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President Samia Suluhu Hassan consoles patients admitted to the Manyara regional referral hospital in Babati as part of her tour of the region yesterday. Photo: State House

Power rationing from 300mw gap ends next month, TANESCO affirms

By Getrude Mbago

POWER rationing being conducted all over the country is likely to last up to mid-next month as the dry spell continues in 'water source regions' feeding key generation plants. Maharage Chande, director general for the power company, said at a press conference in Dar es Salaam yesterday that a deficit of 300 megawatts per day has arisen due to Kidatu and Pangani plants being shut down. "Drought and ongoing rehabilitation of infrastructures is affecting power supply, but the company is working to minimise the effect," noting that Kihansi power plant with 180MW capacity generates 17MW at present. Pangani power station with an installed 68MW capacity has been shut down, while Mtera plant was in slight decline from 80MW to 75MW, he said, affirming that the

corporation was doing all it can to ensure that what is generated is equally shared. He was cautious as to ending power rationing entirely by mid next month, saying shortages will be experienced in the next two to three years, with long term strategies already in place to achieve that goal. Completion of the Julius Nyerere hydropower plant whose construction is now said to have reached 87 percent will summarily address existing power challenges, he stated. Drought apart, the company faces challenges of infrastructures as some power plants are ageing out, occasioning power rationing due to frequent renovations, he said. Some infrastructure problems can be fixed within a short time but others take a year to

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'Deforestation bad, more trees needed'

By Guardian Reporter

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan yesterday urged people to plant trees to curb environmental degradation and desist from engaging in socioeconomic activities that lead to deforestation. Addressing Babati residents in the Manyara region, the president said that people should stop cutting down trees if we are to survive drought. Environment experts in the government need to make sure that people understand the essence of protecting the environment from all kinds of degradation, she said. People must also be involved in protecting completed water projects, she said, noting that projects relating to construction of dams requires that residents support local authorities in ensuring that the projects succeed.

People must dedicate their time and efforts in agriculture so that food is available, the president emphasised, pointing at rising food security threats in the wake of climate vagaries. The country has all it takes to survive the food deficit if farmers play their role as the government has allocated over 700bn/- in the current fiscal plan for the sector, she said. "The government is doing all it can in supporting farmers to make sure that there is sufficient supply of food during the current season and well beyond," she said. Easing access to fertilizers via subsidy, construction of modern silos for food preservation and empowering farmers with required technologies to enhance farm productivity was among measures the government was taking, she said. Manyara Region had during 2020/21 produced enough food with an excess of 264,819 tonnes which was marketed outside the region, she said. In remarks to invite the president to speak, PO-RALG state minister (Regional Administration and Local Governments) commended the president for allocating over 300m/- from the Covid-19 relief funds to build 12,000 classrooms at secondary schools and 3,000 classrooms in temporary schools. Over 907,000 children joining secondary education were accommodated in the

By Guardian Reporter

ENVIRONMENT watchers are crediting the now approved Msimbazi Basin transformation plan not just to decisions by President Samia Suluhu Hassan but to initiatives dating from the time she was still vice-president. Details of the background to the project are coming to light in the wake of signing an agreement to control floods and conduct environmental restoration in the area, obtaining a \$200m (463bn/-) concessional loan from the World Bank. Finance and Planning minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba said at the signing ceremony that the plan is geared toward controlling storm water overflows along the Msimbazi Basin by extending the drainage system, plus widening and raising the bridge. Code-named as the Msimbazi opportunity project, it will provide a long term solution to flash floods at the valley and turn the wetlands into a city park, an idea linked with the president as, back in January 2018, she had convened a meeting on the severe flooding that regularly affects Dar es Salaam.

'Samia tied to Msimbazi Park project since 2017'

It submitted an 'opportunity plan' developed through a participatory design process that lasted from January to August 2018 with the leading role of the Msimbazi stakeholder team

VPO officials say that the meeting concluded that a task force was needed to coordinate various government initiatives and provide guidance for the future with respect to flood protection and environmental restoration. The series of design meetings involving community members was organized by the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments) as the starting point for coordinated work on the Msimbazi Basin. The World Bank published the 'Msimbazi Opportunity Report' in 2019, which underlined that the report was prepared in response to the vice-president's appeal back in 2017 to adequately address the recurrent flood risks in Dar es Salaam, especially at the Msimbazi valley. It submitted an 'opportunity plan' developed through a participatory design

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Zimbabwe now approves law to punish 'unpatriotic' citizens in war on sanctions



HARARE

Zimbabwe President Emmerson Mnangagwa's government has approved a proposed law that will punish 'unpatriotic' citizens as the 80-year-old ruler moves to

silence critics and entrench his reign. President Mnangagwa (pictured) promised a law that will punish Zimbabweans who lobby for sanctions against the country soon after winning the disputed 2018 elections. It will be

known as the Patriotic Act. The government said the proposed law would be modelled on the States' Logan Act in United States. Information minister Monica Mutsvangwa told journalists in Harare on Tuesday that the cabinet had approved the Criminal Law (Codification and Reform) Amendment Bill 2022 targeting those deemed as undermining Zimbabwe's national interest. The cabinet approved the bill presented by justice, legal and parliamentary affairs minister Ziyambi Ziyambi, Ms Mutsvangwa told a post-cabinet media briefing. "The [bill] enhances the provisions of the criminal law code in matters relating to the country's sovereignty through the criminalisation of conduct that undermines

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 address, like ordering machinery or plants, getting them exported and installed, he explained.
 “We will continue updating the public on the situation of power and measures we are taking every time,” he stated.
 He cited the use of energy source mix, noting that the current generation system was largely reliant on hydropower generation, pointing at gas, solar and wind sources now being developed, with 180MW expected from Kinyerezi I gas-fuelled power station entering the national grid next year.
 Investors in wind and solar energy plants were also being engaged as part of efforts to improve power supply countrywide, he said.
 Dar es Salaam and Coast regions remain the largest users of power, consuming up to 50 percent of generated electricity, he said, specifying that the start of the hot season promotes greater use of electrical fans and air conditioning.
 Hydropower remains a major source of electricity along with the more costly gas powered generation, but dam filling for hydropower plants was increasingly problematic with low levels of water.

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 Zimbabwe’s sovereignty, dignity, independence and national interests,” she said.
 “The bill also provides for a mandatory sentence in rape and murder cases.
 “In addition, it expands the definition of dangerous drugs and also amends the elements which form the crime of abuse of public office.”
 President Mnangagwa’s ruling Zanu PF has been making threats to criminalise conduct it deems as unpatriotic, including calling for sanctions.
 Critics say the proposed law is part of a sustained attack on freedom of expression by the Zimbabwean ruler, who took over power in 2017 following a military coup that toppled longtime ruler Robert Mugabe.
 After returning from brief exile in South Africa after the coup, the former vice-president and longtime lieutenant of the late Robert Mugabe promised a new kind of democracy under his rule, but critics say he is a worse autocrat than his predecessor.
 Tendai Biti, a former finance minister and now deputy leader of the Citizens Coalition for Change, described the proposed law as
 “fascist and unconstitutional”.
 “The so-called Patriotic Bill is no more than a predatory instrument to proscribe alternative views and values,” Mr Biti said.
 “Every true Zimbabwe will protect her country, but also has right to protect injustice and abuse.
 “We reject this unconstitutional, desperate fascist law.”
 The government has defended the proposed law, drawing comparisons with the US Logan Act, which criminalises negotiation by unauthorised citizens with foreign governments that have disputes with Washington.
 Only two people have ever been indicted on charges of violating the Logan Act and none of them was convicted.
 President Mnangagwa’s government early this year also approved a proposed law that seeks to restrict civil society organisations from receiving foreign funding.
 It accuses the groups of being conduits of money from foreign governments to finance opposition parties in Zimbabwe.
 Zimbabwe has been under Western sanctions for over two decades over alleged human rights violations and electoral fraud.

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 classrooms starting January, she said. Manyara region was allocated 5.5bn/- for construction of the classes, with 2.3bn/- issued for construction of temporary schools, she stated.
 Another 160bn/- was in September allocated where

Manyara Region received 1.54bn/- for construction of 77 classrooms for those joining form one next year, she said.
 During the 2021/22 financial year, the government had constructed 232 secondary schools budgeted at 143.47bn/-, where eight were built in Manyara region at a cost of 3.76bn/-, she added.

Elephants now break into homes in Taita Taveta to look for snacks

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 Mr Mwatela says it was one of the scariest moments of his life.
 “As I was running to save my life, I saw other elephants standing outside the house. I ran to my neighbour’s house and spent the night there. I escaped death by a whisker,” he said.
 Break-ins by elephants have now become the norm in the three villages of Zongwani, Marapu and Rahasi in Sagalla ward.
 Villagers said one elephant had become notorious for raiding the village in search of water and food, causing trouble for the public.
 The elephant has been raiding homes and kiosks and making off with food items like sugar, flour, bread and snacks.
 Michael Mshambala, a kiosk owner in Zongwani said that the elephant has developed a taste for human food and breaks into houses to satisfy his cravings.
 Last week, it invaded his compound and broke into his small kiosk and made away with a bag of sugar and several loaves of bread.

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Finance and Planning minister Dr. Mwigulu Nchemba exchanges greetings with Citibank managing director David Livingstone after their meeting in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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 process that lasted from January to August 2018 with the leading role of the Msimbazi stakeholder team. More than 200 people from 59 institutions and communities worked across 30 working sessions to bring up the plan, it said.
 Ministry officials sat with grassroots members of the community, civil society and the private sector to determine how to best address the multi-faceted challenges posed by the recurrent flooding.
 Regulatory bodies and a series of service providers were involved, including the regional secretariat, three municipalities as well as the rapid bus company (DART), water suppliers (DAWASA, DAWASCO), as well as ministerial officials for Lands, Water, Works, and environment body NEMC.
 ‘Outsider’ stakeholders included the Wami Ruvu Water Basin Authority, the Prime Minister Office (Disaster Management), TANESCO and TanRoads, with a range of experts from Ardhi University, the land use commission, the private sector, forest service, NHC and the weather agency.



Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi exchanges greetings with Somali’s new ambassador to Tanzania, Zahra Ali Hassan who paid a courtesy call at the State House yesterday. Photo: State House

TCRA wins public’s applause for outstanding performance

By Guardian Correspondent, Mwanza
 PEOPLE who visited the ongoing financial services exhibition in Mwanza have congratulated the Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) for revitalising financial services and enabling the services to be easily accessed.
 Speaking at different times when visiting the TCRA exhibition booth here yesterday, people said that long ago before the establishment of communication services, access to financial services was a challenge costing people time, fares to follow them and the lack of access to financial information.
 One of the Mwanza-based residents, Frederick Masanja said that farmers are now getting banking services while they are in the fields unlike in the beginning when they had to go to the cities to follow the services. Another resident, Costa Mabula said that in the past, the issue of salaries for them was a challenge but now with access to modern communication services it is easier and he congratulates TCRA for facilitating it.
 TCRA grants licenses to companies that invest in internet infrastructure services, of which there are currently 20, utility service companies of which there are 87, and licenses for special service numbers where financial services are given numbers starting with ‘150’. The financial services week is being held in Mwanza at rock city stadiums where this year’s theme is ‘financial education for people’s development.’



Tourists from various countries at Horombo on Monday heading towards Uhuru Peak of Mount Kilimanjaro. It is the highest mountain in Africa and the highest single free-standing mountain above sea level in the world: 5,895 metres (19,341 ft) above sea level. Photo: Correspondent James Lanka

‘SDC will continue supporting conserving forests in Tanzania’

By Beatrice Philemon

THE Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) has announced to continue supporting the conserving forests through sustainable, forest-based enterprise support in Tanzania (CoForEST) project for another year. The project aims at enabling more people to benefit from community based forest management (CBFM) activities across the country. The statement was issued yesterday by the programme officer, employment and income from the Embassy of Switzerland in Tanzania, Clara Minja when speaking at a one day meeting for CoForEST on how to enhance financing actions and investment for implementation of CBFM.

“Decisions to add another year followed the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 that affected most planned activities,” she remarked.

Projects that were expected to

phase out at the end of this month are implemented by the Tanzania Forest Conservation Group (TFCG) in collaboration with Tanzania Community Forest Conservation Network (MJUMITA) with funding from SDC.

She said for many people to benefit from CBFM activities thus conserving forests, there should be efforts to control human activities such as agriculture, charcoal, fire and grazing.

She said there is a need to address policy barriers arising from frameworks such as the GN. 417 to help more villages to benefit from forest resources within their village land forest reserve and prevent deforestation.

Clara stressed the need for collaboration between the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism and the Prime Minister’s Office Regional Administration and Local Government (PMO-RALG) in order to expand CBFM coverage in

accordance with its action plan.

She added that political will is important in ensuring that all the villagers take part in forest conservation activities and benefit from the resources.

“As SDC we are glad for what has been achieved through the CoForEST project in Tanzania. We conducted policy review in collaboration with Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) whereas results indicated that CBFM is relevant in the country,” she added.

Director of Forest and Beekeeping Division, in the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism, Deusdeddit Bwayo expressed thanks to SDC for their financial support that in turn has transformed people’s lives and helped the government to increase tax collections through the various projects implemented across the country.

“We will continue to monitor the use of additional funds provided by our supporters. The

funds are important in enhancing forest management and allows many people to benefit from the resources,” he said.

TFCG executive director, Charles Meshack said the main goal of the meeting was to look for more funds from different donors that will be used to implement CBFM nationwide.

He mentioned agriculture as the driving force for deforestation by 89 per cent, according to a research conducted by TFCG and other stakeholders. People are cutting trees for farming activities, he added.

According to him, fire and charcoal contribute to forest degradation by 7 per cent, and grazing 3 per cent, and agriculture 7 per cent.

He said as the world population continues to increase, there will be increased demand for farms, resulting in more forests being cleared for agricultural activities.

