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## Drug enforcers seize 276 kilos of cannabis, nab 12

By Guardian Reporter

THE Drugs Control and Enforcement Authority (DCEA) in collaboration with other security agencies has conducted a wide ranging operation, finding 276 kilogrammes of cannabis and certain amounts of heroine.

Daniel Kasokola, the DCEA senior communications officer, said 12 suspects were arrested in connection with the finding, with the operation geared to break drug dealers' networks.

Investigating and arresting those involved in the illegal business is part of implementing the national strategy to control the production, sale and use of illicit drugs, he said.

The law enforcers have tightened efforts to curb the drug networks, with the current operation being implemented countrywide, he said, targeting those involved in farming, producing and selling of the illicit products.

They will be investigated, searched and arrested so that no one will be left in the business, he said, pointing out that the law enforcers are aware of their tactics, networks



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and operations.

The government is well prepared to effectively fight the trafficking of illicit drugs in the country, he stated, insisting that Tanzania isn't a safe place for all those engaging in the illegal business.

He urged members of the public to join the government in the anti-drugs war, asserting that it is national fight. Illicit drugs carry a number of impacts on youths and the nation's workforce, he stated, praising the support the law enforcers obtained in Lesinoni and Lenglong in Arusha Region.

DCEA officials also obtained support in Same District, Kilimanjaro Region where people voluntarily uprooted cannabis and mirungi in their areas, he stated.

Illicit drugs affect people's health with posing acute challenges for public security, plus social and economic well-being, he explained.

In order to ensure that the fight against illicit drugs is achieved, the Drug Control and Enforcement Act of 2015 sets stern punishment on culprits, including 30 years or life imprisonment, along with confiscation of assets of anyone found guilty.

Ferdinand Litweka, the Malolo ward

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# 'RCs must take initiatives, mindful of global changes'

By Guardian Reporter

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan has directed regional commissioners (RCs) and regional administrative secretaries (RASs) to take initiative in supervising development activities, mindful of government initiatives reflecting current global economic changes.

She stated this position yesterday when closing a six-day leadership training for the top regional officials, organised by Uongozi Institute at the Julius Nyerere Leadership School in Kibaha, Coast Region.

The president scathed the habit of folding arms and waiting for instructions from top leadership, asking that top regional officials take more initiative in instituting actions that reflect existing orientations as well as the legal environment relating to the specific issues.

She said that confidence was lacking in regional administration and local governments, as well as faulty initiatives like creating parallel digital channels for revenue collection for officials to share the proceeds.

The president demanded close supervision of various activities



President Samia Suluhu Hassan pictured yesterday closing six-day leadership training for regional commissioners and regional administrative secretaries held at Mwalimu Nyerere Leadership School at Kibaha in Coast Region. Photo: State House

## TFS, FAO link in \$7m miombo land project

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

THE Tanzania Forest Service Agency (TFS) in cooperation with the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) has embarked on implementation of an integrated landscape management in the dry miombo woodland zone in the western part of the country.

Dr Revocatus Mushumbusi, the Tanzania Forestry Research Institute (TAFORI) director general, made this affirmation at the launching ceremony for the project, drawing stakeholders from participating



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organisations and various other agencies.

The five-year project (2022-2027), is expected to cost upwards of \$6.8m, equivalent to 16.8bn/-, being funds from the Global Environmental Facility (GEF) at phase7, to be carried out in Tabora Region (the Kaliua Landscape) and Katavi Region (Mlele landscape).

The project is meant to address land degradation and loss of biodiversity in the southwest dry miombo woodlands via a collaborative approach in environmental management, he said, adding that the initiative is part of on-going efforts to foster programmatic collaboration and integration among 11 countries in a global environmental management thrust.

The countries covered under phase 7 of GEF include Angola, Botswana, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Kenya, Burkina Faso, Mongolia, and Kazakhstan. This initiative is intended

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by non-governmental organisations, pointing at habits like introducing foreign project instructors who then introduce their same sex partners "so that the youth find that situation to be normal, disregarding religious instructions and national culture."

Leaders must stop ignoring citizens' complaints and instead dedicate their time to addressing such challenge, not wait for top leadership to visit regions or districts and then be informed of the situation, she said.

Taking up remarks by Finance minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba, the president called upon public servants in various departments in regional administration and local governments to supervise the proper utilization of project funds.

Premier Kassim Majaliwa lauded the president's initiative in organising the leadership training, noting that it will improve the work plan as it was a 'very productive' training focused on practical changes in regional administration.

Angela Kairuki, the Regional Administration and Local Governments Minister of State in the President's Office, pointed at the need for changes in revenue collection by curbing loopholes occasioning loss of funds.

She expressed satisfaction with instructions for the training of various leaders at the regional and district level, noting that training for district commissioners and their administrative secretaries had already

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## TCRA, COSTECH extend free ICT tools to start-ups

By Guardian Reporter

COMMUNICATION service providers are collaborating with regulatory agencies, namely the Tanzania Communications

Regulatory Authority (TCRA) and the Tanzania Commission for Science and Technology (COSTECH), to enable start-ups to access essential market positioning utilities for free.

Dr Jabiri Bakari (pictured), the TCRA director-general said in an interview yesterday that the free trial period is available for three months and is renewable upon request to one year with COSTECH approval

The move is aimed at propelling the growth of digital technology startups and fostering innovative solutions to community challenges, with the three month period targeting start-ups already prepared to move into the market, he said.

The collaborative effort seeks to nurture the burgeoning landscape of digital innovation to ensure that start-ups have the necessary tools to flourish. Free tools will speed up their market entrance to contribute positively to society with technologically advanced service delivery, he asserted.

The specific ICT tools crucial for the development of digital delivery of various services, including numbering resources, frequency spectrum, Dot.TZ domain names, postcodes, and citation of residential addresses, he stated.

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to anchor vast changes in the way dryland landscapes are sustainably managed for a transformative impact, he stated.

"Tanzania stands second globally for harboring vast miombo woodlands," he said, affirming that the species covers upwards of 90 percent of the country's forest zones.

The woodland zones face increasing land degradation and mass destruction of the dry woodlands, he said, pointing at severe effects of climate change, encroachment in forest areas and mass cutting of trees for charcoal generation.

Charles Tulahi, the FAO assistant representative, praise the hard work among a range of partners, government efforts and other stakeholders, enabling the project to reach implementation stage.

Participating organisations have a lot to contribute in improve the natural environment, protect biodiversity and the ozone layer, he said, similarly noting the need to address climate change, respond to land degradation and organic

pollutants.

"We all know that forests support human livelihoods by providing essential ecosystem services that help agriculture, regulate water flow, stabilize soils, maintain soil fertility and regulate the climate," he explained.

It was disconcerting that, despite their significance, forests are disappearing at an alarming rate around the world, the representative noted, highlighting the fact that 7.3m hectares of forest are lost annually around the world.

In Tanzania, over 460,000 hectares of forest are cut down each year, demanding remedial actions to control the situation, where FAO support includes the development of the National Forest Resources Monitoring and Assessment (NARFORMA) programme, he said.

It also includes the review of the Forest Policy and Forest Act; developing the third report on the state of the environment, and implementing voluntary guidelines on the responsible governance of land tenure, fisheries and forests in the context of national food security, he added.



State Mining Corporation (Stamico) managing director Dr Venace Mwashe (L) pictured at the weekend briefing Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa, Minerals minister Doto Biteko (2nd-L) and former president Jakaya Kikwete (2nd-R) at the corporation's pavilion at the exhibition on investment opportunities in mining in the country held in Ruangwa District, Lindi Region. Photo: Correspondent Gift Thadey

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startups with the resources they need to conduct trials of their services over a specific period," he said, noting that as

of June 2023, four start-ups had been reached with the ICT tools offer.

Young entrepreneurs, innovators and researchers need to submit groundbreaking ideas to COSTECH which upon approval, will gain unfettered access to these resources at no cost, he explained.

Effective management of communication resources including spectrum and numbers underpins the availability of mobile money services, among other digital applications, he elaborated.

Accessing these resources facilitates high-speed internet services, an imperative in today's digital economy, he stated, highlighting the government's goal to ensure that 80 per cent of the population has access to high-speed internet service posts by 2025.

This underscores the pressing need for innovative youths to capitalise on this opportunity and deliver solutions in areas like

entrepreneurship, agriculture and transportation, he affirmed.

Mary Kigosi, the head of communications at COSTECH, said the significance of the collaborative initiative in providing communication resources to innovators is that is seamlessly convergent with COSTECH efforts to promote community-oriented innovations.

Kigosi urged aspiring innovators "to seize this unprecedented chance and leverage the resources offered by the two government bodies."

TCRA is responsible for managing essential aspects of communication in the allocation of numbers used in communications including short codes vital for financial transactions. It similarly oversees the Dot.TZ domain, to ensure secure and effective functioning of these communication elements, the director stated.

TCRA had achieved remarkable success in domain registrations, with more than 65 domain name registrars scattered throughout Tanzania, with the resources now slated to be more easily accessed, he added.

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been conducted, while training for ward and divisional officers is being pursued.

Daniel Chongolo, the CCM

secretary general, said that the training will uplift work efficiency of the participants, in boosting their confidence to resolve problems faced by the people. This goes

hand in hand with implementing the party's election manifesto promising to improve services to the people, he said. Abubakar Kunenge, the host regional commissioner,

said that during the two years of the sixth phase leadership, upwards of 1.15trn/- had been received in the region to implement numerous development projects.

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executive officer, said that the DCEA operation alongside other security organs will greatly help curb production, selling and use of the illicit drugs in the area.

Interviewed Ruaha Mbuyuni residents commended the efforts saying that they are ready to support the government in various initiatives including the fight against illicit drugs.



Lilian Mbassy (with microphone), TIB Development Bank's acting managing director, pictured at the weekend briefing Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi on the bank's operations. The Zanzibar leader was going around exhibition pavilions on the official opening day of the ongoing Kizimkazi Festival at Paje's Kashangae grounds, where he was the chief guest. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

NAIROBI

## Reality check as Kenya to pay Sh72.5bn oil bill

KCB Group is next month expected to wire to Gulf petroleum conglomerates the first dollar payment for fuel imported on credit over the past six months, presenting an acid test for the shilling as the six-month debt period ends.

It has emerged that Gulf countries turned down a request from a delegation President William Ruto sent to negotiate flexible terms when Kenya begins making payment.

In early July, sources said, the government sent officials drawn from the Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority (Epra), National Treasury and Energy Ministry to the United Arab Emirates to negotiate for the easing of some clauses in the government-to-government agreement.

Sources familiar with details of the trip to the Middle East, however, say the trip did not strike a deal on

flexible premiums.

The Kenyan delegation, however, succeeded in convincing the Gulf oil conglomerates to vary import volumes, based on market demand but the petroleum majors remained adamant on the premium, which is a margin added on the cost of the product. This effectively denied Kenya flexibility to negotiate for cheaper fuel based on market fluctuations.

"They were told to come back and await a response on the issue of the premium but there has been no response to date," our source said.

Under pressure from the International Monetary Fund, which sees the deal as another debt exposure to the government, Treasury Cabinet Secretary Njuguna Ndung'u on August 20 indicated that the state could step back from

the agreement upon its expiry and revert to open market purchases.

