killed him, so their fans came to the stadium seeking vengeance."

The official added: "The fans argued with the police without fear. I have never seen what I saw but we stuck together and did what brought us here."

"This victory goes to our fans... a fan should be aware that there are good times and bad times in a team. Not many teams can win at the home of a North African outfit," Ally noted.

Yanga joins 15 other clubs that have qualified for the group stage of the 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup.

Others are ASEC Mimosas (Ivory Coast), Diables Noirs (Congo Brazzaville), St. Eloi Lupopo (DR Congo), Future FC (Egypt), Al Akhdar (Libya), AS Real Bamako (Mali), Marumo Gallants (South Africa), and ASKO (Togo).

Pyramids FC (Egypt), USMA (Algeria), TP Mazembe (DR Congo), DC Motemba Pembe (DR Congo), AS FAR (Morocco), Rivers United (Nigeria), and US Monastir (Tunisia) also make the list.

## Commitment, creativity needed in making Azam FC's investment worthwhile

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

THE NBC Premier League outfit, Dar es Salaam-based Azam FC, recently announced to have opted out of having the side's followers and the rest of football fanatics pay entry fees when the squad battles it out in this season's top-flight home matches held at Azam Complex Stadium.

The side has instead resorted to allowing soccer enthusiasts wearing any of its jerseys to get into the venue free of charge whenever the side takes part in the matches.

The decision is aimed at increasing the number of fans for the club and improving the attendance of fans during the outfit's games.

It further seeks to boost the sales of the club's jerseys and as a result increase the side's income.

It is a good idea that has good goals for the well-being of the team in the pursuit of increasing income, jerseys sales, and attendance of fans.

Apart from letting soccer followers access the stadium free of charge, many issues should have been done earlier before reaching such decisions to bring positive results.

The very first thing to be achieved by the squad is good results on the pitch, it is something that is quite interesting and increases the fans for the outfit because no fan likes to support a team that either does not get good results or does not perform well.

For that matter, if the side keeps on notching poor results



Azam Complex Stadium

whilst letting soccer fanatics access the venue, the decision may not produce the desired results.

The second thing is the enthusiasm outside the pitch, Azam FC is one of the clubs that have invested well in football in the country, probably better than all the other clubs in the Mainland Tanzania Premier League in Tanzania.

The club, though, has not invested much in attracting new fans in the streets, there is much investment in the club

but not much has been done when it comes to attracting new fanatics.

Other important aspects include footballers' signing as well as the appointment of leaders for the club, Azam FC has had a long series of signings and hiring of coaches that have not solved the outfit's problems on the pitch.

It is a situation that makes the club perceived as lacking seriousness in making important decisions.

Azam FC is one of the biggest

clubs in Tanzania that have not yet become competent, the situation keeps on making the outfit's leadership and owners look like they are doing nothing.

The big investment made in Azam FC club should have brought a lot of competition in front of other prominent sides, namely Simba SC and age-old rival Yanga, but such an investment has yet to meet the desired expectations for a long time now.



## Qatar again denies claim of cash offers to World Cup voters

DOHA, Qatar

A LONGSTANDING whistleblower allegation that Qatar offered cash to voters during its winning bid to host the World Cup was denied again by officials in a Netflix documentary released Wednesday.

The four-part show "FIFA Uncovered" directly put the question to key Qatari official Hassan Al-Thawadi – the bid campaign leader in 2010, now heading the World Cup organizing committee – of whether he took part in offering \$1.5 million to each of three FIFA voters from Africa.

Whistleblower Phaedra Almajid has claimed for more than a decade she was in the room with Al-Thawadi at a hotel in Angola in January 2010 when money was offered to the three men, who were among 24 voters set to pick the 2018 and 2022 World Cup hosts later that year.

"My reaction, especially on the Phaedra situation, it's frustration," Al-Thawadi told interviewers for the Netflix show. "They are inherently false and there are facts on the ground that prove they are false."

Almajid's claims added to a cloud of suspected wrongdoing hanging over Qatar long after it won the vote by FIFA's executive committee in December 2010. Qatar's bid team has always insisted it followed campaign rules set by FIFA.

The alleged offers to African voters were detailed in May 2011 by a British parliamentary hearing which received evidence from The Sunday Times newspaper. They implicated, and were denied by, Issa Hayatou and Jacques Anouma plus a third man, Amos Adamu, who were suspended by FIFA for financial misconduct before the World Cup votes.

