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Former chief secretary Ombeni Sefue, chairman of the Presidential Commission on Tax Reforms, addresses journalists at State House in Dar es Salaam yesterday on the schedule of the commission's activities. Photo: Chief Photographer Selemani Mpochi

## Same, Ukiriguru bus crashes leave 13 people dead as 59 sustain injuries

*"We received seven bodies: three women and five men, including a nine-month-old baby in a critical condition"*

By Guardian Reporters

THIRTEEN people died and 59 suffered injuries in two bus accidents in Mwanza and Kilimanjaro regions, including five choir members from the Eastern and Coastal Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (ELCT).

In a condolence message, President Samia Suluhu Hassan expressed sadness at the reports of road accidents in the two regions causing deaths and injuries.

"I extend my condolences to all the bereaved families, relatives and friends. I pray that the departed rest in peace, and I wish

all the injured a swift recovery," the message intoned.

"As we approach the end of the year, I urge all road users to exercise greater caution. I have instructed all the relevant authorities to intensify their efforts in enforcing road safety laws," the president remarked.

In a crash that killed five and injured 20 people, the bus accident occurred early yesterday in the Kirinjiko Airtel area near Mwebembe in Same District, Kilimanjaro Region.

The Wazo Hill Parish Choir of the diocese (DMP) was traveling from Dar es Salaam to Machame, Hai District near Moshi municipi-

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### Civil society umbrella, regulator staking it out on consumer rights

By Getrude Mbago

THE Foundation for Civil Society (FCS) and the Consumer Consultative Council of the Land Transport Regulatory Authority- (LATRA-CCC) have signed a three-year memorandum of understanding (MoU) to advance consumer protection in public transportation.

FCS executive director Justice Rutenge said at the signing ceremony in Dar es Salaam yesterday that the pact is a significant partnership in enhancing citizen agency and strengthening consumer protection mechanisms.

It is a component of a wider partnership pegged at 2.3bn/- with Trademark Africa, where the latter will help the stakeholders to create a more informed and protected consumer environment in land transportation, promoting fair market practices and fostering dynamic business growth.

"Collaboration is vital for creating a robust framework that safeguards the rights of consumers in transportation," he said, underlining that the strategic partnership will involve co-designing and implementing initiatives that advance consumer rights and protection of regulated land transport goods and services.

"For the past two decades, FCS has maintained a citizen-centred approach focused on advancing citizen agency. Our commitment to consumer protection stems from this foundational con-

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## Tax grievances for hearing as reforms panel starts working

By Henry Mwangonde

STAKEHOLDERS will start providing views on voluntary tax compliance, expanding the tax base and addressing public grievances on tax collection methods in the coming weeks.

Ambassador Ombeni Sefue, the chairman of the Presidential Commission on Tax Reforms said at a State House press conference in Dar es Salaam yesterday that the commission has formally commenced operating, hence starting by setting out the stakeholder platform.

Expected participants mainly come from academic associations, businesses and individual experts to deliver reasoned viewpoints for the commission to gather those inputs over the next two to three months.



**There was widespread public concern from businesses and foreign investors regarding current methods in tax administration as well as assessments of tax obligations**

"By establishing this commission, the president demonstrated the political will to tackle existing challenges. Our first step is to analyse the current tax system to establish a foundation for necessary changes," he said.

He pointed at the country's impressive economic growth with GDP rising by 4.7 per cent and tax revenue averaging 12.1 percent of GDP, underlining that the 12.1 percent is significantly below the 15 percent of GDP in tax collection required for sub-Saharan countries to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The commission will engage with various stakeholders and hold symposiums to gather insights for their mandate, with a design for the general public to partici-

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## CCM Secretariat hoping for qualified, trusted candidates

*Up to 96.7 percent of local government voter registration in Dar es Salaam was elicited on evident acceptance of the CCM government and implementation of its manifesto*

By Correspondent Mary Kadoke

THE upcoming local government elections need to bring about reputable and qualified candidates who are trusted to manage local affairs, the ruling party has declared.

Amos Makala, the head of Ideology, Publicity and Training in the secretariat, made this remark when receiving the Dar es Salaam city local government voter registration report presented by party leaders in the city yesterday.

He said that the party has arrived at a critical juncture where it is vital to uphold

honesty and transparency, looking ahead to the polls, noting that when the opportunity presents itself, the right candidates will be selected.

"We will carefully select qualified candidates who are not only capable but also respected within the community to take on the responsibility of managing various activities. This process will ensure that we have trustworthy individuals leading efforts that benefit everyone involved," he stated.

CCM will conduct a campaign in line with the president's 4Rs philosophy when the time comes as it is one of its tools in

implementing its election manifesto, he said, noting that reconciliation, resilience, reform and rebuild are basic elements of governance at the moment.

"I am quite sure there will be those who will say we have succeeded in organizing demonstrations and a campaign for a new constitution, but let me tell you, the citizens will decide who to choose," he remarked.

He emphasised that the polls will be free and fair, respecting any results that would come out as to the winner and he or she will be announced "and the loser will accept the results."

Up to 96.7 percent of local government voter registration in Dar es Salaam was elicited on evident acceptance of the CCM government and implementation of its manifesto, he suggested.

"We have witnessed the drive of various leaders who encouraged people to register in the voters' roll, including President Samia Suluhu Hassan as well as regional and district leaders. This was the motivation for people to register, stimulating a large turnout of individuals registering in Dar es Sa-

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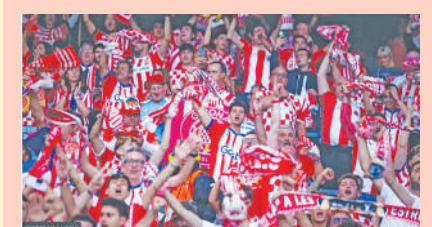
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laam Region," he elaborated.

Elias Mpanda, the regional party secretary, said the report showed that a total of 3,480,630 individuals registered, with Ilala District taking the lead with 1,440,300 registered voters.

Over 31 million eligible people representing 94.83 per cent of total eligible citizens have registered on the voter roll for the upcoming polls, set for November 27.

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pate in the debate by offering views via an online platform.

The commission, which has six months to deliver its findings, is expected to assess various aspects of the tax regime and provide recommendations for reform, having been established in response to business stoppages and diplomatic corps complaints.

There was widespread public concern from businesses and foreign investors regarding current methods in tax administration as well as assessments of tax obligations.

In swearing in the commission members, President Samia Suluhu Hassan tasked them with developing strategies to promote voluntary tax compliance, expand the tax base, and address public grievances on tax enforcement.

The president had underlined that the government wants to bring about a tax system that is fair and

Mohamed Mchengwera, the Regional Administration and Local Governments state minister in the President's Office (PO-RALG) said that this turnout to register marks a significant increase compared to the 2019 polls.

At that time 19,681,256 voters were registered countrywide, being 86 per cent of the targeted 22,916,412 voters, while this year's record followed a 10-day registration exercise launched by President Samia on October 11, he added.

where everyone required to pay taxes pays appropriate taxes. All taxes should be collected in accordance with the law she had stated.

The government similarly wants a tax system that stimulates the growth of an industrial economy and contributes to building an integrated economy enabling the government to fulfil its goals of bringing prosperity to the people, she had emphasised.

The former chief secretary is joined by former Bank of Tanzania Governor Prof. Florens Luoga, former Controller and Auditor General Prof. Mussa Assad and retired permanent secretary, Ambassador Maimuna Tarishi.

Other members include Aboubakar Mohamed Aboubakar from the State University of Zanzibar, veteran advocate Ambassador Mwanaidi Sinare Maajar, tax expert David Tarimo, and Rished Bade, a former Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) commissioner general.

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cept," the director noted.

Critical rights that consumers hold include the right to fair settlement for claims, education about regulated land transport of products and services, along with quality assurance.

"In partnering with LATRA CCC, a key stakeholder in advancing consumer protection in the sector, FCS will leverage its expertise in capacity building to support the council in mobilising resources essential to implement initiatives aimed at protecting consumer rights," he explained.

This initiative, funded by the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), Ireland and Norway through TradeMark Africa (TMA) seeks to support integration of strengths of operating companies, regulators and civil society organisations to promote green economic growth, he further noted.

The partnership aligns with the earlier grant, aiming to address and resolve consumer protection issues,

raise consumer awareness and empower civil societies and regulatory bodies.

Daudi Goodluck, the LATRA CCC executive secretary, asserted that effective consumer protection within the transport sector is a vital aspect of its functions.

Partnerships among development stakeholders are crucial as such collaborations strengthen consumer protection mechanisms and ensure robust safeguards for consumers.

"As Tanzania moves towards fostering an environment that supports consumer rights, the partnership exemplifies a collective effort to promote equitable trade practices and empower consumers with knowledge about their rights and recourse options," he stated.

Through this strategic collaboration, the regulator expects to roll out a comprehensive program on consumer protection and rights in the transport sector, promoting consumer empowerment, advocacy and effective engagement with key stakeholders, he added.

## WHO chief in Kigali as Rwanda takes measures to contain Marburg outbreak

KIGALI

AN outbreak of Marburg virus is being contained in Rwanda, authorities have said.

Health minister Sabin Nsanzimana has cited absence of new infections or deaths in the past six days.

Health officials have confirmed 44 recoveries and only three active cases remain. The Ebola-like disease has so far killed 15.

"We have been following everyone with symptoms suggestive to Marburg virus, to call us and tell us and all (those) we tested in the last four weeks, no-one tested positive for Marburg, which is great news that we do not have community transmission for Marburg, that is also a key indicator and we are going to continue. It is not the end but a great step forward towards stopping this outbreak."

Rwanda has documented 1,146 contacts. All positive cases have come from the list of known contacts of people with the virus, he said.

Like Ebola, the Marburg virus is believed to originate in fruit bats and spreads between people through

close contact with the bodily fluids of infected individuals or with surfaces, such as contaminated bed sheets.

Symptoms include fever, muscle pains, diarrhea, vomiting and, in some cases, death through extreme blood loss.

Rwanda declared the outbreak on Sept. 27. To limit the spread, schools and hospital visits were suspended. Home vigils are banned if a death is linked to Marburg.

The WHO director-general Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus praised the country's efforts. Dr Tedros is undertaking a mission to Rwanda to assess first-hand the response to the Marburg virus disease outbreak in Rwanda, and the support being provided by WHO and partners.

During his time in the country, Dr Tedros has visited health facilities treating people infected by the virus and the command centre leading the response and met with national health authorities and United Nations partners. "I can see that the outbreak is being managed under strong leadership," Tedros said.



Finance ministry permanent secretary Dr Natu El-Maamry Mwamba (L) discusses the role of central banks in African countries in seeking financial resources for use in addressing the economic and social impacts of climate change. This 'dialogue' was held yesterday in Washington, DC, in tandem with the ongoing (Oct 21 - 26) annual meetings of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund. Photo: Finance ministry

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pality to attend the funeral of a fellow choir member who had passed away two days earlier.

Kasilda Mgeni, the Same district commissioner, said that the choir members' bus, a Toyota Coaster T 550 DVD, veered off the road and hit a culvert. It was part of a convoy of four medium buses, where it is said the driver dozed off briefly and, upon waking the bus had already crashed.

The injured were rushed to the Same district hospital, the Mawenzi referral hospital and the zonal referral hospital, KCMC, she said, noting that those who died in the accident had been identified as Stephen Temba (40), Aurelia Swai (50), Neema Ngusi (35), Charles Mchome (63) and Maderina Mtenzi (58).

The injured are Neema Mgolo (54), Happyness Msagati, Elinaike Mushi (48), Flora Kamnde (46), Joyce (66), Arnold Uroki (49), Richard Lupatu and George Kilango (55).

Still others are Grace Macha (55), Herry Macha (53), Haika Urilo (51), Daniel Kilonzi (40), Evaline Muro (54), Martha (42), Easter Lukindo

(56), and Habia Kasumuni (56).

Joel Massawe, the KCMC acting public relations officer, stated that they had received three women patients with serious injuries and they were rapidly put to treatment.

Vena Karia, the Mawenzi Hospital spokesperson, reported that they had received one patient who is being treated.

Regional Commissioner Nuridin Babu urged drivers to always exercise caution, reminding them that they are responsible for the lives of the passengers.

In another accident, a head-on collision between two passenger buses occurred early yesterday in the Ukiriguru area of Misungwi District, Mwanza Region. A Nyeuhunge Express bus T.281 EFG traveling from Morogoro to Mwanza, and an Asante Rabi bus T458 DYD en route to Arusha from Mwanza collided, officials said.

DCP Wilbroad Mutafungwa, the regional police commander, said that excessive speeding was involved, with the Nyeuhunge bus driver overtaking without caution.

"The driver was overtaking vehi-

cles in a sharp-bend area, despite signs prohibiting such actions," he stated, noting that during the overtaking manoeuvre, the driver collided with the Asante Rabi bus.

Nearby residents and health workers quickly responded, helping recover passengers' belongings and providing medical aid, he said, while Makeso Makongoro, an assistant fire superintendent heading the regional fire and rescue unit, reported that they successfully rescued some trapped passengers, including the Nyeuhunge bus driver.

Timely reporting of such incidents enables swift responses from the rescue force, he said, with traffic resuming after the mangled vehicles were cleared from the road.

Survivors of the Mwanza crash included journalist Angelo Mwoleka who recounted the harrowing incident. Boarding the Asante Rabi bus, he sustained injuries that required seven stitches and was taken to Kamagana Hospital in Nyegezi.

"I have a cut from inside my mouth to the outside. I am recovering well, but I think up to 10 people

must have died," he said.

Another survivor, Eliud Salam, described the moments leading up to the crash. He recalled being startled by a loud noise that sounded like a tire bursting. He quickly braced himself, and shortly after, the bus overturned onto its side.

Dr Clement Morabu, the Misungwi District chief medical officer, confirmed the recovery of seven bodies, including a nine-month-old baby who passed away while receiving treatment.

"We received seven bodies: three women and five men, including a nine-month-old baby in a critical condition," he stated, noting that medical teams quickly arrived at the scene and found over 50 injured individuals.

"They assessed the situation, transferring 21 with less severe injuries to Usagara Health Center, while 18 others were taken to the district hospital. All 39 injured were treated, with four in a critical condition referred to the Bugando zonal referral hospital for further examination and treatment," he added.



Parliamentary Public Accounts Standing Committee chairperson Naghenjwa Kaboyoka (R) presides over a meeting the committee held in Dodoma city yesterday with the Tanzania Investment Centre leadership. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

## Mwinyi appeals for partnerships to elevate health services in Isles

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi has called for increased support and partnerships in the areas of expertise, infrastructure and capacity building for health professionals to ensure provision of quality services in the Isles.

He made the call yesterday at State House in Zanzibar during his meeting with a team of specialist doctors from the Global Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (GAPIO) based in the United States (US).

Dr Mwinyi emphasized that Zanzibar government actively works on infrastructure development, including construction of district hospitals and health centres across Unguja and Pemba.

"This initiative aims to guarantee that citizens have access to high-

quality medical care close to home. These facilities are crucial for addressing healthcare needs of the growing population," he said.

However, he pointed out that significant gaps remain, particularly in the areas of medical supplies and equipment, inadequate funding and trained personnel.

Despite construction of 11 district hospitals, Dr Mwinyi acknowledged ongoing challenges within the health sector, including a shortage of qualified specialists, limited medical supplies and outdated technology.

He urged the visiting doctors to explore opportunities for professional development and help establish a more robust healthcare management system in Zanzibar.

"To achieve our healthcare goals, we must address the shortages of

medical supplies and human resources as well as improve our management of health insurance and healthcare infrastructure," he said.

Dr Mwinyi also discussed introduction of health insurance schemes for both locals and tourists visiting Zanzibar.

He explained that the initiatives not only support the financial sustainability of the healthcare sector but also provide essential coverage for tourists.

"For instance, 18 tourists have already benefited from health insurance during their stay," he said.

Dr Mwinyi stated that the government is ready to foster collaboration by creating a supportive working environment and facilitating closer relationships through short, medium and long-term planning. This will strengthen cooperation

between the government, the Ministry of Health and GAPIO.

Dr Nazir Arab, coordinator of the visit from Apollo Hospital in Dar es Salaam, highlighted GAPIO's mission to connect over 1.4 million doctors worldwide, with Tanzania identified as a key beneficiary of their efforts.

He noted that GAPIO is currently active in 57 countries, particularly in East Asia, Southeast Asia and Africa, with a vision to enhance healthcare standards globally.

"Our goal is to facilitate knowledge exchange and improve healthcare access in regions that need it most," he said.

The visiting team, comprising 20 specialist doctors led by Prof Sanku Rao, will hold collaborative meetings to identify areas of focus in Zanzibar.





More than 300 wildlife conservation stakeholders from various African and other countries follow remarks by Natural Resources and Tourism minister Dr Pindi at the Fourth Africa Congress for Conservation Biology (Oct 19 – 21) held at the College of African Wildlife Management at Mweka in Kilimanjaro Region under the theme: "Celebrating Africa's Unsung Conservation Heroes". Photo: Correspondent James Lanka

## RC blames lack of stable market for low banana prices in Kagera

By Guardian Correspondent, Bukoba

KAGERA Regional Commissioner Fatuma Mwasa has highlighted lack of permanent banana markets as a major factor that has led to persistently low prices for the produce in the region.

According to her, despite the big production costs incurred by farmers, bananas fetch lower prices in Kagera compared to neighbouring regions and countries.

Mwasa made the remarks recently during closing ceremony of the World Food Day celebrations which were held at national level in Kagera. The event aimed to raise awareness about food security and sustainable agriculture.

The RC pointed out that while Kagera is one of the leading regions in banana production, local farmers do not reap the benefits they deserve. "This is disheartening because our farmers spend a lot of costs on production but end up witnessing others in neighbouring countries enjoy good prices," she said.

She urged the Ministry of Agriculture to

take proactive steps in establishing robust markets that would benefit both farmers and the nation as a whole.

Emphasizing the importance of market access, Mwasa explained that creating border markets and enhancing facilities in districts known for high banana production would enable farmers to expand their market reach.

Currently, many traders undervalue bananas by purchasing them directly from farmers in the fields, often at prices that do not reflect their true value.

For instance, a bunch of bananas weighing 50 kg is sold by farmers in Bukoba, Karagwe, Kyerwa and Muleba districts for between 3,000/- and 10,000/- while in other regions, the same quantity can fetch up to 40,000/-.

Mwasa also noted that traders from neighbouring countries frequently come to buy bananas but do not engage directly with farmers.

She proposed that establishing permanent banana markets at every border would facilitate direct sales, allowing farmers to secure better prices and ensure they receive

fair compensation for their hard work.

Furthermore, she asserted that the region's abundant banana production should not be seen as a weakness but rather as an opportunity for economic growth. By improving banana markets for export, Kagera could enhance farmers' incomes and contribute significantly to national revenue.

Deputy Minister for Agriculture David Silinde affirmed that the government is committed to addressing the issue of market accessibility stability.

He announced plans to construct modern banana markets in districts with high production, ensuring that farmers have adequate facilities to sell their produce.

Silinde highlighted the positive trend in national food production, stating that the country has achieved a food production level of 128 percent, indicating a substantial annual increase.

In the 2023/24 season, the total production reached 22.8 million tonnes, surpassing the demand of 17.7 million tonnes, resulting in a surplus of over 5.05 million tonnes.

## Businesses advised to employ AI to simplify data processing

By Getrude Mbago

BUSINESSES have been encouraged to embrace artificial intelligence (AI) to address various commercial challenges, particularly in data analysis and processing.

Dr Jabiri Bakari, Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) Director General made the call in Dar es Salaam yesterday on the sidelines of the CEO Roundtable of Tanzania (CEOrt) workshop on harnessing data to drive transformative growth.

He said embracing AI and machine learning is seen as essential for businesses looking to stay competitive and responsive to today's rapidly evolving market as they help enhance customer service and streamline operations.

He said that the meeting highlighted a significant gap in the widespread adoption of data analytics within the private sector, something which calls for innovative measures to utilise digital technologies to hasten operations and growth.

"Due to the increase of digital systems, production and use of data has also increased, making it important for companies to adopt technologies to enable them to translate and process data easily, accurately and fast for better outcomes," he said.

He noted that enhancing productivity, lowering risks and guaranteeing smooth deployments are all made possible by incorporating modern technologies, including AI into the procedures in order to sustain competitiveness in today's rapidly evolving digital landscape.

He further said that due to the major transformation in the communication sector, many people utilise the service positively to serve customers and improve services.

He said by adopting internet and mobile technologies, many businesses have realised improved productivity and new business opportunities with many serving their customers online while getting new orders of their services digitally.

Santina Majengo, Executive Director

of the CEO Roundtable of Tanzania (CEOrt) said in today's rapidly evolving digital landscape, data analytics has emerged as a critical tool for driving business transformation and growth.

"This workshop aims to provide a platform for business leaders, data scientists and government stakeholders to explore the untapped potential of data analytics and its capacity to enhance business operations," she said.

She noted that as Tanzania progresses towards becoming a digital economy, the recent draft of the amended National ICT Policy has underscored the importance of emerging digital technologies such as AI, machine learning and big data analytics.

"These technologies are pivotal in addressing the country's economic, social and developmental challenges," she said.

Majengo said a recent CEOrt survey revealed that while 26.9 percent of businesses have a well-established data analytics strategy, 13.5 percent still rely on perception rather than data-driven decision-making.

The findings underscore the pressing need to bridge the gap in data analytics awareness and application across Tanzanian business landscape.

"The forum focuses on several key areas, including understanding the challenges businesses face in integrating data analytics into their strategic growth plans, exploring opportunities for data-driven decision-making across key functions such as finance, marketing, operations and product development as well as facilitating collaboration between business leaders, industry experts, and government stakeholders," Majengo said.

Harish Bhatt, managing director for SatCom Networks Africa Limited, said data is very important as it helps to know what is going on in the company, opportunities and gaps that need to be addressed.

He said the workshop came at the right time as it will help participants gain a deeper understanding of data analytics and actionable strategies for integrating the tools into their businesses.

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**Zanzibar, October 2024**

As part of its on-going commitment to community empowerment and sustainability, Diamond Trust Bank Tanzania in partnership with East Africa Television has successfully wrapped up this year's Namthamini campaign in Zanzibar. The Bank distributed 315 re-usable sanitary pads [Tumaini Kits], to young girls at Mwera Secondary School, Mwera Pongwe Secondary School and Moachi Primary School. This initiative aims at addressing menstrual health challenges faced by young in schools through education and provision of essential sanitary products.

Besides the distribution of Tumaini Kits, the school girls were also taught on menstrual health, nutrition and mental health as these are critical knowledge required by girls in supporting both their personal and academic growth. The free sanitary towels [Tumaini Kits] addresses absenteeism caused by lack of menstrual hygiene products during the 'good days' hence un-interrupted attendance of classes.

This initiative under partnership with the Zanzibar Maisha Bora Foundation [ZMBF] and East Africa Television & Radio highlights Diamond Trust Banks' dedication to sustainable community development and its focus on fostering the well-being and success of young women in our communities.

The Bank is dedicated to drive positive social change through a variety of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) engagements with a focus on sustainability, empowerment and financial inclusion while actively contributing to the social and economic well-being of Tanzanian communities.

Diamond Trust Bank Tanzania Staff educating students of Mwera Secondary School, Mwera Pongwe Secondary School and Moachi Primary School on Financial Literacy as part of its CSR initiative

Diamond Trust Bank Tanzania Staff education young girls on menstrual hygiene in reusable sanitary pads, referred to as Tumaini Kits at Mwera Secondary School, Mwera Pongwe Secondary School and Moachi Primary School (upper primary)

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## Study finds domestic donkey meat trade boom amid ban, export ends

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

DOMESTIC donkey hide and meat trade has continued to thrive in Iringa-Mvumi, Mlowa, Manzase, Fufu and Iloilo wards in Chamwino and Mpwawa districts, Dodoma Region despite the government ban, a study has found.

The study was to evaluate status of donkey trade in Tanzania after declaration of the ban by the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries on 1st October, 2021 assessed its impact on stakeholders and looked at activities related to donkey trade that have emerged.

The survey conducted by Dr Mohamed Bahari, freelance consultant on animal welfare, identification and traceability, however reveals that donkey hides and meat export trade has stopped after closure of the two slaughter facilities: Huacheng International Ltd (Dodoma) and Fang Hua Investment Co. Ltd (Shinyanga).

Speaking during a stakeholders meeting in Dodoma yesterday organized by Inades Formation Tanzania, an organization implementing donkey welfare project in the country through funding from Brooke East Africa, Dr Bahari observed that the ban has been an important move to halt donkey theft and for farmers the impact is positive since their donkeys are safer now than before the ban.

However, he argued that for traders and employees in the donkey subsector the impact has been negative due to the fact that they have lost jobs and steady income.

"For donkey hides trade ban, it has been concluded that the ban was on slaughter of donkeys for export of meat and hides and it did not cover the local trade," he said.

Local donkey traders therefore use the loophole to continue with the local donkey trade which in

turn promotes the illegal export of donkey meat and donkey hides.

It has been revealed that donkey hides collected from slaughtered donkeys for meat at Iringa-Mvumi in Chamwino District and other wards such as, Mlowa, Manzase, Fufu and Iloilo in Mpwawa District are bought by unregistered buyers and transported to Shinyanga. In Shinyanga buyers of donkey hides were not verified to exist.

A follow up on this movement suggested that donkey hide buyers use motorbikes to collect hides available and sell to their main agent who sells them to Kenya, where illegal demand exists.

"Further follow up need to be made to confirm this concern," he said.

At Iringa-Mvumi, slaughter of donkeys for meat is done daily at an average of one donkey per day and up to ten donkeys during the market day. Meat is consumed by local people to whom it is a delicacy said to have a medicinal effect.

Donkey meat is preferred over beef due its low price. Other villages and wards in the area that slaughter donkeys for meat include Kingiti and Gulwe villages in Mpwawa and Nguji, Makitaya and Makole in Kongwa. Wards include Mlowa, Manzase Fufu and Iloilo.

"Although donkey meat consumers are few and slaughters are limited to certain wards, the practice may continue to attract donkey hide traders", Dr Bahari said.

Speaking at the same forum, Dr Annette Kitambi, Assistant Director for Zoo Sanitary and Animal Welfare in the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, stated that the ban was on commercial skin and meat of donkey.