In April, Kenya signed a government-to-government deal that saw oil import from Gulf states on credit to ease a dollar crunch that had set the shilling on a free fall.

The repayment grace period has now lapsed, with the shilling still on a decline. KCB, the bank tasked with sourcing for dollars to pay for the oil, says it has the amount required to make the first payment to Saudi Aramco, Emirates National Oil Corporation (Enoc) and the Abu Dhabi National Oil Corporation Global Trading (Adnoc) - the companies that supplied Kenya with oil on debt.

The real test, however, is expected in subsequent months when KCB is supposed to source for an estimated \$500 million (about Sh72.5 billion) every 30 days, without further

weakening the shilling. Local oil marketers have been paying for supplies in shillings, and KCB's brief has been to receive the cash and convert it to dollars.

"I know which our obligations and KCB will meet its obligations. We are ready," KCB Group Chief Executive Paul Russo said in an interview with the media.

In the four months to April prior to the start of the supply deal, the shilling depreciated at an average rate of two per cent per month, but this dropped to 1.6 per cent in the four months since the start of the importation cycle. The shilling closed at 145 units to the dollar on Friday, but the Treasury and the Central Bank of Kenya hold that the situation would have been worse if the fuel importation deal did not exist.

"The noise over the shortage has

reduced. There has been less pain at least when I speak to a broader base of customers," Russo said.

While oil industry players familiar with the deal concur that KCB has stockpiled enough dollars for the first payment set for September 25, saving the shilling from an unchecked spiral, there are concerns on the effect that sourcing for dollars for subsequent months will have on the local currency.

Analysts fear the start of the payments could undo gains made, notably easing access to the dollar besides slowing the rate of depreciation of the shilling.

Kenya signed the agreement with the UAE and Saudi Arabia for supply of the fuel on a 180-day credit period.

The three oil conglomerates contracted to supply fuel on credit picked Oryx Energies, Galana

Oil and Gulf Energy as the local marketers to off take the petroleum every month and supply to the rest of the market.

The nine-month agreement that runs to December provided for fixed commercial terms of engagement.

Kenya was to ship in 250,000 to 350,000 tonnes of petrol and 330,000 to 380,000 tonnes of diesel every month.

Another 80,000 tonnes of jet fuel was to be imported per month.

As supply volumes remained fixed even as local demand for fuel has been dropping, a market glut of the product has caused unease, to an extent that confirming banks feared they could lose money if imported fuel is not sold out.

Energy Cabinet Secretary Davies Chirchir in an interview, however, said the start of payments would not erode market stability gains made.

AGENCIES





Dr Edwin Mhede (3rd-R, gesturing), CEO of the Dar rapid transit bus agency (DART), briefs members of the Parliamentary Regional Administration and Local Governments Committee in Dar es Salaam yesterday on the implementation of the agency's Gongo la Mboto section of the project. Photo: Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

## PPF (T) wants Dar port debates halted

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

THE Pentecostal Pastors Fellowship in Tanzania has released its own statement regarding the ongoing heated debates regarding Dar-es-salaam Port's privatization, saying the PPFT is still sitting on the fence regarding the matter.

Addressing members of the press in Arusha, the Chairperson of the Pentecostal Pastors Fellowship in Tanzania, Bishop Pius Erasto Ikongo, lauded President Samia Suluhu Hassan for giving people time to discuss the proposed port investment.

"Discussions, debates and even arguments are okay, but the so-called peaceful demonstrations should not be entertained, as they set the stage for chaos," said Bishop Ikongo.

"I am neither an expert on contracts nor am I a lawyer, but as long as various institutions, groups, individuals and even religious bodies got time to debate over the issue, definitely in the end there must be a common national stand," pointed out Bishop Ikongo who heads the Tanzania Acts of God Church (TAGC).

According to the cleric, the fact that President Samia chose to remain quiet and allow Tanzanians to discuss and debate the matter was also a wise move.

"However, the President should not remain quiet for too long, it is high time that she speaks about the issue and possibly order the controversial discussions, arguments and sometimes even insults, to stop," stated Bishop Ikongo.

Bishop Ikongo said there have been heated discussions by various institutions, groups and individuals as well as legal experts, regarding the proposed deal of DP World

investments at Dar-es-salaam port. From the series of discussions, lamentations, written statements and online debates, it is obvious that most Tanzania want to see profitable investments for country development.

"The whole country agrees on investment, but the only problem so far are some sections of the written contract that need to be reviewed and this I am sure the President will be able to address," said Bishop Ikongo.

I think enough is enough. Everybody has spoken and the debate should now be closed awaiting the final decision from the head of state that needs to break silence and issue a stand.

Bishop Ikongo said the only person who can halt the debate is the president, who should now come forth and declare the discussions to be over and that she is working on the suggestions, advice and other contributions from stakeholders.

"Enough should now be enough, as we cannot spend the entire year on a single subject," said Bishop Ikongo who, recently moved to Arusha where he set up a permanent base.



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## Three Longido District wards form new forest conservation community

By Guardian Reporter, Longido

THIRTY-NINE villages from three wards of Longido, Ketumbeine and Engareibor in Longido District, Arusha Region have formed a new conservation community - Lokeen-Natron for the conservation and protection of resources in the Lake Natron ecosystem.

Speaking at the weekend to the chairmen of the three wards and Lokeen-Natron community, Longido District Commissioner Marco Ng'umbi said the establishment of the community will help to boost the fight against Lake Natron ecosystem.

Earlier, the DC inaugurated the community's office buildings and

presented its patrol unit with four motorcycles and a special Toyota Land Cruiser vehicle

The community is sponsored by World Wildlife Fund (WWF) and UK Aid (From the British People).

"Last month I was asking the boundary of Lake Natron, and told that in the past it used to reach as far as Magadini Primary School, four to five or more kms away and continues to shrink," he said.

"All this did not come by bad luck. Longido, Gelai Lumbwa and Ketumbeine forests are in bad situation through human invasion.

"These forests are the water sources that serve people Noondoto, Namanga and Ilorienito wards, but also on the other side of

Gelai Merugoi Gelai Lumbwa.

"Very unfortunately in recent years the forests were invaded by the people, some have built settlements, other cultivating within the forest areas up to the water sources.

"Now, we cannot allow this situation to continue, since village chairmen of the areas are here and since the environment issue is governed by laws we cannot allow a handful of people to introduce livestock and conduct farming activities in the areas," he said.

For his part, the supervisor of Southern Kenya, Northern Tanzania (SOKNOT), Prof Noah Sitati, said the process to establish Lokeen-Natron started way

back when he was with Wildlife Management Area in 2015/16 but it was not registered and later "we met with government officials and told them that we want to become an institution that will assist in the community work."

For his part, Peter Laitayok, Chairman of Lokeen-Natron thanked WWF and UK Aid for their sponsorship saying the idea for its formation was conceived by Longido District Councillors in 2021.

"It was the opportune time for Longido communities around Lake Natron to get a single institution to coordinate development in their areas as the area is within Lake Natron Forest Reserve," he said.

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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Nature Conservancy (TNC) is among the leading conservation organizations working around the world to protect ecologically important lands and waters for nature and people.

Through the Lake Tanganyika Program, TNC is working with a wide range of partners to enhance community-led fisheries resources in Nkasi District Council.

For that purpose, Collaborative Fisheries Management Areas (CFMA) have been established in two wards of Kirando and Mkinga mainly to protect and conserve Fish Breeding Sites (FBS).

Sustainability of a CFMA and its leadership depends entirely on availability of financial resources to support management interventions. Lessons from other project villages show that the established BMU/CFMAs are not implementing their duties properly due to lack of sustainable source of revenue to support BMU activities and hence illegal fishing practices are highly destroying fisheries resource in those areas.

Lake Tanganyika project aims at ensuring that there is sustainable financing mechanism for implementation of CFMA objectives and improved livelihoods of fisher communities. To deeply understand the environmental, social, and economic viability of these initiatives, and to deeply support the resource and financing base needed to grow their impact, The Nature Conservancy (TNC) in collaboration with the Nkasi District seeks to engage a Vendor/s to conduct a comprehensive capacity building trainings to these cooperative initiatives after assessing the surrounding enabling environment, critical gaps for enterprise development and relevant stakeholders.

Interested and technically competent vendors are encouraged to reach out to TNC to get the full request for proposal.

The deadline for submission of proposals is set on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

E-mail : [procurement.lake@tnc.org](mailto:procurement.lake@tnc.org)



## WVT hands over development project to Lembeni residents

By Guardian Correspondent, Simanjiro

WORLD Vision Tanzania (WVT) has handed over Ruvuremit Development Project to the people of Ruvuremit Ward, in Simanjiro District, Manyara Region and Lembeni Ward in Kilimanjaro Region.

The project that came to an end in August 2023 cost over 25.6bn/- sponsored by US World Vision.

The 25-year project that started in 1998 has benefitted more than 43,617 residents of the wards in the community sectors including farming, economic activities, health, education and culture.

Reading a statement at the weekend on behalf of the people at the event to hand over the finished project, the project's chairman who is also Councillor for Lembeni Ward, Mwanga District, Kilimanjaro Region, Iddi Selemeni said that the origin of the project was the outcome of the research that showed challenges in various community.

Seleman said: "The Ruvuremit Development Project has benefitted 43,617 people in 16 villages of the two wards including 24,625 children, 8,475 men and 10,517 women who were conducting farming, livestock keeping, business and fishing activities."

He said the project, in collaboration with the government and other stakeholders has d-accomplished many things that have contributed to positive changes in the farming sector.

He cited some of the achievements as including training on better farming practices including irrigation, establishing 144 SACCOS groups, construction of three huge warehouses for storage of grains, purchase of 102 chicken hatching machines and extending of over 130m/- as loans towards various economic activities.

"This project has also helped in the appreciation of vaccination to

children under five years of age which has increased from 40.0 per cent in 2006 to 90.8 per cent as per WVT statistics for 2020.

"Use of treated mosquito nets has increased to 44.6 per cent in 2006 to 82.7 per cent in 2020, and for women who deliver at hospitals has increased from 42 per cent in 2006 to 70.9 per cent in 2022," Selemeni said.

He also said the project has also assisted in the safe and clean water project at Ngage village that cost 571m/- that will benefit 1,600 people including 845 children.

For his part, the WVT director of human resources who represented its director general Subira Mwamasa called on Simanjiro and Mwanga District Commissioners to make sure they take care the projects built for their sustainability.

For his part, Simanjiro DC, Suleman Serera who was the official guest at the event thanked WVT for its love to the people of the two districts for the projects that had many tangible achievements and pledged to protect them for the benefit of the people in the areas.



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Mwalimu JK Nyerere School board director Salvatory Rweyemamu (2nd-R) presents a primary school leaving certificate to outgoing Standard Seven pupil Rahma Mboweto at a ceremony held at the school's premises at Mbezi Beach in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. Right is a member of the board, Kodi Ralph Siara. Photo: Guardian Correspondent Jumanne Juma

## RCs urged to make environment cleanliness a sustainable agenda

By Guardian Reporter

SELEMENI Jafo, Minister of State in the Vice President's Office (Union and Environment) has called on Regional Commissioners to make the environmental cleanliness agenda a permanent issue.