Almajid was in Angola working on the bid's international media relations but was fired soon after.

She later testified to a FIFA-appointed investigation of the 2018-2022 bidders led by Michael Garcia, a former U.S. Attorney in New York and now a judge in state courts.

Garcia's report in 2014, which FIFA did not publish in full until 2017, dismissed Almajid's evidence. It concluded she was wrong about another Qatari bid official witnessing the offers and suggested she had altered her evidence.

Almajid repeated her claims to "FIFA Uncovered" and said the cash was offered to Africans' national soccer bodies and not the men personally.

Netflix is airing the FIFA program less than two weeks before the World Cup starts Nov. 20.

Meanwhile, DOHA, Qatar (AP) – Qatar on Wednesday unveiled a 6,000-cabin fan village in an isolated lot near its airports, an offering for housing toward the lower end of what's available for the upcoming World Cup just days away from starting.

As journalists toured the cabins, desert winds kicked up sand at the 3.1 square-kilometer (1.1 square-mile) site, which housed a metro station, a bus stop, and a planned temporary restaurant and convenience store. The area could in theory hold as many as 12,000 people if booked at capacity, officials said.

Artificial green grass covered the walkways outside, with common areas filled with large bean-bag style chairs under a gray sky Wednesday. Competing nations' flags flapped in the strong desert wind, a large screen also present at the site for fans to watch matches. Workers milled about the site, checking on its final touches.

The brightly colored cabins, each with thin walls, are designed to hold one or two people with twin beds, a nightstand, a small table and chair, air conditioning, a toilet and a shower inside.

Each will go for around \$200 a night – \$270 with board – as the tournament goes on. Some 60% of the cabins are already booked for the tournament, said Omar al-Jaber, the head of accommodation at Qatar's Supreme Committee for Delivery and Legacy for the tournament.

There will be other rooms offered at \$80 a night farther out than this site near Doha International Airport and Hamad International Airport, both of which will be seeing flights at all hours during the tournament. Planes rumbled overhead during the visit Wednesday.

Those staying at the Fan Village can expect a 40-minute commute to stadium sites.

"Most of the fan(s) they prefer if it's not a hotel, they prefer the apartment and villa," al-Jaber said, noting those options are managed by French hospitality company Accor. However, those wanting budget accommodation will come to this site and the other for cheaper options, he said.

In the lead-up to the tournament, concerns about hotel room space and high prices for the rooms available have trailed Qatar, which lacks hotel capacity for all teams, workers, volunteers and fans at the World Cup. So Doha has created camping and cabin sites, hiring cruise ships, and encouraging fans to stay in neighboring countries and fly in for games.

Qatar has estimated it will have 130,000 rooms per day for the tournament.

Already, nearby Dubai in the United Arab Emirates has planned for an influx of World Cup fans who want to stay there where their money may go further.

"Now, the shuttle flights option, it's one of the options for the people who stay already in our neighbor countries and ... they would like to just to spend a day for to attend the match," al-Jaber said. "So this is a good option for them in a state of their case."

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## South America aims to break Europe's World Cup grip

By ERIC NÚÑEZ

KYLIAN Mbappé riled up South Americans back in May when he said both Argentina and Brazil don't play matches "at a high level" in qualifying to reach the World Cup.

Interviewed by Brazilian television, the France striker said South America lags behind Europe in terms of the strength of competition. He noted that the most recent World Cup champions – including his own country in 2018 – have been teams from Europe.

The responses ranged from aggravation to bemusement.

Lionel Messi, Mbappé's teammate at Paris Saint-Germain, said Europeans have no clue about the challenges of playing World Cup qualifiers at high altitude in Bolivia or the heat and humidity of the Caribbean coast of Colombia.

Brazil coach Tite said the qualifiers in South America have a higher degree of difficulty than the European competition.

"With all due respect, we don't have Azerbaijan to play," Tite said. "No one gives you a break."

Sebastián Abreu, the



FILE - Brazil's David Luiz, left, and Dante react after Germany scored their sixth goal during the World Cup semifinal soccer match between Brazil and Germany at the Mineirão Stadium in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, Tuesday, July 8, 2014. (AP Photo)

retired striker whose "Panenka" penalty in 2010 sealed the shootout victory that put Uruguay into the semifinals of the World Cup for the first time in four decades, advised Mbappé "to try and read more in Wikipedia."