MJUMITA executive director, Rahima Njaldi said it their belief that the government will consider all the issues raised by stakeholders during the meeting for better implementation of the CBFM project.

NBS, KOSTAT inaugurate statistical training room

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE National Statistics Bureau (NBS) in collaboration with Statistics Korea (KOSTAT) has launched the statistical training room aimed at improving activities of the bureau.

The joint project aims at building capacity for the national statistic system is focusing on provision of in-house training to NBS staff.

The training room that has cost about 120m/- will be of great help to NBS as it is equipped with computers installed with specialized programmes for statistical and various information analysis.

Speaking in Dodoma during the occasion held at NBS headquarters yesterday the Census Commissar Anne Makinda said that, the training room will help the data processing training which will enhance NBS’s ability to produce timely, quality and official statistics that will help the nation to make various development plans.

“This training room opens a new page in the development of statistical infrastructure in our country in general and at NBS in particular because it has equipment to support statistical activities,” said Makinda.

The Census Commissar also said that the training room will benefit the National Statistic System as NBS are about to embark on the data processing of the 2022 census. “I have no doubt whatsoever in my mind that these facilities will immensely impact the statistical process from data production to dissemination of the result within the National Statistic System,” she said.

Along with the launch of training room NBS and KOSTAT were also celebrating the completion of a second year of the joint project between the two institutions.

During the second year of implementing the joint project NBS and KOSTAT has managed to conduct various statistical trainings such as agriculture and fisheries statistics course and managerial

level statistics course held in Korea and employment statistics course and economic statistics course held in Tanzania respectively.

The coordinator of NBS and KOSTAT joint project Deogratius Malamsha said that the main activities of the second year of the project has been timely completed as planned and they are now looking forward to implement the third year’s project mission which focuses on strengthening the data base service system national wide.

Malamsha also mentioned the benefits of the joint project in the first year of implementation 2020-2021 that NBS received GIS equipment which were used to support the work of allocating areas for 2022 census and the sharing experience training on the implementation of Population and Housing Census between Tanzania and South Korea.

Speaking about the joint project the director of the North Korea National Statistics (KOSTAT) Dr Hae Ryun Kim said that, the joint project 2020-2023 will approximately spend 4bn/- up to its completion and it will strengthen the NBS’s ability to process timely and quality data for national development plans.

Kim said that KOSTAT appreciates and commends the cooperation they got from NBS during the maintenance and installation of equipment in the data collection and processing training room which is now complete and has all the necessary equipment including tables, chairs, projectors and computers which he hope that they will last for the next 100 years and support the work done by NBS.

The statistician genera, Dr. Albina Chuwa also said that along with other projects in 2016 Tanzania became one of the Republic of Korea’s priority partner countries for official development assistance (ODA) and consequently NBS was the first national statistical office to receive ODA project in African Continent.



Embassy of Sweden
Dar es Salaam

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Embassy of Sweden in Dar es Salaam represents the Swedish Government in Tanzania through political dialogue, development cooperation and promotion of trade. The Embassy is also covering Burundi and the East African Community. In total the Embassy employs almost 40 staff members.

We would like to invite applications from suitably qualified candidates for the position of Political Affairs, Promotion and Communication Officer. The position is temporary, available from 1st February to 1st August 2023 with a limited possibility for an extension. The job holder will report to the Head of Section for Political Affairs, Trade and Promotion and will join a team of 3 people.

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The role involves analysing political and economic developments in Tanzania and the East African Community (EAC), as well as organising events to promote Sweden and Swedish interests in Tanzania, actively contributing to the Embassy’s public diplomacy, including external communication in English and Kiswahili. Specifically, the officer will be responsible for:

- Following, analysing and reporting on political and economic developments.
- Maintaining an excellent network among political, media and civil society actors as well as the private sector.
- Planning and execution of external activities (i.e. seminars, conferences, receptions etc.).
- Assisting with information and contacts to support strengthened trade relations between Sweden and Tanzania including support to Swedish affiliated businesses in Tanzania.
- Following social media trends and proactively providing input to the Embassy’s communication work.
- Supporting the Embassy’s communication in English and Kiswahili.
- Supporting other functions at the Embassy as required.

Qualifications, Skills and Experience:

- Master’s degree in political science, economics, journalism or relevant field.
- Excellent command of written and spoken English and Kiswahili.
- Minimum 5 years relevant professional work experience (e.g. international organisation, diplomatic mission etc.)
- Experience from working with promotion events.
- Ability to manage multiple projects, be creative, show initiative, meet tight deadlines and work under pressure.
- Strong social and communication skills (we are a small team that works closely together).
- Proven ability to write qualified texts used for reporting and/or external communication (you are welcome to submit examples of your work).

If you are interested in this exciting career opportunity, e-mail us one attachment having your CV (maximum 5 pages) and one page application letter explaining your suitability for the job. Please, do not include your certificates. Write “**PAPO**” in your e-mail subject line. The deadline is on 30th November 2022. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

Expatriates with valid work permits or who demonstrate eligibility to obtain the relevant permit will be considered. The embassy does not sponsor visas/work permits.
We regret the vacancy is not ideal for fresh graduates.

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF TANZANIA

(DAR ES SALAAM SUB-REGISTRY)

AT DAR ES SALAAM

CIVIL CASE NO. 121 OF 2022

TANZANIA PORTLAND CEMENT PLC PLAINTIFF

VERSUS

SIGORI INVESTMENT TANZANIA LTD DEFENDANT

SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION:

TO:

SIGORI INVESTMENT TANZANIA LTD,

P.O. Box 1754,

DAR ES SALAAM.

WHEREAS, the above mentioned case has been fixed for mention on **29TH NOVEMBER,**

2022 AT 08.30 AM before **Hon. S.E. KISANYA - Judge** you are required to appear in

this court without fail and must produce on that day all the documents upon which you

intend to rely in support of your case.

TAKE NOTICE that in default of your appearance on that day aforementioned, the suit

will be heard and determined in your absence.

GIVEN under my **HAND** and **SEAL** of Court this **29TH OCTOBER, 2022.**

DEPUTY REGISTRAR
HIGH COURT OF TANZANIA
DAR ES SALAAM



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External Auditor for the Financial Period ending 31st December 2022

Terms of Reference

1 About NAD Zanzibar

Norwegian Association of Disabled (NAD) is a rights-based advocacy organisation of persons with disabilities. Our vision is a society for all, where people with disabilities have the same opportunity as other people and can live according to their own wishes, abilities, and interests. We have our head office in Oslo – Norway and branches in Zambia, Uganda, and Zanzibar

In 2022, we started our direct operations in Zanzibar and were registered as a branch of foreign society by the Registrar of Societies under the Act no 6 of 1995. In addition to the current partnership with MECP-Zanzibar in the areas of Human Rights Advocacy (HRA) and Inclusive Education (IE), NAD – Zanzibar has initiated another project in Inclusive Economic Employment Program (EEP). NAD Zanzibar coordinates the KIJALUBA iSAVE Zanzibar Project which is implemented as a partnership between TAMWA and SHIJUWAZA NAD – Zanzibar receives its funding from the NAD – Head Office – Oslo and is treated as subgrantee of the Head Offices. The main donor to NAD is NORAD.

2 Task

NAD – Zanzibar is looking for a qualified firm to audit its Financial Statements for the accounting period ending 31st December 2022. This audit will be conducted in accordance with the International Accounting Standards. The auditor will also be asked to audit the NAD Grant and will receive additional information from NAD auditors from Oslo to incorporate into the audit requirements.

3 Scope of Work

NAD Zanzibar started its operation in Zanzibar on 1st August 2022. This Audit will cover the financial statement for the financial year ending 31st December 2022. The responsibilities of the auditors will be to:

1. Audit the Annual Financial statement in accordance with International Standards of Auditing (ISA).
2. Audit the spending and management of project fundings received from the Norwegian Association of Disabled – Head Offices in Norway.
3. Prepare the Management Letter that includes advisory actions to rectify shortcomings/findings with the management's time lined response to these suggestions
4. Consider Fraud and Error in an Audit of Financial Statements
5. Check that all responsibilities, obligations, and agreements in the partnership between NAD and the Country Office shall be adhered to, including the NAD Routines, Procedures and Policies
6. Investigate special focus risk areas from the Norwegian auditor/NAD each year.
7. Participate in meetings between NAD Zanzibar and NAD Oslo to review and assess prior year's audits to see that the above requirements were met and make sure that the auditor confirm the previous year's TOR for the present years audit.

4 Qualifications

NAD – Zanzibar is looking for a firm with at least the following qualities.

1. The auditor who complies with all ISAs relevant to the audit, ref. ISA 200 (Overall objectives of the independent auditor and the conduct of an audit in accordance with international standards on auditing), paragraphs 18 and 20. Of relevance is ISA 240 and ISA 800 (Special Considerations audits of single financial statements and specific elements, accounts, or items of a financial statement)
2. Auditor with the ability and willingness to take a closer look at specific areas each year defined by NAD if asked to do so. I.e., payroll, tax deduction, archiving, fixed assets, insurance, logbooks, etc.

5 Deliverables

The auditor will deliver the following.

1. A complete set of Audited Financial Statements, in accordance with the International Accounting Standards and NBAA Standards
2. Management Letter that includes advisory actions to rectify shortcomings/findings with the management's time lined response to these suggestions
3. Audit Report as requested by the Norwegian Association of Disabled – Head Offices – Auditor in accordance with the extra information and requirement sent to the auditor.

6 Audit Duration

The Audit period is from 16th January 2023 to 17th February 2023. An auditor will have the flexibility of the timetable for audit activities, but there is no flexibility for deadline.

7 Application

Capable firms interested in the job are invited to send their applications to: Director of International Programmes Norwegian Association of Disabled Oslo – Norway

All applications should be sent via email to nad@nhf.no before CoB 7th December 2022. The applications email must have heading "Auditor for NAD – Zanzibar"

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Effects of climate change hits hard on village's water, food availability

By Guardian Reporter, Chemba

IT is a 10-minute trip from Chemba Town to Paranga Village in Paranga ward, Chemba District, Dodoma Region.

However, during the entire trip one meets dry grass, trees without leaves and dry broken soil, with children driving donkey carts laden with plastic containers of water.

The locals say the eyesore landscape one sees is the results of the effects of climate change and environmental degradation, the condition that is affecting many areas of the country.

This paper also saw long queues of people at a water well together with their livestock.

The well belongs to the Masjid Nuru Paranga which decided to distribute the water to the residents for free.

Logo Tuji, herder from Paranga Village owning over 80 livestock said: "The situation is very dismal, had it not been for this mosque, I don't know how my livestock could survive, the sun is hitting us hard, there is no rain at all."

Shakira Ramadhani, resident of Paranga Village and mother of

four children also found at the well waiting for her turn at the well after the livestock, said she is forced to stay on the queue together with cattle because there is no other area to get water for her family use.

"If you want to fetch water you have to wake up very early in the morning and walk for 10 kms. When you get back you become so tired while other family chores are waiting for you, hence to avoid all that we have to queue for water alongside the livestock," she said.

Another Paranga villager, Kuruthumu Skana says lack of rains has economically affected them because she has failed to produce food for her family.

Instead, she says, she is forced to crush stones as aggregate for building, and added that she has also been working as casual labourer in various areas to feed her family during the period of drought.

Another Paranga villager, Maria Loyababu recounts: "The availability of food and water is very problematic this year, the sun is mercilessly hitting upon us, drought conditions have increased, I use to cultivate one acre of maize, but this

year the crop has dried up.

"I have seven children; I appeal to the government for food assistance to sell to us at low prices."

Damian Kolo, the head of the household says the water scarcity hinders him to engage in any economic activities, because they spend a lot of time in search of water.

Walfa Salum, a mother of six children and a farmer from the village says she was forced to abandon farming and opened a small shop after she failed to harvest anything from her farm.

"I am a shopkeeper now, there is no rain at all, in the last season I did not get even a tin of maize from my two acre farm I cultivated," she laments.

Moshi Ali, a rice farmer says due to this year's drought has he not harvested even a single tin of rice, because of lack of rain.

Makongoro Ward's Petro Mollel admits the water and food scarcity problem in his area is due to the effects of climate change.

He appeals to the government for assistance as many people in the ward failed to harvest any food crops due to lack of rain.



Tigo Pesa chief officer Angelica Peshu (C) shows the new Toyota Rush car which will be awarded to the winner of the Tigo Tanzania's "Ndinga la Kishua" promotion during the launch of the third phase of the promotion campaign in Dar es Salaam yesterday which will enable customers who make more transactions through Tigo Pesa to get a chance to win daily and weekly cash prizes worth millions. Left is the campaign's promoter Hamisa Mobeto. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Car dealers drilled on service quality's improvement

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

FIFTY ONE vehicle dealers in Mwanza, Arusha and Dodoma regions have been empowered with skills on how to improve quality of services they render to the public.

The training was made possible by the Tanzania Bureau of Standard (TBS) to vehicle traders, importers, spare parts distributors, garage owners in the three regions.

Wrapping up first day of training yesterday here, TBS' central zone manager, Nickonia Mwambene tasked vehicle dealers to be conversant with all issues that make their services competitive and meet the public expectations in the transportation sector.

The government, he said is determined to improve the sector so that it becomes one of the areas that provide jobs to many Tanzanians.

"As the government, we want garages to offer services that

meet the required standards," Mwambene said.

According to him, the training is aimed at an important sector in the private sector that contributes to the national income and increases employment.

He said: "This is due to the government's determination to continue building a strong, stable and competitive economy, so the organisation supports all plans and efforts made by the government to ensure that the products imported into the country meet the quality requirements, including car spare parts."

"We want to ensure that our garages use quality spare parts and that the business is organised in a professional manner," said Mwambene.

He noted: "This training aims to prepare the participants to be better oriented and practical in implementing the requirements of the relevant standards as well

as the services they provide to the community."