He made the appeal at the weekend during a training seminar to regional commissioners and Regional Administrative Secretaries held at Mwalimu Nyerere leadership school at Kibaha, Coast Region.

Dr Jafo called to the regional officials to instruct local government authorities in their regions to supervise well the environment cleanliness exercises in their areas.

He stressed for special toilet procedures for bus travelling passengers instead of passengers attending to calls of nature in bushes while on journey, the practice that contributes to the destruction of the environment.

He also called on the officials to supervise the issue of urban

planning in their areas to ensure smooth implementing of investment projects.

He said without good urban planning, investments become a big challenge because it will force investors to get the Environmental Impact assessment (EIA) certificate before they start implementing their projects.

"A person needing to build a factory in residential areas becomes problematic and sometimes EIA certificates are

delayed due to failure in adhering to urban planning procedures, hence we should stress upon urban planning stakeholders to make sure they plan the towns well with the involvement of the Ministry of Land," he stressed.

On the other hand, the Minister urged the regional officials to continue supervising the tree planting exercise, to plant 1.5 million trees per year for every district council to enable environment management sustainable.



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### CALL FOR CONSULTANCY PROPOSAL FOR UNDERTAKING SOCIO - ECONOMIC BASELINE SURVEY IN THE WESTERN KILIMANJARO AND MKOMAZI SUB - LANDSCAPES FOR BMZ UNGANISHA PROJECT

#### Background

BMZ UNGANISHA is a transboundary project that seeks to restore key natural resources across the expansive landscape to bring benefits to wildlife and people. The project is designed and aligned to the WWF SOKNOT program which is envisioned to make sure that people and nature are thriving. The project is focusing on securing critical wildlife corridors and therefore working on addressing various drivers in critical forests, farmlands, rangeland ecosystems and wildlife corridors for the benefit of biodiversity and people.

SOKNOT-UNGANISHA landscape comprises of three ecosystems i.e., the Mau-Mara-Serengeti, Amboseli-West Kilimanjaro and Tsavo-Mkomazi sub-landscapes with key habitats including wildlife dispersal areas and corridors connecting a network of protected areas. However, the BMZ Uganisha project will only focus on two ecosystems related to Kilimanjaro Amboseli and part of the Tsavo-Mkomazi ecosystem.

In the Uganisha region and its sub-landscapes, currently there is limited information on key interventions, resulting in lack of baseline information on key interventions, socio-economic situation - especially of vulnerable (marginal) groups - and detailed structure and exact number of target groups, participatory workshops with landscape stakeholders and target groups at the beginning of the project. This leads to uncoordinated actions hence some difficulties to leverage synergies, lessons learned, collaboration, scaling, and replication of successful activities.

#### The Overall Purpose

The overall purpose of the consultancy is to design a socio-economic baseline of the targeted project, particularly to ascertain the social and economic status of vulnerable (marginal) groups in West Kilimanjaro and Mkomazi sub-landscapes.

#### Application Procedure & Submission of Applications

All interested applicants may get the detailed ToR on WWF websites at [https://www.wwf.or.tz/jobs\\_and\\_opportunities/consultancies\\_and\\_tenders/](https://www.wwf.or.tz/jobs_and_opportunities/consultancies_and_tenders/) and send their full proposal (technical and financial) through procurement email at [procurement@wwftz.org](mailto:procurement@wwftz.org)

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Water deputy minister Maryprisca Mahundi (right arm extended) has a word at the Mbeya Referral Regional Hospital yesterday with one of the mothers who had taken their children to a free health camp there for eye diagnosis and treatment. Photo: Correspondent Nebart Msokwa

## President Emmerson Mnangagwa wins re-election

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Zimbabwean President Emmerson Mnangagwa has won this week's presidential election with 52.6 per cent of the vote, after a process decried by the opposition and international observers for its irregularities.

"Mnangagwa Emmerson Dambudzo of ZANU-PF party is declared duly elected president of the Republic of Zimbabwe," Zimbabwe Electoral Commission chairwoman Justice Chigumba told a press conference.

The electoral commission said Mnangagwa's main challenger, Nelson Chamisa, won 44% of the vote.

Chamisa leads the opposition Citizens' Coalition for Change. A party spokesperson said it rejected "any result hastily assembled without proper verification," in a post on X, the

social media platform formerly known as Twitter.

The election was seen as a high-stakes vote, as the southern African country has suffered from years of runaway inflation, steep currency depreciation and a joblessness crisis.

What do we know about the election?

Observer missions have cast doubt on the integrity of this week's vote.

The election was due to be held on just one day, Wednesday, but voting was extended to Thursday after delays and problems with the printing of ballot papers.

The European Union's mission said the election took place amid a "climate of fear."

On Wednesday night, police arrested 41 election observers working for local pro-democracy NGOs and confiscated their computers and mobile phones.

Police accused them of "unlawfully" tabulating results from polling stations.

Misusing state institutions to remain in power?

The 80-year-old Mnangagwa is nicknamed "the crocodile" because of his ruthlessness.

He took over the reins of the country when his predecessor, the longtime strongman Robert Mugabe, was deposed in a military coup in 2017.

But his ruling ZANU-PF party has been in power for 43 years and has been accused of using state institutions to rig elections in its favor.

Mnangagwa and Chamisa also battled it out in the last vote in 2018. The opposition claimed at the time the vote was rigged, but the result was upheld by the constitutional court.

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**AGENCIES**

## AMREF, Health ministry launch campaign for accessing of maternal health services

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

THE African Medical Research Foundation (AMREF) in collaboration with the Zanzibar Ministry of Health has launched the "Reproduction is Life" campaign to help in accessing to maternal health services and reduce maternal deaths.

Launching the campaign here at the weekend at Maisara Grounds that was preceded by charity walk, Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi said the step by AMREF is to value the importance of the right to life especially in improving maternal health.

He said the level of maternal deaths in Zanzibar was still high and that according 2017 statistics, a total of 134 women dies out of 100,000 births each year and 28 infants' deaths out of 1,000.

He added that the high level of maternal deaths is contributed

by various challenges relating to services provided to mothers and children at hospitals which are in turn contributed by shortages of medical devices, scarcity of health services providers and drugs.

"It is my hope that through this campaign, we shall be able to make strides in the acquisition of medical devices for 28 health centres equivalent to 40 per cent of all 69 health centres that provide maternal health services," said President Mwinyi.

He further said the step, coupled with government efforts in boosting primary health service especially in maternal health will bring about big achievements in the protection of the lives of mothers and children.

Zanzibar Deputy Minister for Health, Hassan Khamis Hafidh said the aim for the establishment of the campaign is to reduce maternal deaths in the country.

He said in facing the challenge

by deeds, the Zanzibar government has put in place robust strategies including taking stern legal and disciplinary measures against all workers in the health sector who violate laws and procedures due to negligence, foul language and indiscipline while performing their duties especially during deliveries.

AMREF Tanzania country representative, Dr Florence Temu said the aim for establishing the campaign is to fundraise 1bn/- for the purchase of medical devices for the 69 health centres that provide maternal services.

He said in their second year of the campaign the Foundation has managed to raise 557m/- and 883m/- in pledges that he hoped will reach the campaign's goal by 2024.

At the event, AMREF presented to the Ministry of Health a mobile clinic vehicle to supplement the provision of maternal health services in Zanzibar.



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#### TEMBO NICKEL CORPORATION: KABANGA NICKEL PROJECT

**Requests the submission of Expressions of Interest from qualifying parties wanting to participate in the below work package**

Tembo Nickel Corporation ("Tembo") is an operating company formed via the Framework Agreement (19 January 2021) between Kabanga Nickel Limited ("Kabanga Nickel") and the Government of Tanzania ("GoT") for development of the Kabanga nickel deposits in the Ngara District in the Northwest of Tanzania. Under the Framework Agreement terms, Tembo (owned 84% by Kabanga Nickel and 16% by GoT) has been formally established for the mining, processing, and refining of Class 1 nickel with cobalt and copper co-products.

Kabanga is the largest development-ready nickel sulphide deposit in the world, unmatched in scale and grade, with at least 30 years life of mine and further exploration upside. Once in operation, the Kabanga Nickel Project will produce Class 1 battery grade nickel, cobalt, and copper refined metals in Tanzania. The cradle-to-gate operation will use hydromet technology that is significantly more cost efficient than smelting. The hydromet process will reduce the carbon footprint, minimise environmental impact, lower capital, and production costs, and contribute significantly to the economic growth of Tanzania.

Tembo Nickel Corporation, therefore, invites "Expressions of Interest" from reputable, experienced, and certified companies interested in pre-qualifying for inclusion in a tender process for the provision of the following Services.

No.	Reference no.	Description of work/goods to be procured	Pre-Qualification Criteria
1	TEMBO-2023-08-20	<b>Box-cut Earthworks &amp; Civils: excavation and ground support installation;</b> a. Supply and install Contractor site establishment, facilities, and services. b. Supply and install concrete batch plant, sand washing plant and crushing and screening plant. c. Supply and install site perimeter fencing (5.5km) d. Carry out quarry operations at site to procure waste rock construction materials. e. Construct waste rock dump base including pollution control ponds and liners. f. Construct haul roads (+2km), including cut and fill works (+50 000m <sup>3</sup> cut & fill), and layer works. g. Install groundwater dewatering measures h. Excavate box-cuts (+200 000 m <sup>3</sup> )(drill and blast may be required). i. Install surface stormwater control measures. j. Mechanically install ground support at portal locations in box-cuts (automatic shotcrete spray, steel mesh, rock bolts, soil nails and cable bolts).	i Must have a CRB registration of Class 2 or higher in Civil and active in payment of the board fees. ii Must be compliant with the Local Content Legislation and have an approved Local Content Plan. iii List and attach available earthmoving and concrete equipment including but not limited to dozers, excavators, haul trucks, graders, concrete mixers, concrete batch plants, shotcrete spray machines and mobile aggregate crushing and screening plants. iv Demonstrate experience completing projects on mines, completing earthworks, quarrying (including drill and blast), concrete and mechanical ground support installation contracts in the recent 5 years. Provide detail of all contracts completed in the last 5 years including value, duration, references, and associated contact details. v Provide details of current contracts in the execution phase. vi Provide Typical Quality Control Plans for earthworks and ground support. vii Provide Safety Statistics for the last 5 years. viii Confirm that key personnel required will be available from <b>1<sup>st</sup> of March 2024</b> . (Personnel and Labor Histogram) ix Provide CVs of key personnel. x Confirm that plant and equipment required will be available from <b>1<sup>st</sup> of March 2024</b> . (Plant and equipment histogram).

The above Services are intended to be awarded through a competitive tendering process in which a restricted number of suitable qualified and experienced contractors shall be invited to receive the tender documents. If your company would like to be considered for pre-qualification to receive the invitation to tender, please submit an "Expression of Interest" on your company's letterhead together with the following additional information and/or documentation:

- Comprehensive company profile
- Company registration documents i.e., Certificate of Incorporation, Business License, TIN, VRN, Tax Clearance Certificate, etc.
- Applicable certification, accreditation, and affiliated registration
- Years of service and experience (CVs) of key personnel to be assigned to project
- Required personnel and availability to perform the specific work
- Required equipment and availability to perform the specific work
- Typical Quality Control Plans (QCP's)
- Safety statistics
- Indicate the above reference number and description of your Expression of Interest (EOI) submission.