There is a lot of swagger in South America these days, particularly in Brazil, with Neymar and a plethora of young wingers, and in Argentina, which has gone 35 games without a loss and has Messi playing better than ever with his na-

tional team. Uruguay believes it can go far with Luis Suárez and Edinson Cavani in their fourth and likely last World Cup, alongside youngsters such as Federico Valverde and Darwin Núñez. Ecuador is back and at least wants to advance from a group in which they are playing the Netherlands, Senegal and host Qatar.

They all want to break Europe's grip on the trophy. But they also are aware of an ominous trend: It has been 20

years since a team from South America won the World Cup.

Since Brazil won its fifth title in Japan and South Korea in 2002, the Selecao has been eliminated as soon they faced a European team in the knockout round, including a humiliating 7-1 loss at home to eventual champion Germany in 2014.

Argentina has managed to beat a European team in those stages, but still eventually fell short, including to France in the round of 16 in Russia four years ago.

One factor they point to for their long World Cup drought is that Europe has lots of money to invest in the development of their young players. And lately, the pandemic and the new Nations League conceived by UEFA has reduced significantly the number of matches between the top teams from Europe and South America.

"The Europeans are clearly playing at a different speed than us. They are at dimension that is far ahead of the South American player," said Iván Zamorano, a former Chile striker who played for Real Madrid and Inter Milan.

Zamorano envies the

capacity that European soccer has to find talented players who can "leave a mark for the future."

"There's still that individual skill, the street quality, that makes the South American player unique," Zamorano told The Associated Press. "But we are lacking the resources, the infrastructure, their work methods. So the chances of discovering and developing that kid with unique skills is tougher. That's expensive and so many times in South America gets lost in the way."

But Zamorano also says that this is the first time in at least three World Cups that he has seen Argentina and Brazil in such good shape right before the tournament.

Luiz Felipe Scolari, the coach of the Brazil team that won in 2002 with its "Three R's" attack combination of Ronaldo, Rivaldo and Ronaldinho, believes the current European domination is a just phase.

He said Brazil could win it in Qatar, though he thinks the country is more likely to challenge for the title in 2026, pointing at the potential of a new crop of players. That includes Endrick, a

16-year-old striker that last month became the youngest scorer for Palmeiras in the Brazilian league.

"These kids playing now might give the result we expect," Scolari said. "But you can't pressure them to give everything. Maybe in four years we can pressure them to give everything, because then they will hit the pinnacle at age 26, 27."

South American soccer leaders are seeking to keep their teams competitive. Alejandro Domínguez, the president of continental soccer body CONMEBOL, is hoping to reach an agreement with UEFA that will allow teams from South America to compete in the Nations League.

"It's not easy to cut a 30-year-old gap. It's just not titles but the expertise that has strengthened in Europe and what we're trying to establish in South America," Domínguez told a small group of reporters in Buenos Aires. "Sadly our young players depart way too early. ... We're trying to generate more revenues so the clubs are not desperate to sell them."

AP

## South Korea striker Son is Messi and Ronaldo rolled into one

MANCHESTER, England

WHEN Son Heung-min went down clutching his face in a recent Champions League match, the pain was not confined to the Tottenham striker's fractured eye socket.

The shockwaves were felt all the way back in his homeland of South Korea, where the nation collectively feared the worst ahead of the World Cup.

Son is his country's Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo wrapped up into one. He is an immense source of national pride – having established himself as one of the leading soccer players in the world – and the greatest hope of success going into Qatar.

His injury in the match against Marseille was big news back home, with one publication describing it as "Korea's big emergency."

Tottenham later confirmed Son would require surgery, but no timeframe has been placed on his recovery. If he is to play any part in the World Cup, which starts on Nov. 20, it seems certain he will require a protective mask.

It's a cruel blow for a player who, at the age of 30, is at his peak going into the tournament.

Last season, Son shared the Premier League's Golden Boot with Liverpool forward Mo Salah as the leading scorer. He has not been as prolific this season, but there have still been highlights, including a hat trick against Leicester in September and two goals against Eintracht Frankfurt.

Qatar was an opportunity for him to reach new heights.