He described the training as important for the beneficiaries, especially considering that consumers rely heavily on importers and sellers of car spare parts and garage owners to advise them on the type and quality of the right spare parts for their cars.

He explained that all vehicle and spare parts' owners have been recognized as participants in developing the national economy.

"The government's motivation is to see that each of us is responsible, to work hard for our economy continues to grow and we even reach the level of being one of the countries with the largest economy in the world," Abraham said, adding: "If the consumer cannot find quality and correct spare parts for the needs of his car, that will lead to complaints about the value of their money."

'UHI will save many Tanzanians' lives'

By Guardian Correspondent,

Morogoro

AMBASSADOR Lt. Gen. (Retd) Abdulrahman Shimbo has said the government's plan to invest in its people in the health sector by establishing Universal Health Insurance (UHI) will save many Tanzanians as there is nothing more important in a human being than his life.

Ambassador Shimbo, one the TPDF Chief of Staff says health is a costly issue and only a few people can fully meet its costs, hence the universal health insurance is important for the majority of Tanzanians.

Amb. Shimbo made the remarks at the launching of the modern Platinum Medical Care hospital in Msamvu, Morogoro Municipality.

"The government universal health insurance plan can also solve the nation's three main issues - ignorance, poverty and diseases, the health insurance falls into the 'disease' category," said Amb. Shimbo.

Meanwhile, the hospital's manager, Rim Ngole praised the government for caring about its people by its step to submit to parliament the Universal Health Insurance Bill.

He said their charges are low, enabling people of low income obtain its services, adding that it

also serves registered members of the National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF).

He said the hospital has started by providing few basic services, it has expanded its emergency services by incorporating modern equipment to save lives.

"Since it was opened, apart from providing employment, we have served over 4,000 patients within the short time," said Ngole.

Platinum Medical Care Director General, Yusuph Amiri, apart from praising the government, also lauded CRDB Bank for providing them a zero interest loan, through CRDB Albarakah Bank that enabled them invest in the health sector.



Investment, Industry and Trade deputy minister Exaud Kigaha (R) and Serengeti Breweries Limited (SBL) managing director Mark Ocitti unveil a plaque to officially commission the expansion of the SBL Moshi brewer facility in Kilimanjaro region earlier this week. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Chief Justice to inaugurate 18 district court buildings

By Guardian Correspondent

TANZANIA Chief Justice, Prof Ibrahim Juma is tomorrow expected to grace the inauguration of 18 district court buildings, at the event to be held at the new district court building for Busega District, Simiyu Region.

The inauguration of the court buildings is the continuation of the ongoing inauguration of court buildings in the country in which the judiciary's plan is to inaugurate a total of 26 court buildings by December this year.

The construction of the 18 district court buildings to be jointly inaugurated tomorrow has been financed through by World Bank loan towards the refurbishing courts' infrastructures.

Out of the 18 projects, 15 are in regard to new Court buildings for the districts that had no courts and three was for refurbishing old court buildings.

The district courts to be inaugurated tomorrow include those for Nyang'ale, Mbongwe, Kaliua, Uvinza, Kakonko, Buhigwe, Kyerwa, Misenyi, Kilombero, Mvomero, Gairo, Songwe, Butiama, Rorya, Tanganyika, Itilima, Busega and Mkinga.

The construction of these buildings in various regions has adhered to the modern requirements for justice provision stakeholders and have incorporated offices for advocates, community development and people with special needs including children.

The inauguration of the 18 court buildings is expected to enhance the provision of court services to the people as the buildings are environment friendly for providing services to the people through the use of modern technology.

It is also within the implementation of the Five-Year Strategic Plan (2020/21-2024/25) as

a pillar for accessibility of justice in time through the boosting of court buildings infrastructures as well as taking court services close to the people.

The event is expected to be attended by senior court officials, government and parliament officials, including Principal Judge of the High Court, Mustapher Siyani, judges of the High Court, the Director of World Bank and the registrar of the High Court.

Others who will be in attendance include the minister for Finance and Planning, Dr Mwigulu Nchemba, the Minister for Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Dr Damas Ndumbaro, Simiyu Regional Commissioner, Dr Yahya Nawanda and other Members of Parliament.

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Tanga airport expansion to start anytime

By Guardian Reporter

THE government has said that it is in final stages to embark on the project to expand Tanga Airport by strengthening its infrastructures aimed at opening up Tanga Region commercially.

Speaking here yesterday, Deputy Transport Minister, Atupele Mwakibete said the government's aim is to make Tanga Region grow after recognizing the completion of major projects under

implementation will need its access by all means of transport.

"The projects include Tanga port expansion and the Uganda Tanzania crude pipeline, hence we must make sure enabling infrastructures are in place as early as possible," said Mwakibete.

He also called upon TANROADS and Tanzania Aviation Authority (TAA) officials to make sure they sit together to reduce administration challenges that could arise after the completion of the project.

In the same vein, Tanga Airport Manager Mussa Mchola said at the moment the airport serves unscheduled flights for smaller aircraft carrying 5 to 12 passengers only.

Tanga Region's TANROADS Manager Eng. Eliazary Rwekiza said as for now the government has already paid compensation to the people who were moved to pave way for the expansion of the airport.

Eng Rwekiza said expansion work will start anytime from now

and will involve the construction of two runways - one of which will be of tarmac level and the other gravel, aircraft parking area, water and lighting systems, perimeter fence, passengers' waiting room, communications tower and offices for Fire Brigade and Rescue services.

Deputy Minister Mwakibete is in Tanga Region to inspect various development projects implemented in the transport sector as well as performance of institutions under his ministry.

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Air Tanzania Company Limited (ATCL) is expanding its network to meet the needs of its Business Strategy which focus on sustaining the recorded achievements and remain an airline of choice that meets and exceeds customers' expectations in line with its mission of provision of reliable, safe, and high-quality services. Therefore, applications are invited from qualified Tanzanians to fill the positions mentioned below:-

1. POSITION: DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL SERVICES – (1 POST)

1.1. MINIMUM ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS AND WORKING EXPERIENCE:

- Must have a Degree in Aeronautics / Degree in relevant engineering field from a recognized institution or its equivalent
- Must have Aircraft Maintenance Engineer's license/approval with appropriate airframe, power plant or avionics ratings;
- Must have at least ten (10) years of working experience of which two (2) years must be in a Managerial position; and
- Must have at least three years' experience in maintaining the same category and class of aircraft used by the AOC holder including one year in the capacity of returning aircraft to service.

1.2. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Advises the Managing Director and CEO on all matters related to Technical Services activities to contribute in reaching of the vision and realizing the mission of the Company.
- Provide leadership and coordination of Technical Services sections to ensure legal, safe and efficient operation.
- Responsible for development, implementation, and evaluation of strategies to achieve technical services' corporate objectives
- Development and enforcement of company policies and for ensuring compliance with all laws, rules, and regulations governing technical services activities.
- Oversee the planning and optimum use of resources under technical services section.
- Ensure that the highest possible standards of Technical proficiency are maintained
- Oversees and implements ATCL's strategic plan in relation to Technical Services directorate objectives;
- Ensure optimal, efficient and effective management and utilization of human resource under Technical Services directorate
- Oversee the planning and optimum use of resources under the Technical Services directorate
- Ensure implementation of an effective quality and determine standards operating practices to comply with relevant legislations and regulations which are related to the AOC and other necessary authorities
- Liaise with other departments within the airline to ensure the airline global objectives and targets are met.
- Oversee health and Safety Matters
- Conducts Performance Review and Appraisal of subordinates and gives feedback respectively.
- Perform any other official duties as may be assigned by a supervisor.

2. POSITION: ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER – (1 POST)

2.1. MINIMUM ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS AND WORKING EXPERIENCE:

- Must have a Master Degree in one of the following fields: Public Administration, Human Resources Management, Human Resources Planning and Management, Sociology, Industrial Relations, Business Administration/Commerce majoring in Human Resources Management or related qualification from recognized institutions
- Must have a Bachelor Degree in Public Administration, Human Resources Management, Human Resources Planning and Management, Sociology, Industrial Relations, Business Administration/Commerce majoring in Human Resources Management or related qualification from recognized institutions
- Must have at least eight (8) years of working experience in relevant field and must be in Senior Officer position
- The candidate must have successfully passed Qualifying Law Examinations for Administrative Officers.

2.2. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Advises the Director of Human Resources and administration on administrative matters in ATCL.
- Manages the general upkeep of services to include maintenance of office equipment, water and sewerage, office environment cleanliness, buildings, Vehicles and grounds including other outsourced services
- Leads the compliance of OSHA guidelines ensuring all locations are compliant with zero tolerance on non-compliance
- Develops, implements and reviews internal administrative procedures specifically with the guiding SOP to enhance administration controls
- Provides requisite link with the PMU for all departmental administrative procurement, ensuring all works and services are planned and executed as per APP and Departmental business plan.
- Manages ATCL security and out sourced security services to ensure ATCL property is well protected
- Conducts Performance Review and Appraisal of subordinates and gives feedback
- Supervises and ensures efficient system of central registry is operational to speed up correspondences between various department and with external parties.
- Manages proper allocation of physical assets such office equipment and furniture and keep current record of users to enable management to plan internal usage efficiently.
- Perform any other official duties as may be assigned by a supervisor.

3. POSITION: ACCOUNTANT II (1 POST)

3.1. MINIMUM ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS

Must have Bachelor Degree or Advanced Diploma in one of the following fields; Accountancy, Finance, Business Administration/Commerce majoring in Accountancy or Finance or equivalent qualifications from recognized Institutions plus either of CPA (T), ACCA, ACA, CIMA or equivalent professional qualification recognized by the NBAA.

3.2. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Collect cash and cheques and pay authorized petty cash.
- Reconcile cash balance
- Prepare revenue and expenditure reports.
- Prepare accounts documentation
- Dispatch voucher lists to Head of sections.
- Make batching of payment vouchers as per Cashbook
- Maintain Petty Cashbook and Register
- Carrying out regular bank reconciliation.
- Record financial transactions in the accounting system.
- Performs any other official duties as may be assigned by the supervisor

4. POSITION: RECORDS MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT II (2 POSTS)

4.1. MINIMUM ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS

Must have Certificate in one of the following fields: Records Management, Records and Archives Management, Corporate Information Management, or equivalent qualification from recognized institutions.

4.2. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Assist in receiving all incoming mail/documents.
- Record all incoming mail /documents.
- Post or dispatch outgoing mail/documents.
- Handle all files movements and records.
- Perform any other official duties as provided by the supervisor.

5. TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

Five (5) years contract with attractive remuneration and fringe benefits as per ATCL Salary Structure and Incentive Scheme.

6. MODE OF APPLICATION FOR ALL APPLICANTS:

Interested applicants must submit a dully signed letter for consideration of the application attached with the following;

- A curriculum vitae (CV);
- Certified copies of all certificates (including secondary school, birth certificates), other relevant certificates, Applicants who have studied outside Tanzania should have their certificates approved by relevant authorities Tanzania Commission for University (TCU) or National Examination Council- NECTA;
- Two recent passport size photographs ;
- Name and address of at least two reputable referees;
- Applicants from Public Service should route their applications through their employers;
- Applicant's reliable contact address, email address and telephone number.

Note: Misrepresentation of qualifications or any other information on application shall warrant legal consequences.

7. CLOSING DATES:

Applications should reach the undersigned within 14 days from the first date of this announcement.

MANAGING DIRECTOR & CEO,
AIR TANZANIA COMPANY LIMITED,
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Issued on: 24th November, 2022



PUBLIC AUCTION

Best Group (T) Ltd and AUCOR will conduct a public auction of various items such as LDVs, minibuses, forklifts, pumps, generators, spare parts, motors, mining equipment's, earth moving equipment's, cables, scrap equipment's, the auction will start **on 30th November, 2022 from 10:30 A.M.** at North Mara Gold Mine Limited .

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF AUCTION: -

1. Participants should adhere with all safety requirements and standards of Buzwagi Gold Mine including wearing of mask, reflectors, and safety boots.
2. That interested customers are invited to visit the site for viewing and inspecting items to be auctioned from **Thursday 24th November to Tuesday 29th November, 2022 from 10:00 A.M up to 4:00 P.M.**
3. The bidding price is VAT exclusive, bidders will be pay VAT.
4. Purchasers shall pay exempted tax items to the Tanzania Revenue Authority; TRA officers will be present for clarification and guidance.
5. That the purchaser participation is subject to payment of entrance fees which is refundable to his/her account if will not purchase any items.
6. The entrance fees will be TZS 5, 000,000/=(five million only refundable)
7. All payments including the entrance fees will be paid through the following bank account.