**EOI's from Companies that can provide ALL services detailed in the Scope of Work above will be considered.** Kindly send your response by email to [tenders@kabanganickel.com](mailto:tenders@kabanganickel.com) by the close of business on **15<sup>th</sup> of September 2023**. Any responses received after this date shall not be considered. Please quote the reference number in the subject line of your email.

Pre-qualification of any company submitting an "Expression of Interest" shall be at the sole discretion of Tembo Nickel Corporation.

**For and on behalf of TEMBO NICKEL CORPORATION: KABANGA NICKEL PROJECT**

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### APPLICATION FOR LICENCE UNDER THE CONVERGED LICENSING FRAMEWORK

**NOTICE** is hereby given to the public that the Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority has received application for Licence under the Converged Licensing Framework from the following applicant: -

S/N	NAME OF APPLICANT	TYPE OF LICENCE	SHAREHOLDERS / NATIONALITY	SHARES %
1.	Net Solutions Limited	District Network Facilities	1.Stephen Raphael Mapunda-Tanzanian 2.Agnes Henry Kasiga-Tanzanian	80 20

Pursuant to Section 8 Of Electronic and Postal Communications Act, Cap 306 of the Laws of Tanzania, written comments are hereby invited from any interested person in respect of the grant of licence to the applicant to reach the Authority, within 14 days of publication of this notice. Such comments will be taken into consideration when the Authority considers the application.

**Comments should be addressed to:**

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## New education syllabus lauded for producing well-equipped graduates

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

EDUCATION stakeholder Jason Rweikiza has praised the new education curriculum, saying it will help production of well-equipped graduates to work in various sectors and establish their own projects.

Dr Rweikiza made the observations in Dar es Salaam at the weekend during the graduation ceremony of Brilliant secondary school where more than 120 Form Four students of the school were expected to graduate this year.

According to him, with the curricula, many graduates starting from secondary education will be able to employ themselves due to additional vocational and technical education they received in school, a move which will reduce the employment crisis.

He said that the new curriculum that is expected to be implemented from next year will be a great savior for young people who finish form four because instead of struggling to find employment, they will have the skills to be self-employed or employed.

"In the new curriculum, primary education will take 10 years instead of 11 years and pupils will begin standard one to six and then go for secondary education where others will be able to choose vocational education subjects," said Dr Rweikiza, who is also the Bukoba Rural MP.

He said students will have the ability to choose four technical subjects and continue with them so that when they finish form four can be directly employed or self-employed or study all ten subjects to go to A level then university.

He said his schools have already made preparations to comply with the new curriculum where they will hire teachers of agriculture, fishing,

and crafts so that young people are prepared for employment and self-employment once they finish form four.

Dr Rweikiza also reiterated that no student of the school will be expelled from the school due to lack of fees after the death of his parent or guardian who was paying the fees.

"In 2021 in our schools we lost 42 parents and there was a big loss for students and we looked for a way and we decided that no student of Brilliant school or St Anne Marie Academy will be expelled from school for lack of fees after the death of a parent or guardian," Dr Rweikiza informed.

He said the school teachers have tried to prepare them academically and with discipline and many have promised that they will succeed well in the examinations.

"The major task of the school is to teach and make students successful, therefore the teachers of the school have been working day and night to ensure that all students succeed at a satisfactory level," he added.

He further announced that those who will continue with the A level studies at St Anne Marie Academy school will be given a 15 percent fee reduction.



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Selestine Kakele, Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Information, Communication and Information and Technology ministry, addresses the opening session of the 41st Pan African Postal Union (PAPU) general assembly in Arusha city yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Semu Mwakyanjala

## Govt approves 9bn/- for medical experts training in this fiscal year

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE government has approved 9bn/- for training medical specialists inside and abroad so as to address shortage of the experts and improve healthcare provision in the country.

Dr Godwin Mollé, Health deputy minister made the statement in Dar es Salaam at the weekend when

speaking to journalists about the annual scholarship programme for health professionals.

This initiative is implemented under Samia Suluhu Super Specialists Programme, which is aimed at ensuring that people get quality and affordable medical services. A number of medical personnel will be sent abroad for further specialized training in order to address the shortage.

He said the government has

expressed its commitment to ensure that the country has a good number of specialists and super specialists as a strategy to improve health care in the country.

The programme aimed at addressing the shortage of health specialists and super specialists, which has caused the government to incur a lot of cost in sending the patients abroad.

Dr Mollé said: "In this programme we want to increase the number of

health providers who are specialists in different fields who can provide competitive medical services."

The Ministry of Health is working on a five-year strategy (2020-2025) of educating at least 300 specialists for each financial year."

He said there are 848 medical personnel who are continuing their studies in various colleges inside and outside the country.

"This funding is for the payment of training fees, subsistence allowance and fare for students who will get funding abroad as well as a research allowance when the student is on a period of doing research as part of his training," he said.

## Villagers receive modern patrol boat for protection of marine resources

By Guardian Correspondent, Mkinga

RESIDENTS of five villages out of nine in Boma Ward, Mkinga District, Tanga Region have benefitted from the project for the protection of marine resources managed by Mwambao Coastal Community Network Tanzania after they were provided with a boat for inclusive patrols by Community Fisheries Managements Associations (CFMAs) and Beach Management Units (BMUS) communities.

The boat, valued at 35m/- was handed out to Boma Kichakamiba, and Boma Subutuni and it will to a great extent help in the protection of sea resources including illegal fishing.

The boat was provided since residents and fishermen from the villages were trained in fish farming and which has helped them to harvest huge quantities of octopus every after 90 days.

Mwambao Coastal Community Network Tanzania Chief executive Officer, Said Khalid said the boat will assist villager

increase sea patrols.

He added that they will continue to provide education on environmental and marine resources preservation to the residents of Boma Ward.

Receiving the assistance, Mkinga District Commissioner, Col. Maulid Surumbu thanked the institution for the assistance provided and called on various other stakeholders to help coastal communities so that sea resources can bring positive benefits to the communities.

He also called on the villagers to use the boat for the aims intended only.

For his part, the Chairman of CFMAs and BMUs in Mkinga District, Kassim Alfian expressed his thanks for the assistance, saying that in the past they used to conduct patrols by canoes.

"This task was hard as many of the people engaged in illegal fishing activities use modern high speed boats," he said.



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### Subject: Tender Inviting Bids for renovation of the public toilet in the India House Dar es Salaam.

High Commission of India, Dar-es-Salaam invites sealed quotations from reputed, experienced and financially sound Companies registered under relevant Tanzanian Companies Law which can carry out renovation of the public toilet in the India House Dar es Salaam.. The Tender document inviting bids for this work can be downloaded from the Mission's website <https://hcindiatz.gov.in> in the What's New Section under the heading "Tender for renovation of the public toilet in the India House Dar es Salaam."



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## REQUEST FOR QUOTATION

### BUL-RFQ-23-08-04 – SUPPLY OF FOUR (04) GE MULTILIN 889 PROTECTION RELAYS

Bulyanhulu Gold Mine ("the Company"), a fully owned subsidiary of Twiga Minerals Corporation, which is ultimately owned by Barrick Gold Corporation and the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania requests the submission of Quotes from reputable, experienced, certified, and qualified parties to provide the following:

#### Specifications:

- Four (4) units of GE Multilin 889 Protection Relays.
- Equipment module or specs shall be of the GE Multilin 889 Protection Relay devices with retro fit kit.
- GE Multilin 889 Protection Relay module shall be of the following configuration:
  - > Base Unit – GE 889
  - > Firmware Rev. – Latest Revision
  - > Application – E
  - > Phase Current Slot J Bank – P5
  - > Phase Current Slot K Bank – P5
  - > Ground Current – S5
  - > Power Supply – H
  - > Slot B I/O – S
  - > Slot C I/O – N
  - > Slot F I/O – A
  - > Slot G I/O – N
  - > Slot H I/O – N
  - > Faceplate – M
  - > Current Protection – A
  - > Voltage Monitoring and Protection – S
  - > Control – T
  - > Monitoring – C
  - > Communication – IE
  - > Advanced Communication Connector – C
  - > Wireless Communication – N
  - > Security – B
  - > Retrofit Kit – 1
- Relay "Control Power" should be able to accept a VDC of 132VDC input.
- All GE Multilin 889 relays must be accompanied, in the RFQ, with a retrofit kit to replace a GE Multilin 489 protection relay
- All devices supplied must have a complete quality test certificate attached.
- All devices supplied must have its compatible software.
- Requesting one programming cable of not less than 3 meters long.

#### Key documents:

- Clear and detailed Quotation.
- Company registration documents i.e. Certificate of incorporation, business license, TIN, VRN, Tax Clearance Certificate etc.
- BRELA detailed search document indicating Tanzanian ownership percentage, written statement showing Tanzanian management and below management employment percentage to determine classification as an Indigenous Tanzanian Company as per the Local Content Regulation, 2018;
- Applicable certification, accreditation, affiliated registrations, and letter of dealership as required;
- Approved Local Content Plan or acknowledgment of submission from the Mining Commissioner.
- Full General Arrangement (GA) + Single Line (SLD) drawing to be submitted/supplied with every quotation for approval.

#### Submission of Quotes:

Please submit your quotes via email to [bulytender@barrick.com](mailto:bulytender@barrick.com).

The reference "BUL-RFQ-23-08-04 – Supply of Four (04) GE Multilin 889 Protection Relays" must be quoted in the subject line of the email.

**NB:** The Company reserves the right to invite any other supplier(s) who did not submit a quote through this advertisement

If you do not hear from us within 21 days after the deadline date, please consider your bid/quote unsuccessful.

#### Key Dates

- Last date to submit quotes: 04<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Bulyanhulu Gold Mine Limited



## Sightsavers to offer free eye screening to 150,000 people

By Guardian Correspondent, Singida

OVER 150,000 residents from Singida, Morogoro and Dodoma regions will undergo free eye screening services after Sightsavers, a private NGO launched a new project known as "My Eyes" to be implemented in the three regions.

Sightsavers Director General Godwin Kabalika disclosed this here at the weekend as he addressed the meeting for the introduction of the project, the meeting that will undergo eye cataracts surgery to 15,000 people while 15,000 will be provided with eye glasses.

He said the new project has started after the "Improve Eyes" project that started in 2022 implemented by in Singida and Morogoro regions.

Kabalika said during the implementation of the project, eye services providers will be trained on how to provide better services

and people with eye problems will be mobilised to visit the eye examination and treatment centres.

For his part, the "Macho Yangu" project coordinator for Singida Region, Upendo Minja said for the region over 50,000 people will undergo eye screening, 5,000 will undergo surgery and another 5,000 will be provided with eye glasses during the four year of the project's implementation.

He called on officials from the region's seven district councils to collaborate with eye services providers to make the project a success as it was for the earlier "Boresha Macho Yangu" project.

Upendo Mwakabalile, Eye Services Coordinator for Singida Region said the "Boresha Macho Yangu" project that has ended had great achievements to the people need as it had a target to conduct eye surgery to 5,625 people but it did to over 7,995 people.