Son is a player who is constantly setting new benchmarks – dating back to when he first



FILE - Tottenham's Son Heung-min receives treatment after taking a knock during the Champions League Group D soccer match between Marseille and Tottenham Hotspur at the Stade Velodrome in Marseille, France, Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2022. When Son Heung-min went down clutching his face in Tottenham's Champions League match with Marseille last week the pain was not confined to his fractured eye socket. The shockwaves were felt all the way back in his homeland South Korea as the nation feared the worst ahead of the World Cup. (AP Photo)

headed to Europe to join Hamburg's academy in Germany in 2008. Marcell Jansen is now the club's president, but back then he was a teammate and watched the forward's early steps.

"I was immediately impressed by his mentality and attitude," Jansen told The Associated Press. "He would always work extra shifts with his father and therefore trained twice as much as everyone else did."

There is a common theme when people talk about Son's qualities. His strength of character and determination are often mentioned, but his game-changing talent is what has seen him establish himself as one of the best forwards in the sport.

His supreme balance, two-footedness, pace and finishing make him a complete attacking force that has complimented Harry Kane so effectively at Tottenham.

"I've rarely seen a player who shoots as well with his left foot as with his right, unbelievable," Jansen said.

Jonas Boldt has made a career out of unearthing talent as a scout and sporting director for Bayer Leverkusen and now head of sport at Hamburg. He was at Leverkusen when the club signed Son from Hamburg for \$8.7 million in 2013. At that point, the secret was out about the players' talent in Germany, if not further afield.

"In terms of play, his strengths definitely lie in his short, quick movements and his finishing

strength. These skills set him apart," Boldt told the AP. "He was a talented footballer, without question. But his excellent mentality and his iron will are the attributes that made him even better at every level and made him this top player."

"Heung-min is a player who has proven himself time and again at a higher level and adapted. On top of that, with Tottenham he moved to a club that had a clear idea with

him and a coach (Mauricio Pochettino) who didn't pack him in cotton wool, but challenged him a lot. And here again Heung-min's great character came into play."

Son's father, Woong-jung, is a former professional soccer player and has been a guiding force in his career. He would watch his son at training sessions when he moved to Germany.

While the elder Son has been instrumental, so, it seems, was his grounding in the German league, which has established itself as a rich developer of talent – most recently in the form of Erling Haaland at Borussia Dortmund before the Norwegian's transfer to Manchester City.

Back in South Korea, Son's celebrity is such that his endorsements range from banking to razors to instant noodles and cars. Every Tottenham game is screened live and an image of his face appears in the top corner to enable viewers to quickly determine if he is playing or not.

But that level of fame has not been replicated in England, despite Son being one of the Premier

League's top players.

"For me, it's perfectly clear: Heung-min is not a player who constantly seeks the limelight and attention," Brandt said. "If you look at the award ceremonies nowadays, such as the Golden Boot, the players' self-marketing comes into play and plays a role. Maybe Heung-min doesn't attach that much importance to it, seems a bit more shy."

South Korean fans will be desperate to see that image of Son's face in the corner of their television screens during the World Cup. But even if injury means he is unable to produce his best in Qatar, Jansen is convinced there is much more to come from him.

"The World Cup is a great stage for Sonny to represent himself and his country," Jansen said. "But regardless of the World Cup, I'm sure that Sonny will have a career as long as Messi or Ronaldo because he's such an incredibly fit player who lives for the sport."

"I expect him to go down in history as one of the greatest footballers from his country."

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## Kagera Sugar explains venue change for Premier League clash against Yanga

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

KAGERA Sugar has explained the reasons for moving its 2022/23 NBC Premier League clash against Yanga from Kagera's Kaitaba Stadium to CCM Kirumba Stadium in Mwanza, maintaining that the move has been caused by the slow pace of renovation of the Kaitaba Stadium.

The 11th-round duel will be played on November 13 and will be Kagera Sugar's fifth home game at the stadium, while the side's only home duel which took place at Kaitaba Stadium pitted it against Singida Big Stars behind closed doors.

Kagera Sugar's secretary-general Ally Masoud said the main reason for sending the coming tie to Mwanza was the incompleteness of Kaitaba Stadium while the squad trained in Bukoba in preparation for the game.

Kagera Regional Football Association (KRFA) Secretary-General Al-Amin Abdul said they have monitored the use of the money set aside for the implementation of the project but the municipality has been issuing unclear answers on the issue.