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BRANCH	NYAMONGO
ACCOUNT NUMBER	0150388386800
ACCOUNT NAME	NORTH MARA GOLD MINE LIMITED

8. The highest bidder will pay a non-refundable deposit of twenty-five per cent (25%) of the bid price which shall be paid at the end of auction and the balance of seventy-five percent (75%) shall be paid within four days after the sale.
9. Where the balance of seventy-five percent (75%) is not paid as specified, the bid shall lapse and the lot in respect of which the balance is outstanding shall be reoffered for sale.
10. The Seller shall not give warranty on the quality, quantity, packaging condition or any other particulars of the assets / goods offered for sale as such an item is auctioned AS-IS and thus request for replacement or refund shall not be accepted.
11. Goods purchased at an auction shall be removed from the warehouse/yard within ten (10) days and where the purchaser fails to remove the goods, he or she shall be liable to pay the warehouse rent and any other charges with effect from the date of sale up to the date of removal.
12. Where the purchased assets/goods are not removed from the warehouse/yard, they may be re-offered for sale upon expiration of time for removing items.
13. If the winner fails to pay within the prescribed time above, he/she will be blacklisted as a defaulter.
14. For claiming items, the winner shall present; a) A valid copy of paid payment bill and bank receipt b) Power of attorney in case owner sends representative c) Provide proper identification such as Passport, National I.D or valid Driver's license. d) TRA confirmation release documents to confirm payments of tax e). Third party claims shall not be entertained.
15. Sellers reserves the right to cancel/withdrawal the auction at any time, when need may arise, in accordance with the laws, rules and regulations governing the auction process.
16. Bidders are strictly warned of any malpractice which includes but not limited to feeding wrong information failing to pay bid amount upon winning the bid within the prescribed period. Failure to abide to this condition infringes the Economic and Organized Crime Control Act. Cap 200 and it amount to serious offense.
17. Terms and Conditions of this auction are to be carefully considered by an interested person before registration.
18. Bidders are advised to use registered tax consultants, Clearing AND Forwarding Agents, Logistic Companies in transporting abnormal luggage, the auctioneers may recommend or assist to get the service providers upon request by the purchaser but exempted from any liability on their contractual obligations.
19. Bidders are strongly advised to have valid licenses and permit for trading or transporting of any items they purchase if is required by the law.
20. The auction will be live with webcast
21. Sellers will not be responsible for any errors in description, all goods are sold with no duty to repair.
22. The participation fees paid will be refunded with 14 days to client respective accounts

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Zanzibar 2nd VP calls for establishment of sponsorship fund for Mzumbe University

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

ZANZIBAR'S Second Vice President, Hemed Suleiman Abdulla, has advised for the establishment of Mzumbe University Sponsorship Fund that will assist Tanzanians who are qualified to study in the universities but fail to do so due to financial issues.

Hemed made the remarks at the 22nd registration Board of Mzumbe University held at the university's main campus in Morogoro Region.

Abdulla is among the students who studied at the university and said the establishment of the fund will answer to the University's slogan "We Learn for Human Development."

Speaking about Mzumbe

University, he said it is among the country's universities that have performed well in producing senior leaders including President Samia Suluhu Hassan and other government officials.

"I am also proud to be a product of Mzumbe University, as I studied my Degree in Commerce and Economics which assisted me in my earlier work as a disciplinary officer in the Ministry of Trade whilst in Pemba," he said.

He said whilst in Pemba, and in collaboration with fellow officials, they managed to increase the Isles main cash crop from 3,000/- to 14,000/- a kilo.

However, the Zanzibar second Vice President called upon the university's lecturers to double their efforts in increasing publications on various

researches that can help the nation in bringing about economic and technological development.

He advised the university's leadership to look into how to establish relations with Zanzibar based universities in order to enhance the scope in the selection of programmes for study and to bring education opportunities closer to Zanzibar.

Earlier, Mzumbe University Vice Chancellor, Prof William Mwegoha said the meeting is held every year and aims to discuss how to improve the high learning institution as well as to congratulate students and workers who performed well.

He said the university continues to expand by constructing more buildings at Maekani area, including the administration block, sports grounds and graduation hall.



Children can learn from drawing because it is important for children development as Kaya Foundation director Anna Pili Ngome (R) demonstrates focusing on the fighting against gender-based violence (GBV). The scene was captured at Tabata-Segerea in the outskirts of Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Sabato Kasika

Copyright infringement alarms COSOTA

By Guardian Reporter

THE copyright office (formerly COSOTA) has warned against what it claimed as reported increase in copyright infringement across the country.

The office in its public notice published in different media outlets this week claimed that it has received formal complaints from Television Broadcasters in Tanzania regarding the unlawful and unauthorized usage, broadcast and/or rebroadcast of copyrighted content contrary to the Copyright and Neighboring Rights Act No.7 of 1999.

"The copyright office hereby reminds all broadcasters, individuals, companies and the public to refrain from using, broadcast and/or rebroadcast of copyrighted content protected under the law without prior written authorization/approval from the respective copyright owners/holders," reads part of the notice.

Commenting about the development, Copyright Office of Tanzania CEO, Doreen Sinare said the office did receive formal complaints from some Pay TV operators regarding the increase of content piracy conducted by different platforms ranging from cable TV operators to streaming platforms where copyrighted content are rebroadcasted without approval from rightful copyright owners.

Doreen insisted that the Copyright Office is keeping a watchful eye on copyrighted content broadcasted or rebroadcasted in various platforms and will not hesitate to undertake enforcement measures.

"We are required by the law to make sure that all operators adhere to the laws and that whoever has the rights is protected as required by the law," she said.

In the statement, the copyright office insisted that it will institute stern measures against all entities, organisations, broadcasters and individuals who will

- in any form, breach broadcast rights and infringing copyrights by illegally broadcasting and/or rebroadcasting of protected works under the Copyright and Neighboring Rights Act, No. 7 of 1999.

"Our officers will be dispatched to all parts of the country to conduct special operation to establish all those who infringe copyrights and we are working hand in hand with other authorities in this exercise," said Doreen, adding that in order to attain a true level-field playing, the laws must be observed without any evasion or reservations of any form.

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR THE PROVISION COATING REPAIR PAINT
REF : ETJ-BB-PR-EI-GEN-GE-0011

<p>BESIX Ballast Nedam Limited, the CONTRACTOR for the Engineering, procurement and Construction of the Jetty and Load Out Facilities in the Tanga Bay for the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Project, invites experienced specialist Companies to express their interest for:</p> <p>Supply and Delivery of coating repair paint.</p> <p>The Republic of Uganda, the Uganda National Oil Company (UNOC), the United Republic of Tanzania and/or Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC), as well as other international oil companies are partaking in the implementation of the EACOP Project.</p> <p>As part of EACOP project, the Crude oil will be loaded on vessels via a facility located in the near shore environment of the Indian Ocean. The Facility will be located 2 km offshore from the Marine Storage Terminal site located on the Chongoleani peninsula in front of Tanga Port in Tanzania.</p> <p>BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE MATERIALS / SERVICES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 12000 liters of paint usage expectation, - Supply warranty to be provided for paint, - For HDG structures, we shall require 1-pack inorganic zinc-rich paint such as ZINGA coating or equivalent as per ISO 1461, - For Steel structures such as Piles and Trusses, we shall require glassflake reinforced epoxy and phenolic epoxy primer and topcoat, <p>Interested companies which meet the minimum requirements and have the capacity to provide the services listed above should express their interest by sending together with the above listed documents an email to procurement@bbn.tz (Max. Email Size: 20 MBs & All documents must be submitted in the English language) on or before 8th December 2022, 1800hrs Tanzania Time.</p> <p>Companies satisfactorily meeting the above minimum requirements will be evaluated and if selected will be invited, subject to the signature of a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), to participate in the bidding process.</p> <p>Note: Only pre-qualified companies will receive an invitation to submit their bid in furtherance of the Call for Tender process.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Transport from factory to Tanga port. <p>MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:</p> <p>Companies expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Qualified workers and certified QA/QC; - Warranty period of 24 months and 5 years on latent defects after expiry of the warranty period; - Company profile with prove of sufficient financial capabilities (2021-2022 Financial inspection report) and sufficient and capable resources. - An experience list with relevant supply history / track record showing minimum of five (5) years' experience in execution similar services of required fabrication and transport as per international standards common in the Oil and Gas business or comparable market. - Company's Quality and HSE plans and certification ISO 9001:2015, ISO 14001:2015, OHSAS 18001 (ISO45001:2018) or equivalent certificates; - CE and all quality certificates for materials; - Compliance with petroleum (local Content) regulation of 2017 and local company definition for Tanzania. - Proof of registration/application to Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is highly recommended.
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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE PROVISION OF EQUIPMENT AND LABOUR FOR VOID COLLAPSING SERVICES AT GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA

I. INTRODUCTION

Geita Gold Mining Limited ("The Company") an AngloGold Ashanti's ("AGA") asset is located in north-western Tanzania, in the Lake Victoria goldfields of the Geita region, about 5km from Geita town.

The Company is in the process of procuring Service of Provision of Equipment and Labour for Void Collapsing Services and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expression of Interest for the supply of this equipment as detailed below.

NB: THE DOCUMENTS REQUESTED BELOW MUST BE SUBMITTED WHEN EXPRESSING INTEREST ON THIS SERVICE/WORK. QUALIFIED CANDIDATES WILL BE SUBJECTED TO ANGLO GOLD ASHANTI VETTING PROCESS.

Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01517	PROVISION OF EQUIPMENT AND LABOUR FOR VOID COLLAPSING SERVICES TO GGML

I. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	20%
COMMERCIAL	
Company Profile	1.54%
Company Code of Conduct	1.54%
Company Code of Ethics	1.54%
Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	1.54%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)	1.54%
Copy of 2021 BRELA search Registration Documents	1.54%
Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association	1.54%
Copy of Latest BRELA Application of Annual Returns	1.54%
Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN	1.54%
Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license.	1.54%
Company Shareholding Structure (ownership of shares in percentage (%), Share certificates and Passport/Voter or National ID card for Management & Shareholders	1.54%
List of Directors	1.54%
Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission	1.54%
FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE	
Audited & certified financial statements (2020-2021)	2.5%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's banker regarding supplier's credit position	2.5%
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	1.25%
Environmental Management Plan / Programme / Policy	1.25%
Health and Safety Programme	1.25%
OTHER POLICIES	
Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labour	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme	1%
PAST EXPERIENCE	
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1.7%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.7%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.7%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01517)	
60%	
Drilling Resources	10%
Equipment Maintenance Capacity	10%
Supply Chain (e.g., Spares) and resourcing flexibility locally and regionally	5%
Drill & Blast Technical and Operational capability	10%
Fuel Management	5%
Quality Assurance & Quality control (QAQC) & Operational excellence culture	10%
Legal compliance According to Mining & explosives act.	10%
Total	100%

Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the SERVICE DESCRIPTION AND REFERENCE NUMBER (GGME01517) of the service they intend to express interest on THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL together with supporting information to GGML, which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline a statement of firm capability to provide the relevant Services, including similar contracts undertaken over the past three years. All LOIs and support documentation must be received by the GGML Office via e-mail at geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com not later than 8.30AM 07th DECEMBER, 2022 (the "LOI Submission Deadline"). EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.

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Africa should aim to transform plastics recycling infrastructure

PLASTIC recycling is the process of recovering scrap or waste plastic and reprocessing the material into useful products. Since the majority of plastic is non-biodegradable, recycling is a part of global efforts to reduce plastic in the waste stream, especially the approximately 8 million metric tonnes of waste plastic that enters the Earth's ocean every year.

Plastic recycling is very important and must be taken seriously. Plastics make up a huge amount of solid waste and take centuries to break down in landfill or the ocean. Therefore, all recyclable plastics should be recycled to reduce landfill, conserve energy and conserve the environment.

Compared with lucrative recycling of metal, and similar to the low value of glass recycling, plastic polymers recycling is often more challenging because of low density and low value. There are also numerous technical hurdles to overcome when recycling plastic. Materials recovery facilities are responsible for sorting and processing plastics, but have struggled to do so economically as of 2019. A group of international consumer goods companies operating across Africa launched the 'African Plastics Recycling Alliance' at the seventh edition of the Africa CEO Forum. The Alliance aims to transform plastics recycling infrastructure across sub-Saharan Africa.

Through the Alliance, companies will facilitate and support their local subsidiaries to engage in market-level public-private partnerships (PPPs) and industry collaborations. The Alliance will promote innovation and collaborate on technical solutions and local pilot initiatives to improve plastics collection and recycling, which in

turn is expected to create jobs and commercial activity. Companies will also engage with the investment community and policymakers to accelerate the development and financing of waste management infrastructure and systems.

The Coca Cola Company, Diageo, Nestlé and Unilever launched the Alliance. Each of these companies also has individual corporate-level commitments in line with efforts to achieve SDG 12 (responsible consumption and production). The Coca Cola Company aims to use at least 50 per cent recycled material in its packaging by 2030 and to help collect and recycle the equivalent of every bottle or can it sells globally by 2030. Diageo is working to ensure that 100 per cent of its plastic can be recycled or reused/composed, using plastics that allow for increased consumer recycling rates, among other actions. Nestlé is making 100 per cent of its packaging recyclable or reusable by 2025, and is eliminating non-recyclable or hard-to-recycle plastics as part of its corporate initiatives to accelerate action to tackle plastic waste. Unilever aims to achieve 100 per cent reusable, recyclable or compostable and 25 per cent recycled plastic content by 2035 while also reducing its packaging weight by one-third and halving waste associated with product disposal by 2020.

Diageo Africa President, John O'Keefe, highlighted Diageo's proactive approach as to "establish new, and leverage existing, multi-stakeholder partnerships which support the collection, processing, reuse and recycling of plastics and stimulate the market for recycled plastics." He described the Alliance as an important next step in efforts to "accelerate and scale-up our localized in-country recycling efforts."

Ethical leadership is much more than just confronting corruption

ETHICS or moral philosophy is a branch of philosophy that involves systematising, defending, and recommending concepts of right and wrong behaviour. The field of ethics, along with aesthetics, concerns matters of value; these fields comprise the branch of philosophy called axiology.

Ethics seeks to resolve questions of human morality by defining concepts such as good and evil, right and wrong, virtue and vice, justice and crime. As a field of intellectual inquiry, moral philosophy is related to the fields of moral psychology, descriptive ethics, and value theory.

We have to return to what Nelson Mandela called the 'RDP of the Soul' when he bemoaned the speed with which South Africans want to accumulate wealth instead of helping others. Reconstruction and Development Programme (RDP) is a South African socio-economic policy framework implemented by the African National Congress (ANC).

Whenever we celebrate a significant event, such as the birth of Nelson Mandela, we argue those who want more from society, let's make the principles that underpinned the life of Mandela a way of life, a set of ethics that will unite Africans to do the right thing all the time.