She also observed that the government has listed dogs and donkeys as non-edible animals in the country.



Motorists stuck in a jam on a road in Dar es Salaam's Chamazi suburb yesterday, the haphazard picking up and dropping off of passengers by some commuter bus drivers given as the major reason. Photo: Correspondent Sabato Kasika

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR Minister for Tourism and Heritage Mudrik Ramadhan Soraga has said that the upcoming Tourism and Investment Expo set for later this week will further enhance the isles' status as a premier destination for tourism festivals.

Scheduled for October 25 and 26, the exhibition's main objectives are to promote Zanzibar as a key tourism destination, connect industry stakeholders and highlight available investment opportunities.

Speaking during the Zanzibar Traditional Cuisine Show yesterday here, Soraga expressed confidence that the upcoming tourism festival would draw participants from various countries, including

## Tourism Expo billed to portray Zanzibar as premier destination

Germany, France, the United Kingdom and several neighbouring nations.

"This underscores how Zanzibar's reputation is growing as more people see the value in coming here to explore opportunities and promote their businesses," he said.

He emphasized that the ministry is dedicated to promoting a range of festivals, recognising them as vital economic opportunities.

The focus on culinary tourism was highlighted as particularly important, given that traditional Zanzibar cuisine offers a unique

attraction.

He noted the need to reconnect with local food traditions as eating habits have shifted due to the influence of Western cuisines.

"It's essential to return to our roots with traditional foods that are not only delicious but also healthy," he said.

Zanzibar Tourism Commissioner Wilfred Shirima underscored the festival's importance in promoting the region and attracting tourists from around the globe.

He pointed out the diverse investment opportunities available in Zanzibar, including beach

tourism, ecotourism, historical tourism and cultural tourism.

Dr Mwatima Abdallah Juma, Director of Msonge Farm which focuses on organic fruit and vegetable production, highlighted the growing interest in organic farming within the tourism market.

"Tourists are eager to learn about traditional foods and their preparation," she said.

Dr Juma also mentioned that they offer practical classes for tourists visiting organic farms, encouraging local farmers to take advantage of opportunities in the tourism sector through organic practices.

## Minister impressed by investment at Dar port

By Guardian Reporter

THE minister of State in the President's Office (Planning and Investment), Prof Kitila Mkumbo, has praised significant investment made by DP World at the Port of Dar es Salaam.

Prof. Mkumbo made the remarks yesterday during his working visit to the Port of Dar es Salaam.

He emphasized the government's commitment to ongoing improvements across various sectors, including revenue collection as part of the National Vision 2050 which outlines strategic goals for the next 25 years.

Prof. Mkumbo said that the investment at the Port of Dar es Salaam is substantial and offers multiple benefits to the nation, especially in terms of revenue collection and efficiency.

"As minister responsible for investment and planning, I decided to visit the port to observe its operational performance following significant investments that have been made," he said.

"I am genuinely pleased with the infrastructure and operational



DP World chief financial officer Mathew Cliff (L) pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday briefing Prof Kitila Mkumbo (R), Minister of State in the President's Office (Planning and Investment), on recent investments at the Dar es Salaam Port. They are with Tanzania Ports Authority director general Plasaduce Mbossa (2nd-L) and Dar es Salaam Port acting director Abed Gallus Abed. Photo by Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

improvements. These are the tangible outcomes of this investment. I commend the Tanzania Ports Authority management and leadership for their oversight."

He noted that through the National Vision 2050, the government aims to ensure that the investment continues to yield benefits over the next 25 years through various strategic plans and initiatives. The minister also highlighted how the improvements at the port stimulate growth in key sectors such as manufacturing and agriculture which contribute to job creation and economic growth.

"I extend my sincere gratitude to President Samia Suluhu Hassan for facilitating this significant and historic investment in our country. We are now beginning to see its benefits," he said.

He further outlined how the investment could enhance the economy in both short and long term to ensure mutual benefits for both the government and the investor.

DP World has been entrusted with the development of berths four to seven to increase revenue and reduce ship docking and cargo unloading time.

The Nature Conservancy

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Nature Conservancy's (TNC) mission is to protect the lands and waters upon which all life depends.

The Malagarasi Basin is one of Tanzania's critical watersheds, supporting diverse ecosystems and communities reliant on agriculture for their livelihoods. The Malagarasi River System is both an important Ramsar site (Malagarasi-Muyovozi Wetlands) and a Key Biodiversity Area in the Eastern Afromontane hotspot. The site is extremely important for large mammals, migratory and resident water birds, fish, and plants. Apart from agriculture, it also provides a range of services to local communities – water, fish, meat, honey, grazing lands, etc. However, as in many such areas, the natural integrity of the Malagarasi River basin is increasingly threatened by unsustainable anthropogenic activities such as unsustainable agriculture encroaching wetland areas, overfishing, deforestation, and settlement expansion. The unsustainable farming practices causes severe soil erosion which leads to land degradation and sedimentation of rivers and Lake Tanganyika.

Given the importance of the Malagarasi watershed, which constitutes 30% of the Lake Tanganyika's total watershed area, addressing the most pervasive threats to the watershed is needed to secure its integrity for the long-term.

As the impacts of climate change intensify, there is an increasing need to adopt sustainable agricultural practices that can enhance resilience, restore degraded lands, and improve livelihoods. Regenerative agriculture, which focuses on restoring soil health, increasing biodiversity, and enhancing water retention, presents a viable approach to achieving these objectives.

The Nature Conservancy has been successfully working in the Greater Mahale Ecosystem (GME) for 12 years through its Tuungane Program. The Mahale Mountains National Park is part of the GME which borders Lake Tanganyika in its South. Tuungane Program would like to scale up its successes into the Malagarasi-Moyowosi-Ugalla complex, a much larger ecosystem than GME that extends for more than 3.5 million hectares East of Uvinza. GME and the Malagarasi-Muyovozi-Ugalla complex share important ecosystem similarities that make lessons learned in one potentially transferrable to the other. Tuungane program envisages to bring to this new geography its experiences in addressing common conservation challenges existing in both systems.

TNC is seeking a consultant to gather comprehensive information which will facilitate the development of strategies and programs to promote sustainable agricultural practices in the region.

This consultancy aims to gather comprehensive information and provide actionable insights on the potential for scaling regenerative agriculture practices within the Malagarasi Basin. The findings will support the development of strategies and programs to promote sustainable agricultural practices in the region.

Interested consultants with relevant technical skills and experience are encouraged to reach out to TNC to get the full request for proposal at e-mail: [africa.tenders@tnc.org](mailto:africa.tenders@tnc.org)

The deadline to submit proposals is set on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024 at 10:00 am EAT.

### NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF A LIQUIDATOR

#### AMMARA EVENTS LIMITED

Notice is hereby given that the Members of the above company i.e. AMMARA EVENTS LIMITED with registration no. 151674410 (the company) has resolved to wind up the company voluntarily and Mr. Frank Ntabaye (Advocate) of Jewel Building, 2nd Floor, Plot No. 493, Mwai Kibaki Road, Regent Estate, Mikochehi, Dar Es Salaam-Tanzania has been appointed as a liquidator for the purpose of winding up the effective from 07th August 2024.

The Public is Hereby notified Accordingly. Any person who has claims against the company is required within Twenty-One (21) days after the issuance of this notice to send to the liquidator, full particulars of any claim against the company supported by appropriate documentation thereof. Claims which are not supported and substantiated shall be excluded from the benefits of any distribution to be made.

All correspondence should be addressed to:

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Jewel Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor,  
Plot No. 493 Dar Es Salaam - Tanzania

### NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF A LIQUIDATOR

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## PUBLICATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

(Amounts in million shillings)

|   | Current Quarter<br>30-Sep-24 | Previous Quarter<br>30-Jun-24 |
|---|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>A. ASSETS</b>  |                              |                               |
| 1 Cash  | 2,613                        | 1,355                         |
| 2 Balances with Bank of Tanzania  | 11,587                       | 11,064                        |
| 3 Investments in Government securities                                    | 49,084                       | 51,670                        |
| 4 Balances with other banks and financial institutions                    | 2,298                        | 1,701                         |
| 5 Cheques and items for clearing  | -                            | -                             |
| 6 Inter branch float items  | -                            | -                             |
| 7 Bills negotiated  | -                            | -                             |
| 8 Customers' liabilities for acceptances                                  | -                            | -                             |
| 9 Interbank Loans Receivables   | 4,077                        | 2,627                         |
| 10 Investments in other securities  | -                            | -                             |
| 11 Loans, advances and overdrafts (net of allowances for probable losses) | 119,280                      | 118,222                       |
| 12 Other assets   | 4,447                        | 3,651                         |
| 13 Equity Investments   | -                            | -                             |
| 14 Underwriting accounts  | -                            | -                             |
| 15 Property, Plant and Equipment  | 1,454                        | 1,640                         |
| <b>16 TOTAL ASSETS</b>  | <b>194,842</b>               | <b>191,930</b>                |
| <b>B. LIABILITIES</b>   |                              |                               |
| 17 Deposits from other banks and financial institutions                   | 28,087                       | 29,731                        |
| 18 Customer deposits  | 119,698                      | 115,999                       |
| 19 Cash letters of credit   | -                            | -                             |
| 20 Special deposits   | -                            | -                             |
| 21 Payment orders/transfers payable                                       | 328                          | 332                           |
| 22 Bankers' cheques and drafts issued                                     | 28                           | 27                            |
| 23 Accrued taxes and expenses payable                                     | 3,895                        | 3,303                         |
| 24 Acceptances outstanding  | -                            | -                             |
| 25 Interbranch float items  | -                            | -                             |
| 26 Unearned income and other deferred charges                             | -                            | -                             |
| 27 Other liabilities  | 560                          | 721                           |
| 28 Borrowings   | -                            | -                             |
| <b>29 TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>   | <b>152,596</b>               | <b>150,113</b>                |
| <b>30 NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)/(16 minus 29)</b>                          | <b>42,246</b>                | <b>41,817</b>                 |
| <b>C. SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS</b>   |                              |                               |
| 31 Paid up share capital  | 21,500                       | 21,500                        |
| 32 Capital reserves   | 5,014                        | 3,753                         |
| 33 Retained earnings  | 13,777                       | 15,037                        |
| 34 Profit (Loss) account  | 1,956                        | 1,527                         |
| 35 Other capital accounts   | -                            | -                             |
| 36 Minority Interest  | -                            | -                             |
| <b>37 TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS</b>                                       | <b>42,246</b>                | <b>41,817</b>                 |
| 38 Contingent liabilities   | 20,904                       | 21,703                        |
| 39 Non performing loans & advances  | 6,982                        | 6,845                         |
| 40 Allowances for probable losses   | 2,596                        | 2,125                         |
| 41 Other non performing assets  | -                            | -                             |
| <b>D. SELECTED FINANCIAL CONDITION INDICATORS</b>                         |                              |                               |
| (i) Shareholders Funds to total assets                                    | 21.68%                       | 21.79%                        |
| (ii) Non performing loans to total gross loans                            | 5.73%                        | 5.69%                         |
| (iii) Gross loans and advances to total deposits                          | 82.47%                       | 82.58%                        |
| (iv) Loans and Advances to total assets                                   | 61.22%                       | 61.60%                        |
| (v) Earning Assets to Total Assets  | 89.84%                       | 90.99%                        |
| (vi) Deposits Growth  | 1.41%                        | -1.46%                        |
| (vii) Assets growth   | 1.52%                        | -1.25%                        |

### CONDENSED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

(Amounts in million shillings)

|   | Current Quarter<br>30-Sep-24 | Comparative Quarter<br>(Previous Year)<br>30-Sep-23 | Current Year<br>Cumulative<br>30-Sep-24 | Comparative Year<br>(Previous Year)<br>Cumulative<br>30-Sep-23 |
|---|------------------------------|---|---|--|
| 1 Interest Income   | 4,588                        | 4,175   | 13,563                                  | 11,856   |
| 2 Interest Expense  | 2,200                        | 1,978   | 6,519                                   | 5,797  |
| <b>3 Net Interest Income (1 minus 2)</b>                    | <b>2,387</b>                 | <b>2,197</b>  | <b>7,043</b>                            | <b>6,059</b>   |
| 4 Bad Debts Written-Off                                     | (30)                         | (6)   | (188)                                   | (84)   |
| 5 Impairment Losses on Loans and Advances                   | 484                          | 481   | 1,082                                   | 1,899  |
| <b>6 Non Interest Income:</b>                               | <b>325</b>                   | <b>423</b>  | <b>1,011</b>                            | <b>1,020</b>   |
| 6.1 Foreign Currency Dealings and Translation Gains/(Loss)  | 118                          | 91  | 337                                     | 234  |
| 6.2 Fees and Commissions                                    | 207                          | 332   | 674                                     | 786  |
| 6.3 Dividend Income   | -                            | -   | -                                       | -  |
| 6.4 Other Operating Income                                  | -                            | -   | -                                       | -  |
| <b>7 Non Interest Expenses:</b>                             | <b>1,694</b>                 | <b>1,476</b>  | <b>4,882</b>                            | <b>4,357</b>   |
| 7.1 Salaries and Benefits                                   | 889                          | 763   | 2,564                                   | 2,169  |
| 7.2 Fees and Commission                                     | -                            | -   | -                                       | -  |
| 7.3 Other Operating Expenses                                | 805                          | 713   | 2,318                                   | 2,188  |
| <b>8 Operating Income/(Loss)</b>                            | <b>564</b>                   | <b>669</b>  | <b>2,278</b>                            | <b>1,864</b>   |
| 9 Income Tax Provision                                      | 135                          | 135   | 322                                     | 404  |
| <b>10 Net Income/(Loss) After Income Tax</b>                | <b>429</b>                   | <b>534</b>  | <b>1,956</b>                            | <b>1,260</b>   |
| 11 Other Comprehensive Income (Itemize)                     | -                            | -   | -                                       | -  |
| <b>12 Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the quarter</b> | <b>429</b>                   | <b>534</b>  | <b>1,956</b>                            | <b>1,260</b>   |
| 13 Number of Employees                                      | 34                           | 34  | 34                                      | 34   |
| 14 Basic Earnings Per Share                                 | 80                           | 99  | 121                                     | 78   |
| 15 Number of Branches                                       | 2                            | 2   | 2                                       | 2  |
| <b>SELECTED PERFORMANCE INDICATORS</b>                      |                              |   |   |  |
| (i) Return on Average Total Assets                          | 1.16%                        | 1.39%   | 1.58%                                   | 1.19%  |
| (ii) Return on Average Shareholders' Fund                   | 4.08%                        | 5.42%   | 6.25%                                   | 4.33%  |
| (iii) Non Interest Expense to Gross Income                  | 34.48%                       | 32.10%  | 33.50%                                  | 33.84%   |
| (iv) Net Interest Income to Average Earning Assets          | 5.41%                        | 5.26%   | 5.37%                                   | 5.00%  |

### CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

(Amounts in million shillings)

|   | Current Quarter<br>30-Sep-24 | Previous Quarter<br>30-Jun-24 | Current Year<br>Cumulative<br>30-Sep-24 | Comparative Year<br>(Previous Year)<br>Cumulative<br>30-Sep-23 |
|---|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|--|
| <b>I: Cash flow from operating activities:</b>              |                              |                               |   |  |
| Net income/(loss)   | 564                          | 698                           | 2,278                                   | 1,664  |
| Adjustments for:  |                              |                               |   |  |
| - Impairment/Amortization                                   | 672                          | 729                           | 1,641                                   | 2,413  |
| - Net change in Loans and Advances                          | (1,532)                      | (6,289)                       | (10,654)                                | (4,800)  |
| - Gain/loss on Sale of Assets                               | -                            | -                             | -                                       | -  |
| - Net change in Deposits                                    | 2,055                        | (2,158)                       | 1,398                                   | 11,288   |
| - Net change in Short Term Negotiable Securities            | 6,145                        | 8,878                         | 13,055                                  | (3,814)  |
| - Net change in Other Liabilities                           | 428                          | 119                           | (137)                                   | (645)  |
| - Net change in Other Assets                                | (776)                        | 204                           | 3,106                                   | (466)  |
| - Tax Paid  | (135)                        | (94)                          | (322)                                   | (404)  |
| - Others (specify)  | -                            | -                             | -                                       | -  |
| <b>Net cash provided (used) by operating activities</b>     | <b>7,421</b>                 | <b>2,088</b>                  | <b>10,366</b>                           | <b>5,236</b>   |
| <b>II: Cash flow from investing activities:</b>             |                              |                               |   |  |
| Dividend Received   | -                            | -                             | -                                       | -  |
| Purchase of Fixed Assets                                    | -                            | (19)                          | (19)                                    | (7)  |
| Proceeds from Sale of Fixed Assets                          | -                            | -                             | -                                       | -  |
| Purchase of Non-Dealing Securities                          | -                            | -                             | -                                       | -  |
| Proceeds from Sale of Non-Dealing Securities                | -                            | -                             | -                                       | -  |
| Others (specify)  | -                            | -                             | -                                       | -  |
| <b>Net cash provided (used) by investing activities</b>     | <b>-</b>                     | <b>(19)</b>                   | <b>(19)</b>                             | <b>(7)</b>   |
| <b>III: Cash flow from financing activities:</b>            |                              |                               |   |  |
| Repayment of Long-term Debt                                 | -                            | -                             | -                                       | -  |
| Proceeds from Issuance of Long Term Debt                    | -                            | -                             | -                                       | -  |
| Proceeds from Issuance of Share Capital                     | -                            | -                             | -                                       | -  |
| Payment of Cash Dividends                                   | -                            | (989)                         | (989)                                   | -  |
| Net Change in Other Borrowings                              | -                            | -                             | -                                       | -  |
| Others (specify)  | -                            | -                             | -                                       | -  |
| <b>Net Cash Provided (used) by Financing Activities</b>     | <b>-</b>                     | <b>(989)</b>                  | <b>(989)</b>                            | <b>-</b>   |
| <b>IV: Cash and Cash Equivalents:</b>                       |                              |                               |   |  |
| <b>Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents</b> | <b>7,421</b>                 | <b>1,080</b>                  | <b>9,358</b>                            | <b>5,230</b>   |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents at the Beginning of the Quarter   | 26,433                       | 25,353                        | 24,496                                  | 23,928   |
| <b>Cash and Cash Equivalents at the end of the Quarter</b>  | <b>33,854</b>                | <b>26,433</b>                 | <b>33,854</b>                           | <b>29,158</b>  |

### CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

(Amounts in million shillings)

|  | Share<br>Capital | Share<br>Premium | Retained<br>Earnings | Regulatory<br>Reserve | General<br>Reserve | Proposed<br>Dividend | Total         |
|--|------------------|------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| <b>Current Quarter 2024</b>                            |                  |                  |                      |                       |                    |                      |               |
| Balance as at the beginning of the quarter 01.07.2024  | 21,500           | -                | 16,564               | 3,753                 | -                  | -                    | 41,817        |
| Profit for the quarter                                 | -                | -                | 429                  | -                     | -                  | -                    | 429           |
| Other Comprehensive Income                             | -                | -                | -                    | -                     | -                  | -                    | -             |
| Transactions with owners                               | -                | -                | -                    | -                     | -                  | -                    | -             |
| Dividends Proposed                                     | -                | -                | -                    | -                     | -                  | (989)                | (989)         |
| Regulatory Reserve                                     | -                | -                | (1,260)              | 1,260                 | -                  | -                    | -             |
| General Provision Reserve                              | -                | -                | -                    | -                     | -                  | -                    | -             |
| Loan written off                                       | -                | -                | -                    | -                     | -                  | -                    | -             |
| Others   | -                | -                | -                    | -                     | -                  | -                    | -             |
| <b>Balance as at the end of the quarter 30.09.2024</b> | <b>21,500</b>    | <b>-</b>         | <b>15,732</b>        | <b>5,014</b>          | <b>-</b>           | <b>-</b>             | <b>42,246</b> |
| <b>Previous Quarter 2024</b>                           |                  |                  |                      |                       |                    |                      |               |
| Balance as at the beginning of the quarter 01.04.2024  | 21,500           | -                | 16,964               | 3,753                 | -                  | 989                  | 42,207        |
| Profit for the quarter                                 | -                | -                | 604                  | -                     | -                  | -                    | 604           |
| Other Comprehensive Income                             | -                | -                | -                    | -                     | -                  | -                    | -             |
| Transactions with owners                               | -                | -                | -                    | -                     | -                  | -                    | -             |
| Dividends Proposed                                     | -                | -                | -                    | -                     | -                  | (989)                | (989)         |
| Regulatory Reserve                                     | -                | -                | -                    | -                     | -                  | -                    | -             |
| General Provision Reserve                              | -                | -                | -                    | -                     | -                  | -                    | -             |
| Loan written off                                       | -                | -                | -                    | -                     | -                  | -                    | -             |
| Others   | -                | -                | (5)                  | -                     | -                  | -                    | (5)           |
| <b>Balance as at the end of the quarter 30.08.2024</b> | <b>21,500</b>    | <b>-</b>         | <b>16,564</b>        | <b>3,753</b>          | <b>-</b>           | <b>-</b>             | <b>41,817</b> |

### BANK OF INDIA (TANZANIA) LTD DAR ES SALAAM

#### SELECTED EXPLANATORY NOTES FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

In preparation of the quarterly financial statements, consistent accounting policies have been used as those applicable to the previous year audited financial statements

| Name and Title                             | Signature | Date       |
|--|-----------|------------|
| Mr. Ashish Kumar Jha<br>Managing Director  |           | 21.10.2024 |
| Mr. Mahadhil M. Karwani<br>Head of Finance |           | 21.10.2024 |
| Mr. Allen Richard<br>Internal Auditor      |           | 21.10.2024 |

We, the undersigned directors, attest to the faithful representation of the above statements. We declare that the statements have been examined by us and, to the best of our knowledge and belief, have been prepared in conformance with International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the Banking and Financial Institutions Act, 2006 and they present a true and fair view.

| Name                               | Signature | Date       |
|------------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| 1. Mr. Sultbert Kageuka - Director |           | 21.10.2024 |
| 2. Dr. Paul Kato - Director        |           | 21.10.2024 |

## Minister applauds RITA for will writing awareness drive

By Guardian Correspondent, Butiama

DEPUTY Minister for Constitutional and Legal Affairs, Jumanne Sagini, has commended the Registration Insolvency and Trusteeship Agency (RITA) for its efforts in providing training on the importance of writing wills and registering births and deaths.

The training, aimed at District Administrative Secretaries and Social Welfare Officers in the Lake Zone regions, is designed to empower officials to educate their communities on the vital practices.

Speaking at the opening of a training session yesterday at Kyabakari Village, Butiama District in Mara Region, Sagini commended RITA for addressing crucial social issues. Participants from Mara, Simiyu, Geita, Shinyanga and Mwanza regions gathered for the training which aimed to reduce conflicts within families and communities.

Sagini highlighted the ongoing challenges related to inheritance in Tanzanian society, where widows and rightful heirs often lose their rights after a parent's death, particularly when the father passes away.

"It is essential to educate and encourage citizens to write will while they are still alive," he said.

The deputy minister emphasized that writing will helps eliminate disputes while registering key events such as births, deaths, marriages (including customary marriages) and divorce is vital for accessing essential social services, including healthcare, employment, national identification cards and voter registration.

"The data obtained from registration assists the government in planning development and social services," he said. He further praised RITA for organizing the training which he believes will enhance efficiency of services provided to citizens.

Sagini also acknowledged RITA for implementing various strategies to accelerate the registration process, including the digital system, eRITA.

The system allows citizens to submit applications and receive services online, eliminating the need for in-person visits to RITA offices.

"The use of technology in service delivery aligns with the government's vision of ensuring citizens receive services without hassle," he said.

RITA Chief Executive Officer Frank Kanyusi explained that the agency has been conducting training sessions and meetings with stakeholders to build capacity, share experiences, identify challenges and enhance efficiency in serving citizens.

Kanyusi emphasized the importance of registering customary marriages, noting that RITA is developing strategies to improve registration of marriages for accurate data collection.

He also reported on the progress of RITA's initiative to register children under five years old which has enabled approximately 10.3 million children to receive free birth certificates.

The number of registration centers has grown from 135 in 2013 to 11,257 in 2023, involving 184 councils, 3,957 ward officials and 7,116 service centers for families.

## Dr Chana emphasizes conservation of natural resources for life sustainability

By Correspondent James Lanka, Moshi

NATURAL Resources and Tourism minister Dr Pindi Chana has emphasized the importance of environment protection and conservation of natural resources for the benefit of both current and future generations.

Dr Chana made the statement on Monday during the opening of the 4th Africa Congress for Conservation Biology (ACCB) held in Moshi from Saturday to Monday and hosted by the College of African Wildlife Management, Mweka (CAWM-Mweka).

"We need sustainable conservation for the benefit of present and future generations because conservation not only creates employment but also increases income for individuals and the nation as a whole through revenue generation and foreign currency inflow. Therefore, the main agenda of this conference is conservation," she said.

She noted that one of the key topics for discussion at the conference was the role of 'conservation soldiers' and local communities in advancing conservation efforts in Africa, protecting biodiversity amidst climate change and enhancing capacity and training for conservation initiatives.

The minister also took the opportunity to urge the public to prioritize conservation issues and highlighted that the conference was being held at the college to acknowledge its contributions as a center of excellence for wildlife studies in east and southern Africa.

She commended CAWM-Mweka for its partnership with the government in conserving natural resources for the benefit of both current and future generations.

Chairperson of CAWM-Mweka Governing Body Prof Yunus Mgaya explained that the college has trained over 11,000 graduates from 28 African countries and 26 from beyond the continent since its establishment in 1963.

He further elaborated that the conference served as a platform to discuss and share experiences, knowledge, successes and challenges within the conservation sector.

"This landmark event—the largest gathering of African conservationists—brings together over 300 delegates, including academics, policymakers, local community leaders, practitioners, protected area staff, artists, students and journalists," he said.

ACCB 2024 provided an opportunity for stakeholders to unite and share cutting-edge research, practical lessons and innovative tools that shape successful conservation practices across the continent.