Clarifying the claims, the Bukoba Municipal Sports and Culture Officer Cletus Mutakyawa admitted that Kagera Sugar provided funds to speed up the construction of the fence that was removed during the Mwenge ceremony's climax on October 14 this year.

He said that the funds were presented by Kagera Sugar with a special agreement with the Bukoba Municipality that the outfit will be refunded later, to speed up the repair.

The municipal leader insisted the use of the funds must follow government procedures.

However, he explained that the construction of the fence was completed three days ago and the Tanzania Premier League (TPLB) has already been informed.

Mutakyawa disclosed: "When are they complaining, we had already started work and the fence has been completed, we have sent them pictures... it is true that money was presented by Kagera Sugar but the outfit will be refunded."

TPLB had recently allowed Kilimanjaro's Ushirika Stadium to host Polisi Tanzania's home ties for the ongoing Premier League after being reviewed and confirmed by the Tanzania Football Federation Club Licensing Committee.

The NBC Premier League match between Polisi Tanzania and Simba to be played on November 27 this year will now take place at Ushirika Stadium.

The statement issued by the board's Information and Communication Department stated that the stadium has been opened after improvements were made on all important areas of the facility including the pitch, dressing rooms, and the fence that separates the fans and the pitch.

# Yanga showed character to defy their history in North Africa



Tanzania's Yanga right fullback, Kibwana Shomari (C), dribbles past Tunisia's Club Africain players during the 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup Additional Second Preliminary Round's rematch that took place at the latter's backyard on Wednesday. Yanga won 1-0. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

THERE were millions of doubters in the build-up to the Young Africans SC versus Club Africain tie in the 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup's Additional Second Preliminary Round because encounters against North African teams have always ended in tears for the former. Tanzania's Young Africans SC, alias Yanga, had never eliminated a North African opponent in an African inter-club tournament's knockout round.

Yanga's most recent failure came in the duel against Sudan's Al Hilal SC who despite being found in the CECAFA Zone are more associated with North African football culture.

The Tanzanian champions provided a stunning performance in Tunis on Wednesday, edging out the home side and one-time African Champions, Club Africain, 1-0 to progress to the group stage of the CAF Confederation Cup for the first time since 2018.

Yanga's head coach Nasreddine Nabi's men were held to a goalless draw by their Tunisian opponents at Dar es Salaam's Benjamin Mkapa

Stadium last week and were left with plenty of work to do in the return leg to avoid elimination.

They needed either a win of any sort or a scoring draw in Tunisia to advance to the 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup group stage.

In living memory, every Yanga trip to North Africa has featured a demoralizing end. It was understandable there were many doubters than believers that Yanga will defy the odds in Tunisia.

Many did not shy from pointing out Nabi's men were out for a customary beating in North Africa.

Only the hardcore believed when coach Nabi said the tie was hardly over and the balance of the game was in Yanga's favour.

"This tie is not over, I am surprised to see people who think we are out. I can agree with only one issue, we failed to win at home, but this draw is more of an advantage to us than it is to our opponents," Nabi said before flying out to Tunis with his side for the return leg.

For many fans, both from Yanga and Simba SC, the return leg represented the opportunity to continue the tradition of either epic or glorious failure in North Africa trips.

There have been epic failures, and there have been humiliations, results, and performances where worlds collapsed.

Yanga's defeats to North African clubs include a 4-0 loss to USM Alger (2018), a 4-0 defeat to MC Alger (2017), a 1-0 loss to Al Ahly (2011), a 3-0 loss to Al Ahly again (2009), and 3-0 loss to Esperance Tunis (2007) to mention just a few of embarrassments.

The more rational and optimistic Yanga fans were prepared for another glorious failure like the 2016's in which they conceded a last-minute goal against Al Ahly in Cairo or 2014 again against Al Ahly when Yanga's Said Bahanzu's notorious miss in the penalty shootout was seen as an embodiment of falling short in one miskick.

When all Tanzania football enthusiasts thought they had seen this story before, what happened next on Wednesday was Yanga produced a mature performance that was described as one of the best by a Tanzanian team in their African adventures.

"That is one of the best away performances I've seen by a Tanzanian club. Tanzanian teams usually freeze in these away matches when they need a positive result," Tanzanian football follower Salim Said noted immediately

after the game.