It is time to stop this ingrained way of following different ethics for different groups in Africa. We need to make every day a Mandela Day, as well as turn each day into one that is free of violence against women, children, the elderly and men. We need to change not only

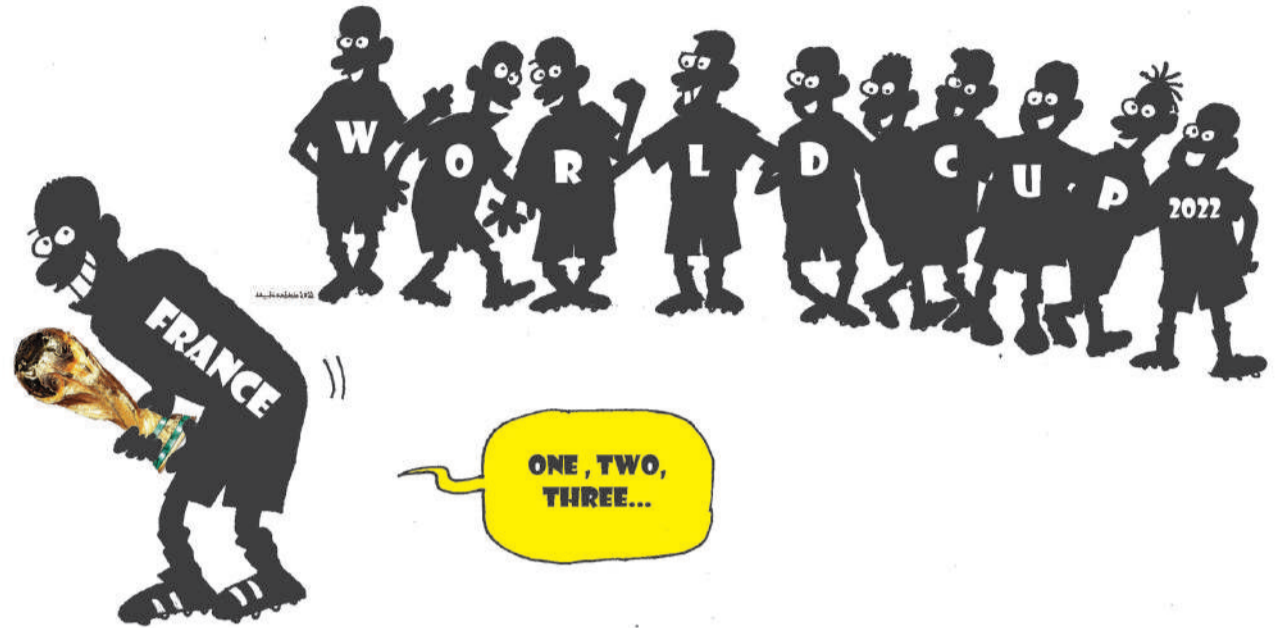
for the sake of our children but for our own sake as well.

African countries demand this of us: to choose an exemplary living, caring for others and to turn our back on a lifestyle that glitters with the rewards that a life of no ethics brings.

We should choose the way of Mandela and all the men and women who gave their all to the African struggle for freedom. This should not be too difficult because each of the world's major religions and many people's groups follows its own version of the Golden Rule that says, "do unto others".

Accepting a life filled with common African ethics is a choice all Africans have to make and follow. It's not a choice that the governments can make for us: it's a personal one that if welcomed into our midst by the majority will change our Africa. In the ANC this approach is encapsulated in the document. Such leaders should represent the motive forces of the Africa's economic development. Those in leadership positions should unite and guide the Africa to be at the head of the process of change. African leaders should lead the task of governance with diligence. And, together, they should reflect continuity of a revolutionary tradition.

The values of human solidarity that once drove Africa's quest for a humane society seem to have been replaced, or are threatened, by crass materialism and pursuit of social goals of instant gratifications. We agree with Mandela and Ramaphosa about the characteristics of ethical leadership.



A glimmer of political hope in Sudan

By Special Correspondent

LEADING members of the AU-IGAD-UN Trilateral Mechanism published a statement on the negotiations between the mainstream Forces of Freedom and Change (FFC) and Sudan's military junta on a new constitutional framework yesterday. They talk about 'a glimmer of political hope' and write that "we now have a workable document upon which further consensus can be built" and that "we must take advantage of this moment to reach an agreement among the Sudanese stakeholders".

Mohamed Belaiche, Ambassador for the African Union (AU) to Sudan, Volker Perthes, United Nations Special Representative for the Secretary-General for Sudan and head of the United Nations Integrated Transition Assistance Mission in Sudan (UNITAMS), and Ismail Wais, Special Envoy of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) explain that the Trilateral Mechanism will facilitate a new set of negotiation meetings.

These meetings will take place between Sudanese stakeholders to reach a comprehensive agreement over a draft constitution to find a solution to the political crisis and prepare the country for full democratic governance. What follows are the authors' perspectives and hopes for these new negotiations.

A glimmer of political hope Two weeks ago, the Trilateral Mechanism received a document from the military leadership with their comments and amendments to the draft constitutional document prepared under the aegis of the Sudanese Bar Association's Steering Committee.

These amendments reflect basic understandings between the military and their interlocutors from the Forces of Freedom and Change. The original constitutional draft had already made a considerable number of civilian forces coalesce around it. With the basic acceptance of the draft by the military, we now have a workable document upon which further consensus can be built.

The military and civilian groups have asked us to start facilitating a new political process based on this draft, and we have indeed begun a new series of meetings with civilian stakeholders to find a solution to the political crisis ongoing since last year's coup.

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A political agreement to end



this crisis would at the same time inaugurate a new transitional period. A transition period is, by its very nature, temporary. It should be based on consensus reached between its different components. It would be wrong for any one individual to think their vision can be imposed to guide its course or monopolise power during this temporary timeframe. The transition period should be viewed as a timebound stage to prepare the country for elections and full democratic governance.

The sustainability and success of the transitional period hinges on its stability. Therefore, all actors must fully abide by the provisions and spirit of the agreement reached. And work together to implement and defend it while seeing the country through a short transition. The military component must be united in fully adopting and supporting the agreement concluded with civilians and abide by its leadership's obligations to refrain from interference in political affairs. In turn, the civilians must not reject the provisions demanded by the military component for the transitional period as long as they are reasonable and conducive to a stable transition.

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Civilians are seeking a fully civilian government, including a civilian head of state and prime minister, with full executive powers during the transitional period and they need institutional and personal guarantees for this. The military does not want unelected civilians to interfere in the affairs of the army during the transitional period. The people, in general, want a fully functional government that can deliver basic services, addresses the economic and social situation, protects civilians and human rights, implements peace agreements, and prepares elections.

We think that these demands can all be realised based on the understandings reached between

the military and the civilian negotiators which we have received. We see these understandings as a sound basis for negotiations on substance. Some key issues remain to be resolved, including questions regarding transitional justice. A political agreement reached on this basis will open the door to form a transitional government - to wield executive power during the transitional period and implement the limited tasks needed during that period, not least to prepare the country for elections and stable, long-lasting democracy.

The tasks of any transitional government should be limited in nature and time and should not be expanded beyond the scope of what is acceptable by all parties. It is this civilian temporary government that will be required in order for international partners to turn the development assistance back on for Sudan which will in turn bring more stability to the country.

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We in the African Union, IGAD and the United Nations, and the rest of the international community will remain ready to provide any technical support for the new government as it makes its way along the transitional path to democracy.

Time is of the essence to not only establish this newly civilian-led government but also to sustain the momentum needed to complete the transitional tasks to move to electoral legitimacy. This will allow broader powers based on greater legitimacy enjoyed by the elected government and enable it to perform its tasks more effectively.

Perhaps one of the most important tasks of the transitional government will be to initiate an inclusive national dialogue on constitutional-making issues, which will also address the root causes of conflicts in the country, issues of identity, inequality, the relationship between the center and the regions,

and other outstanding issues in Sudan since its independence. This dialogue should take place under the auspices of a Prime Minister and a civilian government committed to democratisation and peace. It will likely have to continue under an elected government following the transition period.

The transitional government should be formed on the basis of competence, not on party affiliations and quotas. This would reflect what the Sudanese themselves are demanding. Political parties and politicians should start preparing for the elections as their gateway to government. The Transitional Legislative Council should also be formed from a broad political spectrum and the Resistance Committees, youth, women, and grassroots groups should be represented in order to play its desired oversight functions effectively.

In the coming few days, the Trilateral Mechanism will call for indirect and direct talks aiming at translating and realising these understandings in the framework of an implementable agreement. This will be a genuine exercise to reach a national consensus among Sudanese stakeholders based on the current reasonable draft.

We must take advantage of this moment to reach an agreement among the Sudanese stakeholders. Any agreement reached will not happen between those singing from the same song sheet but rather between those who disagree. This is the basis on which the political process is built, to bridge the gap between opposing parties.

The Trilateral Mechanism calls on all Sudanese stakeholders to remain open to the negotiations and agreements reached, knowing that these agreements are temporary in nature and that elections will follow which will better represent the Sudan that the country so desires.

Ensuring wider and greater ownership of any agreement reached by a broad range of civilian political parties and the military will only serve to strengthen its sustainability. Reaching this agreement will greatly improve the economic conditions in the country through the return of development assistance and international cooperation. Also, private investors are likely to renew their interest in Sudan, once they see an agreed-upon fully functional government in place.

Sudan and the Sudanese have lost a lot during the past year since the coup, and it is time to return to the right track of transition towards achieving the slogans of the revolution and the citizens' desires for a stable, democratic, and prosperous Sudan.

Free entry to health facilities exposes patients and visitors to new infections

By Pankras Luoga

IT IS common to hear complaints from some concerned citizens about “mean” healthcare providers or guards at certain health facilities who restrict entry to visiting relatives of patients for no good reason. Such members of staff are normally vilified as inconsiderate or even heartless.

Some of these relatives tend to resist such restrictions and think that such measures are introduced by such people personally and not professionally. Others go as far as saying that such personnel are not good people and always do not wish the patients well or just hate the visitors.

Worse still, some of them come with young children on their shoulders or holding them on their hands. In some occasions, when they are not allowed to enter, they tend to be harsh to healthcare providers and try to find alternative ways of getting inside the health facility to see the patient.

These fellows sometimes bribe their way inside health facilities just to see their relatives. Those who claim to know their rights sometimes threaten personnel denying them entry by making calls to powers that be. These



people see a health facility like any other public office which anyone can access without restrictions.

Unknown to them is the fact that a health facility is a dangerous place as it is a center of nosocomial infections which are very difficult to treat and their treatments

are very expensive.

Therefore, the “mean” healthcare providers who restrict entry do that for very good reasons. It should be understood that health facilities are among very dangerous places. A health facility is a dangerous place as it hosts all types of diseases includ-

ing infections acquired during the process of receiving health care that were not present during the time of admission which can easily affect visitors too.

Most of these infections are very difficult to treat and their treatments are not cheap. In short, the infec-

tions are found in the health facilities, including big and reputable hospitals. These infections are transmitted from one person to the other by sitting close, touching or entering the area and getting in contacts with the organisms which cause such infections.

Oftentimes, it is difficult to

treat such kind of infections because a patient may have come with one type of disease and get another diseases or infection while admitted in the health facility. Also, a visiting relative of a patient may get such diseases or infections.

It is important to remember that such infections can be transmitted easily to the whole community. Eventually, the innocent caretaker or relative of a patient who was healthy may get sick and die, leaving behind the patient who was sick.

There are several negative effects of relatives of patients not listening and failing to follow advice and instructions given by healthcare providers. First is the possibility of those relatives entering the health facility with new infections from home and transmitting them to admitted patients.

Second is the possibility of visitors contacting nosocomial infections found in health facilities and carry them back home and transmits them to other relatives at home. This includes children and elders who have weak immunity systems.

Relatives of patients should listen and follow advice and instructions given by health workers, including time and num-

ber of relatives allowed to enter and see the patient in the health facility. The relatives should understand that this is done to protect their own health as well as health of their admitted loved one and other patients.

For a relative of a patient with a child, it is advised to leave the child at home and come alone to see the patient. And after visiting the health facility, it is important to disinfect to remove possible contacted pathogens. It is worth noting that no any health worker who likes to prevent visiting relatives from seeing their loved one.

When relatives of patients listen to and follow advice and instructions given by health workers, this help both patients and visitor as they stay away from possible new infections. This has another economic benefit as the society or country does not use more resources in treating avoidable diseases.

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Ugandan women tackle domestic violence with green solutions

SHARM EL SHEIKH

Constance Okollet Achom, a Ugandan woman from Tororo, a rural village located in Eastern Uganda, has helped several dozens of her peers affected by domestic violence to address the issue by equipping victims with skillsets to manufacture eco-friendly biofuels from agro-forestry waste.

"There have been a growing number of women in my village who experienced intimate partner violence. But they have always accepted to continue bearing the brunt of suffering because of their inability to deal with their finances," Okollet, who is the chair and founder of Osukuru United Women Network, told IPS.

With the increasing levels of domestic violence in rural Uganda, Okollet is now championing using climate change solutions to curb its occurrence in this East African nation.

The latest estimates by the World Bank indicate that 51% of African women report that being beaten by their husbands is justified if they burn or refuse to prepare food. Yet acceptance is not uniform across countries. The report shows that the phenomenon appears deeply ingrained in some societies, with a 77% acceptance rate in Uganda.

Okollet's organization currently empowers and educates women on how climate change affects their village resources. Most importantly, it provides resources for entrepreneurship and counseling to women affected by domestic violence and advocates for their emancipation by empowering them to be self-reliant by becoming green entrepreneurs.

With 2,000 members engaged in various climate solutions, including carbon farming, clean energies, and tree planting, the tradition of abuse has slowly started to fade in rural Uganda as many women who used to depend financially on their husbands have taken bold steps in investing in green projects.

"It has traditionally been regarded as shameful for the male members of a family if a female member works outside of the home and earns a living," Okollet told IPS on the sidelines of the just concluded global climate summit in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt.