He said during eye examination, the project had targeted to conduct eye screening to 62,000 people but they did so to over 110,000 while 3,770 others were provided with eye glasses while the target was 2,500 people.

For his part, Sightsavers Project Officer, Sabina Maheke said apart from the "Macho Yangu" project, the organisation has also come with a new project for the economic empowerment to people with disabilities that will be implemented in the period of two years in Singida and Dar es Salaam regions.

She said the main aim of the project is to economically empower people with disabilities and increase their participation in the job market.

Singida Acting Regional Administrative Officer (Economy and Production) Stanislaus Choaji who was official guest at the event said the region is among regions with many people having eye problems, but since the coming of Sightsavers, the problem has been reduced to a great extent.



Vicky Bishubo (C), NMB Bank's Head of Government Business Department, pictured in Dar es Salaam at the weekend presenting an assortment of items including mattresses and textile material to New Hope for Girls Centre director Dr Consoler Eliya. It was support to the centre from the bank's CEO, Ruth Zaipuna. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Mwanza RAS embarks on initiative to excute infrastructure projects

By Correspondent Wilhelm Mulinda,

Mwanza

THE office of the Mwanza Regional Administrative Secretary (RAS) has embarked on an initiative to involve diverse government departments in the implementation of various infrastructure projects so as to ensure that they meet required standards and value for money.

The move is a unit measure to know if the implementation of the construction projects in departments of health, education, roads and water in previous financial year were standard and went in line with the plan or not and the way forward.

Mwanza Regional Assistant Administrative Secretary (infrastructure), Architect Chagu Nghoma unveiled yesterday here in an interview that the initiative started in July 2022 after the office found that there was no platform to evaluate the standards of the projects.

"Before we started the implementation of construction projects in the above-mentioned

departments in the 2022/23 financial year, my office saw that it was important to bring together experts from the construction profession in Mwanza Region.

He pointed out that having known the initiative was productive, they saw that was important to sit together with the users of the projects that included district education and medical officers, Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau (PCCB) regional officer, as well as engineers from TARURA and Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agency (RUWASA) before they start implementing plans of the current financial year.

"In the meeting, participants noted that sometimes there are challenges which cut across between experts during the implementation of the projects and can be solved by sitting together and identifying them," he said.

He also said that the Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau (PCCB) was also involved in the meeting to provide clarifications on how to implement the projects in accordance with the integrity of public service for development.

According to him, adhering to

the integrity of public service, everyone, even politicians will be satisfied with the standard of implementation of public projects and there can be no complaints among the people.

He said that the initiative which is under the theme: "Quality is Our Tool", will be implemented by the office every year, before commencement of the implementation of construction projects of the next financial year for positive results.

Architect Nghoma noted that in the implementation of projects in 2024/25 they will involve community development officers in the initiative to mobilize communities covered by RUWASA on good use of tap water.

He pointed out that some rural communities need enough education on good use of tap water, noting that there are people whose areas have been supplied with tap water, but do not use it instead they go to lakes or rivers to draw drinking water, wash clothes, bathing and livestock water.

He said RUWASA works with people from the grassroots therefore communities should be educated on proper use of tap water to improve their hygienic conditions as well as protection of water sources.

## 200 Tanzanians receive IVF in India

By Correspondent Christina

Mwakangale

A Total of 200 Tanzanians have received In Vitro Fertilisation (IVF) in India after failing for biologically conceive, according to Chennai Fertility Centre (CFC).

Dr Vadingadu Thonas, CFC chairman and specialist in artificial insemination disclosed in an interview at the 2023 International Drugs and Medical Devices exhibition in Dar es Salaam at the weekend.

Dr Vadingadu said already the centre has performed the service to 200 Tanzanians while about 65,000 babies were born through IVF since its start over 20 years ago, and that they plan to open a branch in Dar es Salaam.

"This will be a great help to people who lack financial resources to travel to India for the service.

"In the next six months we shall open a branch here in Dar es Salaam," he said.

CFC country representatives, Doreen Luoga said the services provided by the centre were 80

to 90 per cent successful, hence Tanzanians in need should grab the opportunity to visit the exhibition for free IVF service and additional treatment," he said.

She added: "Free specialist services will be provided free of charge at the exhibition from Dr Vandigadu, this is an opportunity for Tanzanians with such problems."

She said the service is provided from morning till evening, and a great possibility for a woman to conceive is guaranteed, even for those over 50 years of age.

She added that those receiving the service are usually placed under supervision for 90 days.

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## JOB OPPORTUNITY PROJECT COORDINATOR

**Position** : Project Manager  
**Deadline for Application** : 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2023  
**Expected Start Date** : Immediately  
**Duty Station** : Arusha  
**Reporting To** : Executive Director

### PURPOSE OF THE POSITION

To collaborate, coordinate, facilitate, and lead policy harmonization through strategic engagement with policy influence working groups, sector ministries, and Parliamentary committees in strengthening Tanzania's policy, regulatory, and enabling environment for sustainable biodiversity conservation.

### 1. General Overview of the Organization

TNRF is a Tanzanian network organization with 6000 members with registration number OONGO/0640 bringing together members to change policy and practice in the natural resource sector for the better through: a) sharing the knowledge base of practice and b) strengthening citizens' voice for improved natural resource governance. TNRF seeks to support its members by improving communication, sharing information, promoting collaboration and strengthening collective action. It works on promoting the improvement of natural resource governance to achieve more sustainable rural livelihoods and better conservation outcomes. TNRF works with members across the country and is linked with partners and members outside the country, but mainly concentrated in areas categorized as stress points in relation to pressure on existing natural resources in Tanzania.

TNRF facilitates member-driven 'Working Groups' on key policy and practice issues that are of direct interest to members. These working groups are very collaborative and provide an opportunity for TNRF's diverse membership to tackle concerns at a range of different levels. There are currently working groups engaged in TNRF's strategic direction of Land based Investment (LBI), Community based natural Resources Management (CBNM), and Climate Change (CC). TNRF communications works at a cross cutting level, producing for example a web-site, weekly e-news, policy briefs in collaboration with partners and participatory film or radio targeted at advocacy. TNRF also successfully engages with other stakeholders in establishing round tables for CSOs, donors, international NGOs and government to discuss emerging issues related to the environment.

### 2. PROJECT OVERVIEW

TNRF has been identified as a recipient of the USAID Tuhifadhi Maliasili grant with a project to strengthen conservation policies and biodiversity conservation in Tanzania. Through the grant, TNRF will employ experiences, innovations, and proven best practices to inform and support Tanzanian policy and legal framework review while at the same time promoting community and stakeholders' participation and initiatives in biodiversity conservation and livelihoods. TNRF in this project will support addressing conflicting policies and legal frameworks and supporting efforts towards improved biodiversity conservation through multiple approaches.

In view of this, TNRF seeks to recruit a Project Manager with a thorough understanding of policy issues in natural resources management including the wildlife sector and landscape connectivity in Tanzania to manage implementation of the project. The successful candidate will be responsible for the management and coordination of all project activities.

### 3. CORE RESPONSIBILITIES

- To coordinate the implementation of project activities according to the agreed work plan and budget
- To ensure that financial resources are used in accordance with the approved annual plan and budget
- To work close with the Communications, Advocacy and Branding officer, Land/GIS Expert, Finance officers, and Consultant(s) during the implementation of project activities to realize quality outcomes of the engagements.
- To strengthen and promote coherence and cohesion in the policy and legal frameworks analysis, especially with regard to provisions of conflicting legal frameworks hindering wildlife conservation, and landscape connectivity
- To convene and facilitate meetings of policy analysis and advocacy with various working groups in line with the principles of partnership within the CSOs working groups, parliamentary committees, management teams of key Ministries and other stakeholders to discuss policy and legal framework issues, ensuring that the meetings are consultative and results-oriented.
- To lead strategic engagements with various decision makers to influence the revision of legal frameworks and change its practices. Among them include strategic meetings with sector ministries such as the Ministry of Mining, PORALG, Ministry of Land, Ministry of livestock, Tanzania Parliamentary Friends of Environment (TAPAFE), and Parliamentary Standing Committees responsible for Land and natural resources, etc.
- To lead and coordinate CSOs Consortium to meet with the Management team of the sector ministries to present key legal issues frameworks/provision of the policies and legal frameworks that hinder biodiversity conservation and connectivity and initiate its revision.
- Conduct one-to-one meetings with influential members of parliament to support and influence legal review advocacy efforts
- To influence the advocacy agenda on the need of harmonizing conflicting provisions and communicated through various media including television, radio, websites, and social media
- To coordinate stakeholders' engagements by bringing key stakeholders to raise their awareness and come up with a common position on an approach that will jointly facilitate landscape connectivity in the area through community driven.
- To work with Land use/GIS Experts to implement community driven priorities through the supportive, collaborative and participatory joint land use plan and rangeland management plans in selected areas.

### 4. OUTPUTS

The Project coordinator will be responsible for the following output:-

- i. To produce project reports and high-quality outputs as indicated in the project document, focusing on the key deliverables (details for each deliverable will be provided in the project document)
- ii. Facilitate working and partnership MoU among Technical working group members in operational
- iii. Improved awareness, knowledge, and skills among policy and decision makers, community members, and other stakeholders on effective models for supporting landscape connectivity for biodiversity conservation in Tanzania and livelihoods.
- iv. Policy engagement meetings between working groups and decision makers to influence policy and legal frameworks review for more improved biodiversity conservation, community land tenure security, and livelihood.
- v. Policy and legal harmonization provisions are identified, discussed, communicated widely, and harmonized in the policy and legal frameworks review.
- vi. Policy brief on policy issues
- vii. Online social media platforms

The Project Coordinator will work closely with the implementing team; Communication, Advocacy, and Branding officer, Land/GIS Expert, Finance officer, Consultant(s) that will be engaged occasionally by the project, and TNRF team members under Community Based Natural Resource Management (CBNRM) portfolio.

### 5. Required Qualifications and desired attributes

The Project Coordinator will have the following broad skill-sets:

- Advanced University degree in Policy issues, Wildlife Conservation, Natural Resources Conservation, Natural Resource Assessment and Management or other related fields.
- Solid background and experience (at least 7 years) in policy engagement processes in natural resource management issues, with sound knowledge of Wildlife interventions and policies in Tanzania, and across the region.
- Excellent and proven facilitation and networking skills
- Practical experience in working with government agencies, members of parliaments, Standing Parliamentary committee, Tanzania Parliamentary Friends of Environments (TAPAFE), Management teams of key ministries, Local government authorities, CSOs working groups, and networks dealing with policy advocacy and development partners.
- Strong reporting and communication skills with evidence of related publications/writings.
- Proven track record in successfully developing, leading, and managing projects in the field of conservation, policy engagements for improved natural resources management, international development, or other related fields.
- Excellent interpersonal skills, with the ability to network and develop and maintain strong relationships at all levels with local communities, government agencies, the not-for-profit sector, and the TNRF network.
- Adaptable, flexible, able to take initiative and prioritize amongst competing demands

### 6. TERMS OF CONTRACT

This is a project funded position for which a full and attractive package commensurate with the nature of the position will be offered on 1 annual basis, renewable on the basis of performance and availability of funds.