Lotfi Wada, a keen African football follower from France was also moved by Yanga's performance, writing: "Yanga played the perfect away performance...defensively more than solid, never really troubled by Club Africain, clinical... deserved qualification, 'hongerera to Mwananchi'."

Looking back at the proceedings at Rades Stadium in Tunisia, this Yanga side under Nabi has proven to be different, and they gradually pushed with greater intensity and purpose as the clock ticked down.

Finally, on 79 minutes, a cutback by winger Farid Mussa found midfielder Salum Abubakar 'Sure Boy' whose terrific diagonal ball found attacker Fiston Mayele' header to set up midfielder Stephane Aziz Ki who unleashed a thunderbolt which, by way of a small deflection, went into the net.

Nabi's team maturely controlled the game during the remaining 15 minutes including the four minutes of added time to see the game out.

It was not the best-attacking performance that soccer fans in Tanzania have seen from Yanga but it is how they were able to grind out the 1-0 victory without coming under heavy pressure to secure the group stage ticket, that is eventually all that matters.

The ghost of nightmare trips in North Africa has been busted. History has been rewritten. There was a real quality to Yanga in possession and real purpose and aggression to their pressing out of it.

Even Bernard Morrison, the last player a soccer fan would see defend, could be seen pressing his opponents.

But perhaps more impressive and compelling than the quality of football was Yanga's attitude to the game, their determination in that second half, and their stubborn refusal to crumble with so much on the line, was remarkable.

The determination and hunger to grind a positive result in such an environment showed this is a team with character.

It is not like it is a one-off event, this season, Yanga has had three comebacks. In 15 games in all competitions, they have lost only once, which was away to Al Hilal SC.

## Geita Gold FC, KMC FC seek to return to winning ways in Premier League

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

GEITA Gold FC welcomes Kinondoni Municipal Council FC to Nyankumbu Girls Secondary School Stadium in the 2022/23 NBC Premier League in the afternoon with both clubs seeking a return to winning ways.

With both sides being positioned in the top half of the standings, Kinondoni Municipal Council FC sitting ninth and Geita Gold FC sitting tenth, it promises to be a tight encounter with only goal difference separating them after 10 games.

Geita Gold FC head coach Fred Felix 'Minziro' charges have three wins, one loss, and one draw in their last five league games.

They were on an unbeaten streak of four games before succumbing to that defeat against in-form Yanga in their last outing.

The usual danger-man for Geita Gold FC would have been forward George Mpole, who has scored two league goals.

The goal-getter falling out with the club management means that forward Danny Lyanga and midfielder Said Ntibazonkiza will be the players to be wary of in front of the goal.

The visiting Kinondoni Municipal Council FC was last in action on November 1 when they were beaten 1-0 by Kagera Sugar at Kaitaba Stadium.

In their last five league matches, Kinondoni Municipal Council FC has only won twice along with two losses and one draw.

In an interview ahead of the match, Kinondoni Municipal Council FC head coach Thierry Hitimana felt they can get back to winning ways against Geita Gold FC having lost back-to-back against Kagera

Sugar and Yanga despite putting up good performances.

The Rwandan gaffer said: "We played well against Yanga but lost in the end, against Kagera Sugar we controlled the match but committed an individual error that cost us. That's football... we'll go to Geita Gold FC with the confidence of bouncing back."

He stated: "It will be a tough game because we are tied in the league table but we have to approach them with confidence."

"We indeed lost in our last encounter against them but we have learned and will sit down and correct our mistakes to get a positive result."

The Kinondoni tax collectors will look to midfielder Steven Nzigamasabo to open up the Geita Gold FC defense and at the other end of the field, defenders Ibrahim Ame and Sadala Lipangile will be vital to keep the goals out for



Geita Gold FC's head coach, Fred Felix 'Minziro'. PHOTO: COURTESY OF GEITA GOLD FC

coach Hitimana's side.

In head-to-head meetings, the two have faced each other twice in the top flight, with each side claiming a victory in their home games last season.

In December 2021, at Uhuru Stadium in Dar es Salaam, Kinondoni Municipal Council FC beat Geita Gold FC 2-0

thanks to goals by Matheo Anthony and Abdurazack Hamza.

Then in April this year at Nyankumbu Girls Secondary School Stadium, Geita Gold FC saw off Kinondoni Municipal Council FC 2-0 with the goals scored by Mpole and Amos Kadikilo.

## Flexibles by David Chikoko

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