To amplify support for women to build climate resilience, the African Development Bank organized the session held during COP27 in Sharm El Sheikh under the theme, "Gender-sensitive and climate just finance mechanisms."

The panelists said facilities tailored to supporting women, who are helping to build climate resilience, must be visible, simple, and easily accessible.

During the session, the former Irish president and an influential figure in global climate diplomacy, Mary Robinson, pointed out there is not currently an appropriately dedicated climate fund or a permanent climate fund to support women entrepreneurs in combating climate change.



Constance Okollet Achom, chair and founder of Osukuru United Women Network (OWN), an organization fighting against domestic violence using climate change solutions in Uganda, during an exclusive interview with IPS at COP27 in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt. Credit: Aimable Twahirwa/IPS

Robinson gave the example of some women-led projects in Uganda which could do ten times more if they had access to targeted climate resources. "They had no prospects of getting the money

that could be available for their sector - they didn't even know who was getting the money or where it was going," she told delegates.

So far, the bank has earmarked funding for ten capacity-building

projects focusing on gender and climate through the Africa Climate Change Fund.

According to Kevin Kariuki, the bank's Vice President Vice for Power, Energy, Climate, and Green

Growth, the new funding mechanism has committed \$100 million in loans to public and private sector projects to address gender and climate issues across the continent.

Apart from the new funding scheme launched on the sidelines of COP27, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), the African Development Bank Group (AfDB), and the French Development Agency (AFD) in partnership with the Egyptian government also launched the Gender Equality in Climate Action Accelerator.

It is expected that the accelerator will support private sector companies improve the gender responsiveness of their corporate climate governance.

According to the officials, the initiative will help African governments promote gender-sensitive climate sector policies, thereby accelerating their green transition to meet Paris Agreement targets, the UNFCCC's gender action plan, and key Sustainable Development Goals.

In the meanwhile, Okollet also said that in collaboration with local administrative authorities in her remote rural village in Uganda, she has already trained several hundred women on how to develop green projects so that they become financially independent and confident to face whatever difficulties they may face in life - including domestic violence.

According to her, most rural women in Uganda must wait for their husbands to decide on land management and access, leaving many women underemployed and without any control over productive resources and services.

"These income-generating projects from green initiatives are helping the majority of these women to develop self-sufficiency in their families and stand on their feet," she said.

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Lessons from Niyamgiri movement's success to protect an indigenous sacred mountain

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The Dongria Kondhs say they are the descendants of Niramraja, a mythical god-king who is believed to have created the Niyamgiri range of hills in Odisha, an eastern Indian state on the Bay of Bengal.

This indigenous community has worshipped the Niyamgiri Mountain and lived in the region, which spans over 250 square kilometres through the Raygada and Kalahandi districts of Odisha. Their survival is closely linked to the ecosystem integrity of Niyamgiri Mountain.

But in 2003, a socio-economic conflict of values erupted over the mythical sacred kingdom when Vedanta Resources - a UK-based mining giant - began to acquire land towards constructing an Aluminum refinery at the foot of the Niyamgiri Mountain. This did not require forest clearance.

Protests erupted immediately and intensified when it was revealed that Vedanta also planned to acquire Niyamgiri Mountain and mine bauxite, a sedimentary rock with a relatively high aluminium content. In 2004, the company sought approval to clear forest for a mine. Environmentalists moved to court.

Such conflict over short-term profits and economic growth vis-a-vis values that affected communities ascribe to their land came into sharp focus in July 2022 when IPBES released the Assessment Report on Diverse Values and Valuation of Nature.

IPBES provides policymakers with



IPBES' Assessment Report on Diverse Values and Valuation of Nature Report tells of the successful campaign by the Niyamgiri Movement. Credit: IPBES

objective scientific assessments about the state of knowledge regarding the planet's biodiversity, ecosystems and the contributions they make to people, as well as options and actions to protect and sustainably use these vital natural assets. In this regard, the Values Assessment responds to the need to support decision-makers in understanding and accounting for the wide range of nature's values in policy decisions to address the

current biodiversity crisis and to achieve the UN's SDGs. Approved by representatives of the 139 Member States of IPBES, the full report, released in October 2022, found a "dominant global focus on short-term profits and economic growth, often excluding the consideration of multiple values of nature in policy decisions" and that "decisions based on a narrow set of market values of nature underpin the global bio-

diversity crisis." A global biodiversity crisis is increasingly placing economies, food security and livelihoods of people in every corner of the world at greater risk. For instance, IPBES alerted the world that a million species, out of an overall eight million, of plants and animals, now face extinction, many within decades. Today, the world's wildlife populations have declined by 69 percent since 1970. According to IPBES, increased global gross domestic product drives increased use of natural resources, and "such extractive policies have created immediate loss of multiple nature values at different geographical and social scales, disproportionately affecting indigenous and local communities." The Niyamgiri case illustrates the power issues and value conflicts between economic development projects and indigenous peoples and local communities. Sixty-two tribal groups are found in Odisha, of which 13 are particularly vulnerable. According to IPBES, "the Niyamgiri case includes a range of valuation approaches: the firm's bottom-line considerations, cost-benefit analysis; focusing on instrumental values, portrayals of ecological (intrinsic) values, and evidence of (relational) cultural values of indigenous peoples." In this case, the power to make decisions influences which values were prioritised and which valuation methods were deemed appropriate. IPBES finds that the case also "exemplifies how different valuation logics succeed or fail in representing different life frames and sets of values." IPBES references the Life Framework of Values which links the richness of ways people experience and think of nature with the diverse ways nature matters. It shows why the natural world matters. People can live from, live in, live with or as nature. Living 'as' nature characterises a oneness with nature and people. 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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IMPACT ON BANKING INDUSTRY – PART 2

Last week I shared that Artificial Intelligence (AI) has immense potential for the banking sector. Banks seek to gain a competitive edge over their peers by implementing advanced technology to achieve improvement in speed, accuracy, cost efficiency and meet customer needs. Much of the expectation surrounds the ability of machines to replicate, and often exceed, what human beings can do in banking. Even though the purpose of these intelligent machines is to replace human intelligence to a certain extent, employees of banks have nothing to worry about as the industry still needs human interaction to serve the customer exceptionally. AI is being used to address a wide range of challenges by making interactions between machines and systems simpler and smarter across all industries, but the adoption of AI systems in the banking industry is limited to date because of the important element of human interaction needed in providing services in the banking industry.

Additionally, I shared that with money laundering continuing to be a persistent problem for banks, AI can assist banks to combat this threat through advanced data analytics systems to save the banks from being fined more frequently due to inade-



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quacies in their anti-money laundering infrastructures. This week is a continuation of last week's article. In this article, I will share a few more examples of how AI can impact the banking industry.

- Enhances Customer Service Experience – Customer experience is one of the areas that can be enhanced through AI as quick support can be easily provided to the customer along with tailored banking products and services according to his/her needs. Based on past dealings and data (detailed customer demographics and records of online and offline transactions), AI can develop a better understanding of customers and their behaviour. This enables banks to customize financial products and services by adding personalized features and intuitive interactions to deliver meaningful customer engagement and build strong relationships with their customers. One form of AI that helps banks tremendously is Chatbots. Chatbots are automated service assistants that provide customers with the convenience of resolving their queries via an online messaging system instead of having to visit a branch. Chatbots offer efficient, systematic and accurate conversations which lead to a great cus-

tom service experience. In addition, as technology evolves, AI has been able to offer voice bots as well to solve customer issues without human intervention.

- Enhances Mobile Banking Apps – To meet today's customer expectations, most banks are shifting more into offering digital services and products which have resulted in millions and millions of transactions being done online irrespective of time and place worldwide. AI can be integrated into the bank's mobile apps to improve customer service. How? After gathering the customer's data from the mobile device, the AI system incorporated in mobile apps processes the data to understand the customer's behaviour to provide the relevant information – services and offers in line with the customer's needs. Also, the mobile app with AI will assist the customers when it comes to personalized planning. For example, if a customer wants to buy a new house, the mobile app

can guide the customer with a budget and other related details to help the customer achieve that goal.

In conclusion, Artificial Intelligence (AI) has many benefits to offer to the banking industry. I shared that AI is being used to address a wide range of challenges across all industries, but the adoption of AI systems in the banking industry is limited to date mainly due to the important element of human interaction in providing banking services. For the past two weeks, I shared how AI can impact banks: AI brings the power of advanced data analytics systems to combat fraudulent transactions and improve compliance; AI combines the personal data provided by a prospective borrower with market trends, his/her most recent financial activities and transactions to identify the potential risks in giving out the loan to the prospective borrower; AI can develop a better understanding of customers based on their past dealings and their behaviour to enhance the customer experience, and AI can be incorporated into banks mobile apps to improve customer experience on mobile/internet banking platforms.

UDSM banking, finance forum attracts 600 participants

By Guardian Reporter

THE University of Dar es Salaam through Business School Department of Finance (UDBS) has organized the 3rd Banking, Finance and Investment Forum attracting over participants to be held in Dar es Salaam tomorrow.

UDBS Head of Finance Department, Dr Tobias Swai told reporters in Dar es Salaam yesterday that the forum meant to promote and accelerate understanding of banking, finance and investment in Tanzania and beyond other productive sectors of economy.

"Tanzania and Africa as a whole is quite rich in the availability of local resources and relatively low labour costs. However, there is no much investment which has been recorded in the past decades," Dr Swai said.

According to Dr Swai, the areas to be covered during the forum include Youth and Employability, Getting Ready for the Banking Job Market, Health Break and Networking event, Perspectives of



Digital Banking, DSE Scholarship Investment Challenge, Youth and Investment, Youth and Professional Development, Insurance Sector (Market Report 2019-2021 Opportunities) and Mortgage Finance (Opportunities, Issues and Prospects). "Exhibition and Public Fo-

rum will attract professionals and experienced experts in banking, finance and investments. The participants will be from academia, private sector, business associations, development participants, government, regional bodies and non-governmental organizations (NGOs)," he explained.

Dr Swai said everything regarding the forum was in place, saying that UDBS through its finance department was all out to transform banking, finance and investment sectors so as they could contribute significantly in all sectors of economy.

"More future forums planned for 2023 will be held in February, May, August and November," Dr Swai, calling on Development Partners, Private Sector, Business Associations, NGOs and Individual sponsors to support the forum for betterment of the country.

Dr Swai said the forum was all about bringing finance into practice and that the first and second similar platforms were fruitful and instrumental for players in banking, finance and investment sectors.

Sanlam pays insurance for victims of Bukoba plane crash

By Guardian Reporter

SANLAM Life Insurance has settled benefits for four victims of the Bukoba plane crash who were employees of the Management and Development for Health (MDH), a non-profit Tanzanian public health organization.

The organization lost five staff in the fatal accident involving Precision Air flight PW 494 in Bukoba which claimed 19 people.

The compensated victims were those who were insured with the insurance agency with the company's Chief Executive Officer Julius Magabe calling for other employers to emulate MDH.

Magabe called upon other employers to emulate the MDH example saying life insurance cover has immense economic benefits by sustaining the livelihoods of families of employees in the event of death or permanent disability.

The flight plunged into Lake Victoria during bad weather shortly before it was due to land in Bukoba, Kagera with 43 people, 39 passengers' two pilots and two crews on board.

"MDH has practically demonstrated the necessity of employers in caring for the wellbeing of its staff by procuring for them life insurance cover with significant benefits, thus providing much needed financial protection to the families of the employees should the unfortunate happen."

In his remarks, MDH CEO Dr David Sando, MDH hailed Sanlam Life Insurance for timely claim settlement and promised to handover the benefits to the families of the deceased immediately as per the deceased life cover and wish.

Precision Air Services Plc has called for calm as it works on compensating victims while waiting for a report on the real cause of a plane crash.

The government launched investigation into what had happened with experts saying the investigations could take months.

However, a preliminary report released late Tuesday showed there some shortfalls in the rescue process with rescue teams arriving late at the scene.

Under international rules, the locally-led investigation would usually include the participation of authorities in France, where the plane was designed, and Canada, where its Pratt & Whitney engines were developed.

China's central bank spends US\$980mn to boost liquidity

BEIJING

Chinese central bank spent about US\$980 million (7 billion yuan) in the last three days on reserve repos to maintain liquidity in the banking system.

On Wednesday, China's central bank conducted 2 billion yuan (about US\$280.6 million) of reverse repos. The interest rate for the seven-day reverse repos was set at 2 percent.

On Tuesday, the central bank also conducted 2 billion yuan (about US\$279 million) of reverse repos with the interest rate for the seven-day reverse repos was set at 2 percent.

A reverse repo is a process in which the central bank purchases securities from commercial banks through bidding, with an agreement to sell them back in the future.

On Monday, China's central bank also conducted 3 billion yuan (about US\$421.02 million dollars) of reverse repos to maintain liquidity in the banking system. The interest rate for the seven-day reverse repos was set at 2 percent.

The moves aimed to keep liquidity in the banking system reasonable and ample, the central bank said.

Meanwhile, the China's one-year



loan prime rate (LPR), a market-based benchmark lending rate, came in at 3.65 percent Monday, unchanged from the previous month.

The over-five-year LPR, on which many lenders base their mortgage rates, also remained unchanged from the previous reading of 4.3 percent, according to the National Interbank Funding Center.

The country had lowered the one-year rate by 5 basis points to 3.65 percent in August. The over-five-year rate had been slashed by 15 basis points twice this year, first in May and again in August to the current figure.

The monthly-released data is a pricing reference rate for banks and is based on rates of the central bank's open market operations, especially the medium-term lending facility rate.

The country's national commercial banks were earlier this week urged to step up credit support for key areas, weak links, and sectors and groups hit hard by the COVID-19 epidemic in an effort to stabilize the economy.

At a work conference on credit business on Monday, the People's Bank of China and the China Banking and Insurance Regulatory Commission called on the major lenders to take the lead-

ing role and make good use of policy-backed and development-oriented financial instruments to expand medium and long-term loans.