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FOR

THE PROVISION OF CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISION CONSULTANCY SERVICES  
FOR TERRACES IN FLOOD DETENTION AREA AND RIVERBANK PROTECTION  
WORKS UNDER THE MSIMBAZI BASIN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

### REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

#### (CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)

- This request for expressions of interest follows the General Procurement Notice for the Msimbazi Basin Development Project (MBDP) that appeared in the United Nations Development Business (UNDB) online Notice No. OP00221060 of March 29, 2023.
- The Government of the United Republic of Tanzania has received a credit from the International Development Association (IDA) towards the cost of Msimbazi Basin Development Project (MBDP), coordinated by the President's Office, Regional Administration and Local Government (PO-RALG) through a Project Coordination Team (PCT) under the Tanzania Rural and Urban Roads Agency (TARURA). It is intended that part of the proceeds of the credit will be used to cover eligible payments under the contract for the Provision of Construction Supervision Consultancy Services for Terraces in Flood Detention Area and Riverbank Protection Works under the Msimbazi Basin Development Project.
- The overall objective of the assignment is to supervise and manage Construction Works for Terraces in Flood Detention Area and Riverbank Protection in the lower Msimbazi River Basin.
- The specific objectives of the assignment include; (i) Carrying out design review and prepare design review report and revised set of contract documents for construction; (ii) Carrying out any required redesign and design of any new additional scope in relation to this assignment; (iii) Acting as Project Manager for the supervision of construction contract for earthworks and riverbank protections; (iv) Supervising ESMP implementation and ensuring compliance with Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) measures; (v) Preparing substantial completion certificates and review/validate as-built drawings; (vi) Monitoring Defects Liability Period (DLP); (vii) Overseeing contract completion and handover; (viii) Knowledge transfer to strengthen engineering and technical capacity of the Dar es Salaam City Council (DCC) Project Implementation Team (PIT), and PORALG Project Coordination Team (PCT); (ix) Reviewing and developing O&M manuals to reflect the updated features during the implementation; and (x) Any other tasks assigned by the Client in relation to this assignment.
- The consultant will be responsible for, but not be limited to the following tasks: (a) Contract documents review and redesign; (b) General supervision of works; (c) Environmental and social implementation and monitoring; (d) Quality management system; (e) Occupational Health and Safety supervision and (f) Transfer of knowledge (training) program.
- The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) can be found at the following website: <https://www.dcc.go.tz>. All requests for clarification should be sent through the following e-mail addresses: [info@dcc.go.tz](mailto:info@dcc.go.tz) and [cities.project@yahoo.com](mailto:cities.project@yahoo.com), and the Client will send responses to clarifications through the same e-mail addresses.
- The City Director, Dar City Council (DCC), now invites eligible consulting firms to indicate their interest in providing the above services. Interested consultants must provide

information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services. The interested consultant should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services. The short-listing criteria are: (a) Type of core business and at least 10 years in relevant business; (b) Relevant similar experience, which should specifically include the following: (i) Experience in similar assignments - information to be provided should include the name of the assignments, the names and full contact addresses of the clients, the contract value (in equivalent US dollars), the period (month/year) of execution of the assignments, and the role played in the assignments (Lead or JV partner); (ii) Demonstration of experience working in similar conditions; and (c) The firm's technical and managerial capability (The firm's technical and managerial capability (provide only the organizational structure, and the general qualifications, field of expertise and number of key personnel). Do not provide the CVs of the staff. Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications, but they should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a Joint Venture (JV) and/or a Sub-Consultant. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected. Therefore, each member of the JV shall independently meet the requirements of the evaluation criteria. The experience, technical & managerial capability of the sub-consultant shall not be evaluated to enhance the qualification of the Lead Firm or JV. Consultants shall not use the Affiliate Member's Managerial, Technical or Experience Capabilities to enhance their qualifications.

- The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers", Fifth Edition, September 2023 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

- A consulting firm will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

- Expression of Interest marked: **"EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR THE PROVISION OF CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISION CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR TERRACES IN FLOOD DETENTION AREA AND RIVERBANK PROTECTION WORKS UNDER THE MSIMBAZI BASIN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT"** should be delivered in a written form to the **Secretary, City Tender Board, Dar es Salaam City Council, Office of the Procurement Management Unit (PMU), 1 Morogoro Road, P.O. Box 20950, 11882 Dar es Salaam, Tanzania (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) on or before Monday November 4, 2024 at 10:00 hours local time.**

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### INVITATION FOR BIDS

#### (One Stage - Two Envelope Bidding Process)

- This Request for Bids follows the General Procurement Notice for the Msimbazi Basin Development Project (MBDP) that appeared in the UN Development Business Online Notice No. OP00221060 of 29th March 2023.
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  - Dar es Salaam City Council (DCC) hereinafter referred to as the "Employer," now invites sealed Bids from the eligible and qualified bidders for Construction Works for Terraces in Flood Detention Area and Riverbank Protection under the Msimbazi Basin Development Project to be completed within 24 months.
  - The earthworks at the lower Msimbazi Basin aim at recontouring the basin to increase its hydraulic capacity by deepening and widening the river channel and excavating flood plains. The excavated materials will be used for terraces that will be safer sites for various land uses, including city parks and urban redevelopment. The Works consist of demolition and removal of buildings and utilities in flood prone area, clearance of existing vegetation, excavation and dredging of the river channels, protection of river, placing capping layer, planting various types of grass mix, construction of sediment depots, etc. The estimated quantities for major works items are provided as follows:
- | S/N | Works Description   | Unit           | Quantity          |
|-----|---|----------------|-------------------|
| 1.  | Demolition and removal of buildings and utilities in flood prone area as well as terracing area   | m <sup>2</sup> | 450,000           |
| 2.  | Clearance and grubbing and removal of existing vegetation and solid waste dumps in the project area   | ha             | 270               |
| 3.  | Demarcation of the project area by concrete beacons/posts   | No.            | Approx. 900       |
| 4.  | Excavation and dredging of the river channels and flood plains and its removal to the locations of park and urban terraces                                      | m <sup>2</sup> | Approx. 2,330,000 |
| 5.  | Protection of river and flood plain banks by either hidden armour protection, gabion structures or vegetated slopes for both slopes and embankments             | m              | 35,100            |
| 6.  | Filling, grading and compaction of excavated materials on park and urban terraces   | m <sup>2</sup> | Approx. 1,560,000 |
| 7.  | Importing materials for capping layer, spreading and profiling to the design terrace level  | m <sup>2</sup> | Approx. 680,000   |
| 8.  | Protection of park and urban terraces banks and edges by either hidden armour protection, gabion structures or vegetated slopes for both slopes and embankments | m              | 8,100             |
| 9.  | Supply and planting various types of grass mix  | m <sup>2</sup> | Approx. 280,000   |
| 10. | Construction of sediment storage depots   | No.            | 2                 |
- Bidders should note that to qualify for award of the contract they are required to meet certain minimum qualifying criteria as provided in Section III: Evaluation and Qualification Criteria (without Prequalification Criteria) of the Bidding Document which includes: -
    - Experience as prime contractor: they should have successfully completed at least two (2) contracts of similar nature and complexity within the last ten (10) years, each of minimum value USD 40 million or one contract with minimum value of USD 80 million.
    - Average Annual Turnover of USD 80 million calculated as total certified payments received for contracts in progress or completed, within the last five (5) years, divided by 5 years.
    - Minimum amount of liquid assets and/or credit facilities net of other contractual commitments of USD 10 million; and
    - Further details and complete qualification requirements are provided in the Bidding Documents.
  - Bidders should also note that the works must be completed within twenty-four (24) months inclusive of a two (2) months mobilization period.
  - Bidding will be conducted through International Competitive Procurement using Request for Bids (RFB) as specified in the World Bank's the Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers, Procurement in Investment Project Financing, Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services July 2016, revised November 2017 and August 2018, Fifth Edition, September 2023 ("Procurement Regulations"), and is open to all eligible Applicants as defined in the Procurement Regulations.
  - Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information and inspect the bidding documents at the office of The Secretary, City Tender Board, Dar es Salaam City Council, Office of the Procurement Management Unit (PMU), 1 Morogoro Road, P.O. Box 20950, 11882 Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, between 08:00 hrs and

- 15:30 hrs, from Monday to Friday inclusive, except on public holidays.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English may be purchased by interested bidders from the office of the Secretary, Ministerial Tender Board, President's Office, Regional Administration and Local Government, Office of the Procurement Management Unit (PMU), 1 Morogoro Road, P.O. Box 20950, 11882 Dar es Salaam, Tanzania (E-Mail: [pmu@dcc.go.tz](mailto:pmu@dcc.go.tz); copied to [cities.project@yahoo.com](mailto:cities.project@yahoo.com)) on the submission of a written application to the above address and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of TZS 500,000.00 (Tanzanian Shillings Five Hundred Thousand Only) or US\$ 200 (United States Dollars Two Hundred Only) (excluding cost for FIDIC Conditions of Contract document, which should be purchased separately). The method of payment will be through the Control Number provided by DCC. Please request a control number through mail address: [pmu@dcc.go.tz](mailto:pmu@dcc.go.tz) copied to [cities.project@yahoo.com](mailto:cities.project@yahoo.com) after getting the control number, follow procedures outlines in this link <https://epay.gpegp.go.tz/> to make payment and follow up your receipt via emails provided or direct deposit or telegraphic transfer to the DCC bank account. Details of the Bank Account will be made available to bidders upon request to the Secretary of the DCC Tender Board.
- Please note that the bidding documents will be provided in hard copies. However, only for the convenience of the bidders, in filling the various Forms and the Bills of Quantities, a soft copy in flash disk will also be given along with the hard copy. The bidders should further note that in case of any difference in the hard and the soft copy, the hard copy will prevail.
- Bids must be delivered in hard copies to the address below at or before 10:00 am on Wednesday, December 11, 2024. Electronic Bidding will not be permitted. Late Bids will be rejected and partial bids, electronic bids, bids sent by facsimile, bids not received, not opened and not read out in public at the bid opening ceremony shall not be considered for evaluation irrespective of the circumstances. The bids must be submitted in One (1) Original and Four (4) Copies and the outer envelope of the bids must be clearly marked "Construction Works for Terraces in Flood Detention Area and Riverbank Protection under the Msimbazi Basin Development Project, Tender No. 88Z1/DCC/P0001/2023/2024/W/01".
- The outer Bid envelopes marked **"ORIGINAL BID"** and inner envelopes marked **"TECHNICAL PART"** will be publicly opened in the presence of Bidders' designated representatives and anyone who choose to attend at the Dar es Salaam City Conference Hall, 1 Morogoro Road, P.O. Box 20950, 11882 Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, immediately after the submission deadline. All envelopes marked **"FINANCIAL PART"** shall remain unopened and will be held in the safe custody of the Employer until the second public Bid opening.
- The **FINANCIAL PART** of Bids will be publicly opened after the completion of the evaluation of the **TECHNICAL PART** of the Bids pursuant to ITB 34, in the presence of Bidders' designated representatives and anyone who choose to attend at the Dar es Salaam City Conference Hall, 1 Morogoro Road, P.O. Box 20950, 11882 Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, on the date and time to be notified by the Employer.
- All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security in original and in an acceptable form in the amount of TZS 4,000,000,000 (Tanzanian Shillings Four Billion Only) or US\$ 1,600,000 (United States Dollars One Million Six Hundred Thousand Only). The Bid Security shall be clearly addressed to the City Director, Dar es Salaam City Council, 1 Morogoro Road, P.O. Box 20950, 11882 Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. The Bid Security shall be valid for twenty-eight (28) days beyond the bid validity period, i.e., 148 days after the Bid submission deadline.
- The pre-bid meeting, including site visits, shall take place at the office of the City Director, Dar es Salaam City Council, on Monday, October 28, 2024, at 9:00 am local time. Additionally, a clarification joint meeting involving all prospective bidders, **PO-RALG, DCC, and TARURA - DSM** has been organized to take place on the same day at the Office of the Project Coordinator, **PO-RALG/TARURA (WBCU)**, Msimbazi Basin Development Project (MBDP), 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, LAPP/PSSSF Millennium Tower I, Kijitonyama, P.O. Box 34314, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, on Monday, October 28, 2024, at 2:30 pm local time.
- Attention is drawn to the Procurement Regulations requiring the Borrower to disclose information on the successful bidder's beneficial ownership, as part of the Contract, using the Beneficial Ownership Disclosure Form as included in the bidding documents.

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## RC has a point, not everyone knows the government's topmost priorities

THE opening ceremony of a recent leadership and management training session for public corporation executives at the Mwalimu Julius Nyerere Leadership School at Kibaha in Coast Region saw the respective regional commissioner underline the need for public corporations to align their operations with key government priorities.

There is no doubt that public sector executives are expected to do just that, but it is also possible that there is a series of hiccups in trying to attain such goals.

Interpreting key government or development objectives is one thing, but situating that in what a corporation needs to do is different.

President Samia Suluhu Hassan once addressed the issue when swearing in senior public officials, her remarks directed specifically at regional commissioners.

She talked of the need to 'think outside the box', to improve on what one has been explicitly directed to do - without waiting for a follow-up order or asking for permission.

But in that all key decisions touch many people, there are ample chances of being misunderstood. Additionally, 'thinking outside the box' has its standard managerial science definition.

That could as well be what the president was pursuing, namely, finding ways to add to efficiency criteria or sorting out non-regulatory operational impediments.

There is yet another stance to thinking outside the box, this coming to diminishing some auxiliary reassurances that reduce corporate effectiveness, even if in so doing it has an impact on the environment of doing business.

It is the fact that public officials often see the environment as good enough already and therefore lay stress on tax compliance.

So, much like the Nyerere Leadership School initiators, the RC

clearly appreciated the difficulties involved in policy implementation and project pursuits where the letter and spirit of what is being done are at times at loggerheads.

There is doubting the importance of having a positive business environment that attracts investors, meanwhile as a fully voluntary code in tax collection is unworkable, as tax enforcement can't strictly speaking be avoided.

Just when enforcing is supposed to come in needs fairly strict guidelines, though, with the agencies most directly concerned keeping liaising, forming expert teams, etc., on this - of course, without belittling the need for collaboration with the larger public.

What the leadership school can help to clarify for now is how far there is unity of purpose even at the level of policy guidelines or whether the various top executives rely on each word spoken the next day by the top leadership.

This is a problem that analysts have over the decades pointed out and sought to address. In a word, often the more initiatives are intended to redirect institutions from their traditional ethos or action prerogatives the more it looks confusing and unlikely to be properly implemented.

In that case, there is an ethos of reform that diminishes public sector prerogatives, and that promises a future that is a tough climb.

The school's principal aptly quipped that time had come for public corporation leaders to embrace change more and foster a sense of patriotism in their work.

Embracing change is in a sense related to making room for the private sector with respect to whatever a specific corporation might be doing. Not everyone will applaud when this demand is said to be an illustration of patriotism, but careful consideration of this would come in handy for our country and nation.

## Ownership of land for our youth fine idea and pivotal issue but...

AN activist organisation known as Youth Initiative for Land in Africa (YILAA) outlined its vision and mission at a recent conference held in Arusha city.

It said it had set out to conduct extensive research on land issues as relates to young people across the continent, the event being the fourth international youth and land governance conference in Africa.

Linking the youth and land governance in a way relates to a 'paradigm' that land ownership or access to land is the first or basic requirement in the fight against poverty, countering rural-urban migration as well.

Whether this kind of formulation is warranted for activists based in Africa, owing to their social experience is one thing. However, for their leagues of supporters from Europe and North America that conception may not have similar magnitude or relevance.

The United States leads the world in agricultural output and provides over 25 per cent of food aid donated around the world annually, itself reflecting its position as guarantor of at least 25 per cent of UN financing. Yet the number of Americans living on the land by practising agriculture or livestock rearing (as fishing is large scale) is abysmally low.

A current online entry says that farm and ranch families are less than 2 per cent of the US population, while total US corn yield has risen by more than 360 per cent since 1950.

Just over one-tenth disposable income Americans spend on food

each year is split fairly evenly between food eaten at home and dining out, takeout or delivery.

Put together, neither the future of the youth nor that of agriculture can be linked with the portion of youth with access to land. Implicitly, unemployment isn't due to low land access but to low gross productivity.

So the activists working to ensure access of land for the youth under a well-supported local project might be pursuing a well-meaning initiative but scarcely aiming for the right answers to the problem.

The initiative is supported by the International Land Coalition, the Global Land Alliance, the African Union (AU), the German Agency for International Development (GIZ) as well as the FIG Young Surveyors Network, itself linked with the Council of European Geodetic Surveyors.

According to a media briefing on the conference, the intended research is primarily meant to find out how much the youth know where to secure land of their own, with stakeholders battling for the rights of youths to possess their own pieces of land.

A local organiser is quoted as having said that, after realising that they have no access to land, many youths in villages give up and move to towns - thus adding to rural-urban migration.

The issue often has less to do with access to land than what they earn from it, or exasperation with casual farm labour, and hence the shift to urban areas for elusive 'decent' and relatively well-paying engagements after landing a soft loan or by some form of contract.

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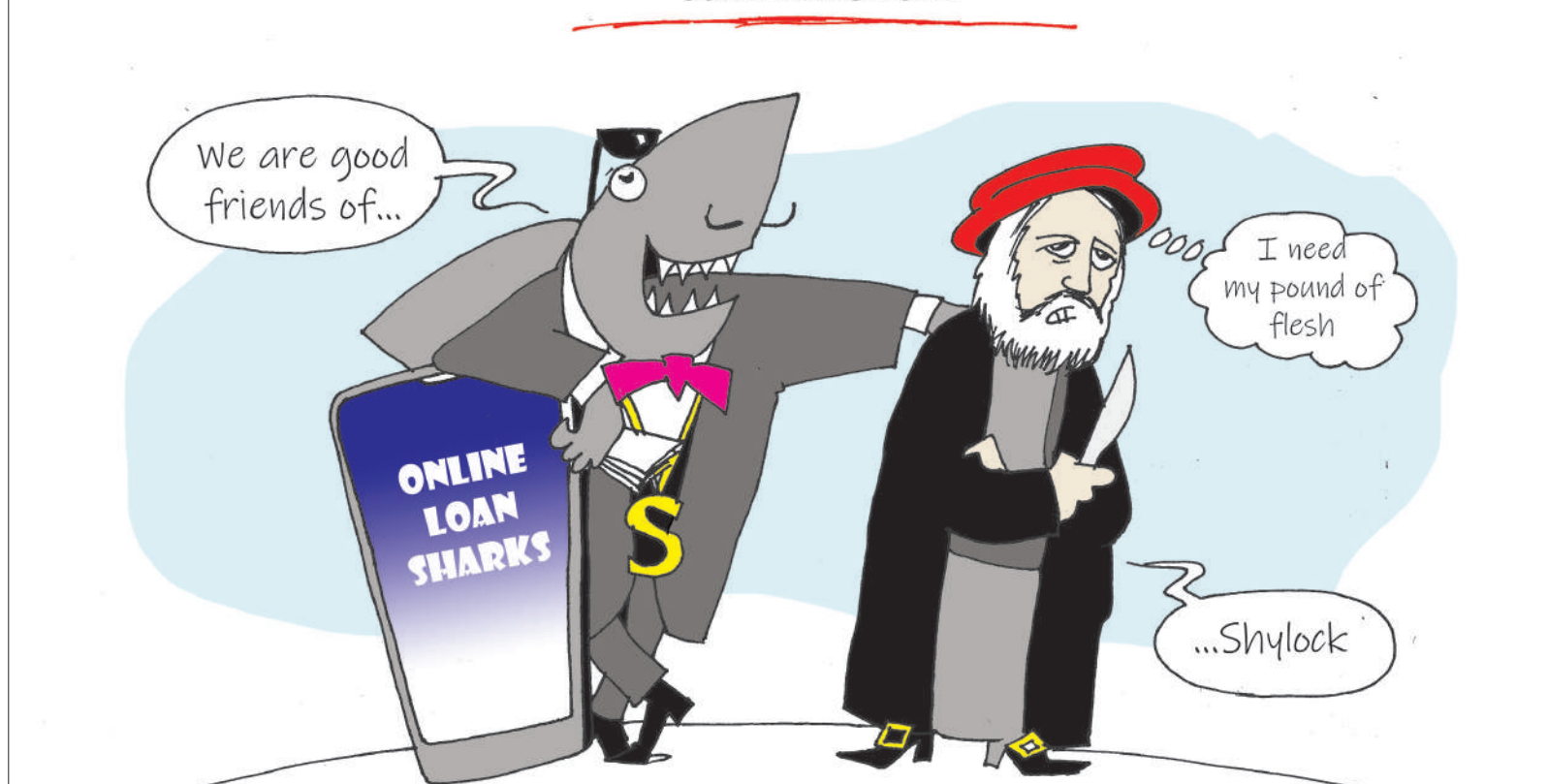
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### SOMETHING FISHY



# How journalists can identify and tackle unconscious bias

By Beryn Orera

THE use of media labels such as "Wuhan virus", "China virus" and "Chinese virus" to refer to Sars-CoV-2 in the course of Covid-19 fuelled the stigmatisation of people of Asian descent around the world. Sars-CoV-2 is the virus that causes the pandemic.

The stigmatisation of stood - and stands - as an example of unconscious, or implicit, bias - the unconscious act of discriminating and stereotyping based on gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, ability, age and other identity traits.

Media professionals, influenced by their own or societal prejudices, can perpetuate these biases through their choice of words, images, interview subjects, stories and sequencing of events in news coverage, ultimately shaping public perception.

To address our unconscious biases as journalists, we need to understand them first. Here's what journalists need to know, and how they can address their own biases, one being Confirmation bias.

Confirmation bias refers to our tendency to seek and interpret information in a way that validates or confirms our pre-existing beliefs.

One example: Sometime in 2011, WBBM-TV, a television station in Chicago, interviewed a four-year-old Black boy after a drive-by shooting. "When asked if he would stay away from guns, he replied that he would get one in the future because he aspired to become a police officer.

The part about the boy's aspirations was not aired, reinforcing the stereotype that African-American males are violent. WBBM-TV later apologised," said Howard Ross, author of Reinventing Diversity, Everyday Bias and Our Search for Belonging.

In the newscast, stereotypes about Black males served as the basis for judging the boy who said that he wanted a gun. By omitting his aspiration to become a police officer, the station reinforced existing biases.

Algorithms also contribute to confirmation bias. Journalists using platforms like Google, which relies on algorithms to provide personalised results based on factors such as past searches and location, can receive different results for the same query.

The tendency to connect with people like us and follow accounts that align with our interests on social media can further reinforce our biases.

Closely related to confirmation

bias is anchoring bias - our tendency to rely too heavily on the first piece of information we receive.

### Bandwagon effect

Bandwagoning occurs when journalists cover a story because others are doing so, rather than based on its newsworthiness or factual accuracy.

A prominent example is the Pizzagate conspiracy theory. In November 2016, WikiLeaks published the emails of Hillary Clinton's campaign chair, John Podesta.

Right-wing journalists and other internet users propagated a false narrative on social media claiming that the emails contained coded messages that linked several Democratic Party officials and US restaurants, including Comet Ping Pong pizzeria in Washington, DC, to a human trafficking and child sex ring.

Influenced by these claims, a man visited Comet Ping Pong and fired shots as he tried to "self-investigate". No evidence of the alleged crimes was ever found and, fortunately, no one was harmed.

### Internalised oppression

Internalised oppression occurs when people internalise prejudices about their identity. They may self-sabotage as a result, such as by subconsciously excluding themselves or others in their identity group from opportunities.

"For example, wheelchair users might talk themselves out of applying for promotion to a television host position, despite their qualifications," said Dr Hamira Riaz, a chartered clinical and coaching psychologist based in the UK.

"They might also downplay their need for accommodations, such as accessible studio setups, fearing that it could be seen as a weakness," added Dr Riaz.

Other types of bias include but are not limited to: affinity bias, or the preference for people similar to ourselves; ageism, or stereotyping based on age; and negativity bias, or the tendency to pay more attention to negative news.

### How to identify unconscious bias

It pays for people to educate themselves on implicit biases and reflect on their own. Everyone has biases. Understanding that unconscious biases exist and assessing the ones one holds can

help one manage them effectively while working on an assignment.

Take the implicit association test (IAT), for instance. Harvard University's IAT is an online tool that measures the strength of associations a person might have between identity traits, evaluations (like good or bad) or stereotypes (like athletic or clumsy). Combining the IAT with other methods below can help identify unconscious biases one may have.

It is important to pay attention to external influences. Subtle cues, or behavioural nudges, can influence a journalist to be biased when covering a story.

"For example, if your editor has a particular point of view - and you are interviewing someone for that story - that might affect you as much as if you held that point of view. Similarly, knowing that your readers have a particular perspective might influence your reporting," Ross said.

You also need to look for patterns in your behaviour. It can be challenging to immediately recognize your unconscious biases. Observing repetitive behavioural patterns can provide insights.

"If you have written ten articles and in nine of them you present a particular point of view, that could indicate a bias, said Ross, adding: "You can put some of your work in an artificial intelligence (AI) tool and ask it to look for patterns in your writing that reveal biases in how you approach things."

### How to tackle unconscious bias

It matters for people to rethink their assumptions. Our brains process huge amounts of information. To save time and energy during interactions, the brains often take shortcuts by perceiving people similar to us positively and those who are different negatively (affinity bias).

Furthermore, a negative encounter with someone from a particular identity group can lead people to develop stereotypes about the entire group.

"If we don't analyse our thoughts and become aware of the potential for inaccuracies, this can lead to false judgments, disruptions to our relationships, macro-aggressions and overt discrimination," said Danya Braunstein, a media psychologist at Connected Psychology.

Connected Psychology is a Sydney-based psychological service focused on helping individuals, families and organisations achieve their personal and professional goals by providing three high

quality professional services.

These are supporting enhanced wellbeing, telling life-affirming stories as well as establishing and maintaining authentic relationships.

### Seek diverse perspectives

Surrounding yourself with similar people or following accounts online that are only aligned with your interests can create echo chambers. To counter this, seek a diversity of perspectives.

"Gaining greater exposure to a range of different persons within your personal life can assist with dismantling generalisations and attitudes you may hold about a group of people. Additionally, include a variety of backgrounds, cultures and experiences in media narratives," Braunstein noted.

You can also train algorithms to provide a diversity of perspectives in your search results or news feed by actively seeking content that promotes differing viewpoints, advised Ross.

### Research and seek feedback

The urgency to make quick decisions can lead to biased conclusions based on limited information. Slowing down, when possible, can help counteract this.

"Wherever possible, take time in researching, writing and creating stories. Ask other people, such as editors, for feedback about what might be missing or incorrect before publishing or broadcasting," noted Braunstein.