### 7.0 HOW TO APPLY:

Interested Candidates for this job are kindly requested to send their CVs accompanied by a cover letter to [recruitment@tnrf.org](mailto:recruitment@tnrf.org).

**Women are highly encouraged to apply**



## Cultural diversity is important for our country's economy

ACCORDING to research done on cultural diversity in the workplace, it's shown to improve innovation and productivity. The more diverse a workplace is, the more ideas and perspectives there are.

Tanzania's cultural diversity is about appreciating that society is made up of many different groups with different interests, skills, talents and needs. It also means that we recognise that people in our society can have differing religious beliefs and sexual orientations.

The things we do and the practices we were taught inform us who we become. Culture is a broad term that encompasses beliefs, values, norms, behaviours, and overall can be understood as our "way of being." When we go out into the world, we will come into contact with people from different backgrounds and walks of life. It's a good rule of thumb to honour cultural diversity with our actions.

Our cultural diversity in Tanzania can take shape in professional settings, within educational institutions, and overall, in most aspects of life.

Cultural diversity is synonymous with multiculturalism. Multiculturalism is defined by the Encyclopedia Britannica as, "the view that cultures, races, and ethnicities, particularly those of minority groups, deserve special acknowledgment of their differences within a dominant political culture."

The importance of cultural diversity can be interpreted on the basis of these related actions:

Recognizing that there is a large amount of cultures that exist; respecting each other's differences; acknowledging that all cultural expressions are valid; valuing what cultures have to bring to the table;

empowering diverse groups to contribute.

Having a multilingual team, having a diverse range of ages working together, having policies that are vocally against discrimination, etc.

Having students from all over the world being accepting of all religious practices and traditions that students part take in, supporting students to share their cultures with one another, etc.

Cultural diversity is important in every setting in life, but it can be even more pivotal when it happens within education. Students around the world have the right to equal access of quality education, and as such, there are many upsides that come along with it when institutions believe in the power of diversity.

Cultural diversity is the quality of diverse or different cultures, as opposed to monoculture, the global monoculture, or a homogenisation of cultures, akin to cultural decay. The phrase cultural diversity can also refer to having different cultures respect each other's differences. The phrase "cultural diversity" is also sometimes used to mean the variety of human societies or cultures in a specific region, or in the world as a whole. Globalisation is often said to have a negative effect on the world's cultural diversity.

There are many separate societies that emerged around the globe differed markedly from each other, and many of these differences persist to this day. As well as the more obvious cultural differences that exist between people, such as language, dress and traditions, there are also significant variations in the way societies organise themselves, in their shared conception of morality, and in the ways they interact with their environment. Cultural diversity can be seen as analogous to biodiversity.

## BTI had its day but China is changing trade methods

CITY stakeholders and government officials that have some affinity with Chinese commercial, cultural and other attachments were lately celebrating ten years of the Belt and Road initiative. This outward looking initiative has done wonders in many African countries and implanted China in the continent's social and economic fabric. But it had its limitations that the Chinese authorities are gradually revamping, but BRI enthusiasts take time to grapple with reality.

The BRI past is enthusiastically shared by Chinese diplomatic officials and their hosts, while the more careful posture now being taken by China has not significantly percolated this side of the BRI table. There is a wish on the part of African states that the Chinese posture in cooperation remain the same, while China is inwardly making deep reforms. But this is not debated in outspoken fashion as is the case in choosing rivals for nominating presidential candidates.

While trade volumes between Tanzania and China have climbed steadily to \$8.31bn annually, more than tripling commercial flows between the two countries a decade ago, the key issue is elsewhere. China was celebrating the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) in the city symposium, while key local participants had their minds directed to the old bilateral setting in which the BRI initiative was anchored. AfCFTA is different but hugely consonant with BRI, as a free trade area builds bridges of a predictable format.

The two-day symposium to mark the 10th anniversary of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) was a fitting anniversary as well of the inspirational Xi Jinping presidency. It has altered the course of China as the other two

greater leaders, Mao Zedong from 1949 and Deng Xiaoping starting from 1978. Each of these phases set out to define and start pursuing a specific image of China's inward outlook or policy, and its external projection, how it blends with global realities.

The symposium was organised under an overall theme, "China Africa Vision: Towards a Sustainable Future," where the local organiser is likely to have been more interested in the legacy of solidarity than the theme of sustainability. The latter implies taking up projects that presume profitability and if it is loans, substantial or bankable assurance of their being paid. That wasn't admittedly the core of Belt and Road project designs, but trusting that state agencies will pay.

The Chinese leadership has since comprehended that loaning to state agencies in the spirit of solidarity eventually leads to odemands of debt cancellation. Thus it is altering its evaluation posture and privileging specific angles in looking at bilateral relationships, etc. It seeks policies blending with the East African common market and the free trade area, while big projects are shifted to private ventures.

Over the past decade, BRI has built a new bridge for China-Tanzania friendship and the strategic docking between the two sides has been deeper, while the cultural side of cooperation is now taking a firmer footing. That is vital when synergies shift from large state-run organisations to joint ventures in the private sector. There are many in Tanzania who will take a while longer to appreciate this shift, owing to lack of culture change, or paradigm shift, at the local level, appreciate reforms rather than reliable public sector business formats.

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By Raphael Amokeedo

THE International Criminal Court (ICC) was established two decades ago to investigate cases of inhumane actions by the military, genocide, and crimes against humanity. However, it was only during Barack Obama's presidency that Washington began assisting the organization in investigating war crimes in Africa.

With the arrival of Donald Trump in the White House, sanctions were imposed on representatives of the court who attempted to investigate the actions of the US military in Afghanistan. Although Joe Biden lifted these restrictions, no case against the Americans has yet begun. Experts speculate that the Pentagon fears creating a precedent that might lead to accusations against the US military for crimes in countries like Yugoslavia, Syria, Libya, Afghanistan, Vietnam, Iraq, and others.

American human rights activists have gathered a substantial amount of information about the crimes committed by the US military abroad. During the military intervention in Yugoslavia, for instance, between one and a half to six thousand civilians were killed, leaving hundreds of thousands displaced and causing a humanitarian catastrophe in the heart of Europe. Led by the United States, the North Atlantic Alliance carried out massive carpet bombing of peaceful Serbian cities. NATO aircraft fired three thousand cruise missiles and dropped 80 thousand tons of bombs over almost three months of bombing in 1999.

## Does a pre-primary teacher need a degree to teach?

By Sam Ibanda Mugabi

LEGISLATORS have asked the Ministry of Education and Sports to review the National Teacher Policy (NTP) on the education requirement of teachers in Early Child Care Education (ECCE), saying that the required bachelor's degree is unrealistic.

Members of Parliament on the Committee of Education and Sports made the call while meeting education ministry officials, led by the Minister of State for Higher Education, John Chrysostom Musingo and the Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) on Wednesday, 23 August 2023.

The EOC team was led by its chairperson, Safia Nalule.

The officials were responding to a petition by members of the Pre-Primary Teachers Training Institutions Association-Uganda (PPITA) to Parliament on access to early child care education.

The petitioners said that the

## How International Criminal Court serves West's interests

It's worth noting that NATO did not shy away from using ammunition containing depleted uranium, consuming 11 tons of such shells. As a result, Serbia still experiences the highest cancer mortality rate among European countries due to the aftermath of these shells.

To divert attention from their own war crimes, Washington intentionally initiates investigations against other countries, including the Russian Federation, a nation actively opposing American neocolonialism.

The International Criminal Court has repeatedly prosecuted representatives from African states such as the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kenya, Sudan, Uganda, and the Central African Republic. However, no investigations have been conducted against any representatives of Western states, leaving several Africans who hold a pro-Western position and have not yet faced justice. This raises questions about the ICC's role: is it essentially fighting against those who oppose the West's position?

Another example can be found in Ukraine, where the Kiev regime receives full support from the United States and Western countries. Here, the crimes committed by the Ukrainian military are not being investigated, as Washington not only protects the armed forces of Ukraine but also members of nationalist formations.

This is why there is talk about

investigative commissions and tribunals for Russia, while crimes committed by the Ukrainian Armed Forces are disregarded and accusations are made against the Russian Federation. The West does not intend to react or punish Kiev for its crimes due to the fear that it may damage the "sacrificial image" of Ukraine.

Despite the Ukrainian servicemen's massacre of unarmed Russian prisoners of war in November 2022, which claimed more than ten lives, the United States' refusal to directly condemn these war crimes only strengthens the sense of impunity among radicals in Ukraine. Moreover, whenever gross violations of international humanitarian law occur in Ukraine, American officials try to shift public attention from the massacre of Russians to alleged war crimes committed by the Russian Federation.

Even in the case of Bucha, a town near Kiev where the Ukrainian side actively spread reports of a large number of civilian casualties, the Russian Defense Ministry denied all the photos and videos published by the Kiev regime, claiming that they depicted alleged war crimes by Russian servicemen.

During the time when the Russian Federation controlled the settlement, not a single local resident suffered from violent actions. Meanwhile, Western media had to acknowledge the fact that the

Kiev regime was conducting large-scale "sweeps" in the occupied territories, amounting to genocide of the pro-Russian-minded civilian population. Dozens of civilians fell victim to Ukrainian servicemen and employees of special services, while hundreds of citizens went missing.

However, when the Russian side sent over three thousand appeals to the International Criminal Court regarding crimes against civilians in Donbass, they were ignored. As a result, according to the Russian leadership, the ICC is merely a repressive tool of the West, making politically motivated decisions. Nevertheless, the punishment of Ukrainian neo-Nazis and their Western accomplices for crimes against the Russian people will not have a statute of limitations. Kiev will face a sad ending and punishment for every war crime it has committed.

It is important to note that the Russian-Ukrainian conflict is characterized by a complete difference in the methods and means of warfare employed by Moscow and Kiev. Russia, as part of its special military operation in Ukraine, adopts a targeted approach, exclusively destroying military infrastructure facilities and decision-making centers using advanced missile weapons. Such an approach aims to save civilian lives but requires longer time and greater troop maneuverability compared to NATO's "war of annihilation" tactics.

in Education and eventually acquire a bachelor's degree within 10 years.

The Chairperson of the Equal Opportunities Commission, Safia Nalule presenting before the committee

Hon. Connie Nakayenze (Indp., Mbale City Woman Representative), however, said that children aged between three to eight years do not require to be taught by degree holders.

"I want to be given a satisfactory answer that a three-year-old child will need a degree holder to teach them, because they learn by playing, they learn by singing and activity," said Nakayenze.

She added that even the current bachelor's degree holders are not earning salaries which are commensurate with their qualifications.

"Do you want to convince us that when we cannot afford to pay teachers right now a degree holder's salary, that you will afford to pay a nursery teacher the degree holder's salary?" she asked.

Hon. Michael Timuzugu (NRM, Kajara County) said that the required bachelor's degree is not attainable because even diploma holders are under-utilised.

"I am not comfortable with the speed at which you are moving. I do not believe we can attain that level of having teachers with degrees at pre-primary level when we have not even utilised those ones with certificates," he said.

Hon. Faith Nakut (NRM, District Woman Representative, Napak) expressed disappointment with the ministry's submission, saying that there is lack of goodwill to address the plight of the ECCE sector.