The loan demand from the manufacturing and service sectors should be actively met, the meeting urged, citing policy tools of the special re-lending facility for equipment upgrading and renovation and government-funded interest subsidies.

Small and micro businesses, the self-employed and truck drivers will see greater financial support, including the repayment extension of inclusive loans. In terms of property lending, banks were asked to adopt differentiated approaches from city to city and meet people's needs for basic housing and improved conditions.

Efforts should be made to stabilize loans to real estate developers and construction enterprises, and support the reasonable demand for individual mortgages. Private developers are supported in raising funds through bond issuance.

Efforts will also be initiated to ensure timely deliveries of pre-sold housing to promote the stable and healthy development of the property market, according to the meeting.

Putin shares memories of Fidel Castro with visiting Cuban leader

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin has shared his memories of the leader of the Cuban revolution, Fidel Castro, whom he had met in person on multiple occasions. Putin said he was invariably impressed by Castro's deep immersion in the nuances of the world situation.

"My memories are still fresh of how impressed I was when we met for the first time at his office. It was a rather casual rendezvous. We had lunch together and discussed current world affairs. I was very surprised by his thorough knowledge of the details and nuances of what was happening around the world, in some cases quite far away from Cuba," Putin said at talks with Cuba's visiting President Miguel Diaz-Canel on Tuesday.

As Putin recalled, Castro "knew and was able to analyze everything that was afoot in the world."

"It was very interesting and useful for me to have these meetings," he said. "I still remember the slightest details of our personal encounters with him. He was a bright man."

Putin attributed the current good relationship between Moscow and Havana to what he described as "traditional friendship, the groundwork of which comrade Fidel Castro laid in his day."

"Based on this solid foundation of friendship, we must, of course, bearing in mind the current realities, move on, and strengthen our cooperation," the Russian leader believes. "I am very glad that we have such an opportunity."

Monument to Castro

Earlier on Tuesday, a monument to Fidel Castro was unveiled in Moscow. Putin and Diaz-Canel attended this ceremony personally. Later, at the talks, the Russian leader shared his impressions of the monument.

"Today we opened a monument to him, which in my opinion, is very good. I do not know if you liked it or not, but it seems to me that one can't help but like it," Putin said with a smile, adding that it was a proper tribute to Castro's memory and a real work of art. "It's dynamic, on the move, looking forward. A perfect image of a true fighter."



Cuban President Miguel Diaz-Canel (L) and Russian President Vladimir Putin

UN food agency seeks 1.27 bln USD to tackle drought in Horn of Africa

NAIROBI

THE World Food Programme (WFP) said on Tuesday that it requires 1.27 billion U.S. dollars to respond to the severe drought which is ravaging three countries in the Horn of Africa in the next six months.

The WFP said the impact of drought in Kenya, Ethiopia, and Somalia has led to food insecurity and a high level of acute malnutrition, as 22 million people are food insecure due to drought.

It said the funds are required for all its operations in the three countries from November 2022 to April 2023. "Forecasts indicate a potential increase in needs; additional funding is needed to sustain and scale up assistance to prevent more dire outcomes," the WFP said in a situational report on drought response.

According to the UN food agency, communities in the Horn of Africa are facing the immediate threat of starvation, with forecasts indicating that the October-December rainy season is likely to underperform, marking the fifth consecutive failed season in parts of the three countries.

The WFP projected that famine will likely occur in three areas in the Bay region in Somalia between October and December. "The loss of livestock and reduced productivity has eroded the livelihoods of pastoral communities. In 2022, at least 9.2 million livestock deaths occurred in the drought-affected areas of Ethiopia, Kenya, and Somalia," the WFP said.

It has scaled up response across the Horn of Africa to respond to severe food shortages by providing life-saving food and nutrition assistance to affected communities.

"For instance, in Somalia, WFP has more than doubled its life-saving food assistance from 1.7 million people in April 2022 with plans to reach 4.5 million in the coming months," it said. The WFP added that it is also enabling communities to recover faster and better from the drought by investing in interventions that promote resilience and adaptive capacities of communities to deal with shocks.

Report: RSV, COVID, flu push US hospitals to brink of collapse

NEW YORK / WASHINGTON

HOSPITALS across the United States are overwhelmed, with the combination of a swarm of respiratory illnesses (RSV, coronavirus, flu), staffing shortages and nursing home closures sparking the state of distress for the already overburdened health-care system, reported The Washington Post over the weekend.

"Experts believe the problem will deteriorate further in coming months," reads the report.

Meanwhile, COVID-19 exacted a higher infection-related and excess all-cause death toll from the United States than from 20 peer countries throughout the pandemic but had less of an impact in the most-vaccinated states in the Delta and Omicron surges, according to a new study.

"Adjusted for population size, the United States had 155,000 to 466,000 more deaths than peer nations in the second half of 2021 and early 2022," the Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy at the University of Minnesota reported on Monday, citing the study published in JAMA last week.

Separately, Dr Anthony Fauci, the US health official celebrated and vilified as the face of the country's COVID-19 pandemic response, used his final White House briefing on Tuesday to denounce division and promote vaccines.

Fauci, who plans to retire soon as President Joe Biden's top medical adviser and top US infectious disease official, has dealt with the thorny questions around health crises from HIV/AIDS to avian flu and Ebola.

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US top court allows lawmakers to get Trump's tax returns

THE US Supreme Court on Tuesday cleared the release of Donald Trump's tax returns to a House of Representatives committee, handing a defeat to the Republican former president who had called the Democratic-led panel's request politically motivated.

The justices denied Trump's Oct 31 emergency application to block a lower court's ruling that upheld the Ways and Means Committee's request for his tax records as a justified part of the panel's legislative work. No justice publicly dissented from the decision.

The committee, which has sought six years of Trump's tax records spanning 2015 to 2020, will have little time to complete its work related to the returns before a Republican takeover of the House. Republicans secured a narrow majority following the Nov 8 midterm elections and take control of the House - and the committee - in January.

The fight over his tax returns is one of many legal woes for Trump as he moves forward with another run for the presidency in 2024. Trump last week announced the launch of his candidacy.

Ways and Means Chairman Richard Neal said the Supreme Court's action upholds the principle of congressional oversight.

"This rises above politics, and the committee will now conduct the oversight that we've sought for the last three and a half years," Neal said in a statement.

A Trump spokesperson did not immediately reply to a request for comment.

Trump was the first president in four decades years not to release his tax returns as he sought to keep secret the details of his wealth and the activities of his real estate company, the Trump Organization.

The Ways and Means panel had told the Supreme Court in a legal filing that siding with Trump would harm the constitutional authority of a co-equal branch of government "by in effect preventing Congress from completing any investigation involving a former president whenever there are allegations that the investigation was politically motivated."

The panel in its request invoked a federal law that empowers its chairman to request any person's tax returns from the Internal Revenue Ser-



Former US president Donald Trump speaks at Mar-a-Lago Friday, Nov 18, 2022 in Palm Beach, Florida. AP

vice (IRS). House Democrats have said they need to see Trump's tax returns to assess whether the IRS is properly auditing presidential returns and to gauge whether new legislation is needed.

In its filing, the committee told the justices that IRS policy "does not address what to do regarding a president who, like former president Trump, owned hundreds of business entities, had inordinately complex returns, used aggressive tax avoidance strategies and allegedly had ongoing audits."

Trump's lawyers have said the committee's real aim was to publicly expose his tax returns and unearth politically damaging information about Trump.

US District Judge Trevor McFadden, a Trump appointee, sided with Congress in December 2021 and threw out the challenge to the committee's request, finding that the committee holds broad authority over a former president's tax returns.

The US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit in August also ruled against Trump and in October refused a rehearing.

Tuesday's order superseded one issued by Chief Justice John Roberts on Nov 1 that had effectively paused the dispute and prevented the panel from obtaining the Trump returns while

the court considered how to proceed.

Trump has mounting legal worries.

His real estate company is in the midst of a criminal trial in New York on tax fraud charges. On Tuesday, Donald Bender, a former outside accountant for the company who also prepared Trump's personal tax returns, told jurors that Trump reported net operating losses every year from 2011 to 2018. Trump also reported losses of \$700 million in 2009 and \$200 million in 2010, Bender testified.

The New York Times reported in 2020 that years of reporting heavy losses from Trump's business enterprise helped him offset hundreds of millions of dollars in income.

In addition, US Attorney General Merrick Garland last week named a special counsel to oversee two investigations including a criminal probe related to the FBI's seizure of government documents from Trump's Florida home.

A trial date for next year was set in a civil lawsuit by New York state's attorney general accusing Trump and three of his adult children of fraudulently overvaluing the company's assets and his net worth. An investigation in Georgia also is examining whether Trump interfered with the 2020 election results in that state.

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China sees accelerated application of VR technology

VIRTUAL reality (VR), a cutting-edge new-generation information technology and a frontier of digital economy, is developing rapidly in China and seeping into every industry and all aspects of people's life, from industrial production to culture and tourism, and to popular science and entertainment.

Recently, the 2022 World Conference on VR Industry was held in Nanchang, capital of east China's Jiangxi province. The conference was joined by over 3,000 experts and entrepreneurs from some 20 countries and regions.

A virtual emcee hosted the opening ceremony of the event, who mirrored and copied the actions and expressions of a real-person emcee in real time.

Over the recent years, the market of the Chinese VR industry has been constantly expanding. It more than doubled from 28.28 billion yuan (\$3.95 billion) in 2019 to 58.39 billion yuan in 2021. The rapid growth is expected to maintain in the next three years and hit the 100-billion-yuan milestone in 2023.

A slew of policies have been issued to encourage better development of the emerging sector. Recently, five Chinese national authorities including the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology jointly issued a five-year action plan from 2022 to 2026, aiming to further integrate virtual reality (VR) with industrial applications.

According to the action plan, by 2026, the VR technology should be massively applied in major sectors of the economy and society, and several key enterprises and industrial clusters that are internationally competitive shall be nurtured.

The action plan also proposed to drive new types of consump-



A child "pilots" a plane via a VR program at the 2022 World Conference on VR Industry in Nanchang, east China's Jiangxi province, Nov. 13, 2022. (Photo by Bao Gansheng/People's Daily Online)

tion in the cultural sector with new business forms deriving from VR.

At present, the application of VR technology in industries is generating a number of new products and services.

For instance, in the cultural and tourism industry, VR is no longer about virtual 3D modeling; it has evolved into a more mature form which builds an immersive environment and offers rich interaction scenarios through real-scene scanning.

The Xiangbi Mountain, also known as the Elephant Trunk Hill, has built a virtual version of itself in the Metaverse, which tourists can reach with just a click on their mouses or just a tap on their mobile phone screens.

Besides, VR has also been employed in school education and vocational training. VR classrooms and VR driving schools are already functioning in many places.

At the Tianjin Eco City School Affiliated to Beijing Normal University, stu-

dents can finish physical experiments by just flipping a card on their smart desks, which not only makes experiments safer, but also improves the teaching efficiency of teachers.

The Xiaoshan power company of the State Grid Corporation of China in Hangzhou, east China's Zhejiang province has set up a VR room for a power safety training school at a local power substation. With a VR headset, trainees can get into virtual environments with workplace safety hazards, which helps build and consolidate their safety awareness.

An industrial chain of the VR sector has taken shape in China. According to the five major tasks raised by the action plan, the Chinese VR industry is accelerating its efforts to improve its basic technology system.

China has approved a national quality inspection center for VR and augmented reality products to improve the performance of products and the industry's technologi-

cal capability. Besides, relevant departments have launched nearly 20 national and industrial specifications in the past three years.

The MIIT recently approved the establishment of a national VR innovation center that builds platforms for generic technology development, verification, testing, and technical services, as well as talent cultivation.

It is expected that by 2026, the Chinese VR industry will exceed 350 billion yuan (\$48.1 billion), and a development paradigm featuring the common prosperity of technology, products, services and applications will be built.

People's Daily

TRC netball team clobbers TANAPA in SHIMMUTA Games

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Tanga

TANZANIA Railway Corporation (TRC) netball team on Monday displayed a spirited showing to garner a 27-23 victory over the Tanzania National Park (TANAPA) outfit in the 2022 Inter-Parastatal and Non-Parastatal Sports Federation of Tanzania (SHIMMUTA) Games in Tanga.

The victory has propelled the TRC squad to knock out stage after taking part in three outings, recording victory in two, and settling for a draw in one.

Elifadhili Msuya, TRC Human Resource Manager, said the corporation has in this year's games entered squads in three disciplines namely netball, athletics, and traditional sports, and the outfits

have done well.

Msuya said all players in the squads have shown a strong desire to walk away with awards.

The leader said: "As is the case with our corporation's mission to involve communities in our activities, we picked players from various TRC stations to participate in these games because sports are keeping bodies fit."

The TRC teams' secretary Claudia Makanga pointed out that they trust their outfits much as they are battling it out in the SHIMMUTA Games for the first time.

"Despite our inexperience in these games, we are hoping to do well, we came here to, among others, gain experience, and have a self-assessment," Claudia pointed out.

VP Philip Mpango calls for better use of Games' budget

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Tanga

VICE President Philip Mpango has ordered institutions, parastatal and non-parastatal organizations to make sure budgets set for sports tournaments are not channeled into other uses.

He insisted that employers ought to make sure their employees are effectively participating in the tournaments every year, saying sports bring people together, promote brotherhood, and love, share experiences at workplaces as well as curb non-communicable diseases.

Mpango issued the directive at the opening ceremony of the 2022 Inter-Parastatal and Non-Parastatal Sports Federation of Tanzania (SHIMMUTA) Games at Mkwakwani Stadium last weekend.

He explained that while the Ministry of Culture, Arts, and Sports is working on a strategic plan seeking to set up sports calendars for public and private organizations' sports federations, employers should organize regularly indoor and outdoor bonanzas.