Consider the implications of your word choices as well as the associations and meanings that others may interpret. For example, terms like "anti-aging" are popular but may imply that aging is a negative condition.

Know that some words that were once benign may no longer be considered so, too. "Language changes over time - and with it, social norms about what we consider to be acceptable when referring to other people," Braunstein said.

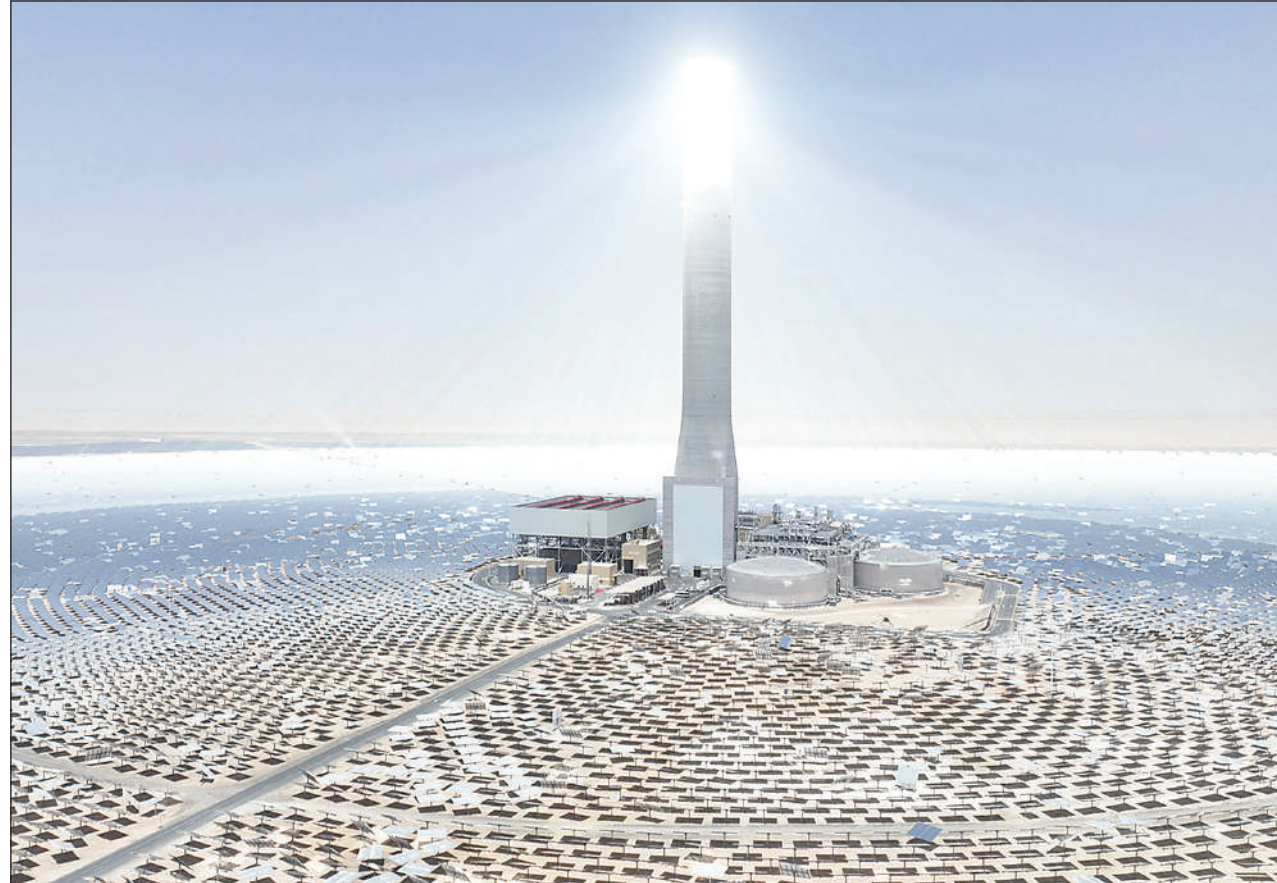
While biases are inevitable, by following steps like these, media professionals can work to understand and tackle their own to better deliver factual, accurate and reliable information that is meaningful and useful for their audiences.

• A dispatch by International Journalists' Network (IJNet), a project of the Washington-based International Centre for Journalists.



DUBAI

# World Energy Day: UAE officials highlight commitment to clean energy transition



Aerial view of an integrated power generation plant constructed by Shanghai Electric in Dubai, the United Arab Emirates, in September 2024.

ENERGY sector leaders and officials in the United Arab Emirates emphasized that World Energy Day serves as a call for collective action and global cooperation, while also providing an opportunity to celebrate the nation's achievements in the energy sector.

The remarks were part of a press statement released by the Dubai Electricity and Water Authority (DEWA) in recognition of World Energy Day, observed annually on Oct 22.

This initiative was endorsed by His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, vice-president, prime minister and ruler of Dubai, and officially adopted by 54 countries worldwide, along with representatives from the UN, the Arab League and the African Union, at the World Energy Forum 2012 in Dubai.

The World Energy Day aims to provide safe and sustainable energy for all by identifying the need to develop national policies that embody the global energy perspective. It also seeks to set policies related to the implementation and development of mechanisms and frameworks for exchanging expertise on a global level.

It also helps raise awareness about preserving natural resources and protecting the environment by highlighting the sustainability of energy and water, reducing the carbon footprint, promoting the use of renewable energy and supporting the transition towards a green economy.

Diversifying energy sources, increasing the share of clean and renewable energy, and encouraging investments in related sectors are among the UAE's top national priorities. The country has launched several energy strategies, including the UAE Energy Strategy 2050, which aims to triple the contribution of renewable energy and invest AED150 to AED200 billion (\$40 to \$54 billion) by 2030 to meet the country's rising demand for energy as a result of a rapidly growing economy.

H.H. Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum, chairman of the Dubai Supreme Council of Energy, said, "Energy plays a key role in achieving sustainable development, but it is essential to find the right balance between economic growth and the preservation of natural resources. Thanks to the vision of the wise leadership, the UAE successfully achieved this balance and now is one of the leading countries globally in the transition to renewable and clean energy, with a commitment to reaching net zero by 2050.

World Energy Day serves as a call for collective action and cooperation between nations to support the efforts to expand the use of clean and renewable energy, innovate smart mechanisms and solutions that enhance efficiency, and reduce carbon emissions from the energy sector. It also highlights the importance of advancing clean energy technologies, including green hydrogen, to accelerate the shift towards a more sustainable future."

Suhail Mohamed Al Mazrouei, minister of energy

and infrastructure, emphasized the importance of sustainability in the energy sector and the UAE's steadfast commitment to the transition to clean energy sources.

He said, "The UAE takes confident steps to achieve its clean energy targets, guided by the UAE Energy Strategy 2050 that has set a target of tripling renewables capacity by 2030. Today, we have six gigawatts of renewables and 5.6 GW of nuclear energy. That makes our grid one of the cleanest worldwide. World Energy Day is a valuable opportunity to celebrate our achievements in shifting to sustainable, clean energy."

The minister added that the UAE has become a global leader in adopt-

ing cutting-edge clean energy technologies, having diversified its energy sources through massive investments in solar and nuclear energy.

"The UAE's approach is based on striking the right balance between economic growth and environmental protection through reducing dependence on fossil fuels and increasing the deployment of clean energy. Mega national ventures, such as the Barakah nuclear plant and the Mohammed bin Rashid Solar Complex, make the UAE a leading global model for a robust energy transition," he noted.

Saeed Mohammed Al Tayer, vice-chairman of the Dubai Supreme Council of Energy and MD and CEO

of DEWA, said, "We are committed to increasing the share of clean energy within the national energy mix, underscored by transformative initiatives like the UAE Net Zero by 2050 Strategic Initiative, the Dubai Clean Energy Strategy 2050 and the Dubai Net Zero Carbon Emissions Strategy 2050.

"These initiatives reflect our dedication to achieving 100 percent clean energy capacity by 2050. World Energy Day is an opportunity to spotlight the critical role of research, development and innovation in the energy sector. By driving efficiency, improving productivity and pioneering sustainable solutions, we can reduce carbon emissions, safeguard the en-

vironment and ensure long-term economic growth and global competitiveness."

Ahmed Buti Al Muhairbi, secretary-general of the Dubai Supreme Council of Energy, said, "On World Energy Day, we recognize the pivotal role energy plays in shaping a sustainable future. It's our responsibility to innovate and invest in cleaner, more efficient energy solutions to preserve the environment for future generations."

Ahmad bin Shafar, CEO of Emirates Central Cooling Systems Corporation (Empower), stated that World Energy Day holds great significance and highlights the importance of taking serious and constructive steps to preserve the environment and support the transition towards energy-efficiency worldwide.

He pointed out that the UAE, under the guidance of its visionary leadership, places great emphasis on diversifying energy sources to achieve a sustainable balance between development and the environment, preserving the rights of future generations. Empower is committed to increasing energy efficiency and promoting environmentally friendly district cooling systems.

Yousif Ahmed Al Ali, CEO of Etihad Water and Electricity (EtihadWE), said World Energy Day accentuates the escalating significance of energy efficiency and the imperative for institutions and communities to collaborate towards a more sustainable energy future. "At Etihad Water and Electricity, we are at the forefront of integrating transformative technologies that enhance energy efficiency and contribute to the UAE's pledge to achieve net zero by 2050," he added.

Mohamed Jameel Al Ramahi, CEO of Masdar, said Masdar plays a prominent role in advancing the clean energy sector and solidifying the UAE's global leadership in sustainability, in line with the leadership's vision to diversify the economy and promote renewable energy solutions.

"Masdar is accelerating the green transition by providing clean energy solutions that support the goals of the historic UAE Consensus to triple global renewable energy capacity by 2030. On World Energy Day, we reaffirm our commitment to achieving the goals set by our leadership to increase renewable energy within the energy mix, which is in line with the UAE Energy Strategy 2050.

"Masdar will continue advancing and implementing our innovative approach to clean energy and green hydrogen, pursuing our goal of reaching 100 GW of renewable energy by 2030 and promoting economic diversification to ensure a sustainable future for the UAE and the world."



## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: PROVISION MARITIME SECURITY OPERATIONS SERVICES REFERENCE NO. REQ-0000639

East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) LTD ("EACOP LTD") invites experienced and reputable companies to express their interest in providing Maritime Security Operation services to the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Project.

The EACOP Project involves the construction and operation of an underground and cross-border pipeline to transport crude oil from Lake Albert area in Uganda to eastern coast of Tanzania for export to international markets. The pipeline will run from Kabaale, Hoima District in Uganda to the Chongoleani peninsula in Tanga, Tanzania. The length of the pipeline is 1,443 km, of which 296km will be in Uganda and 1,147 km in Tanzania. In Tanzania the pipeline will traverse eight (8) regions comprising of Kagera, Geita, Shinyanga, Tabora, Singida, Dodoma, Manyara and Tanga, 27 administrative District Councils, and 231 Villages.

### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE SERVICES:

The East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) project will require a comprehensive turnkey solution to support its maritime security operations at the jetty and Load Out Facility (LOF) in Chongoleani, Tanga, Tanzania during operations phase. This solution must include the following components:

- Manpower: Provision of skilled personnel to manage and operate all aspects of the maritime security operations. This includes security officers, boat operators, maintenance staff, and support personnel.
- Boats: Supply of suitable vessels equipped for both deep water and intertidal/shallow water operations. These boats must be capable of performing various security tasks, including patrolling, surveillance, and rapid response.
- Support Base: Establishment of a fully equipped support base to serve as the operational hub. This base should include facilities for administration, coordination, and logistics support.
- Maintenance and Servicing Facilities: Development of facilities for the regular maintenance and servicing of boats and equipment. This ensures that all assets are kept in optimal condition and ready for deployment at all times.
- Launch and Recovery Capabilities: Implementation of systems and infrastructure to facilitate the efficient launch and recovery of boats. This includes ramps, cranes, and other necessary equipment to ensure smooth operations.
- 24/7 Operations: The solution must enable continuous, round-the-clock maritime security operations. This includes ensuring that all personnel and equipment are available and operational at all times to respond to any security incidents.

### Operational Environment

The contract will cover operations in both deep water and intertidal/shallow water areas within the equatorial coastal waters off East Africa. The solution must be adaptable to the unique challenges posed by this environment, including varying water depths, weather conditions, and potential security threats.

### OTHER REQUIREMENTS

The provider must have a proven capability in providing maritime training, (practical and theory), for local national personnel.

### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

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

- Must be able to demonstrate experience of successfully conducting similar operations in support of the O&G sector in dynamic, challenging maritime security environments.
- Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority and Tax (TRA) Clearance Certificate for the latest year available.
- Certificate of Incorporation and recent BRELA search (attach copy)
- Valid Business License.
- Proof of registration with the Revenue Authority and Tax Clearance Certificate for the latest year available
- Financial capacity to deliver the services required including submission of financial accounts for the past three years.
- A copy of current official search report from the Business Registrations and Licensing Agency (BRELA)
- Profile of key personnel to be involved in the provision of Services including personal certifications as necessary and level of qualifications, and experience and capacity to deliver the required services in a major capital oil and gas projects.
- 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.
- Proof of registration with EWURA Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database or approved application 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.
- Evidence of and commitment to VPSHR training.
- Companies are expected to provide proof that they hold all/some of the following certifications/accreditations:
  - ISO 28000 (Required)
  - ISO 9001:2015 (Required)
  - ISO 14001 (Desirable)
  - ISO 28007 (Desirable)
  - ISO 45001:2018 (Desirable)
  - ICOCA

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 **22nd November 2024**. Email object shall be: **REQ-0000639 - Provision Maritime Security Operations for EACOP Project**. 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:** 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 or organizations will be included in the list of pre-qualified companies or organizations. Only the pre-qualified companies or organizations 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 or organization and maintain its decision without having to give reasons to the company or organization concerned.



## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: PROVISION OF LEASE OF MOBILE SERVICE MAINTENANCE TRUCKS AND VEHICLES FOR FIELD OPERATIONS IN TANZANIA REFERENCE NO. 00000631

East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) LTD (COMPANY") invites experienced and reputable companies to express their interest in the provision of experiences drivers as outsourced manpower service to the Company.

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 Chongoleani, Tanga Region, in Tanzania. The length of the pipeline is 1,443 km, of which 1,147 km will be in Tanzania. The Pipeline will traverse eight (8) regions comprising of Kagera, Geita, Shinyanga, Tabora, Singida, Dodoma, Manyara and Tanga, 27 Administrative District Councils, and 231 Villages.

### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE SERVICES:

The Company as part of its commitment to promoting local content and the participation of Tanzanian Nationals in the Oil & Gas value chain is seeking the services of a reputable and qualified company (ies) with a track record of experience of supplying and servicing Field operation Trucks and Vehicle in line with the COMPANY's specifications, guidelines and instructions and Tanzanian laws and regulations.

In the context of Field Operations, EACOP would like to procure Mobile/Service Maintenance Trucks /Vehicles and related services which will be used to assist field operations team in executing routine planned and unplanned maintenance and operation activities at all its operational sites along the pipeline for the purposes of but not limited to:

### The following vehicles are sought:

- Mobile Service Maintenance Truck / Vehicle.
- Truck with Hiab crane.
- High-Capacity HIAB truck.
- Shelter / Expedition Truck (Camper)
- Operational Pickup Vehicles.
- Personnel Coach / Shuttle Buses.
- Bitumen / Crude Oil Container.

**Services will include:** Leasing and management of vehicles; Leasing and management of vehicles accessories; Full fleet management, including all in life services; Fleet telematics & cameras; hardware and services; Accident, repair and recovery management services; Maintenance & breakdown services; All driver support via a dedicated helpdesk; Full fleet administration e.g., RFL, overseas travel, fines etc., Proactive account management; Best in class management reporting and IT platform; Best practice advice and consultancy services; Continuous improvement programs, including operational and acquisition cost efficiencies; Fleet engineering to manage inception to disposal, with a high focus on commercial vehicle specifications, conformity, and legislation compliance; A high emphasis on innovation and low emission technologies.

NB: In addition to that, the bidder is required also to provide operator services for each of the supplied trucks and vehicles. Lifting equipment operator need to comply with EACOP lifting handling rules or procedures.

### SERVICES MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

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

- Certificate of Incorporation and recent BRELA search (attach copy)
- Proof of registration with relevant authorities including Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) etc.
- Tax Clearance Certificate for the latest year available (attach copy)
- Proof of Valid Business License.
- Proof of experience in providing similar services to related projects or companies including recommendation letters from three current clients.
- Profile of key personnel to be involved in the project including personal level of qualifications, experience, and capacity to deliver the required services.
- Proof of 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.
- Compliance with Local Content Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition.
- 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 **10/11/2024**. Email object shall be: **EOI-00000631 PROVISION OF LEASE OF MOBILE SERVICE MAINTENANCE TRUCKS AND VEHICLES FOR FIELD OPERATIONS**. 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:** 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.





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## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST PREQUALIFICATION FOR THE SELECTION OF A CORE BANKING SYSTEM

China Dasheng Bank Ltd wishes to engage interested and qualified Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs)/Authorized partners of Core banking Systems to bid for the prequalification for the selection of Core Banking System (CBS).

The Core Banking System should be able to facilitate seamless and consistent interaction between customers and the bank across multiple channels such as web portals (Internet banking), mobile banking applications, USSD, bank's branches and or any other available channels. The CBS should support all integrations to all regulatory and compliance bodies.

Interested OEMs /Authorised partners should provide information demonstrating that their Core Banking Systems is scalable and supports the following functionalities and capabilities, but not limited to;

- 1. Accounts Management** - Creating, managing, and maintaining customer accounts.
- 2. Transaction Processing** - Managing transactions like deposits, withdrawals, transfers and payments.
- 3. Customer Information Management** - Storing and managing customer personal information.
- 4. Loan Management** - Managing loan applications, approvals, disbursements and repayments.
- 5. Deposit Management** - Managing deposit accounts, including savings, current and fixed deposits.
- 6. Omni-Channel support** - Providing seamless, integrated banking experience across all channels including Mobile, internet, agency, messaging platforms and branch banking.
- 7. Remittances** - Managing incoming and outgoing remittances including wire transfers.
- 8. Reporting and analytics** - Generating various reports and analytics for business insights and regulatory compliance.
- 9. Security, administration and authentication** - Ensuring secure access, authentication and authorization for users.
- 10. Integration services** - Integration with other payment systems such as ATM, Mobile banking, internet banking and agency banking and all regulatory compliance platforms.
- 11. Development workbench** - Providing a framework with extensive combination of GUI and command line tools to make changes on core modules and other micro-services architecture.
- 12. Customer Support** - Integrated support through emails, chatbots or phone.
- 13. Treasury & Trade Finance Management** - Managing treasury financial operations and investments.

In consideration of the above, the bidder is expected to demonstrate that;

- The core banking System (CBS) software should not have less than 8 Core Banking System installations in Tanzania.
- The Core Banking System solution is recommended have the ability to provide perpetual licenses model/regime.
- Local Experience both for the OEM/Authorized partner and Implementor is critical.
- Understanding of the Tanzania banking market requirements and dynamics including regulatory reporting, Integrations to various national systems is recommended.
- The implementing company and OEM/Authorized partner must have experience integrating with the following Tanzania Regulatory Systems;
  - **TISS** (Tanzania Interbank Settlement System)
  - **TIPS** (Tanzania Instant Payment System)
  - **TRA** (Tanzania Revenue Authority)
  - **GoAML** (Anti-Money Laundering system)
  - **GePG** (Government e-Payment Gateway)
  - **RTSIS** (Real-Time Settlement and Information System)
- Implementer should have the experience of working with at least 4 banks in Tanzania and should provide evidence for having completed a minimum of two (2) end to end core banking System implementations and data migrations in East Africa as single source company. In addition, the implementer should have adequate experience on data migration for a SOA based architecture CBS.
- Each Core Banking System software solution should be represented by OEM or one authorized partner.
- The implementer and OEM/Authorized partner should ensure complete Implementation of the Core Banking System and data migration within a period not exceeding six (6) months.
- The Core banking System Implementer having sunline integration experience will have added advantage.
- The Core Banking System should be compliant with internationally accepted best practices.
- The Core Banking System should have integrations and interface capabilities with other systems e.g. SWIFT, Postilion and Central Bank Systems.
- The Core Banking System should support and compliant with PCI DSS standards. It should support a variety of payment cards such MasterCard, Visa Card and UnionPay.
- The Core Banking System should be ISO 8583 and 20022 compliant.

In addition, the bidder is requested to provide the following among others;

- Detailed Company Profile.
- Company Registration documents.
- The bidder must demonstrate solid banking industry track records and experience of the firm in the provision of Core Banking System within the same scope.
- The bidder must attach a minimum of 3 reference letters from traceable banks most preferably banks in the East Africa. Reference letters should be on a signed, dated and stamped customer letterhead. Reference letters are subject verification by the bank and should have contact information or details.
- The bidder must be able to make a presentation / demonstration (power-point/ video or other form) of the proposed Core Banking System as part of the prequalification, due diligence and final bid evaluation.
- The bidder must be able to facilitate reference client's site visitation when necessary.

Late applications shall not be considered, and no liability shall be accepted for loss or late delivery. China Dasheng Bank shall not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by the firms in connection with preparations or delivery of the application.

### Submission guidelines

The proposal should be addressed to:

The Chief Executive Officer,  
China Dasheng Bank Ltd,  
P. o. Box 388, Dar es salaam

Physical address:

Mezzanine Floor, Ex telecom house  
Samora avenue, Dar es salaam

Also, application can be done electronically via following email: [info@cddbanc.co.tz](mailto:info@cddbanc.co.tz)

The deadline for submission of the proposal is not later than **31<sup>st</sup> October 2024 00.00HRS**

Only shortlisted bidders will be invited to present themselves for interview at China Dasheng Bank offices at a date to be communicated. For any questions, kindly contact us through: [info@cddbanc.co.tz](mailto:info@cddbanc.co.tz) or through our free number: **0800112025**

# Capacity building is key to Africa's digital sequencing success story

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CHRISTIAN Tiambo has always wished to uplift local farmers' communities through cutting-edge science.

As climate change wreaked havoc on local agriculture, Tiambo, a livestock scientist at the Centre for Tropical Livestock Genetics and Health (CTLGH) and at the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI), focused on conserving and developing livestock that could withstand environmental stress.

### Genomics, a Game Changer

Tiambo's research took an exciting turn when part of his PhD studies was to characterize and establish local poultry populations with interesting resilience potential. Yet, the need for local access to advanced genomic tools was a barrier to fully unlocking this potential.

Today, the power of digital data and sequencing information is transformative. It is driving the discovery of genes and innovation in agriculture through the identification and deep characterization of pathogens in plants and animals. That is helping scientists to breed livestock suited to local conditions and production systems, thereby benefiting local communities that have been custodians of genetic resources for generations.

But there is a catch: Africa, like other parts of the global south, is a genetic goldmine but has not fully capitalized on the digital sequencing information (DSI) derived from its genetic heritage. DSI is a tool that provides information for the precise identification of living organisms and allows the development of diagnosis tools and technologies for conservation in animals and plants. Besides, DSI is also used in investigating the relationships within and between species and in plant and animal breeding to predict their breeding value and potential contribution to their future generations.

Tiambo said DSI can be used to adjust the genotypes and produce animals with desired traits, adapted to local conditions but which have higher productivity.

A promising innovation has been the development of surrogate technologies in poultry, small ruminants, cattle or pigs—giving opportunity to local and locally adapted and resilient breeds to carry and disseminate semen from improved breeds in challenging environments.

"Farmers would not need to keep requesting inseminators and semen from outside their village," Tiambo explained, noting that this shift could dramatically improve livestock breeding, dissemination of elite genetics, boost food security and alleviate poverty in remote rural areas of Africa.

Global cooperation among stakeholders of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework is key to establishing international guidelines on benefit-sharing from animal genetics resources and their associated information, including DSI.

Using genetics and associated traditional knowledge includes adapting specific livestock to specific environments. This contributes to the development of improved and elite tropical animal breeds with particular traits that meet community needs to improve livelihoods, he said.

"Local livestock is not just for food but is our heritage, culture and social value," said Tiambo, adding that conserving livestock is conserving local culture, social ethics and inclusion, with gender aspects being considered. For example, the Muro cattle and the Bakosi cattle in Nigeria and Cameroon are animals used in dowry. The Bamileke cattle remain sacred and maintain the ecosystem of sacred forest in part of the western highlands of Cameroon.

"I have never seen any traditional ceremony done with exotic



The International Livestock Research Institute is using genomics to breed livestock suited to local conditions and production systems to meet community needs

chicken in any African village," he said.

Genetics and DSI, according to Tiambo, are "game changers" in breeding livestock with desired traits faster. What used to take five to seven years or more, he says, can now be done in just three or four cycles with the help of genomics.

ILRI has been working with the Roslin Institute, the Kenyan Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization and collaborating with the African Union-InterAfrican Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR), the National Biosafety Authority, farmer communities, and National Agricultural Research Systems (NARS) in Africa and Southeast Asia in the conservation and development of improved local chicken using stem cell technologies.

### Bridging the Capacity Gap

DSI needs infrastructure and human resources. "A lot of infrastructure, equipment and skills are coming from outside Africa, but how can we also generate DSI and use it locally?" Tiambo asked. He worries that without developing local capacity to harness DSI, "a lot of helicopter research will still be happening in Africa where people fly in, just pick what they want, fly out, and no scientists in Africa are involved in generating and using DSI."

Technologically advanced countries have often exploited these genetic resources, developing commercial products and services without clear mechanisms for sharing the monetary and non-monetary benefits with local communities as ethics and common sense would require—an injustice that needs urgent correction.

The use of DSI on genetic resources is one of the four goals of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework adopted in 2022 with the aim of stopping global biodiversity loss by 2030.

ThankGod Ebenezer, bioinformatician and co-founder of the African BioGenome Project, argues that Africa must seize this moment to build and strengthen local capacity to produce and use DSI from genetic resources.

"The establishment of a benefit-sharing mechanism for DSI is a first step in the right direction and Africa needs to maximise even this first step by putting in a framework to generate and make use of DSI locally," Ebenezer told IPS, explaining that Africa needs to be able to do genetic sequencing on the ground with local scientists having the capacity to translate and use it.