Hon. Juliet Kinyamatama (Indp., District Woman Representative, Rakai), however, said that the requirement of bachelor's degree should be upheld since ECCE lays a foundation for a child's education.

"Pre-primary is basic but the most important, having a degree holder is very important and government can work on remuneration of these teachers," she said.



# Digital transformation: A mix of good and bad news for children

By Correspondent Emmanuel Onyango

**W**ITH the rise of digital technology and the internet, children now have access to a world of information at their fingertips. While this can be a great resource for learning and entertainment, it can also be a dangerous avenue for addiction and all manner of violence.

Despite Tanzania's efforts to end child violence, awareness on the prevention and strategies are generally inadequate due primarily to adoption of global technological advancements which have emerged with new digital transformations.

Violence against children has revealed a profound impact on core aspects of emotional, behavioural and physical health as well as social development throughout life and mostly in education settings where child skills are developed.

Common abuses linked to ill-treatments that are frequently reported are related to physical violence such as corporal punishment, beatings and other forms of malpractices such as early marriage and sexual violence to children.

Corporal punishment is still allowed in the country as a most common type of punishment imposed by the courts for persons less than 18 years of age for almost all kinds of offenses since it was imposed by British colonial government way back in 1930.

The practice is widely accepted as a disciplinary measure in childrearing as it's not perceived as harmful or abusive. It only becomes violent when it exceeds and hence violates children's rights that are to be protected according to the law.

But with the emergence of new media facilities in recent years, these are propelled by use of internet whereby children have been exposed to various kinds of videos and other pornographic images which do not augur well with traditions in African societies.

This is now recognized as another form of violence against children in Tanzanian and other African societies which has taken a new twist and by all means, activists have frowned upon. Moreover, some have suggested that it should be stopped or averted by all means.

Evidence on Online Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (OCSEA) report released in June this year indicated that 67 percent of children in Tanzania aged between 12 and 17 years old are internet users.

The report further says that, "four percent of children using internet became victims of grave instances of online sexual exploitation and abuse that ultimately had destroyed their mindsets."

According to the report, those children were either blackmailed to engage in sexual activities and shared their images without permission, or they were coerced to engage in sexual activities through promises of money or gifts.

It is said that Tanzania has acknowledged that children are forced to engage in sexual orientations through different social media platforms either by persons they know or those they don't know.

In order to work out the modalities to ensure safety



of children, the government is currently working on new legal framework in order to bring down an effective legislation that would help children especially those in marginalized communities in rural area.

Dr Dorothy Gwajima, Minister for Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups, recently said that a special taskforce has been formed to work closely with the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) in reviewing the Child Act for proper amendment.

According to her, the taskforce will work with other stakeholders to ensure that children are protected from the effects of digital transformation. This is the most dangerous form of child violence which has emerged in communities in a more scientific manner in recent years.

Under the move, various steps have been taken in the country as major precautionary measures since the reviews of the laws so as to tighten penalties by amending some gaps in section 29 of the Child Act of 2009 with a view of protecting children.

The move also aims at taking another approach to curb the rising number of incidents linked acts of ill-treatments practiced intentionally to harm children.

As the interactions between children and new media facilities is growing at a very fast pace, the Ministry of Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups has issued several warnings to parents or guardians to control their children especially when using smartphones.

Permanent Secretary in the ministry Dr John Njingu issued a plea to responsible caregivers during the Child Protection Stakeholders' quarterly meeting which was held in Dodoma last week.

The PS urged parents as well as guardians to stop exposing children to inappropriate content on the internet and insisted that children should be protected morally.

According to him, electronic gadgets have become dangerous showing bad, showing bad images, including videos which are not educative to children. In addition, parents have to recognize that there are positive and negative things if smartphones and other internet-connected gadgets are given to children.

"A child cannot identify and differentiate the bad from the good and therefore it is easy for them to learn and embrace immoral values online", he told the audience and stressed the importance of strengthening family as an institution which has responsibility to reproduce children and ensure their-

good upbringing.

From cyber bullying to exposure to inappropriate content, parents must take steps to protect their children while they are online. One of the most effective ways to do this is by using parental controls.

Parental controls are a set of tools that help parents manage their children's online activity. These controls can be used to restrict access to certain websites, limit the amount of time children spend online and block harmful content.

It is from this point of view that, when commemorating this year's International African Child Day held in every month of June of the calendar year, Tanzania came up with a unique theme "Consider safety of the child in the digital world".

The title was specifically chosen due to the fact that violence meted against children through online channels is escalating in the world and Tanzania in particular has no way of escaping other than taking appropriate measures.

The Day of the African Child reminds the world of the sporadic killing of hundreds of black South African children of the Soweto suburb in Johannesburg city in June 1976 while demonstrating against poor quality of education given to them by the then apartheid regime.

During the commemorations, governments across Africa plus other international organisations and stakeholders gathers to discuss the challenges hindering the full realization of the rights of children in Africa with different themes.

Florence Chaki, the Coordinator of gender issues at the Commission for Human Rights and Good Gov-

ernance (CHRGG) said that there was a myriad of challenges in the fight against protection of children's rights in the country.

Among them is lack of evidence and that some parents were killing cases when engaged through arbitration between them and abuser thereby denying the rights of their children.

Even though Tanzania is bound by regional and international laws to protect children and uphold their right to education and ensure their freedom from any form of violence, there are certain issues subjected to violations which remain largely unaddressed.

Many violent cases are settled outside the judicial systems through traditional means, for instance, sexual violence and early marriage whereby pregnant girls are forced out of the education system. This is partly because of lack of political will and reinforcement of the culture of silence.

According to last year's census, children below 15 years comprise about 44 percent of the population and an additional 19 percent are youth between 15 and 24 years.

National statistics show that nearly three in 10 girls and approximately one in seven boys in Tanzania have experienced violence prior to the age of 18 in school settings.

Further, statistics reveal that children go through many hardships including subjection to ill-treatments and violence such as beatings, child labour and pregnancies at tender age that hamper their dreams and future development of the nation.

By Thalif Deen

**A** COALITION of civil society organizations, (CSOs), including climate activists, anti-poverty campaigners and celebrity chefs, are among those calling for an emergency meeting of world leaders on the global food crisis during the UN General Assembly (UNGA) sessions in New York next month.

With 735 million people going hungry, 122 million more than before the COVID-19 pandemic, the organizers of the 'Elephant in the Room' campaign say the food crisis is being overlooked by world leaders, with devastating consequences.

An open letter to world leaders, signed by supporters, including climate activist Vanessa Nakate, award-winning farming advocate Wangari Kuria, musician and philanthropist Octopizzo, SDG Advocate Richard Curtis, and US celebrity chef Andrew Zimmern, says the food crisis is being ignored - "a victim of siloed approaches as it's so multidimensional".

The letter calls for a massive joined-up response at the highest levels of government. "You know there is a global food crisis. You are ignoring it in your budgets. You do not address it enough with the media. It is not high on your agenda for the G20, UNGA or COP28. And so, it remains an elephant in the room." (an obvious problem that people do not want to talk about.)

"As leaders, you have allowed this emergency to unfold. The solutions to end the food crisis exist. It is your responsibility to lead the world out of disasters, not compound them."

Launched by Hungry for Action, the campaign is supported by over 40 organizations including Save the Children, the ONE Campaign and Global Citizen and is coordinated by the SDG2 Advocacy Hub.

The plea for a summit of world leaders on the global food crisis coincides with three unprecedented high-level political meetings in September: the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Summit on September 18-19; a high-level dialogue on Financing for Development (FFD) on September 20; and a Summit of the Future on September 21.

Danielle Nierenberg, President and Founder, Food Tank told IPS the world is facing multiple emergencies-the climate crisis, the public health crisis, the biodiversity loss crisis, and the hunger crisis.

To address these challenges, she said, "we need urgent action-not by 2030-but today. I am thankful for the efforts of activists and advocates who are pushing for change."

"But we need policymakers to treat these crises like the emergency they are and push for positive transformation of how we produce and consume food at UNGA. We can't wait any longer."

Joseph Chamie, a former director of the UN Population

## Plea for a UN summit on the global food crisis



Division, and an independent consulting demographer, told IPS there is no question about an increasing and worrisome global food crisis.

"About one billion people, or nearly 12 percent of the world's population, face severe levels of food insecurity with 735 million people going hungry," he said.

There is plenty of food in the world. While the world's population has doubled from 4 to 8 billion over the past fifty years, global food production has more than tripled, said Chamie, who served as the Deputy Secretary-General for the 1994 International Conference on population and development and has worked in various regions of the world.

There is a consensus on the causes of the global food crisis, he argued.

Among the major causes of the global food crisis, he singled out "armed conflict and violence; climate change with extreme weather events and emergencies; poverty and economic shocks with soaring prices for fertilizer".

He pointed out that there is much that can be done to address the global food crisis.

"World leaders need to adopt policies,

provide additional funds and take action to address the major factors creating the global food crisis. The major media outlets need to do more to inform the world community about the global food crisis".

There are no reasons, he said, for delays in addressing the global food crisis. "It is necessary and appropriate to convene an emergency meeting of world leaders on the global food crisis at the UN General Assembly in New York next month."

Countries, international agencies and responsible others need to act today to address the global food crisis, not in some distant future.

"Hungry people, especially children, can't eat excuses, they need food today," said Chamie, the author of numerous publications on population issues, including his recent book, "Population Levels, Trends, and Differentials".

Meanwhile, the Hungry for Action campaign says the global food crisis is caused by a combination of conflict, climate change, rising food prices and the punishing debt burdens faced by many poorer countries, 21 of which now face catastrophic levels of debt distress and

food insecurity.

"Admitting the scope of the problem is the first step towards solving it," said Rev. Eugene Cho, president and CEO of the U.S.-based Christian anti-hunger organization Bread for the World.

"Several countries, including the U.S., have acknowledged there is a problem and taken steps to address it. That is a good start. But it is not enough to get us out of the crisis. The global food and malnutrition crisis is a climate crisis, a conflict crisis, and a rising costs crisis: it demands a powerful and unified global response."

This year's UN appeals for emergency assistance are only just over a quarter funded, much lower than for the last global food crisis in 2008, and yet there are twice as many additional people going hungry compared to 2008 levels.

"There is nothing inevitable about children dying because they don't have enough to eat, just as there is nothing inevitable about families in rich countries queuing for food banks," said climate activist, Vanessa Nakate.

"There is nothing inevitable about a food system that cannot withstand shocks from climate change or conflict. There is enough

food in the world for everyone."

"During the last major global food crisis, following the 2008 economic crash, we saw world leaders coming together at the G8 summit in L'Aquila, Italy, to make bold commitments," said David McNair, Executive Director for Policy at the One Campaign

"This year, as we live through a so-called 'polycrisis', the food crisis seems to be getting lost, a victim of a siloed approach to tackling the world's problems."

According to the campaign, action to tackle the global food crisis should focus on three key elements: saving lives, building resilience of affected communities to withstand climate and food price shocks, and securing the future by reform of the global food system to make it more sustainable and equitable.

Solutions world leaders should progress at an emergency meeting include:

Fully funding the UN's \$55bn humanitarian appeals and doubling climate adaptation funding for lower income countries, while also cancelling their debts and reforming the multilateral financial system to unlock vital funds.