He called on heads of government institutions and parastatals to ensure are providing their employees with sports kits to be used in tournaments to see to it the latter prepare for and participate in the events successfully.

He further directed the Ministry of Culture, Arts, and Sports to effectively coordinate and supervise such tournaments so they can be productive.

Mpango instructed all sports federations' leaders to continue promoting the sports by making sure many workers are participating in them and cautioned the referees to abide by sports laws and regulations.

Deputy Minister for Culture, Arts, and Sports Pauline Gekul said the ministry issued the directive to the National Sports Council of Tanzania (NSC) to plan an annual sports calendar to ensure that all government institutions'

sports tournaments are organized consistently.

She also said the ministry is focusing on having the next SHIMMUTA Games take place on open grounds so other people can attend the events.

Pauline noted: "Ministry of Culture, Arts, and Sports through NSC will continue collaborating with all government institutions sports federations to make sure the sports tournaments are organized and hosted at workplaces."

She further added that the ministry will make sure the tournaments take place outdoors to give other people a chance to participate in the events.

A total of 52 teams consisting of over 2,000 players are participating in the 2022 SHIMMUTA Games which have 12 sports disciplines.

Researchers have found that long working hours increase stress among employees and that is why employers are urged to see to it their employees are not burnt out.

Participating in sports is one of the ways for boosting employees' wellness and productivity.

In an ideal scenario, one often looks for a perfect workplace, a place that provides a supportive setting and encourages a healthy work-life balance.

Incorporating sports as an essential part of the office program can help in the quest of achieving that goal.

Organizations must remember that the employees are their assets therefore the wellness of an organization depends on the well-being of its employees. Employers must offer such ambiance which always brings the best out of the workforce.

Providing hygienic infrastructure, wellness privileges and uniform growth prospects should be the employers' responsibility.

To achieve the perfect work-life balance, organizations must always promote a fit lifestyle, and encouraging participation in sports activities turns out to be one of the ways to achieve a healthy lifestyle.

Taifa Queens unmoved in World Netball rankings

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA's national netball squad, Taifa Queens, has maintained its position on the recently released global rankings issued by World Netball (WN).

The WN published the rankings on its website on Monday, with Taifa Queens sitting 45th and Tanzania Netball Association (Chaneta) saying it has a lot of work to do.

According to WN, the rankings included all matches played up to November 3 2022 which includes all matches played at the regional qualifying events for the 2023 Netball World Cup.

WN says the recent update confirms the seeding for the 16 qualified teams for the Netball World Cup draw which takes place later this month.

The 2023 Netball World Cup will be held in Cape Town, South Africa from July 28-August 6 2023 bringing together Australia, Barbados, England, Fiji, Jamaica, Malawi, New Zealand, Scotland, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Tonga, Trinidad & Tobago, Uganda, Wales, and Zimbabwe.

In the period, Taifa Queens played 15 games, weighted 55, and accumulated 55 points to secure the 45th spot.

Reacting to the development, Chaneta secretary-general Rose Mkisi blamed the fall on Taifa Queens' failure to play more test matches in the year.

She said her association with the support from stakeholders is seeking to intensify plans to see Taifa Queens battle it out in many games.

"The WN compiles rankings based on points that teams accumulate, what is needed now is to have Taifa Queens



Netballers feature in one of the sports tournaments which were organized to vouch for the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases in Arusha recently.

play many international games, I'm sure with the support of stakeholders we can improve on the rankings," she said.

Despite struggling on the WN rankings, Rose said they are heading in the right direction.

The official noted: "Remember during Mama Anna Bai's leadership, our netball was heading in the right direction, we were playing many international games, we even hosted the Africa Championships, and we nearly qualified for Commonwealth Games."

Rose noted: "But after the

change of leadership our netball was in shambles, we were inactive and we were suspended from INF now known as WN, but now the national team has started playing international matches."

"We recently competed at Africa Netball Championship in South Africa, with support from well-wishers and surely next year things will improve," she said.

Taifa Queens battled it out in last year's African Netball Championship which was held in Zambia and the recent Netball World Cup Africa Zone qualifiers which took

place in South Africa. Taifa Queens failed to record any wins in the assignments.

WN explained the ranking formula on its website, saying: "The number of points earned by a team for any match depends on two factors, the result (won, tied or lost) and the opponent against whom the result was achieved."

"The higher an opponent's rating the more points are earned for beating them," the WN added.

In the rankings, the top seven teams are Australia, New Zealand, England, Jamaica, South Africa, Malawi, and Uganda.



Parimatch Tanzania's Director Erick Gerald (R), Gaming Board of Tanzania's Chief Inspector Emmanue Ndaki (2nd R), musician Omary Mwangi who is also Parimatch Tanzania's ambassador (C), his manager Abbah (2nd L), and Information Officer of Parimatch Tanzania Ismael Mohamed speak at a press held in Dar es Salaam recently.

Gaming firm rolls out new World Cup promotion

By Guardian Correspondent

GAMING company, Parimatch Tanzania, has offered its customers and all betting stakeholders a chance to win a new modern car, a smartphone, and a motorcycle 'Bodaboda' from the campaign termed 'Chomoka na Ndinga' during the World Cup.

Parimatch Tanzania's Information Officer, Ismael Mohamed, revealed this when

speaking at the launch of the campaign in Dar es Salaam on Wednesday.

Mohamed said that the promotion is specific to their customers with accounts and even new customers who will join during the 2022 World Cup period.

"If a Parimatch customer predicts any game from Tuesday to December 26, he will directly enter into the draw to compete for an O kilometer Urban Cruiser car from the Toyota

Tanzania showroom, a Hero Hunter Bodaboda 125cc and a Samsung Galaxy A03 Core smartphone," Mohamed noted.

Mohamed disclosed that they will be making two phone calls every day and the winners will be announced through the company's social media pages, noting the Bodaboda prize will be handed over once a week through a draw that will air on the ITV channel in a particular week.

The car prize will be presented at the end of the competition on December 27, with the big draw to find the winner of the car taking place on the day.

The official clarified that part of TV BET, Live Casino, Casino New, and Virtual games are not allowed to participate in the promotion.

The Parimatch company, according to the official, has been offering a great bonus of 100 percent up to

1,000,000/- to new customers who join them.

The betting company has been present in the country since 2019, offering services that include fast payments, great odds, and exciting promotions on football, Casino, and virtual games.

Parimatch also offers hundreds of events in tennis, UFC, basketball, cricket, baseball, and many other live and pre-match sports every day.

Female journalists should fight violence in women's football - call

By Correspondent Renatha Msungu

FEMALE journalists from various media in Tanzania have been trained on preventing gender violence in women's football in the country.

The seminar took place

in Dar es Salaam under the sponsorship of the Global Peace Foundation (GPF) Tanzania and had veteran soccer coach Iddi Mziray and Tanzania Women's Football Association (TWFA) secretary-general Somoe Ng'itu serving as instructors.

Mziray said the training for female journalists aims to have them making the most of their profession to fight violence in women's football.

The instructor said the scribes are a mirror of society, so if they live up to expectations, they will help to either reduce or

eliminate violence in women's football.

"I ask the reporters to be at the forefront of fighting the issue of violence in women's football," Mziray disclosed.

TWFA secretary-general Somoe said women's football has been taken

to the top by journalists, so the current generation should do more coverage on the evils in the sport so that society can understand.

"I ask the writers to continue shouting about women's football so that it is recognized," Somoe appealed.

Somoe said that the seminar should be a springboard to promote women's football so that it can make progress as is the case with other countries.

The official said that building the capacity for journalists to support efforts to eliminate

the negative attitudes that exist in society about women's football by providing proper education will help a lot to eradicate the evil.

Somoe said that education should be provided everywhere to ensure that women's football continues

to grow without any violence against the players.

The GPF Tanzania's Director Martha Nghambi thanked the journalists while asking them to use their profession to fight violence in women's football.

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Tanzania prepares team for 2023 World Cross-Country Championship



Tanzania's athletes compete in a recent National Open Cross-Country Championships which took place in Arusha.

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

TANZANIA is in the process of preparing athletes to represent the country in the 2023 World Cross-Country Championships.

A total of 113 athletes from Arusha, Manyara, Singida, and Kilimanjaro have been selected for the initial grilling towards the international event next February 2023.

Latest reports indicate that the 2023 World Cross-Country Championships will be taking place in Bathurst, Australia.

Arusha Regional Athletics Association's secretary-general Rogath Steven said the chosen athletes have been practicing in the remote Burka Estates on the outskirts of the city during the first training series.

They have been racing through some challenging 10 kilometers of remote landscapes of Arusha suburbs.

The second training series comes up in December and is again to be held in the northern city of Arusha.

There will be four preparatory series before the final event which will produce the ultimate National Athletics team.

They are all warming up for the 44th Edition of the World Cross-Country Championships slated to be taking place on February 18, 2023.

But the race will be preceded by a special opening ceremony on February 17, 2022.

Nearly 600 athletes from more than 60 countries, including Tanzania will participate in the cross-country feat at the famous Mount Panorama.

The event was previously scheduled for September 2021 but got postponed due to Australian travel restrictions.

Early this year, it was again reported that the World Championships were

to be held in Bucharest, Romania but the venue eventually changed back to Bathurst, Australia.

The 2023 World Cross-Country Championship set to take place in Bathurst will comprise the U-20 men's eight kilometers race and U-20 women's six kilometers showdown.

There will also be the universal mixed relay race of eight kilometers and the senior individual men's and women's races of 10 kilometers.

World Cross-Country Championships will be supported by a series of mass participation races.

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Election Committee to announce contestants for AT vacant posts

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

THE contestants for the positions of Athletic Tanzania (AT) vice-president and the association's Executive Committee member representing the Coast Region are expected to be known.

AT Election Committee was expected to convene a meeting in Dodoma yesterday to verify candidates who have to meet the required conditions for the elections which will be held this weekend in the same region.

Members that are making AT Election Committee are Menrad D Souza, Benjamin Kalume, Morris Okinda, Hamad Ndee, and Mwinga Mwanjala.

According to AT information officer Lwiza John eight people have shown interest to compete for the post of vice president for the association.

The official mentioned them as William Kallaghe, Suleiman Nyambui, Mohammed Kiganja, Juma Ikaanga, Yotham Guitage, Rahim Kalyango, Yohana Misese, and Shaaban Hiki.

Contestants for the post of the AT Executive Committee's member representing Coast Region are Tabu John, Jilala Mwandu, Ally Mussa, and Thomas Tryphone while Felix Chinga has declared his interest to contest for the position of assistant secretary.

The AT official stated: "Names of those who want to contest for the post of vice president of athletics Association and coast Region member will be known today."

"Our Election Committee will verify the names today, we are asking all those who showed interest to come up with their required original education qualifications and other related documents," she said. She said the campaign will start from Friday to Sunday.

Vacancies of vice-president and Executive Committee member representing Coast Region fell vacant following the decision by John Bayo and Robert Kalyaha to resign from posts.

The official noted that after the election there will be AT Annual General Meeting.

Caravans cricketers overcome SKLPSC in 2022 Gymkhana Shield tournament

By Guardian Reporter

CARAVANS Cricket Club has kept on proving its worth in 2022 Cello/Ruby's Magic Gymkhana Shield after registering an eight-wicket victory over Shree Kutchi Leva Patel Sports Center (SKLPSC) at Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club venue.

It was widely expected that well-drilled Caravans were set to come out victorious in the tie and they did so with much ease, bowling out SKLPSC for 89 runs in 19 overs of the 20-over duel.

Opener Dinesh Rabadiya and middle-order batsman Khalil Rehemtullah ended as the cricketers with significant

contributions in the innings, with the opener recording 18 runs and Rehemtullah making his way back with 21 runs not out.

The club's senior cricketer was another player with a two-digit score having recorded 10 runs not out.

Youthful cricketers Issa Safari and Karimu Athumani had a good day when Caravans fielded, taking two wickets apiece.

Caravans later smoothly garnered the victory in 10.4 overs for the loss of two wickets.

All-rounder Kassim Nassor scored 38 runs not out from 27 balls and Amal Rajeevan scored 26 runs from 22 balls

to win the tie for the batting squad.

Senior player Hassan Rahim worked hard when the SKLPSC cricketers were seeking to keep Caravans in check, notching two wickets which however could hardly pay off.

Nassor was named the Man of the Match because of his solid showing in the chase.

This year's edition of the annual cricket tournament, which is hosted by the Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club's Cricket Section, seeks to raise the standard of the game domestically.

The outfits battling it out in this season's showpiece are in groups A and B. Group A

consists of Caravans Cricket Club, GP, Shree Kutchi Leva Patel Sports Center (SKLPSC), Pak Stars, Union Sports Club, and Gymkhana Cricket Club.

Aruti Aces, Upanga Sports Club, Aga Khan SC, Annadil Burhani Club, Dar Cricket Club (DCC), and Lions Cricket Club have been put in Group B.

The 2022 edition is sponsored by Cello/Ruby's Magic and Co, as well as long-time sponsors, General Petroleum (GP). Other sponsors are Planet Fitness, Gem Point, ETG, and Pepsi.

Cello/Ruby's Magic and Co has moreover sponsored a special cash prize to be handed over to batsmen

scoring centuries and wicket-takers posting hat-tricks in the showdown

This year's edition of the tournament was officially launched at Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club early this month.

The jerseys for clubs taking part in the showdown were handed out to the outfits' skippers in presence of various supporters and stakeholders.

The showpiece's organizers stated that exciting matchups made up of old and new rivalries are in store for cricket followers in the city that will watch the tournament's ties during weekends.



Caravans Cricket Club is pictured before taking part in a 2022 Cello/Ruby's Magic Gymkhana Shield tournament duel against Shree Kutchi Leva Patel Sports Center (SKLPSC) which took place in Dar es Salaam last weekend. PHOTO: COURTESY OF GYMKHANA CRICKET CLUB

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