The Africa BioGenome Project, of which Tiambo is also a founding member, is a continental biodiversity conservation initiative that has laid out a roadmap for how Africa can benefit from DSI and the planned multilateral fund.

"The main benefit comes from being able to use DSI and ultimately share it with the global community in line with the national and international rules and regulations," said Ebenezer. "Because if you cannot use DSI yourself, you will always feel like a supplier, like someone who gets crude oil from the ground and asks someone else to add value to it and gets several products."

"The multilateral fund is key," Ebenezer stresses. "If someone con-

verts DSI into revenue, for instance, they're only looking at paying 1% back into the fund. Is that enough for the communities that hold this biodiversity?"

At COP16 in Colombia (Oct 21-Nov 1, 2024), world leaders will discuss mechanisms for Africa and other biodiversity-rich regions. For example, Africa hosts eight of the 34 biodiversity hotspots in the world, according to the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES).

"In terms of the negotiation, we would like the DSI fund to be approved so that it's ready for implementation because this is an implementation COP," Susana Muhamad, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development of Colombia and COP16 President-designate, told a press briefing ahead of COP16.

"We would like the decision of the parties to give the COP the teeth for implementation. One is the DSI," Muhamad said.

Astrid Schomaker, Executive Secretary of the UN Convention on Biological Diversity, is hopeful that COP16 will operationalize the multilateral mechanism for the sharing of benefits from the use of digital sequencing information in genetic research.

"We are going to look at that. And I think it's a very complex term and issue, but it is ultimately about how those industries, sectors and companies that use digital sequence information on genetic resources that are often located in the global south, but not exclusively, how they use it and how they pay for using it," said Schomaker, noting that COP15 agreed to establish a multilateral mechanism and a Fund for DSI.

The fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising out of the use of genetic resources is one of the three objectives of the CBD, including the conservation of biological diversity and sustainable use of its components. Target 18 of the CBD seeks to reduce harmful incentives by at least USD 500 billion per year by 2030, money that could be channelled to halting biodiversity loss.

The World Resources Institute (WRI), in a position paper, has urged COP16 to provide more finance and incentives to support nature and biodiversity goals.

There is currently a USD 700 billion gap between annual funding for nature and what's needed by 2030 to protect and restore ecosystems, the WRI said, noting that "many of the world's most biodiverse ecosystems—and biggest carbon sinks—are in developing countries that cannot save them without far more financial support."

The WRI commented that bringing in more private sector finance will require incentives, which can come from policy and regulation as well as market-based strategies to make investments in nature more attractive. But this should not substitute for shifting harmful subsidies and delivering international public finance to the countries that need it most, WRI argued.

As the world scrambles to stop biodiversity loss by 2030, the upcoming COP16 discussions could be pivotal in ensuring that Africa finally benefits from its own genetic wealth.



# Give youth space to build a better future through land ownership

By Correspondent Deodatus Mfugale, Arusha

**Y**OUNG people must be given opportunity to participate in decision making processes in land rights and ownership, secure tenure and land governance if they are to build a better future for the next generation.

If they are excluded in the various decision processes related to land and other natural resources, countries are not only unlikely to realize the Sustainable Development Goals but also the future generation will fail to properly respect abundant natural resources that the countries are endowed with.

"The future of the youth is built on land. We must make sure that they have the right to access and own it as well as provide secure tenure. With ownership and protected land rights, the youth can have opportunity to create jobs and ultimately sustainable livelihoods," said Everlyne Nairesia, Africa Director of Landesa.

She was speaking online during the Fourth International Youth and Land Governance (CIGOFA 4)

that is ongoing in Arusha City. The theme of the conference is Acceleration of Youth Land Rights and the specific topic is Advancing Youth Land Rights in Africa: Helping young people build a better future.

She said that in order to reach this goal, the youth must understand the value of land and must be assured of secure land rights.

"Through training, education and awareness campaigns, they youth should bear the responsibility to manage land sustainably so as to build a better future," she explained.

In his welcome remarks, Executive Director for Youth Initiative for Land in Africa (Yilaa) Innocent Antoine Houedji said that youth empowerment for a better future is a common problem for many countries in Africa.

"So we have to combine our efforts in order to find a common solution. That is why we are here," he said, adding that everyone, every institution must find space to contribute to building a better future for the youth.

Prof. Walter de Vries, Director of Technical University of Munich's Master and PhD programmes in



Some participants of the ongoing Fourth International Youth and Land Governance (CIGOFA 4) in Arusha city

Land Management and Land Tenure said that the youth are the strong foundation of the future and have an important role to play in achieving SDGs.

"But in order to carry out this obligation, they must be reliable, they must be trusted, they must be respected and they must be responsible so that they can manage land in a manner that can guarantee them a better tomorrow. They must show that they can be trusted to manage land," he explained but was quick to add, "The youth cannot achieve this if they are left on the sidelines as spectators. They must participate in making all decisions and all such processes must be inclusive as no one should be left out. If we want them to build a better tomorrow, we have to give them opportunity to act. We need to make the youth

leaders in managing land and other natural resources."

The African Development Bank (AfDB) is among institutions that are helping the youth to build a better future.

In this endeavor, AfDB is working with the AU and Africa Land Policy, among others, by financing projects that accelerate green growth in order to provide more opportunities for jobs for the youth.

Presenting a paper on "Strategic land use planning: A pathway to enhancing land rights for African youth, Marealle Maria Saguti from the bank explained that while the population in African countries is increasing land has remained the same in size and as such, there is an urgent need to address youth access to land and empower them to managed it in a sustainable

manner in order to meet their current and future needs.

He raised the need for the youth to undertake management of the environment as a means to realizing sustainable benefits from land. Conservation of the environment is inseparable from realizing future benefits from land.

Eva Maria Anyango Okath, Africa Regional Coordinator of International Land Coalition said that land is a powerful weapon to enable the youth to contribute meaningfully to Africa's development thus it is imperative that countries should empower the youth to access, own and have their land rights protected through secure tenure. But owning land is not enough.

"We must support the youth in dealing with impacts of climate change so that they may benefit

from the land they own. The youth must be equipped with education in order to adapt to impacts of climate change on land so that ownership and secure rights of tenure can be meaningful," said Okath.

Okath commended Landesa for conducting successful campaigns to advocate land ownership for all including marginalized groups. The campaigns include the Stand for her Land which promotes land rights and ownership for women as a means for a better future for all. In Africa the campaign is conducted in Tanzania, Uganda, Senegal, Ethiopia and Kenya.

The five day conference was organized Yilaa in cooperation with Giz, International Land Coalition and Landesa, drew 500, among others, and drew participants both on line and physically, from 40 African countries.

# From Namibia to Kongwa at 17 years old

By Guardian Correspondent, Kibaha

**F**OR a young boy leaving colonial Namibia at just 17, embarking on a journey to Tanzania through Botswana and Zambia in the 1970s might seem like a plot from a movie or a gripping novel.

However, this is the true story of Charles Mubita, a young and patriotic Namibian, driven by a deep sense of nationalism.

In a recent interview at the Mwalimu Julius Nyerere Leadership School (MJNLS) in Kibaha, Coast Region where he attended a commemorative dialogue honouring Tanzania's founding father and African liberation icon, Mwalimu Julius Nyerere, Mubita shared his remarkable journey.

Now a PhD holder and a member of the South West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO) Central Committee, Mubita began his fight for freedom in the early 1970s when he joined SWAPO's armed wing, the People's Liberation Army of Namibia (PLAN).

"I got involved in SWAPO activism in my early teens," Mubita recalled. "I had heard about SWAPO leading the fight against the apartheid regime in South Africa, and I knew I wanted to join PLAN for military training to contribute to the liberation struggle."

In 1974, Mubita crossed the Namibia-Botswana border through the bush, guided by SWAPO handlers. After a brief stay in Botswana, he travelled to Zambia before arriving in Tanzania to join PLAN's military training camp. By 1975, at just 17 years old, Mubita found himself leaving Botswana for Zambia and ultimately reaching the border town of Tunduma in Tanzania.

Reflecting on his journey, Mubita noted the stark contrast between the freedoms in Botswana, Zambia, and Tanzania compared to the oppressive environment of apartheid Namibia. "I was struck by how free the people in these countries were. No one asked for IDs or harassed us, unlike in Namibia,



Former PLAN combatant, Dr Charles Mubita (right), speaks at a past event at Mwalimu Julius Nyerere Leadership School (MJNLS) in Kibaha District, Coast Region. Others are Prof Marcelina Chijoriga, Principal at MJNLS (L) and Stephen Wasira, CCM Central Committee (CC) member of CCM's National Executive Committee (NEC). Photo: Guardian Correspondent

where you were constantly stopped and questioned by the police," he said.

This experience solidified Mubita's determination to train hard and fight for Namibia's freedom. "I was eager to return to Namibia as a free nation where people could live without colonial security agents harassing them," he said.

Upon entering Tanzania, Mubita and his fellow SWAPO recruits were received by the Tanzania People's Defence Force (TPDF) and transported to the renowned Kongwa Military Training Camp, approximately 100 kilometers from Dodoma.

The camp served as a hub for military training for various African liberation movements, including fight-

# Chinese expertise increase incomes of African farmers

BEIJING

**M**ARIZA Cabral Gomes and his wife, two farmers on the island nation of Sao Tome and Principe, never imagined they would be growing vegetable varieties that were once available only as imports until Chinese agriculture experts arrived.

With the help of Chinese experts, from December 2021, the couple began growing crops introduced by Chinese experts, such as tomatoes, cabbages, Chinese bok choy and peppers in Caldeiras Village, while also learning vegetable cultivation and management techniques, particularly greenhouse construction methods.

Since 2017, China has sent four teams of experts to assist the country in its agricultural development. Through a comprehensive agricultural and livestock technical assistance project, Chinese experts have been working with local authorities to improve farming practices.

Over the years, the project has changed the lives of many, and Gomes and his wife are among the first farmers to benefit from it.

Less than a year after receiving assistance from the experts, the vegetable farming area of the couple doubled, and their household income increased significantly. They are now debt-free, and all three of their children are attending school.

Sao Tome and Principe is located off the Atlantic coast of Africa, and agriculture and livestock farming are key pillars of its national

economy, with about 70 percent of the population engaged in related production activities. However, it has long relied on imports for vegetables and chicks.

"Drawing on China's experience in poverty alleviation, we established the first poverty-reduction demonstration village in Caldeiras, helping farmers increase their incomes through vegetable cultivation and poultry farming," said Duan Zhenhua, head of the fourth Chinese agricultural expert team.

Given the high temperatures and humidity in the country, which exacerbate pest and disease problems in vegetables, agricultural experts specially designed greenhouses for the local population. These greenhouses offer various benefits, such as rain protection, ventilation and water conservation, greatly increasing yields.

"Our assistance work in the village of Nova Moca has also been fully rolled out, covering areas such as livestock and poultry, vegetable farming, cultivation and rural energy. In the future, we aim to help even more farmers lift themselves out of poverty," said Duan.

The work of Chinese experts in Sao Tome and Principe offers a glimpse at the broader picture of agricultural cooperation between China and Africa.

According to the 2024 edition of the United Nations report "State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World," one in five people in Africa may have faced hunger in 2023.

In Burundi, Chinese experts have chosen village number four of Ninga in Bubanza Province as a demonstration village for poverty reduction and developed a new model of agricultural assistance.



# Brick by brick, Xi Jinping drives BRICS cooperation

**BEIJING.** AS Chinese President Xi Jinping and a host of other leaders gather in Kazan, Russia, for the 16th BRICS summit, the world is once again turning its limelight on the burgeoning international mechanism for how it will push forward self-development and respond to global woes.

A steadfast champion of BRICS cooperation, Xi once compared its five members back then to the five fingers of one hand: They are short and long if extended, but form a powerful fist if clenched together. Now that hand has grown bigger and stronger, as its membership expanded last year, yet the essence of Xi's metaphor is just becoming more relevant. With the world treading on in a new period of turbulence and transformation, the leader of the largest developing country is poised to help guide BRICS, the leading echelon of the Global South, to play a bigger role in building a better shared future for humanity.

**GOLDEN VALUE**  
BRICS, an acronym for Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa, is literally called "gold bricks" in Chinese, indicating optimism for its great potential and shining future.

The sanguine view features prominently in Xi's engagement with the group. He has consistently placed BRICS high on China's foreign policy agenda. His first appearance on the multilateral stage as China's head of state was at the 2013 BRICS summit in Durban, South Africa, and he visited all other four BRICS countries during the first two years of his presidency.

"China led by President Xi Jinping has contributed significantly to the success of BRICS," noted Bunn Nagara, a senior China researcher in Malaysia.

Thanks to the joint efforts of its members, the golden value of BRICS has kept rising. World Bank data show that the share of BRICS in global GDP grew from 18 percent in 2010 to about 26 percent in 2021, with increases in all years during the period. Among the drivers of its remarkable growth is a strong orientation toward real results. "BRICS is not a talking shop, but a task force that gets things done," Xi once stressed.

Following this spirit, practical cooperation has always been the foundation of the BRICS mechanism, a good example of which is the launch of the New Development Bank (NDB).

Headquartered in Shanghai, the multilateral institution had approved 105 projects in all member countries for approximately 35 billion U.S. dollars by the end of 2023.

In view of BRICS' evolving development needs, Xi, at the 2017 summit in China's coastal city of Xiamen, joined other member leaders in formally incorporating cultural and people-to-people exchanges into the engines of BRICS cooperation, in order to further enhance the bond between these nations and reinforce the foundation of BRICS interaction.

Powered by the three engines, namely political and



President Xi Jinping delivers a speech at the extraordinary joint meeting of BRICS leaders and leaders of invited BRICS members on the situation in the Middle East with particular reference to Gaza on Nov 21, 2023. [Photo/Xinhua]

security, economic and financial, as well as cultural and people-to-people exchanges, the BRICS cooperation has witnessed even more substantial progress and growing popular support.

The unique value of the BRICS cooperation goes beyond economic terms, and the mechanism is an innovation of international cooperation, which is in marked contrast to some protectionist, exclusive political, military or economic alliances in the West, said Wang Lei, director of the BRICS Cooperation Research Center at Beijing Normal University.

In Xi's words, the BRICS cooperation transcends the old formula of political and military alliances, the old mindset of drawing lines on the basis of ideology as well as the obsolete notion of "you-win-I-lose" and "winner-takes-all." The golden track record, as many observers have pointed out, has not only amply busted various gloom-and-doom claims such as that BRICS is nothing but "a motley crew," but also significantly increased its appeal to the rest of the world.

**GREATER BRICS**  
On Aug. 24 morning last year, the Sandton Convention Center in Johannes-

burg erupted with applause upon the announcement of BRICS' historic expansion.

That, Xi said at the press conference, demonstrates "the determination of BRICS countries and developing nations to unite." Since the inception of the BRICS mechanism, openness and inclusiveness have remained its members' abiding commitment.

Xi has repeatedly emphasized that BRICS countries gather not in a closed club or an exclusive circle. "A tree cannot make a forest," he said as early as at his BRICS summit debut in Durban in 2013. A year later at the Fortaleza summit in Brazil, he proposed the "BRICS spirit" of openness, inclusiveness, and win-win cooperation. With such an open mind, the group developed a tradition of inviting leaders of other countries to its summits.

Then at the 2017 gathering in Xiamen, an ancient port city that has evolved into a dynamic hub in China's opening-up and reform, Xi built on that outreach practice and put forward the "BRICS Plus" program, encouraging more participation of other emerging markets and developing nations.

In fact, this southern Chinese city of Xiamen happened to be where Xi came to work as deputy mayor in 1985 at 32. Now, under Xi's initiative, an innovation base for the BRICS partnership on the new industrial revolution has taken root there. Over the years, with profound changes reshaping the world at a degree rarely seen in history, the Chinese president has unwaveringly championed openness and cooperation.

"Under the new circumstances, it is all the more important for BRICS countries to pursue development with open doors and boost cooperation with open arms," Xi said at the 14th BRICS summit in 2022. A year later, more than 60 countries gathered in Johannesburg for the BRICS summit.

The gathering "is not an exercise of asking countries to take sides, nor an exercise of creating bloc confrontation," Xi said. "Rather, it is an endeavor to expand the architecture of peace and development."

Other than the countries that became new full members on Jan. 1, 2024, more than 30 nations have also formally applied to join BRICS, while many other developing countries are seeking deeper cooperation with the group.

"There is a reason why these countries choose to join BRICS," said Mehri Aliev, a board director of the BRICS innovation base in Xiamen. "Because they see the future, they see potentials and opportunities within the BRICS."

**BIGGER VOICE**  
Three months after its expansion decision, BRICS convened an extraordinary joint summit on the Gaza situation with leaders of invited members, as well as UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres.

That was a first-of-its-kind meeting for the group. The

meeting, as Xi said, marks "a good start" for greater BRICS cooperation following its enlargement.

Commenting on this summit, Al Jazeera said that leading countries of the Global South are looking for "a greater say in a global order dominated by the West." Steven Gruz, an analyst at the South African Institute of International Affairs, said: "It does reflect on the growing assertiveness and confidence of the BRICS grouping, not waiting for the West."

BRICS is an important force in shaping the international landscape. Advancing a more just and equitable international order has been a consistent theme in Xi's remarks on BRICS cooperation.

Effective coordination between BRICS members and other Global South countries is "adding more bricks to the global governance architecture," said Wang Lei, the Chinese expert with Beijing Normal University.

The New Development Bank (NDB) exemplifies this effort. "The establishment of the bank serves as a beneficial supplement and improvement to the existing financial system," Xi said, "which can encourage deeper reflection and more active reforms in the global financial system."

During a meeting with Dilma Rousseff, former Brazilian President and incumbent NDB chief, in Beijing in 2023, Xi called on the NDB to help with the modernization of more developing countries. Rousseff shares Xi's vision. "It is a vision that we don't want BRICS to speak just for a few countries. What we want is for most countries to be part of BRICS," she told Xinhua.

As Xi has observed, strengthening global governance is the right choice if the international community intends to share development opportunities and tackle global challenges.

"Economically, non-Western nations - with BRICS at the vanguard - are pushing the globe into a new reality: An emerging economic, social, and monetary status quo that is upending what the world has accepted as normal for nearly eight decades," Jeff D. Opydyke, a global investment expert, has observed.

To Guan Zhaoyu, a research fellow with the Eurasian Studies Institute at Renmin University of China, BRICS cooperation "is neither anti-Western nor aimed at overthrowing the existing global order, but rather constructively reforming its unfair aspects to give more opportunities to the developing world."

Xi maintains that development is an inalienable right of all countries, not a privilege of a few countries. Under his grand vision to build a community with a shared future for mankind, China has been joining hands with other developing countries in advancing their respective modernization.

China will always be a member of the Global South and the developing world, Xi has said on various occasions. "President Xi has sent out a very clear message: China will unite with other emerging markets and developing countries in the process of global modernization and make sure no one is left behind," said Guan.

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 1 arrive  
 6 situated or occurring on land  
 8 use to bad effect  
 9 relating to the corpus luteum  
 11 symbols to represent others  
 13 an insistent and peremptory request, made as of right  
 18 the male reproductive fluid  
 19 a written outline of a film  
 20 deoxyribonucleic acid

Down:  
 1 a possibility of something happening  
 2 mold  
 3 occurred afterwards  
 4 read in Kiswahili  
 5 ask earnestly  
 7 put, lay  
 10 an old kind of wheat  
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# BUSINESS

## DSE weekly turnover up by 5.7pc with TBL dominance

By Guardian Reporter

THE Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) saw an increase in turnover during last week when compared to the prior week.

The market report show that total market turnover increased to 4.977bn/- from 4.542bn/- recorded during the previous week.

The pre-arranged board registered some activities as DSE and TBL recorded block trades.

Throughout the week, TBL dominated trading activities, representing 68.8percent of the total market turnover, followed by CRDB at 13.8 percent and DSE at 10.08 percent, according to the weekly report by Zan Securities Limited.

The report shows NICO was the top gainer for the week, appreciating by 6.67 percent reaching 800/- per share,

while DCB gained 3.23 percent reaching 160/- per share and DSE share price increased by 0.83 percent reaching 2420/- per share.

However, TPCC lost 2.7 percent reaching 3600/- per share, AFRIPRISE depreciated by 2 percent closing off the week at 245/- per share and TCCL lost 1.02 percent concluding the week at 1940/- per share.

In terms of market capitalization, there was a general increase in the size of the markets, with total market capitalization increasing by 1.24 percent to 18,114.84bn/- by the week's end.

However, domestic market capitalization decreased by 0.13 percent, reaching 12,160.78bn/-.

"Optimistic expectations for third-quarter results drove stocks higher throughout the week. We anticipate this positive trend to continue in the



The companies' third-quarter results drove stocks higher throughout the week. AI-generated image

coming weeks, as companies are expected to start releasing their third-quarter results by the end of the month," states Zan Securities Limited report.

On bond market, the report shows on Wednesday 16th October 2024, the Central Bank was in the market offering 82bn/- to investors for the re-opening of a 5-Year Treasury bond offering a 9.18 percent coupon rate annually.

The auction was subscribed by 64.79 percent the auction received bids totaling 53.12bn/- and accepted bids worth 53.04bn/-.

This is the second and last 5-year auction for the first half of the financial year calendar 2024/25.

The bond received less subscription further

showing investors' appetite for longer term maturities. The amount offered remains at 82bn/-.

The weighted average yield in this auction has increased by 231.68 basis points from 10.0922 percent in the last auction in 2023 to 12.409 percent and the minimum price was further lowered to 87 from 100 in the auction in July.

The central bank accepted bids worth 53.047bn/-.

The inflation rate was recorded at 3.1 percent in September. During the week ending on October 18th, market activities saw an increase compared to the previous week.

Overall turnover increased by 24.45 percent, from 46.89bn/- to 58.3bn/-.

However, there was a notable decrease in the

number of trades, falling from 84 to 67.

Trading activities primarily focused on the long-end of the yield curve, with the 20-year and 25-year bonds traded contributing to 98.8 percent of the total turnover.

In the corporate bond segment, there was a decrease in activity compared to the previous week as NMB corporate bond NMB-2023/26.T1 recorded three trades totalling 7.5m/- at an average price of 89 and CRDB corporate bond CRDB-2023/28.T1 recorded one trade with a face value of 10m/- at a price of 100.

The 1-year T-bill yield reached 11.18 percent in the mid-week auction, aligning with our expectations. However, liquidity constraints in the interbank market discouraged investor participation, leading to a significant undersubscription, with the auction receiving only 23 percent—the lowest in 2024.

"We expect similar undersubscription for upcoming treasury bonds, pushing yields higher and lifting the yield curve. The next auction, featuring a 5-year bond (No. 571, maturing on 16-Sept-2026), is expected to see yields rise to 13 percent, with likely undersubscription," says the broking firm report.

# HakiArdhi pushes for national dialogue on land disputes

By Francis Kajubi

OVER 200 stakeholders in the land sector are expected to participate in the 2024 National Conference on Land, Housing, and Human Settlement Development, organized by the Land Rights Research Resources Institute (HakiArdhi).

The two-day conference, co-organized with the Tanzania Land Alliance (TALA), will be held at the end of this month, coinciding with the 30th anniversary of HakiArdhi. The event will be centered on the theme: "Land and Development in Tanzania: Protection of Village Land."

Cathbert Tomitho, HakiArdhi's Executive Director, addressed journalists in Dar es Salaam, explaining that the conference will focus on six key topics, with an emphasis on rethinking the current land ownership system in Tanzania.

One of the major issues to be discussed includes the acceleration of decisions that affect small-scale producers such as pastoralists, farmers, hunters, and youth. This topic will analyze the intersections of policy, legal frameworks (Sharia), and practical ap-



Cathbert Tomitho, HakiArdhi Executive Director

plications.

"The third topic will cover new approaches to dealing with cooperative unions, while another key issue on the agenda is land grabbing in the contexts of wildlife conservation, agricultural investment, trade, and carbon markets," said

Tomitho.

Other discussions will focus on land ownership, privatization, and regularization, particularly concerning rural land management and the future of land rights for small-scale producers. The integration of these producers into

modern value chains will also be examined.

Tomitho highlighted the importance of this conference, noting that this year marks 29 years since the National Land Policy was introduced in 1995. Additionally, it has been 25 years since the implementation of the 1999 land laws—Land Act No. 4 and Village Land Act No. 5—which came into effect in May 2001.

"Despite these laws, land disputes remain widespread, involving conflicts between farmers and pastoralists, wildlife conservators and local communities, investors and citizens, and issues of double land allocation. These conflicts call for a unified approach to resolution," Tomitho said.

The conference aims to generate actionable resolutions that can guide the government in continuing to implement the recommendations of the 1991 Presidential Commission of Inquiry on land issues.

One critical recommendation is reducing the government's absolute power in land management, which has sometimes undermined the decisions made at village meetings, local councils, the national parliament, and the National Land Commission.

"We will stress the importance of including a specific chapter in the constitution on land, resources, and the environment to enhance protections for these critical national assets," Tomitho added.

## Afreximbank to double funding for Africans' creative industries

By Guardian Correspondent

CREATIVE and cultural industries have the potential to be a key driver of economic growth in Africa. According to UNCTAD, this sector generated \$4 billion on the continent in 2022, showcasing its significant impact. The opportunities for further development in this area are immense.

The African Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank) announced on October 18 that it will double funding for its support program for African creative and cultural industries from \$1 billion to \$2 billion over the next three years.

"As with many things in Africa, opportunities in the African creative industries abound but remain untapped. This is why Afreximbank has adopted a proactive approach to catalyzing the industry. Today, I am pleased to announce a further doubling of our creative industry finance window to 2 billion US dollars for the next three years," the bank's president Benedict Oramah said.

He made the comments in Algiers during a conference dedicated to the sup-

port program called "Creative Africa Nexus" (CANEX). The event attracted a wide range of industry stakeholders from Africa.

Afreximbank made it clear that the decision to double the funding for the CANEX program, which started in 2021 with initial resources of \$500 million, is driven by a significant increase in demand within the creative sectors. The bank believes in the power of African creativity to drive economic growth and create jobs.

The additional funds will mainly focus on developing infrastructure, which remains a major challenge in the continent's creative and cultural industries. Afreximbank plans to invest in film production facilities, music arenas, sports stadiums, and fashion manufacturing hubs.

Part of the extra resources will also support talent development, foster collaborations between African creators and their international counterparts, and develop tailored innovative financing solutions.

The bank intends to launch a \$500 million investment fund specifically for the film industry through the African Export Development Fund (FEDA), its impact investment branch.



Benedict Oramah, President, Afreximbank

## Zambia engages investors to develop mining permits

LUSAKA

Zambia plans to develop dozens of mining licences together with investors to boost copper output in Africa's second-biggest producer.

The nation has an ambitious plan to more than quadruple production by early next decade. The increase would require companies to spend billions of dollars to transform early stage projects into operating mines.

More than 40 permits reserved by the nation's Mines Ministry will be transferred to a state company, which will then negotiate agreements with partners, Jito Kayumba, President Hakainde Hichilema's special assistant for finance and investment, said in an interview. The government firm will hold significant minority but non-operational stakes in the ventures, he said.

"The appetite is illustrated in the numerous unsolicited offers we receive," Kayumba said by phone.

Subsidiaries of miners First Quantum Minerals and Barrick Gold Corp accounted for about two-thirds of output last year. Those firms are already working on increasing production in the years ahead. Units of Abu Dhabi's International Resources Holding, Vedanta Resources and China Nonferrous Mining Corp also operate mines in the country.

The state company, which will be owned by Zambia's Industrial Development Corp., will contribute with the licenses and the results of a government-funded aerial geophysical survey, according to Kayumba.

# Dodoma farmers secure permanent irrigation scheme

By Correspondent Felix Andrew

FARMERS in Mkoka Village, Kongwa District, and Seluka Village, Mpwapwa District in the Dodoma region can now cultivate crops year-round, thanks to a newly secured permanent water supply for irrigation.

Lameck Benego, Secretary of the Mkoka Farmers Irrigation Group, expressed gratitude to the government and private sector for addressing the long-standing water challenges. Speaking to reporters during a visit to the villages, he acknowledged the Agricultural Markets Development Trust

(AMDT) and its partners for financing a solar-powered water pump in Mkoka village.

"We appreciate AMDT and their partners for providing us with a solar pump, which now allows us to irrigate our crops throughout the year," said Benego.

The AMDT has installed a 150-meter borehole equipped with a hybrid solar water pump capable of producing 15,000 liters of water, significantly enhancing the community's irrigation capabilities.

Beyond irrigation, the installation of the solar pump has reduced water-related conflicts between farmers and pastoralists in the area. Benego explained that pastoral-

ists now use a nearby river for their livestock, while farmers rely on the borehole for irrigation.

Before the project, farmers had to walk over two hours to fetch water. With the new system in place, they have witnessed a marked improvement in crop yields. For example, sunflower harvests from one acre have increased from 2-3 bags to 5-8 bags.

During the last season, the group harvested 5.6 metric tons (MT) of high-quality sunflower seeds, selling 4.5 MT for a total of 11.4m/- million. As a result, the group expanded their farming area from 25 acres to 41 acres this year.

However, Benego emphasized the ongoing need for better access to seeds. "We face a significant shortage of various seeds in our village. We urge the government and private sector to help us improve seed availability to further enhance our livelihoods through irrigation," he said.

Pendo Lameck, Chairperson of the Association of Irrigation Farmers (UUSE) in Seluka village, also expressed her gratitude to AMDT and Beula Seeds Company for providing a borehole. She called for more wells to support irrigation, noting that although the village has acquired 99 acres of land, only 10 acres are under cultivation due to water scarcity.

"We are facing an acute shortage of water in our village. If we can have at least three more drilled wells, it would significantly improve our ability to conduct irrigation," said Lameck.

Farmers in Seluka have started planting new crops, including pigeon peas and mung beans, due to the availability of reliable markets.

Beula Seeds Company representative Ernei Kihwele assured farmers that they have access to quality seeds and promised to increase the availability of pigeon pea and mung bean seeds in Mpwapwa and Kondo districts for the next planting season.



# Zero-tariffs to enhance Africa's exports to China

By Wang Keju

IN a major effort aimed at deepening economic ties with Africa, China announced recently that it will grant duty-free access to 100 percent of products originating from 33 African countries.

The sweeping elimination of tariffs is expected to significantly lower the cost barriers for African goods entering the Chinese market and enhance their overall price competitiveness, thus allowing African exporters to more effectively leverage the vast opportunities of the Chinese consumer market, experts said.

This expansion of preferential trade policies builds on previous commitments made by China. In 2009, the nation said it would provide 95 percent tariff-free access for products from the least developed African countries that have formal diplomatic ties with China, in a well-paced manner. In 2010, China started to apply zero tariffs on 60 percent of all goods from these African nations.

"By opening up our markets and eliminating tariffs on all products from these least developed African countries, we aim to further catalyze industrialization and prosperity in Africa through enhanced trade," said Ye Hailin, dean of the China-Africa Institute at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.



A visitor (2nd L) experiences a local craft at the booth of Embassy of the Republic of Ghana during the 2024 China International Fair for Trade in Services in Beijing. Photo: China Daily

In particular, the two sides have agreed to expand market access for African agricultural products, and deepen collaboration in e-commerce.

China's imports of agricultural items from Africa have seen a sustained increase, with the value of such imports rising for the seventh consecutive year, Customs data show.

In the first seven months of this year, China imported 25.35 billion yuan (\$3.58 billion) worth of agricultural products from Africa, a 7.2 percent increase compared to the same period last year. This growth rate outpaced the overall increase in China's agricultural imports, according to the General Administration of Customs.

The rapid growth of cross-border e-commerce platforms is opening up new sales channels for African agri-

cultural products seeking to enter the Chinese market, Ye said.

However, in contrast to the well-established e-commerce landscapes of Europe and North America, Africa's online retail market remains relatively underdeveloped, Ye added.

As Africa's urbanization process accelerates, growing domestic consumer demand, improved logistics infrastructure and increasing acceptance of e-commerce are converging to boost cross-border trade, Ye said.

Meanwhile, China is willing to work with African partners to sign a framework agreement on a comprehensive strategic cooperative partnership. This would provide long-term, stable, and predictable institutional guarantees for trade and investment between China and the continent.

Trade between China and Africa reached a historic high of \$282 billion in 2023, representing a 1.5 percent increase from the previous year, said the Ministry of Commerce.

While the total volume of trade between China and Africa has continued to grow, the imbalance in the bilateral trade structure remains an obstacle for sustained growth, said Mei Xinyu, a researcher with the Chinese Academy of International Trade and Economic Cooperation.

Many African nations still primarily export raw materials and unpro-

cessed commodities, while relying on imported industrial finished goods from China, a dynamic that may result in trade deficits for these countries, Mei said.

China's imports of nuts, vegetables and flowers from Africa saw remarkable growth in 2023, with the respective categories increasing by 130 percent, 32 percent, and 14 percent year-over-year, according to Customs data. At the same time, electromechanical products emerged as China's top exports to the African continent, while shipments of new energy vehicles, lithium-ion batteries and photovoltaic products witnessed growth of 291 percent, 109 percent and 57 percent, respectively, compared to the previous year.

The move to grant zero-tariff treatment to imports from the least developed countries in Africa is expected to foster a more balanced and mutually beneficial trading environment, said Wang Zhimin, a researcher at the Academy of China Open Economy Studies, which is part of the University of International Business and Economics.

The zero-tariff initiative is also seen as an important gesture of South-South cooperation and China's willingness to use its economic clout to support the development priorities of the Global South, Wang added.

## Trepidation may rule IMF annual meetings

By Mark Sobel

GLOBAL finance ministers and central bank governors are gathering in Washington DC for the International Monetary Fund-World Bank annual meetings. Behind the scenes, trepidation will rule.

As usual, participants will focus on the global economic outlook. On balance, forecasts for roughly 3 percent aggregate global growth this year will remain little changed. The US economy is outperforming. Germany's stagnation may pull Europe down and the Fund's Japan forecast has been higher than many private forecasters.

China's economy is languishing despite recent policy actions, and while the monetary and equity market measures may help put a floor under weak growth, the outlook for whether fiscal policy will provide needed stimulus remains murky.

Key details about stimulus terms and amounts have yet to be revealed. Regardless, China generally hits its target, one way or the other. The meetings will welcome falling advanced economy inflation along with reductions in interest rates, while rightly expressing concerns over fiscal indiscipline.

### On the agenda

The IMF will address several operational issues. It will justifiably take some satisfaction on

low-income country debt, citing progress with Zambia and Ghana under the common framework. China is becoming more forthcoming on debt issues, but the amounts and terms of its lending remain opaque and timetables for reaching deals face uncertainty.

Advanced economies eliminated official debts two decades ago pursuant to the Multilateral Debt Relief Initiative. The ensuing fiscal space was gobbled up by low-income country borrowing (often not productively) including from China. Now, even after receiving 'relief', LICs often find themselves saddled with excess debt. Sri Lanka though not a LIC, is emblematic of a country that will suffer post-restructuring under an enormous debt overhang, which IMF debt sustainability analysis unfortunately countenances.

The IMF board has decided to significantly reduce surcharges, while ongoing surcharge income will further underpin the Fund's capital and provide a large increase in subsidy resources for IMF low-income country lending. It's a welcome, good and fair package - recognising that even if the IMF has reached its capital targets, it is still a financial organisation and it is sensible to charge higher rates on large-scale and high-risk lending.

The use of ongoing surcharge income to boost subsidy resources for concessional IMF lending to LICs especially merits praise. LIC lending is central to the IMF's operations, with more than



30 programmes. The subsidy resources are vitally needed to create a larger, more robust self-sustained lending model.

### Quota realignment

In 2023, the IMF agreed on a 50 percent quota increase, correspondingly decreasing other lending pots. Domestic approvals are due in November. The US will again unfortunately be late; Congress should provide approval as soon as possible.

The IMF board must work to deliver, by mid-2025, possible approaches to guide a quota realignment including a new quota formula. Progress isn't expected any time soon. Quota shares determine voting power; those must add up to 100 percent. Europe is overweight but in denial. Several East Asian countries are underweight (India, Indonesia, Vietnam; China hugely).

Many other emerging markets and developing countries believe their shares should rise but the case is questionable. Given US politics and tensions with China, it is difficult to imagine how the US could back boosting China's share, even if a higher Chinese share is fully justified. Blocking one will undermine multilateralism and foster regionalism. Protracted squabbling over the quota formula may become a façade for delaying tactics.

Regardless, with the focus on securing domestic approvals for last year's quota deal by November, progress on quota realignment is not an annual meeting issue.

Developmental and geopolitical challenges The World Bank will emphasise key developmental challenges consistent with its highfalutin vision of eliminating extreme poverty and boosting shared prosperity on a livable planet. These

challenges are also consistent with the imperative of achieving the United Nations' 17 sustainable development goals and 169 associated targets, tackling debt woes, domestic resource mobilisation, pandemic preparedness and others.

Progress on the Evolution Roadmap in freeing up resources for more multilateral development bank lending, including for climate, will be welcomed with exhortations to do more. A key operational challenge is whether a large and robust International Development Association 21 package can be implemented, but that is more an issue for the IDA pledging session in December than for the annual meetings.

Notwithstanding the seeming calm, delegates behind the scenes will be filled with trepidation, agitated by mounting global risks. Could Donald Trump win the presidency and what might that mean for multilateralism, interdependence and the US' role in the world? Will tensions in the Middle East further escalate and drag the US and Iran into the fray? Might oil prices explode or will the recent downturns be sustained? Is there any end to Russia's brutal war against Ukraine? Will the US and China be able to keep a lid on their tensions, and could Taiwan get thrown into the mix? Will fiscal indiscipline in major economies jeopardise global growth and financial stability, let alone official aid flows?

To top it off, financial markets seem stunningly complacent in the face of these daunting risks.

## Oil prices rise amid Mideast ceasefire push

LONDON

OIL prices rose to \$75 a barrel on Tuesday, extending gains from the previous session as investors weighed the impact of China's stimulus measures to boost its economy, while concerns over conflict in the Middle East persisted.

Brent crude futures for December delivery were up 43 cents, or 0.6 percent, to \$74.72 at 1319 GMT. U.S. West Texas Intermediate crude futures for November delivery were up 49 cents, or 0.7 percent, at \$71.05 a barrel on the contract's last day as the front month.

The more actively traded WTI futures for December delivery, which will soon become the front month, were also up 49 cents, or 0.7 percent, to \$70.53 per barrel.

Both Brent and WTI rose nearly 2 percent on Monday, recouping some of last week's more than 7 percent decline, with no letup of fighting in the Middle East and the market nervous that Israel's expected retaliation against Iran could disrupt oil supply.

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken arrived in Israel on Tuesday, the first stop on a Middle East



Oil storage facility

tour in which he will seek to revive talks to end the Gaza war and contain the spillover conflict in Lebanon.

"Crude oil prices have been fluctuating in response to mixed news from the Middle East, as the situation alternates between escalation

and de-escalation," said Satoru Yoshida, a commodity analyst at Rakuten Securities.

The market continued to weigh the implications for fuel demand of China's stimulus measures and increased U.S. economic activity, he added

Beijing on Monday cut benchmark lending rates as part of stimulus measures to revive the economy as data last week showed it had grown at the slowest pace since early 2023 in the third quarter.

China's oil demand growth is expected to remain weak in 2025

as the world's No. 2 economy electrifies its car fleet and grows at a slower pace, the head of the International Energy Agency said on Monday.

Still, Saudi Aramco (2222.SE), opens new tab is "fairly bullish" on China's oil demand especially

in light of the government's stimulus package which aims to boost growth, the head of the state-owned Saudi oil giant said on Monday.

US crude oil stockpiles likely rose last week, while distillate and gasoline inventories were seen down, a preliminary Reuters poll showed.

The International Energy Agency has revised its global refinery runs forecast for this year to 82.8 million b/d, down by 180,000 b/d from its previous estimate, also expecting a mere 0.6 million b/d year-over-year increase in 2025.

Weaker seasonal maintenance works have also added downward pressure to refining margins, prompting coastal refiners to cut runs; Asian import-dependent refiners in Taiwan and South Korea started the trend, and now Spanish and Italian refiners are slashing throughput, too.

However, the US oil major ExxonMobil mid this month announced that it is moving on with the second stage of exploration in a block it operates offshore the Greek island of Crete after an extensive seismic survey found several prospective plays.



# Ruto urges banks to join pan-African payment system

NAIROBI

KENYAN President William Ruto (pictured) is urging commercial banks to expedite plans to sign on to the Pan-African Payments and Settlement Systems (Papps) to avoid using the dollar.

The Papps agreement signed on September 29, 2023, features Kenya, Djibouti, Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, The Gambia, Zambia and Zimbabwe. "We want to reduce our transaction costs, especially for products and trade that are transferred," President Ruto said at the official launch of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Accelerator programme and the release of the Banking Industry Total Tax Contribution Report on Wednesday at the Kenyatta International Convention Centre in Nairobi.

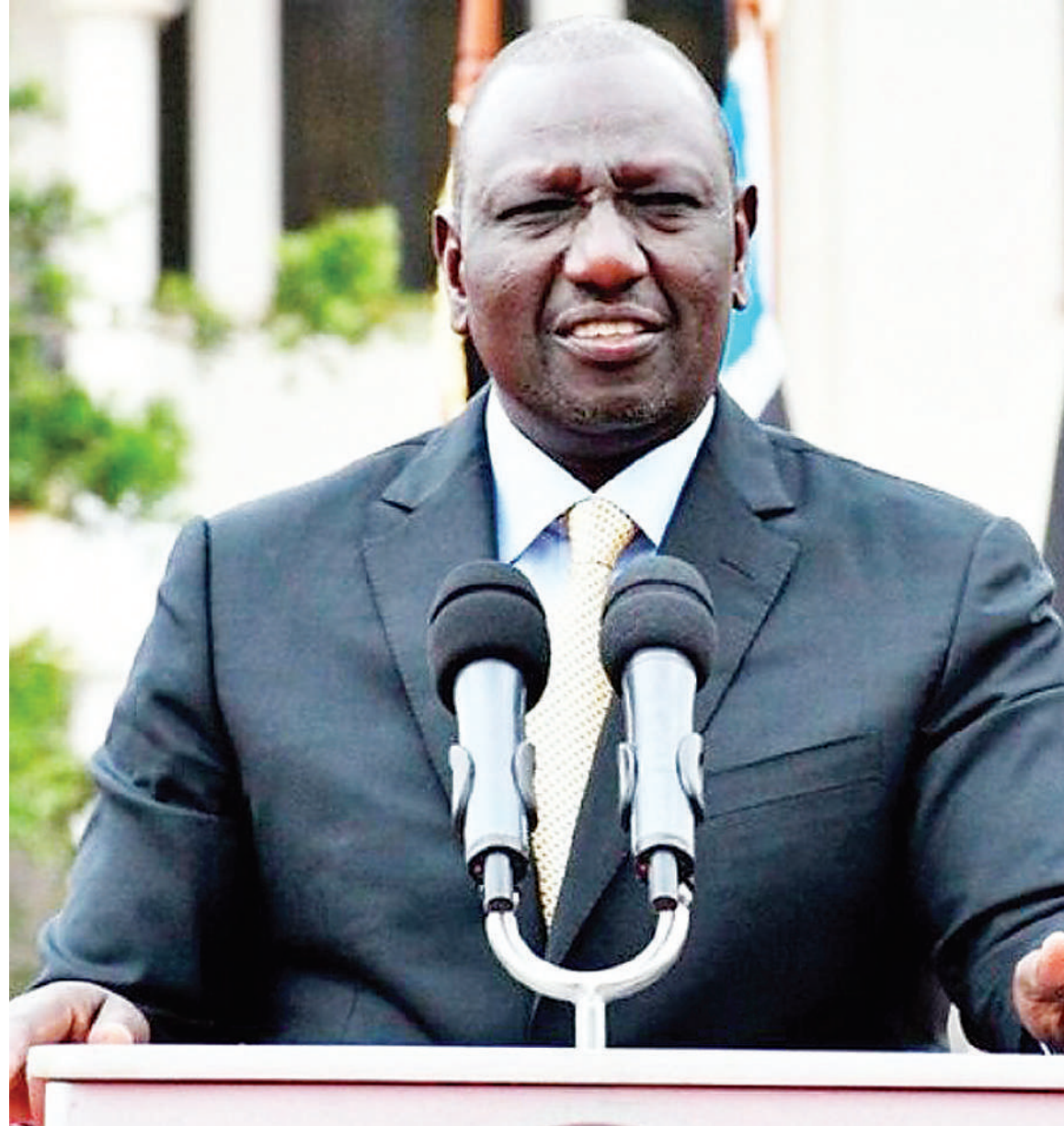
He pointed out that Africa loses over \$5 billion in payment transaction costs each year.

"With the Papps, we can sell and buy products from the continent in our local currencies," he said. "Not many banks are using that system. I want to encourage more banks to join the system. It is good for you. It reduces your transaction costs, reduces unnecessary exchange rate issues and helps us pay for products from different countries. Our traders don't have to run around trying to change money from currency to another," he said.

Raimond Molenje, acting Kenya Bankers Association CEO, said the banks were keen to join the system. "We are having a meeting with the Central Bank of Kenya to ensure that we have a national switch to the system. We need to have a central payment system in the country so that we can trade with other East African countries," he said.

The Papps was launched in 2019 by the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) to create a single market facilitated by movement of persons, liberalisation of markets in Africa, and boost intra-African trade.

Afribank on September 28, 2021 announced the formal rollout of the system to serve as a continent-wide platform for the processing, clearing and settling of intra-African trade and commerce payments.



# Dubai to deliver 90,000 new homes in two years

DUBAI

AS Dubai real estate heads for another new peak in 2024, property sector growth is set to continue over the next two years, with a record 90,000 new homes entering the market during this period.

Of these, 41,800 new units set to enter the market in 2025 - a record for a single year - thus taking its total to 48,400 in 2026, according to figures released by Dubai-based firm Properties ahead of The Game Changers - Dubai Real Estate Summit.

Taking place at the Coca Cola Arena on October 24, the summit is designed to provide aspiring professionals with expert advice on succeeding in Dubai's competitive real estate market.

The influx of new properties reflects Dubai's robust commitment to expansion and growth, thus underlining the market's capacity to keep pace with demand, with 1,034 projects, adding up to a total of 288,020 units, currently under construction.

Meanwhile, the all-time high of 101,654 yearly launched units set in 2023 looks set to be eclipsed, with the total for 2024 currently standing at 99,779, and counting.

Speaking ahead of the event, Firas Al Msaddi, the CEO of firm Properties, said: "There are 41,800 new units set to enter the market in 2025 - a record for a single year - rising to 48,400 in 2026. Meanwhile, the number of units delivered in 2027 and beyond will likely be driven by projects launched in 2025 onwards, pointing towards continued activity in the years to come."

"The market's ability to keep up with demand is also shown by the consistency we're seeing in the volume of yearly launched properties. The total soared by more than 81% year on year in 2023, and that level is being matched this year," he added.

At the event, Al Msaddi will share the stage with top US broker and reality TV star, Ryan Serhant, and Dr Mahmoud AlBurai, Dubai Land Department's Senior Director, Real Estate Policies and Innovation, who will deliver insights on the future structure of the emirate's property sector.

"With the rapid growth that we're seeing, real estate developers and contractors are facing increasing pressure to streamline their procurement processes," stated Al Msaddi.

# Alternative power to benefit Zimbabwe's rural healthcare

HARARE

MORE than 1,000 rural institutions have been connected in the Midlands Province of Zimbabwe, covering schools, clinics, business centres, villages, farms and chiefs' homesteads.

This is according to the Minister of State for Provincial Affairs and Devolution, Midlands, Owen Ncube.

Ncube was at the launch of Gweru Provincial Hospital LED Retrofit Project by the Zimbabwe Energy Regulatory Authority (ZERA), in Gatawa Clinic, Lower Gweru. The initiative aims to bring electricity to remote areas in communities and enhance the infrastructure and sustainability of hospitals.

The programme focuses on energy efficiency and alternative energy technologies in remote areas of Zimbabwe.

Ncube said the project comes as a major relief to both patients and nurses, "marking the end of using candles and torches during the night when attending to patients."

"Furthermore, the power will allow for storage of vital drugs in refrigerators and attract and retain qualified staff due to improved conditions of service," he said.

He added that the programme resonates with the Second Republic's modernisation and industrialisation agenda, which underpins the attainment of an upper-middle-income society earlier than 2030, as envisioned by the President of the Republic of Zimbabwe Emmerson Mnangagwa, as they pursue rural industrialisation, modernisation and quality health service delivery. He said the dispensation is struck with the need to promote universal access to sustainable energy before 2030 as part of a larger people-centred development trajectory that leaves no one and no place behind in our efforts to transform community livelihoods and build the economy.

"In this regard, guided by the Devolution and Decentralisation agenda implemented by the Second Republic, ZERA has decentralised to the Midlands Province to ensure timely and swift responses to energy issues."

"Promotion of energy efficiency and projects such as this one we are launching today is critical in reducing electricity imports, energy bills, and carbon emissions."

# Libya approves central bank board of directors

BENGHAZI

THE presidency of Libya's eastern-based parliament approved on Monday the appointment of a new board of directors of the central bank, after a new governor and his deputy were agreed last month, a parliament spokesman said.

Spokesman Abdullah Belhaiq posted the decision on social media platform X. The decision shows that the new board of directors includes six members.

Naji Issa was approved last month by Libya's two legislative bodies, the House of Representatives in eastern Benghazi and the High State Council in Tripoli, as the new central bank governor replacing Sadiq al-Kabir, who was ousted by the head of Tripoli-based Presidential Council, Mohamed Menfi. Mari Muftah Rahil Barrasi was approved as deputy governor. Menfi's move led to a crisis that has slashed the country's oil output when the parallel administration in the east announced in Aug. 26 the closure of production and exports in a protest.

After Issa's approval by the two bodies, the parallel administration announced the reopening of all oilfields. Then the state oil firm, National Oil Corporation (NOC), said in a statement it had lifted force majeure at all oilfields and terminals as of Oct. 3.

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## WORLD

## Harris, Trump pick up the pace two weeks to Election Day

BROOKFIELD, Wisconsin/SWAN-NANO, North Carolina

DEMOCRATIC presidential candidate Kamala Harris and her Republican rival, Donald Trump, delivered radically different messages on the US campaign trail on Monday as they sought to win over undecided voters in the two weeks before Election Day.

Vice-President Harris, campaigning alongside Republican former lawmaker Liz Cheney, attempted to convince conservative, suburban women in three Midwestern battleground states that former President Trump was a threat to abortion rights, national security and democracy.

As the election draws closer, Harris has been sharpening her attacks on Trump's fitness for office, often calling him "unstable" or "unhinged" and questioning his temperament.

"In many, many ways Donald Trump is an unserious man, but the consequences of him being president of the United States are brutally serious," Harris, 60, said at an event in Malvern, Pennsylvania, one of seven battleground states expected to decide the winner of the Nov 5 election.

Trump, 78, frequently rejects any notion that he is a threat to democracy, arguing it is Democrats who are the real threat because of the criminal investigations he and his allies have faced for their attempts to overturn his 2020

election loss.

While Harris was suggesting Trump was unfit for office, the former president was questioning the Biden administration's competence.

During one of several stops on Monday in ultra-competitive North Carolina, Trump urged supporters in the hurricane-battered mountains to go to the polls despite the hardships they were facing.

He also renewed his criticisms of the emergency management agency FEMA and sought to relate to working-class supporters by praising his nonstop efforts on his own behalf.

"I've done 52 days without a day off, which a lot of these people would respect," Trump said at a lectern backed by rubble from massive floods that hit the area last month.

With opinion polls showing a close race, the two candidates are picking up the pace, their frenzied campaign schedules underlining the importance of small pockets of voters that could put either candidate over the top.

## God and conscience

Trump ended his day at an evangelical Christian event in Concord, North Carolina, telling a crowd he likes to think that during the failed assassination attempt against him on July 13 in Butler, Pennsylvania, he was saved by being "knocked to the ground by a supernatural hand."

In his remarks, he avoided using some



This combination of pictures created on Oct 16, 2024 shows US Vice-President and Democratic presidential candidate Kamala Harris in Erie, Pennsylvania, on Oct 14, 2024 and former US President and Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump in Cumming, Georgia, on Oct 15, 2024. AFP

of the off-color rhetoric he has been using in recent speeches. He said as he looks back on his life, "I now recognize that it's been the hand of God leading me to where I am today."

Evangelical leader Franklin Graham offered a prayer that Trump be elected.

"Rallies and positive poll numbers are not going to win this election," Graham said. "It's going to be God."

Trump's visit to North Carolina coincided with concerns among his Republican allies that crippling damage from storm Helene will depress turnout in the battleground state's conservative mountain regions.

The area hit hardest by Helene is deeply Republican. Trump won about 62 percent of the vote in the 25 counties declared to be a disaster area after Helene, while Biden won about 51 percent in the remainder of the state, according to a Reuters analysis.

"Obviously, we want them to vote but we want them to live and survive and be happy and healthy, because this is really a tragedy," Trump said at a campaign stop in Swannanoa, population 5,300, after touring areas destroyed by the storm.

At an event with Harris in Royal Oak, Michigan, Cheney sought to give Republicans who are on the fence per-

mission to support the Democrat without worry of reprisal.

"I certainly have many Republicans who will say to me, 'I can't be public.' They do worry about a whole range of things, including violence, but they'll do the right thing," Cheney said. "And I would just remind people, if you're at all concerned, you can vote your conscience and not ever have to say a word to anybody."

Later, in Brookfield, Wisconsin, Cheney described herself as "pro-life" but said she was troubled by state abortion restrictions that had prevented women from getting the care they needed.

Cheney and her father Dick Cheney, who was vice president under President George W. Bush and is still vilified by many Democrats for his defense of the US invasion of Iraq, are staunch conservatives and two of the most prominent Republicans to have endorsed Harris.

In a post on his Truth Social platform on Monday, Trump called Liz Cheney "dumb as a rock" and a "war hawk." He accused her of wanting to go to war with "every Muslim country known to mankind" just like her father, who he called "the man that ridiculously pushed Bush to go to war in the Middle East." **Agencies**

## Problems should be resolved in peaceful manner, India ready to provide all possible cooperation, says PM Modi

Kazan

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi met Russian President Vladimir Putin here for bilateral meeting yesterday and said India believes that Ukraine conflict should be resolved in a peaceful manner and is ready to provide all possible cooperation.

He said India's efforts give priority to humanity.

"I have been in constant touch with you on the subject of the ongoing conflict between Russia and Ukraine. As I have said earlier, we believe that the problems should be resolved in a peaceful manner. We fully support the early establishment of peace and stability. All our efforts give priority to humanity. India is ready to provide all possible cooperation in the times to come," he said.

Russia and Ukraine have been engaged in a conflict since February 2022.

In a joint statement following the annual summit in July this year in Moscow, India and Russia highlighted the imperative of peaceful resolution of the conflict around Ukraine through dialogue and diplomacy including engagement between both parties.

They noted with appreciation relevant proposals of mediation and good offices aimed at peaceful resolution of the conflict in accordance with international law and on the basis of the UN Charter in its entirety and totality.

In his remarks during bilateral meeting with President Putin on

Tuesday, PM Modi also said that his two visits to Russia in the last three months reflect close coordination and deep friendship between the two countries and he looks forward to take part in the BRICS Summit.

"My two visits to Russia in the last three months reflect our close coordination and deep friendship. Our Annual Summit in Moscow in July has strengthened our cooperation in every field...In 15 years, the BRICS has created its special identity and now many countries of the world want to join it. I am looking forward to participating in the BRICS Summit tomorrow," he said.

The Prime Minister said the opening of India's new consulate in Kazan will further strengthen ties between India and the Russian city.

"I express my heartfelt gratitude for your friendship, warm welcome and hospitality. It is a matter of great pleasure for me to have the opportunity to visit a beautiful city like Kazan for the BRICS Summit. India has deep and historical ties with this city. The opening of India's new consulate in Kazan will further strengthen these ties," he said.

PM Modi reached Russia today to attend the 16th BRICS Summit.

In his departure statement, PM Modi said that India values the close cooperation within BRICS which has emerged as an important platform for dialogue and discussion on issues concerning the global developmental agenda, reformed multilateralism, climate change, economic cooperation, building resilient supply chains, promoting cultural and people to people connect, among others.

The expansion of BRICS with the addition of new members last year has added to its inclusivity and agenda for the global good, he said.

"Building upon the Annual Summit held in July 2024 in Moscow, my visit to Kazan will further reinforce the Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership between India and Russia. I look forward to meeting other leaders from BRICS as well," he added.

PM Modi will also have bilateral meetings on the sidelines of the BRICS Summit. **ANI**



Prime Minister Narendra Modi meets Russian President Vladimir Putin on the sidelines of the 16th BRICS Summit, in Kazan yesterday. ANI

## War has knocked Gaza back to the 1950s, UNDP says

BERLIN

THE war between Israel and Hamas has devastated the Palestinian economy and left nearly all of Gaza's population in poverty, with quality of life indicators such as health and education knocked back 70 years, the United Nations' development agency said on Tuesday.

Launching a study on the war's socio-economic impacts, the UNDP's Chitose Noguchi said the economy of the Palestinian territories - the Gaza Strip and the Israeli-occupied West Bank - was now 35 percent smaller than it was at the start of Israel's invasion of Gaza a year ago.

By some measures the poverty level in Gaza was now approaching 100 percent as a result of the disruption, with unemployment now at 80 percent, Noguchi said.

"The state of Palestine is experiencing unprecedented levels of setbacks," she told a UN press conference in Geneva over a sometimes crackling line from Deir Al-Balah. "For Gaza, reversing development by an estimated 70 years to 1955."

Even under optimal conditions, with international aid remaining at current levels and flowing into Gaza and the West Bank unhindered, it would still take at least a decade for economic output to recover to pre-war levels, she said.

The war, launched by Israel after attacks by Hamas on Israeli territory on Oct 7 last year that killed about 1,200 people, has brought immense destruction to the Gaza Strip.



Palestinian children stand next to tents at a makeshift camp for the internally displaced in Deir al-Balah in the central Gaza Strip on Oct 17, 2024. AFP

Schools, hospitals and other essential infrastructure have been razed to the ground. Nearly 43,000 Palestinians have been killed in Gaza, according to health ministry figures.

Some 3.3 million Palestinians, 2.3 million of them in Gaza and 1.5 million of them children, need urgent humanitarian assistance, the report said.

## Hospitals under fire as Israeli forces deepen operations in northern Gaza

CAIRO

ISRAELI military forces besieged hospitals and shelters for displaced people in the northern Gaza Strip on Monday as they stepped up their operations, preventing critical aid from reaching civilians, residents and medics said.

Troops rounded up men and ordered women to leave the Jabalia historic refugee camp, they said. An Israeli airstrike on a house in Jabalia killed five people and wounded several others, medics said.

The UN Palestinian refugee

agency UNRWA said Israeli authorities were preventing humanitarian missions from reaching areas in the north of the Palestinian enclave with critical supplies, including medicine and food.

"People attempting to flee are getting killed, their bodies left on the street," UNRWA head Philippe Lazzarini said on X.

Medics at the Indonesian Hospital told Reuters that Israeli troops stormed a school and detained the men before setting it ablaze. The fire reached hospital generators

and caused a power outage, they added.

Health officials said they had refused orders by the Israeli army, which started a new incursion into the territory's north over two weeks ago, to evacuate the three hospitals in the area or leave the patients unattended.

Later on Monday, Hussam Abu Safiya, director of Kamal Adwan Hospital said at least two critically wounded patients at the facility's intensive care unit died because of the lack of medical supplies.

"The hospital's blood units

have run out completely... We are implementing a priority treatment method for patients. This is the reality," said Abu Safiya in a video message to media outlets.

Troops remained outside the hospital but did not enter, they said. Medics at a second hospital, Kamal Adwan, reported heavy Israeli fire near the hospital at night.

"The army is burning the schools next to the hospital, and no one can enter or leave the hospital," said one nurse at the Indonesian Hospital, who asked not to be named.

Palestinian health officials said at least 18 people had been killed in Jabalia and eight elsewhere in Gaza in Israeli strikes.

The Israeli military said in a statement its troops had dismantled infrastructure and tunnel shafts and killed alleged fighters in the Jabalia area.

Troops had helped thousands of civilians to evacuate safely through organized routes, it said, contradicting reports from the UN aid agency. Israel was in contact with the international community

and Gaza's healthcare system to ensure hospital emergency services were operating, it said.

Last week, the United States told Israel it must take steps in the next month to improve the humanitarian situation in Gaza or face potential restrictions on US military aid.

Israel has intensified its campaigns both in Gaza and Lebanon after the killing of Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar last week had raised hopes of an opening for ceasefire talks to end more than a year of conflict.

It has vowed to eradicate Hamas, the group who formerly controlled Gaza and whose attack on Israel last year triggered the war, but in doing so has laid waste to much of the territory and killed tens of thousands of people. More than 1.9 million people have been left destitute and desperate for food.

"We are facing death by bombs, by thirst and hunger," said Raed, a resident of Jabalia camp. "Jabalia is being wiped out and there is no witness to the crime, the world is blinding its eyes." **Agencies**



# 'Greater BRICS cooperation' contributes vitality, wisdom to global governance

BEIJING

THE 16th BRICS Summit will kick off on Tuesday in Russia's Kazan, marking the first face-to-face gathering among leaders of the grouping after its historic expansion.

In this multicultural city, Chinese President Xi Jinping and his BRICS colleagues will chart the course for "greater BRICS cooperation."

During the three-day summit, the leaders are expected to forge consensus on consolidating joint efforts for common development, push for vibrant multilateral cooperation, and offer their wisdom for building a better world for all.

## PROSPERITY FOR ALL

"Our main goal is to provide an understandable and very clear service platform for BRICS and BRICS plus countries ... to enter the Chinese market," Mekhri Aliiev, executive director of the Institute for Digital Economy and Artificial Systems (IDEAS) at BRICS Partnership on New Industrial Revolution (PartNIR) Innovation Center, told Xinhua.

While addressing the 12th BRICS summit via video link in November 2020, Xi announced China's plan to set up an innovation center in Xiamen, a city in China's eastern province of Fujian, for a BRICS partnership on the new industrial revolution.

After the innovation center was launched a month later, IDEAS became one of the first projects promoted and signed by the BRICS PartNIR Innovation Center.

Besides advancing BRICS collaboration, the innovation center has been devoted to nurture talent. Since 2023, it has held more than 10 training sessions, drawing more than 100 participants from across over 70 countries. Among them, sessions tailored for the eight priority areas of the Global Development Initiative were particularly popular.

The BRICS mechanism provides great opportunities for the development of



Chinese President Xi Jinping's plane arrives in Kazan, Russia yesterday. Xi arrived in Kazan for the 16th BRICS Summit at the invitation of President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin. Xinhua

countries and that of qualified human resources, said Jose Orlando Gomes, an industrial engineering professor at Federal University of Rio de Janeiro. "We need to train our new talents ... and we need more cooperation to have a sustainable future."

The inception of the innovation center is a testimony to BRICS countries' focus on development and cooperation. Ushering in a new era for greater BRICS cooperation, BRICS countries have been pooling more efforts in such areas as digital economy, green development and supply chains.

"We need to promote development and prosperity for all," Xi said in a speech read out by Chinese Commerce Minister Wang Wentao at the BRICS Business Forum 2023, adding that with perseverance, hard work and huge sacrifices, many emerging markets and developing countries succeeded in gaining independence, and "everything we do is to deliver better lives to our people."

Today, a growing number of countries are applying for BRICS membership, and many show huge interest in participating BRICS cooperation for the benefit of their people. Thailand, among

others, announced its application in June. "Joining BRICS will benefit Thailand in many ways, including advancing cooperation with other developing countries and increasing its influence in the international arena," said Tang Zhimin, director of China ASEAN Studies at the Bangkok-based Panyapiwat Institute of Management.

BRICS "has become an engine of growth for the world economy and plays an important role in global policymaking," Tang added.

## WIN-WIN COMMUNITY

The New Development Bank (NDB) set up by BRICS has delivered impressive achievements since its establishment nine years ago. Headquartered in Shanghai, it has cumulatively approved loans of 35 billion U.S. dollars for more than 100 projects.

The NDB is a flagship project of BRICS cooperation supported and promoted by Xi. As the first multilateral development bank established by emerging economies, the NDB provides financing support for infrastructure development, clean energy, environmental protection, and the building of cyber infrastructure across BRICS

countries.

During talks with NDB President Dilma Rousseff in October 2023, Xi said that as an important emerging force in the international financial system, the NDB should play its due role, and build itself into a new-type multilateral development institution in the 21st century that works to make the international financial system fairer and more equitable and effectively enhance the representation and say of emerging markets and developing countries.

In recent years, the NDB has been committed to South-South cooperation in an efficient and pragmatic manner. Funding a raft of projects ranging from India's urban rail to Brazil's wind power complexes and China's roads development, it has set a benchmark for multilateral cooperation and made substantial contributions to improving global governance.

In August, the NDB signed a 5 billion rand (284 million dollars) loan agreement with Transnet, South Africa's leading freight transport and logistics company, to support the modernization and improvement of its freight rail sector.

By financing in South Africa's local currency, the NDB demonstrates its commitment to promoting local currency financing among its member countries. This approach better serves the interests of emerging markets and developing countries, and enhances their financial resilience.

Expanding the use of local currencies is one of the NDB's key strategic objectives, Rousseff said at the 9th NDB Annual Meeting in August.

"The use of local currency is ... one strategic option," she said, adding that the bank aims to provide 30 percent of total financing in the local currencies of borrowing members.

## MORE JUST WORLD ORDER

"BRICS countries need to champion the spirit of inclusiveness, advocate peaceful coexistence and harmony

between civilizations, and promote respect of all countries in independently choosing their modernization paths," Xi addressed the 15th BRICS Summit in Johannesburg in August last year.

He urged BRICS countries to make good use of various mechanisms to deepen people-to-people exchanges and strengthen the bond between their peoples.

Through the years, BRICS countries have created a variety of platforms, notably the BRICS Media Summit, the BRICS Seminar on Governance, the BRICS Civilization Dialogue, and the BRICS Young Leaders Forum, to facilitate dialogue and communication among officials, scholars and youth.

Vasily Pushkov, director of the Directorate of International Cooperation of the International Information Agency and Radio Sputnik, said that the BRICS mechanism represents multipolarity, and diverse interests and civilizations.

BRICS countries should continue to strengthen their solidarity and cooperation, enhance mutual understanding and dialogue among civilizations, and continue to amplify the voice of the majority of people on this planet, Pushkov said.

"The vast majority of the world's population is interested in and enthusiastic about this shift towards a more balanced and representative global governance system," said Carlos Martinez, a British author and political commentator.

Noting that BRICS has emerged as "the core of this multipolar world" alongside other global and regional organizations, Martinez said, "it is essential to move away from the dominance of Western voices and allow countries from the Global South to have a meaningful say in international relations."

"BRICS, with its focus on inclusivity and equality, serves as a shining star of this new type of international relations," he said.

Xinhua

## FAO official: UAE plays pivotal role in enhancing food security, sustainability

DUBAI

KIAN Akram Al Jaf, head of mission of the Sub-Regional Office for the Gulf Cooperation Council and Yemen at the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), highlighted the pivotal role of the United Arab Emirates in enhancing food security, through the launch of the first Regional Centre of Excellence for Transforming Food Systems.

The center, launched in collaboration with the Ministry of Climate Change and Environment (MoCCAE) and the FAO, is expected to play a pivotal role in driving innovation and strategic transformation in food systems across the region.

Speaking to Emirates News Agency (WAM) on the sidelines of his participation in the Dubai



A farmer waters potted pineapple plants at a greenhouse in al-Awir desert in the Gulf emirate of Dubai on July 7, 2022. AFP

International Food Safety Conference at the Dubai World Trade Centre, Al Jaf said that MoCCAE and Dubai Municipality are key partners in promoting sustainable agriculture and reducing food waste. "These partnerships reflect the UAE's commitment to enhancing food security and achieving sustain-

ability, thereby contributing to creating a conducive environment for long-term food security."

Al Jaf also underscored FAO's support for the UAE's National Food Security Strategy 2051, aimed at positioning the country as a global leader in this field by enhancing food system sustain-

ability, increasing local production, ensuring food safety. "This is fully supporting the UAE's 'Plant the Emirates' initiative launched by His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, vice-president, prime minister and ruler of Dubai, to enhance agricultural development and improve food security in the UAE."

He added that FAO collaborates with the UAE on capacity-building programs and data analysis to enhance food security measures and align with international best practices. "This emphasizes the importance of global cooperation in addressing global challenges related to food security, including climate change, conflicts, and economic crises, as 733 million people worldwide are facing hunger."

He highlighted the importance of celebrating World Food Day as part of the Oct 16 celebrations, emphasizing sustainable food systems and Dubai's efforts in promoting sustainable agriculture and reducing food waste, aligning with the country's commitment to enhancing food security and achieving sustainability.

Agencies

## Closer BRICS cooperation promises more inclusive development

BEIJING

AS BRICS leaders convene in Russia's city of Kazan, the world is grappling with overlapping global challenges like geopolitical tensions, climate change, food security, and financial instability.

The newly expanded group is expected to strengthen cooperation among nations of the Global South and advance efforts to face those challenges and improve global governance toward greater equity and inclusiveness.

BRICS is not merely a political or economic cooperation mechanism but a platform for diverse nations to work together on common goals of development and prosperity.

Its expansion reflects the consensus within the Global South that a wider array of voices must be included in addressing the complex issues facing the world today. This inclusive approach offers a valuable complement to existing global institutions.

While organizations such as the United Nations and the World Bank remain crucial, BRICS brings new energy and perspectives by prioritizing the needs and aspirations of the

Global South.

A key contribution of BRICS lies in its efforts to advance inclusive economic globalization. For decades, the benefits of global economic growth have disproportionately flowed to the West, leaving much of the developing world on the margins.

Closer and enlarged BRICS cooperation promises to rebalance this dynamic by promoting investment, infrastructure development, and trade that align with the specific priorities of the Global South.

The expansion of BRICS further reinforces its commitment to inclusiveness by bringing in new members from diverse political and economic backgrounds, ensuring that underrepresented regions have a greater voice in global affairs.

BRICS' dedication to inclusiveness, common development, and shared progress also demonstrates a commitment to strengthening multilateralism at a time when global cooperation is in dire need. As geopolitical tensions and economic uncertainties grow, the ability of diverse nations to come together and find common ground is more important than ever. Xinhua

# Global Media Congress 2024 opens registration

ABU DHABI

THE Organizing Committee of the Global Media Congress (GMC) 2024 has announced the opening of online registration for visitors and representatives of local, regional, and international media to participate in the third edition of the congress.

Held under the patronage of H.H. Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan, vice-president, deputy prime minister and chairman of the Presidential Court, the congress is set to take place over Nov 26-28 at ADNEC in Abu Dhabi.

The third edition of the congress will witness broad participation from representatives of the government and private sectors, the media, academia, and the content industry.

Organized by ADNEC in strategic partnership with the Emirates News Agency

(WAM), the GMC program features prominent speakers engaging in interactive panel discussions.

These discussions will explore the future of the media sector, exploring global best practices and key topics such as the role of artificial intelligence, advanced technologies, and cutting-edge innovations in shaping the industry's future.

Jamal Mohammed Obaid Al Kaabi, acting director-general of WAM and chairman of the Organizing Committee of the GMC 2024, emphasized the congress's transformative role as a platform for dialogue, idea exchange, and experience sharing.

These contributions shape the future of media, promote sustainable development, and unlock the vast opportunities within the sector.

Additionally, the congress facilitates the exchange of



Speakers participate in a panel discussion themed "Print Media: Is there light at the end of the digital tunnel?" during the Global Media Congress 2023 in Abu Dhabi, the United Arab Emirates, on Nov 16, 2023.

expertise on global media production best practices, solidifying the UAE's stature as a global media hub.

Al Kaabi further noted that the congress's third edition

occurs at a time of rapid advancements in media technology, particularly AI. He affirmed that the future belongs to those who embrace flexibility, pursue development, and

invest in human capital for innovation.

This context provides an ideal platform for the congress to foster the exchange of ideas and experiences and

showcase the latest technologies and innovations in the media industry. Through a comprehensive program of events, dialogues, and panel discussions, the congress aims to create a more inclusive and creative media landscape.

Humaid Matar Al Dhaheer, managing director and group chief executive officer of ADNEC Group, stated, "We are proud of our strategic partnership with WAM in organizing the Global Media Congress once again as a vital global platform that enables executives, experts, and professionals in the media sector to explore its future and chart its creative, professional, and economic directions."

He explained that ADNEC's organization of the congress contributes to consolidating Abu Dhabi's stature as a leading global destination for hosting major international

events.

The GMC, in light of the rapidly evolving media landscape, drives transformative changes in the global creative industries sector. By presenting innovative ideas and forward-thinking solutions, the congress addresses anticipated challenges and fosters partnerships among media institutions worldwide. These collaborations empower media platforms to adapt to industry dynamics and achieve long-term sustainability and profitability.

The congress will host an accompanying exhibition showcasing cutting-edge technologies, products, and services from leading international and local brands serving the media industry. Innovative start-up companies will also be featured, contributing to the dynamic atmosphere and highlighting emerging trends in the sector.



# SPORT

## Facing seven more lawsuits, Sean 'Diddy' Combs protests a 'fresh wave of publicity'

By LARRY NEUMEISTER

SEVEN new lawsuits have been filed against Sean 'Diddy' Combs, including one alleging the rape of a 13-year-old girl.

They come as his lawyers tried again Monday to get him freed on bail, and complained that a "fresh wave of publicity" is endangering his right to a fair criminal trial.

In the lawsuits filed Sunday in state and federal courts, four men and three women, all anonymous, allege they were sexually assaulted by Combs at parties over the last two decades.

Combs, 54, has pleaded not guilty to federal sex trafficking charges contained in an indictment unsealed the day after his Sept. 16 arrest.

Charges include allegations he coerced and abused women for years, aided by associates and employees, and silenced victims through blackmail and violence, including kidnapping, arson and physical beatings.

He has remained incarcerated pending a May 5 trial after two judges denied bail in rulings being appealed to the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Combs' lawyers asked a judge Sunday to order potential witnesses and their lawyers to stop making statements that could prevent a fair trial.

"As the Court is aware, Mr. Combs has been the target of an unending stream of allegations by prospective witnesses and their counsel in the press," they wrote.

"These prospective witnesses and their lawyers have made numerous inflammatory extrajudicial statements aimed at assassinating Mr. Combs's character in the press."

The latest lawsuits are drawn from what lawyers say are more than 100 accusers who are planning legal action against Combs.

Plaintiffs' lawyer Tony Buzbee announced the planned litigation at an Oct. 1 news conference and posted a 1-800 number for accusers to call.

As before, Combs' representatives dismissed the latest lawsuits as "clear attempts to garner publicity."

They said Combs and his legal team "have full confidence in the facts, their legal defenses, and the integrity of the judicial process."

Combs "has never sexually assaulted anyone – adult or minor, man or woman," they added.

One of the lawsuits filed Sunday alleges that a 13-year-old girl who was invited to a party by a limousine driver after the Video Music Awards in Manhattan in September 2000 was raped by a "male celebrity" and then by Combs as individuals identified only as "Celebrity A," a male, and "Celebrity B," a female, watched.

Another lawsuit alleged that Combs sexually assaulted a 17-year-old male at a Manhattan hotel penthouse party in 2022.

In the lawsuits, it was alleged that the plaintiffs believed they had been fed drinks laced with drugs before they were assaulted.

Meanwhile, lawyers for Combs on Monday told the 2nd Circuit in a filing that he'll renew his bail application before the lower court based on "significant changed circumstances."

They said the issues include "constitutional concerns stemming from his conditions of confinement and evidence contained in recently produced discovery."

In a filing last week, prosecutors told the appeals court that judges denied bail after evidence showed Combs "used methodical and sophisticated means to silence and intimidate witnesses throughout the racketeering conspiracy and during the Government's investigation."

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## NBA season is set to begin with the Celtics seeking a 19th title and several challengers looming

By TIM REYNOLDS

JAYSON Tatum was already a proven winner before last season.

In Tatum's first six seasons, no NBA player won more games with one team than he did. Tatum played in 334 wins with the Boston Celtics over that span, including playoffs. He was a five-time All-Star, a legitimate MVP candidate, a four-time All-NBA pick, even an Olympic gold medalist.

He just wasn't a champion.

"I had to listen to all the (stuff) that people said about me," Tatum said.

That's all in the past now. The Celtics are champions, coach Joe Mazzulla leading them to that crown, and when the season starts on Tuesday night in Boston – where last season ended – Tatum doesn't seem to be considering it the start of a title defense. He's looking at it as the start of a chase for a 19th title, and according to BetMGM Sportsbook, the Celtics are the favorite to claim the 2025 championship.

"It was never just about trying to just win one," said Tatum, who added a second Olympic gold to his collection this summer. "Now you get to be mentioned with – at least be in the same room with – the other Celtics great teams, great players. All the guys that I looked up to growing up at least won one championship. Now it's just a conversation of: 'How great are you trying to be? What room or what tier are you trying to be mentioned in when it's all said and done?'"

That journey starts with ring night in Boston, where the Celtics take on New York in the first

game of a doubleheader to formally open the league's 79th season. The nightcap is Minnesota at the Los Angeles Lakers, a game that will see LeBron James tie Vince Carter by playing in a 22nd NBA season – and potentially the first official game where a father and son are teammates, with Bronny James entering his rookie season.

There will be challengers to a Boston repeat, and a lot of them. New York (adding Mikal Bridges and Karl-Anthony Towns) and Philadelphia (adding Paul George) loaded up to try to supplant Boston atop the Eastern Conference. And there are rising teams in the East as well, like the Paolo Banchero-led Orlando Magic and Donovan Mitchell-led Cleveland Cavaliers – who made Round 2 of the playoffs last season.

"We've just got to keep our foot on the gas," Mitchell said. "We've got to keep going."

And the Western Conference also has several contenders.

BetMGM has Oklahoma City – the No. 1 seed in the West last season, led by MVP hopeful Shai Gilgeous-Alexander – as the narrow favorite to win that side of the league, with 2023 NBA champion Denver, reigning West champion Dallas and a Minnesota team that went to the West finals a season ago all in the mix.

"You have to be careful with expectations put on outcomes," Thunder forward Chet Holmgren said. "Around here we really emphasize putting expectations on processes, how we show up every day, how we go about our work, what we do, and the attention of detail that we do it to. That's what we're really focused on."

AP

## SPORTS

# Coach Bares credits tactical adjustments for Mashujaa FC's 3-0 win over Ken Gold

By Correspondent Seth Mapoli

MASHUJAA FC emerged triumphant with a commanding 3-0 win over Ken Gold FC in an NBC Premier League match held on Monday at the Lake Tanganyika Stadium in Kigoma.

The victory not only delighted the home fans but also lifted Mashujaa to the sixth position in the league standings.

The head coach of Mashujaa FC, Mohamed Abdallah 'Bares' (pictured), praised his team's performance, particularly highlighting the importance of securing all three points despite having struggled with goal-scoring in previous matches.

"Although one goal could have been enough, the most important thing is to collect all three points. In the past games, we struggled to score, but today, the boys corrected their mistakes and managed to score three goals," Bares said after the match.

The coach explained that the team started the match with a 3-5-2 formation, which allowed the wingers to contribute both offensively and defensively.

However, he acknowledged that after the initial ten minutes, Mashujaa began to lose possession, and Ken Gold put up a resilient fight.

"In the second half, we came back with more energy and corrected our earlier mistakes, which helped us secure the win.

"Kengold is a good team; they are known for using long balls to launch quick attacks, but we managed to adjust during the game, and this proved to be crucial," he noted.

The coach emphasized that the team's success was largely due to tactical changes made during the match and their ability to exploit some of Ken Gold's weaknesses.

"We cannot overlook the fact that Ken Gold played well, and we congratulate them for their efforts. But our strategic adjustments helped us, especially in the second half where we controlled possession and were more effective," he added.

Mashujaa FC's victory was spearheaded by striker Ismail Mohamed Mgunda, who netted two goals during the game.

Mgunda opened the scoring in the eighth minute with a well-placed shot that set the tone for the rest of the match.

He doubled Mashujaa's lead just before halftime, converting a penalty in the 45th minute to give his side a comfortable advantage going into the



break.

In the dying moments of the game, Julius Laban Kamoga sealed the win with a third goal in the 86th minute, ensuring that Mashujaa FC secured all three points in front of their home fans.

With this win, Mashujaa FC now sit in sixth place on the league table, having played seven matches. The team has secured three wins, three draws, and suffered only one loss, giving them a total of 12 points.

In terms of goal-scoring, Mashujaa FC have netted seven goals while conceding just three, leaving them with a goal difference of +4.

Their recent form has been solid, with two wins, two draws, and only one loss in their last five matches. The team will look to continue their upward trajectory in the coming fixtures, with their next match scheduled away to Fountain Gate FC on October 28.

After that, Mashujaa FC will face a tough test at home against Simba SC on November 1, followed by an away game against Tabora United, and home fixtures against Namungo FC and Kagera Sugar.

For Ken Gold, the loss extends what has been a difficult season. The team finds itself at the bottom of the table, sitting in 16th position with just four points from eight matches.

Ken Gold have managed only one win and one draw so far, with six losses weighing heavily on their campaign.

Their struggles are further highlighted by their goal-scoring and defensive record, having scored only four goals while conceding 13,

making them the second-worst defensive side in the league.

Ken Gold's upcoming matches will be crucial if they are to turn their season around. They face a tough away match against Azam FC next, followed by a home game against Dodoma Jiji FC.

Further fixtures include away trips to Tanzania Prisons and home games against Coastal Union and Pamba Jiji SC.

While Mashujaa FC will look to build on this victory and continue climbing up the standings, Ken Gold will need to regroup quickly if they hope to avoid relegation.

The stark contrast between the two teams' positions on the table reflects their respective forms, and as the league progresses, each match will become more critical for both sides.

For Mashujaa FC, the upcoming fixtures will serve as a test of consistency, especially with challenging matches against top teams like Simba SC on the horizon.

On the other hand, Ken Gold will need to start collecting points soon to avoid falling deeper into the relegation zone.

## Former Coastal Union coach David Ouma eyes South Africa and Ethiopia after successful stint

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi & Agencies

DAVID Ouma, the former head coach of Tanzanian football side Coastal Union, has revealed that he is considering offers from clubs in South Africa and Ethiopia after ending his successful tenure with the Tanga-based team.

Ouma (pictured), who remains on Coastal Union's payroll until the end of October, will be free to join a new club in November.

The Kenyan tactician left Coastal Union in August, despite leading the team to a remarkable fourth-place finish in the 2023/24 season, which secured them a spot in the 2024/25 CAF Confederation Cup.

This marks Coastal Union's return to international competition for the first time since the 1989 African Cup Winners' Cup.

Ouma, however, has ruled out a return to the Football Kenya Federation Premier League (FKFPL) and is instead exploring opportunities abroad.

"Having worked in Tanzania, there was a big difference compared to working at home. I don't think I would want to come back at this time," Ouma stated.

"I have received three offers from South Africa and another from Ethiopia, and I am seriously considering them starting in November."

Ouma's departure from Coastal Union was unexpected, especially after his achievements with the club. He explained that undisclosed issues led to his exit: "I was expected to guide them once again this season, but things did not go as planned, and I had no choice but to walk out."

The club terminated Ouma's contract just two days before their crucial CAF Confederation Cup reverse fixture against Angola's Bravos do Maquis.

Coastal Union suffered a 3-0 defeat in the first leg, which

displeased the club's leadership and contributed to the decision to part ways with him.

Despite the premature end to his time at the club, Ouma expressed gratitude that Coastal Union continued paying his salary until the end of October.

After Ouma's departure, Coastal Union have reportedly entered negotiations with Robert Matano, the current Sofapaka coach, as a potential replacement.

Ouma, a former Harambee Starlets head coach, had his first coaching stint outside Kenya with Coastal Union. He also previously managed Sofapaka in the FKFPL.

Ouma's tenure in Tanzania was cut short following Coastal Union's disappointing performance in the CECAFA Dar Port Kagame Cup, where they were eliminated in the group stages with a record of one win, one draw, and one loss.

Additionally, Coastal Union endured a tough Community Shield tournament under Ouma, losing 5-2 to Azam FC in the semi-finals and 1-0 to Simba SC in the third-place match.





## Neymar back after a year out and helps Al-Hilal in Asian Champions League

ALAIN, United Arab Emirates

NEYMAR returned to action after a year out through injury and helped Al-Hilal beat Al Ain of the United Arab Emirates 5-4 in the group stage of the AFC Champions League Elite on Monday.

Neymar signed for the Saudi Arabia club in August 2023 but played only five times before tearing an anterior cruciate ligament last October. He came off the bench 369 days later for the four-time Asian champion with 13 minutes remaining at Al Ain. He almost scored immediately when his low shot from left of the area shaved the post.

In a thrilling match between Al-Hilal and the defending champion, Renan Lodi gave Al-Hilal the opener after 26 minutes. Soufiane Rahimi, the tournament top scorer last season, leveled soon after.

AP

## Becky Sauerbrunn and over 100 women's soccer players protest FIFA deal with Saudi oil giant Aramco

ZURICH

FORMER U.S. national team captain Becky Sauerbrunn and Netherlands forward Vivianne Miedema are among more than 100 women's soccer players who have signed an open letter protesting FIFA's sponsorship deal with Saudi Arabian state oil giant Aramco.

The letter calls the deal, which includes sponsorship at the 2027 Women's World Cup in Brazil, "much worse than an own goal," citing Saudi Arabia's record on the rights of women and LGBTQ+ people and the impact of Aramco's oil and gas production on climate change.

Sauerbrunn voiced concern for women who are imprisoned in Saudi Arabia.

"The safety of those women, the rights of women, LGBTQ+ rights and the health of the planet need to take a much bigger priority over FIFA making more money," Sauerbrunn said in comments via campaign group Athletes Of The World.

The letter calls on FIFA to replace Aramco "with alternative sponsors whose values align with gender equality, human rights and the safe future of our planet," and to give players a voice on the ethical implications of future sponsorship deals.

"This letter shows that as players this is what we don't want to stand for and accept within women's football. It's simple: this sponsorship is contradicting FIFA's own commitments to human rights and the planet," Miedema said.

FIFA's deal with Aramco was announced in April as part of ever-closer ties between Saudi Arabia and world soccer's governing body. FIFA is expected to confirm Saudi Arabia as host of the 2034 men's World Cup in December. It is the only candidate for the tournament.

"FIFA values its partnership with Aramco and its many others commercial and rights partners. FIFA is an inclusive organisation with many commercial partners also supporting other organizations in football and other sports," world soccer's governing body said in an emailed statement Monday, adding that commercial revenue is reinvested into developing women's soccer.

AP

## Montpellier coach Michel Der Zakarian gets fired after nightmarish start to French league season

By SAMUEL PETREQUIN

COACH Michel Der Zakarian was fired by French club Montpellier after his team was thrashed 5-0 at home by Marseille for a sixth loss in eight matches this season.

The result left the 2012 French champions in last place, having already conceded 26 goals in a season marking the club's 50th anniversary.

"Tonight I felt compelled to end our collaboration," Montpellier president Laurent Nicollin, visibly moved, said late Sunday after the match.

In comments to broadcaster DAZN, he added: "We talked in the dressing room after the game. I told him it was over tonight. I also went to see the players to let them know that thanks to their excellent job they had fired the coach and that they need to take their responsibilities on Sunday against Toulouse."

Der Zakarian – a former Armenia international known as "Der Zak" in the Montpellier region – is a familiar and beloved figure at the family soccer club based in southern France.

As a player, the 61-year-old former defender spent nearly a decade at Montpellier, getting the captain's armband when Laurent Blanc left for Napoli and leading the club to victory in the League Cup in 1992. After he retired, Der Zakarian joined Montpellier's technical staff and learned his trade as a coach with the reserve teams. Disappointed not to get the top coaching job, Der Zakarian left for Nantes in 2006.

He finally was appointed Montpellier coach in 2017. His first tenure lasted four seasons, leading his players to a sixth-place finish while building a team that was renowned for its defensive qualities.

With the club struggling, Der Zakarian returned in 2023 with the same gritty philosophy and managed to spark a revival.

Montpellier won the French league title once, in 2012, when it upset Paris Saint-Germain. The club also won the second division title in 1987 and the French Cup in 1990 with a team featuring the likes of Eric Cantona, Laurent Blanc and Julio Cesar.

But Montpellier's ambitions this season have been significantly hampered by the significant drop in television rights revenues, preventing the club from securing the reinforcements it planned.

"We absolutely need to win against Toulouse," Nicollin said, adding that firing Der Zakarian was "not a magic solution, but the easiest way to re-boost everybody."

Nicollin said he has not found a replacement for Der Zakarian yet, but that he will be looking for someone willing to "get his hands dirty and getting a struggling team, it's never easy."

Marseille's win snapped a two-match winless streak heading into Sunday's home game against bitter rival PSG at Stade Velodrome. PSG tops the league on goal difference ahead of Monaco, with both sides unbeaten and on 20 points from eight rounds.

Meanwhile, in Germany, last-place Bundesliga club Bochum has fired coach Peter Zeidler after he failed to win any of his first eight games in charge.

Bochum said late Sunday it was releasing Zeidler and sporting director Marc Lettau from their roles because "conviction is lacking" that the team could avoid relegation from the German top division under their management.

## What does the future hold for Girona after their sudden rise?

By Ciaran Varley

AFTER last season's meteoric campaign, Spanish minnows Girona are having to adapt to life in the Champions League.

Ascending to football's loftiest heights challenges the senses, and Girona's surefootedness at this level is already being rigorously tested.

Ivan Quiros, co-founder of official Girona fan club, Penya Jandrista GFC, first attended games at the Estadi Montilivi in the late 1980s when the side were in the Spanish third division. He told BBC Sport that qualifying to face Europe's elite was "an unattainable and impossible dream, made real".

It has been a dream seven years in the making, since the investment in 2017 from City Football Group (CFG), a subsidiary of Abu Dhabi United Group, which has stakes in 13 clubs across five continents, including the ownership of Premier League champions Manchester City.

The Catalan club only entered the second division in 2008 after a 49-year absence from professional football, yet they were promoted to the Spanish top flight for the first time in 2017.

They finished third in La Liga last season, just four points behind second-placed Barcelona. They scored 85 goals, which was only two fewer than champions Real Madrid.

Catalan journalist Xevi Masachs explained that it is now commonplace to see "children with Girona shirts" – something which would have been "unbelievable" 15 years ago, when basketball was the city's main sport and most football fans supported neighbours Barcelona.

Girona's stadium can only hold around 9,600 spectators in the Champions League, because of Uefa rules. Even such a modest crowd is a far cry from when merely hundreds of fans would turn out at the ground at the turn of the century.

Jan Nadal Colome, 19, who has had a season ticket since 2012, remembers how fans were able to "walk all the way around the stadium" when he first went to games.

"We could change to the other goal when they were attacking or there was a penalty," he said.

On Wednesday, the Montilivi stadium will host Girona's third match in the Champions League – against Slovakian side Slovan Bratislava. It is safe to say this one is rather important.

Girona suffered a 1-0 defeat in their opening match against Paris St-Germain, via a 90th-minute own goal. That was followed by a 3-2 defeat at home to Feyenoord, in which Girona missed a penalty and scored two more own goals to equal Fener-



Many Girona fans may never have imagined playing in the Champions League before last season. Agencies

bahce's record for most own goals in a single Champions League season.

After 10 La Liga matches, manager Michel's team sit 12th in the table.

Miquel Agut Riera, who commmentates on Girona's matches, said their qualification for the Champions League had come "too fast".

"Was last season a one-off?"

Riera cites the loss of key players over the summer as a reason for the downturn in Girona's form at the start of this campaign.

Last season's top scorer in La Liga, Artem Dovbyk, 27, joined Roma, while 20-year-old star loanee Savinho joined Manchester City for 40m euros (£30.8m).

Midfielder Aleix Garcia, 27, moved to Xabi Alonso's Bayer Leverkusen and 23-year-old centre-back Eric Garcia returned to Barcelona at the end of his loan after playing a crucial role in Girona's defence.

Girona also recruited 11 new players. Riera told BBC Sport that, "with that amount of new players, you need time" – practically impossible given the relentless fixture calendar.

"What does the future hold with City Football Group?"

In August 2017, CFG purchased 44.3% ownership in Girona. That increased to 47% in 2020. Another 44.3% was held by Girona Football Group, led by Manchester City manager Pep Guardiola's brother Pere.

In order for Girona to meet Uefa requirements to compete in the Champions League alongside Manchester City, CFG had to transfer shares to a blind trust, and significant changes had to be made to restrict their influence and decision-making power at the club.

Those shares are due to be trans-

ferred back in July 2025.

In 2015-16, four Manchester City players were loaned to Girona, followed by three in 2016-17 and five in 2017-18. Three players were loaned in 2019-20, four in 2020-21 and three in 2021-22.

Some of those loans have been impactful – such as the one involving right-back Yan Couto, who joined Borussia Dortmund this summer for £25.3m (30m euros), after two spells at Girona.

Others have failed to make their mark. Left-back Angelino, who is now a Roma player, failed to make an appearance after being briefly loaned from City to Girona in 2017.

Supporter Colome told BBC Sport that he considered former Aston Villa midfielder Douglas Luiz, who joined Juventus for £42.35m (50m euros) in June, to be an "average player" whilst he was on loan at Girona from City from 2017 to 2019.

Commentator Riera told BBC Sport that the main advantage of being owned by CFG is a more professional structure.

"Of course, their budget was much higher, but it wasn't like Paris St-Germain, with new owners who arrived and said, 'how much money do you want?'," Riera said.

The team that finished third in La Liga last season cost just 33.75m euros (£29m) in transfer fees. Only five other teams in La Liga spent less and Real Madrid's squad cost 573m euros (£493m).

"We have been lucky with these owners," said Riera. "They are building a new facility for the players to train. They are creating the structure for a huge club, but I don't know what's going to happen in the future."

"Sporting director Carcel the key man

Riera considers sporting director Quike Carcel to be the "key to the last decade" of success at Girona, because "he's the figure that's always been there", before and since the CFG takeover.

The 50-year-old Barcelona native joined Girona as sporting director in 2014, when the club were competing in the second division, with multiple reports of serious financial troubles.

In his first two seasons, Girona made it to successive play-offs at that level before gaining promotion in Carcel's third campaign at the helm.

They were relegated to the Segunda Division again in 2018-19 but made it back to the top flight in 2021-22 after two previous disappointments in the play-off finals.

Journalist Masachs said that – "with very different contexts and budgets" – Carcel had always "built teams that fought for success until the last day".

During his tenure, Carcel is credited with making canny loans and transfers for youngsters, journeymen and cast-offs.

Ukrainian striker Dovbyk, who scored 24 goals in La Liga last season, was Girona's record signing last year, at 7.5m euros (£6.2m). The 27-year-old has since been nominated for the Ballon d'Or.

Brazilian winger Savinho never featured for parent club Troyes after they signed him from Atletico Mineiro for around 7m euros (£6m) in 2022. He notched up 10 goals and 11 assists on loan with Girona last season.

Carcel's contract was renewed last year to run until 2027.

"Will manager Michel stay?" Head coach Michel arrived in the summer of 2021 and endeared himself to fans early on by learning Catalan.

Riera said that, with the 48-year-old in place, "it's like the same mind working as a sporting director and as a manager".

Girona's fearless attacking style under Michel earned praise last season.

Masachs described it with the Catalan phrase, "viatgem junts", which means "we travel together", explaining that "attacking begins in the defensive area".

Michel's contract expires in 2026, and Riera suggested there are doubts about whether the club will be able to hold on to him until then.

As another big midweek of European football rolls around, Riera said: "Playing Champions League may be the best that he thinks he can achieve here."

BBC

## We cannot continue to play with 10 men - Arteta

BBC

ARSENAL manager Mikel Arteta has said his team "cannot continue to play with 10 men" in the wake of William Saliba's red card at Bournemouth.

The France centre-back was sent off in the first half against the Cherries and the Gunners went on to lose 2-0 – their first defeat of the Premier League campaign.

He is the third Arsenal player to be sent off this season following the dismissals of midfielder Declan Rice against Brighton and forward Leandro Trossard in the draw at Manchester City.

"Playing with 10 men, always there is an issue," said Arteta, whose side have conceded goals in all three games in which they have been reduced to 10 men.

"The truth is, when you analyse it, three very different actions and the outcome of them, the reasons are very different.

"Regardless of that we cannot continue to play with 10 men, especially at this level.

"We need to eradicate that, it's clear. The reasons and how – it doesn't matter. We have to focus and it has to happen."

Since Arteta's first game as Arsenal manager on 26 December 2019 the Gunners have received 18 red cards – five more than any other Premier League team in that period.

Saliba will miss the match at home against Liverpool on Sunday but



Saliba's red card meant Arsenal had to play two-thirds of the game at Bournemouth with 10 men. Agencies

Gwiji by David Chikoko



can play in Arsenal's game against Shakhtar Donetsk in the Champions League on Tuesday.

Former Blackburn and Chelsea striker Chris Sutton says Arsenal's ill-discipline could cost them in the Premier League title race.

Speaking on BBC Radio 5 Live's Monday Night Club, Sutton said: "It is a concern if they want to be regarded as serious challengers to Manchester City and Liverpool, just by the fine margins which come with winning or losing a title.

"I felt for Saliba but I did think it was a red card and it was down to Trossard's pass. It was an honest attempt to get back but there was a coming together and it was a red card and more dropped points.

"In a title race you cannot afford to give your rivals a leg up."



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## Pamba Jiji FC coach Minziro seeks first victory against Tabora United in Premier League clash

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi



PAMBA Jiji FC head coach Fred Felix Minziro has called on his players to rise to the occasion and secure their first victory of the season against Tabora United in today's crucial Tanzania Premier League match at the Ally Hassan Mwyni Stadium in Tabora.

Minziro (pictured), who recently took charge following the dismissal of Goran Kopunovic, is determined to turn around the Mwanza-based club's fortunes.

Pamba Jiji, currently without a win, sit in 15th place, just above bottom-placed KenGold, despite a hard-fought 1-1 draw against Kagera Sugar FC in their last match.

"We've prepared well for this match. We played well against Kagera Sugars, but the result didn't go our way.

"As a new coach, there's a lot of work to be done, but we won't give up. This team has experienced players who need the right guidance to win matches," Minziro said.

Tabora United, meanwhile, have also made coaching changes. The club parted ways with former head coach Francis Kimanzi earlier this week following a series of inconsistent results.

Despite notable victories over Namungo and Kagera Sugar, Tabora United have also suffered losses to Simba, Singida, and Dodoma Jiji, prompting the decision to make a managerial switch.

Minziro acknowledged Tabora United's talent but emphasized that Pamba Jiji must focus on their own game to come away with a positive result.

"We know the quality of their players, but we are concentrating on improving our own performance and capitalizing on their weaknesses," he added.

As both teams battle for a higher place on the league table, the encounter between Pamba Jiji and Tabora United promises to be a thrilling affair.

However, Minziro has identified areas for improvement within his own team, citing defensive lapses and a lack of cohesion as key factors in their previous struggles.

"The biggest issue I noticed was the lack of chemistry. The team wasn't playing together, and that led to costly mistakes like the goal we conceded in our last game. This is something we need to fix quickly," he noted.

Minziro stressed the importance of regular training sessions to correct these issues and establish a more organized and fluid playing style. "I've only been with the team for a few days, but I'm working on teaching them how to play with the ball, how to attack, and how to regroup when we lose possession," he explained.

While Minziro acknowledged the challenge of transforming a struggling team into a cohesive unit, he remains committed to achieving this goal.

"There's a lot more work to do, but we'll keep fighting and practicing because the league is still ongoing, and there's time to turn things around," he added.

Meanwhile, Pamba Jiji midfielder Michael Samamba echoed his coach's sentiments, vowing to lead the team to victory in their upcoming matches.

"We will fight hard to win our upcoming fixtures and move up the table," Samamba declared confidently.

As the league progresses, Pamba Jiji will be aiming to secure their first three points of the season against a Tabora United side that is also looking to recover from recent managerial upheaval and inconsistent form.

## Zanzibar Marathon 2024 now promises economic boost and health benefits

By Guardian Correspondent

THE second edition of the Zanzibar Marathon is scheduled to take place on November 3 in Unguja, with expectations of stimulating the growth of the blue economy due to the participation of both local and international athletes.

Sponsored by Tigo Zantel, the event aims to promote economic opportunities, health, and talent development in Tanzania.

Speaking yesterday, Tigo Zantel's Zanzibar Zone Manager, Azizi Saidi Ali, confirmed that preparations for the marathon are in their final stages.

The race will feature three categories: 5 kilometers, 10 kilometers, and 21 kilometers.

Ali emphasized the benefits of the marathon, stating: "This event will help develop talent, promote our economy, and improve the health of participants.

"We've made registration more accessible this year, with additional centers and the option for participants to register via their mobile phones."

The marathon, which was a success in its inaugural year, is expected to draw a large crowd again this year.

Ali encouraged athletes and fans to come out in large numbers, noting that several improvements have been made to the event to enhance the experience.

One of the stakeholders, Hussein Juma Khamis, a tourist guide in Zanzibar, spoke about the economic impact the marathon has on the local tourism industry.

"During this race, the number of visitors to Zanzibar increases significantly, and we benefit in various sectors, from hospitality to transportation," he said.

Tourist car driver Anwar Ali Salim shared his excitement, highlighting the health benefits of the event as well.

"Running is great for health, and this marathon not only brings economic opportunities but also encourages people to stay fit. We're eagerly waiting for the event," said Ali Salim.

Last year's event saw the participation of hundreds of athletes and was widely regarded as a success.

The upcoming marathon is poised to continue building on that momentum, with an even larger turnout expected.

## Youthful Taifa Stars squad for CHAN qualifiers announced



By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

THE Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) has announced the squad for the upcoming 2025 CAF African Nations Championship (CHAN) qualifiers against Sudan.

The squad is primarily made up of the U-20 national team, Ngorongoro Heroes, that lifted the AFCON U-20 CECAFA zonal qualifiers title last weekend.

Simba goalkeeper Aishi Manula will captain the team while Twiga Stars head coach Bakari Shime (pictured) will lead the technical bench.

Tanzania's campaign starts with an away match on October 27, followed by a home fixture on November 3. The aggregate winner will advance to the next round to meet either Ethiopia or Eritrea.

Tanzania, Kenya, and Uganda are set to host this unique tournament,

which is exclusively for players competing in their home countries, from February 1 to 28, 2025.

As hosts Tanzania, Uganda, and Kenya have already secured automatic qualification.

A total of 40 nations will participate in the draw to determine the first of two qualifying rounds.

These rounds will decide the final teams that will compete in the eighth edition of the tournament.

The qualified nations will contest the coveted CAF CHAN trophy that will be accompanied by \$2 Million in prize money as per CAF's 60% increase in the tournament's winning prize.

The last edition of the tournament was played in Algeria and saw Senegal defeating the hosts in the final to claim their first ever title.

The squad announced:  
Goalkeepers: Aishi Manula (Simba SC), Isaya Kassanga (TFF Academy TDS, Tan-

zania Prisons U17) and Anthony Mpemba (Ngorongoro Heroes, Azam U20)

Defenders: Paschal Msindo (Azam FC), David Braison (JKT Tanzania), Nickson Masha (Ngorongoro Heroes, KMC), Lameck Lawi (Ngorongoro Heroes, Coastal Union), Abdulrahim Bausi, JKT Tanzania), Vedastus Masinde (Ngorongoro Heroes, TMA FC), Ibrahim Ame (Mashujaa FC)

Midfielders: Hijjah Shamte (Ngorongoro Heroes, Kagera Sugar), Adolf Masingwa (Azam FC), Abdulkarim Kiswanya (Ngorongoro Heroes, Azam U20), Charles Semfuko (Coastal Union), Shekhani Hamis (Ngorongoro Heroes, Young Africans), Ahmed Pipino (Ngorongoro Heroes, Magnet FC), Sabri Kondo (Ngorongoro Heroes, KVZ), Salum Ramadhan (Ken Gold FC), Ismail Kader, JKT Tanzania), Bakari Msimu (Ngorongoro Heroes, Coastal Union)

Forwards: William Edgar (Fountain Gate FC), Selemam Mwalimu (Fountain Gate FC), Valentino Mashaka (Ngorongoro Heroes, Simba SC), Cyprian Ngushi (Mashujaa FC)

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