Investing in the smallholder farmers, health workers and communities on the frontlines of the food crisis, including through social protection programmes.

Fixing the broken global food system by supporting more sustainable farming, diversifying crops, improving nutrition and access to a healthy diet, and reducing food waste.

These measures would break the cycle of crisis and could save the world billions at the same time, campaigners said.

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# Crisis of survival in Sri Lanka and the world

By Asoka Bandarage

**S**RI LANKA has been faced with an unprecedented political and economic crisis since the beginning of 2022.

The dominant narrative attributes the crisis to the confluence of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Ukraine conflict, China's 'debt trap diplomacy' and - most importantly - the corruption and mismanagement of the ruling Rajapaksa family.

Western mainstream media celebrated the so-called aragalaya (struggle, in Sinhala) protest movement that led to the ouster of the Rajapaksas and upholds the IMF bail-out as the only solution to the dire economic situation.

The aragalaya protests emerged from genuine economic grievances, but failed to develop an analysis beyond the 'Gota, Go Home' demand for Gotabaya Rajapaksa to resign. Influenced by local and external interests with their own agendas, the protestors exhibited little-to-no awareness or critique of the global political economy and the financial system at the root of the country's crisis.

In 2022, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) reported that 60 percent of low-income countries and 30 percent of emerging market economies are 'in or near debt distress.' While the details differ from country to country, the historical patterns of subordination that have given rise to global crises are the same.

The Sri Lankan crisis is an illustrative example of convergent global debt, food, fuel and energy crises facing much of the world. It is corporate media bias and narrative control that deflects from this analysis.

The island's severe debt and economic crisis must be seen in a broader global context as the culmination of several centuries of colonial and neo-colonial developments, and the disastrous and inevitably self-destructive capitalist paradigm of endless growth and profit. Debt is not "a straightforward number but a social relation embedded in unequal power relations, discourses and moralities...and...institutionalized power."

## Colonialism and neocolonialism

The development of export agriculture and the import of food and other essentials under British colonialism turned Sri Lanka into a dependent 'peripheral' unit of the global capitalist economy.

Adopting ideologies of modernization and development and theories of comparative advantage, the capitalist imperative integrated self-sustaining indigenous, peasant, and regional economies into the growing global economy, through the appropriation of land, natural resources, and labor for export production.

Monocultural agriculture, mining, and other export-based production disturbed traditional patterns of crop rotation and small-scale subsistence production that were more harmonious with the regional ecosystems and cycles of nature.

Plantation development contributed to deforestation, loss of biodiversity and animal habitats. While a small local elite prospered through their collaboration with colonialism, most people became poor, indebted, and dependent on the vagaries of the global market for their sustenance.

Although colonized countries including Sri Lanka gained political independence following World War II, unequal exchange continued under neo-colonialism. Terms of trade disadvantaged the 'Third World' with their labor, resources and exports grossly undervalued and imports overvalued.

The dynamic is better understood as poorer countries being over-exploited rather than under-developed. Rising populations combined with corruption and inefficiency of local governments gave rise to endemic foreign exchange shortages and economic crises in Sri Lanka and many other countries.

The debt relief and aid given by the IMF, the World Bank and bilateral institutions from the Global North have been mere band-aids to keep the ex-colonial countries tethered to the global financial and economic structures. Post-independent Sri Lanka went to the IMF 16 times before the current 2023 bail-out which seeks to further perpetuate the county's cycle of debt dependence.

The transfer of financial and resource wealth from poor countries in the global South to the rich countries in the North is not a new phenomenon. It has been an



Anti-government protest in Sri Lanka on April 13, 2022. Credit: Wikipedia

enduring feature throughout centuries of both classical and neocolonialism. Between 1980 and 2017, developing countries paid out over \$4.2 trillion solely in interest payments, dwarfing the financial aid they received from the developed countries during that period.

Currently, international financial institutions - notably the IMF and the World Bank - remain outside political and legal control without even 'elementary accountability'. As critics from the Global South point out, "The overwhelming power of financial institutions makes a mockery of any serious effort for democratization and addressing the deteriorating socioeconomic living conditions of the people in Sri Lanka and elsewhere in the Global South."

## Financialization and debt

Corporate and financial deregulation which accompanied the rise of neoliberalism starting in the 1970s has given rise to financialization, and the increasing importance of finance capital. As more and more aspects of social and planetary life are commoditized and subjected to digitalization and financial speculation, the real value of nature and human activity are further lost.

As a 2022 United Nations Report points out, food prices are soaring today not due to a problem with supply and demand but due to price speculation in highly financialized commodity markets. A handful of the largest asset management companies, notably BlackRock (currently worth USD \$10 trillion) control very large shares in companies operating in practically all the major sectors of the global economy: banking, technology, media, defense, energy, pharmaceuticals, food, agribusiness including seeds, and agrochemicals.

Financial liberalization advanced when interest rates dropped in the richer countries after the global 2008 financial crisis. Developing countries were encouraged to borrow from private international capital markets through International Sovereign Bonds (ISBs) which come with high interest rates and short maturation periods.

Although details are not available to the public, BlackRock is reportedly the biggest ISB creditor of Sri Lanka. Most of Sri Lanka's foreign debt is ISBs, with over 80% of Sri Lanka's debt owed to western creditors, and not - as projected in the mainstream narrative - to China.

IMF debt financing requires countries to meet its familiar structural adjustment conditions: privatization of state-owned enterprises (SOEs), cutbacks of social safety nets and labor rights, increased export production, decreased import substitution and alignment of local economic policy with US and other Western interests. These are the same aims as classical colonialism, they are just better hidden in the more complex modern system and language of global finance, diplomacy and aid.

A vast array of policies exacting these aims are well under way in Sri Lanka, including the sale of state-owned energy, telecommunications and transportation enterprises to foreign owners, with grave implications for Sri Lanka's economic independence, sovereignty, national security and the wellbeing of her people and the environment.

The IMF approach does not address long-term needs for bioregionalism, sustainable development, local autonomy and welfare. A small vulnerable country such as Sri Lanka cannot change the trajectory of global capitalist development on its own.

Regional and global solidarity and social movements are necessary to challenge the deranged global financial and economic system that is at the root of the current crisis.

## Global south resistance

Since the 1970s, major collaborative projects have been initiated by developing countries and the UNCTAD to develop a multilateral legal framework for sovereign debt restructuring. Yet they are futile in the face of the powerful opposition of creditors and the protection given to them by wealthy countries and their multilateral institutions, and the UN has failed to uphold commitment and implement a debt restructuring mechanism.

Sri Lanka was a global leader in efforts to create a New International Economic Order, the Non-Aligned Movement and the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace in the 1960s and 70s. In the early years of their political independence, countries throughout Asia, Africa and Latin America sought to forge their own paths of economic and political development, independent of both capitalism and communism and the Cold War.

These included African socialist projects such as Tanzania's Ujamaa, import substitution programs in Latin America and left-wing nationalism and decolonization efforts in Sri Lanka and many other countries.

Almost without exception, these nationalist efforts failed, not only due to internal corruption and mismanagement but also due to persistent external pressure and intervention. Massive efforts have been taken by the Global North to stop the Global South from moving out of the established world order.

A case in point is the nationalization of oil companies owned by western countries in Sri Lanka in 1961 and the backlash against the left-nationalist Sri Lankan government which dared to take such a bold move.

The western response included the 1962 Hickenlooper Amendment passed in the U.S. Senate stopping foreign aid to Sri Lanka and to "any country expropriating American property without compensation." As a result, Sri Lanka lost its credit worthiness, the domestic economic situation worsened, and the left-nationalist government lost the 1965 elections (with some covert US election support).

Observing those developments, political economist Richard Stuart Olsen wrote: "...the coerciveness of economic sanctions against a dependent, vulnerable country resides in the fact that an economic downturn can be induced and intensified from the outside, with the resulting development of politically explosive 'relative deprivation'..."

These observations resonate with Sri Lanka's current repetition of the same vicious cycle: an externally dependent export-import economy; worsening terms of trade; foreign exchange shortage; policy mismanagement; external political pressure; debt crisis; shortages of food, fuel and other essentials; mass suffering; and political turmoil.

## Geopolitical rivalry

Sri Lanka's present economic crisis - the worst since the country's political independence from the British - must be seen in the context of the accelerating neocolonial geopolitical conflict between China and the USA in the Indian Ocean. Many other countries across the world are also caught in the neocolonial

perpower competition to control their natural resources and strategic locations.

There is much speculation as to whether the debt default on April 12, 2022 and political destabilization in Sri Lanka were 'staged' or intentionally precipitated to further the US's 'Pivot to Asia' policy, the Indo-Pacific Strategy and the Quadrilateral Alliance (USA, India, Australia and Japan) in its competition to confront China's \$1 trillion Belt and Road Initiative and counter China's presence in Sri Lanka.

It is widely recognized in Sri Lanka that 'The policy of neutrality is the best defence Sri Lanka has to deter global powers from attempting to get control of Sri Lanka because of its strategic location.' Although President Gotabaya Rajapaksa claimed to pursue a 'neutral' foreign policy, the Rajapaksas were seen as closer to China than the west. After Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa and President Gotabaya Rajapaksa were forced to resign, Ranil Wickramasinghe - a politician who was resoundingly rejected in the previous elections by the electorate but is a close ally of the west - was appointed as President in an undemocratic transition of power.

To what extent were Sri Lanka and her people victims of an externally manipulated 'shock doctrine' and a regime change operation, sold to the world as internal disintegration caused by local corruption and incapability?

While it is not possible to provide definitive answers to these issues, it is necessary to consider the available credible evidence and the geopolitics of debt and economic crises in Sri Lanka and the world at large.

## Paradigm Shift

As the locus of global power shifts from the west and a multipolar world arises, new multilateral partnerships are emerging for development financing, such as the New Development Bank (NDB) - formerly referred to as the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) Development Bank - as alternatives to the Bretton Woods and other western dominated institutions.

However, given controversial projects, such as China's Port City and India's Adani Company investments in Sri Lanka as well as their projects elsewhere, it is necessary to ask if the BRICS represent a genuine alternative to the prevailing political-economic model based on domination, profit and power?

Dominant political power in our era is about propaganda, control of narratives and exploiting ignorance and fear. In the face of worsening environmental and social collapse across the world, there is a practical need for a fundamental questioning of the values, assumptions and misrepresentations of the dominant neoliberal model and its manifestations in Sri Lanka and the world.

At the root of the crisis, we face a disconnect between the exponential growth of the profit-driven economy and a lack of development in human consciousness, i.e., in morality, empathy, and wisdom.

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## Responsible land-based investments: Raising benefits, reducing conflicts

By Correspondent Deodatus Mfugale, Mafinga

INVESTORS in the land sector have something in common: acquiring large tracts of land that they are unable or unwilling to develop. Only a small part of the land is put into good use, usually with the aim to silence people who might wonder why the investor, a company or an individual, acquired the land when they did not actually need it. It so happens that in some cases investors acquire land not for the sole purpose of developing it but for using it as collateral when they apply for loans from banks and other financial institutions. Such land could remain "idle" for years while communities nearby face shortage of land for agriculture and other sources of livelihood.

The situation has often created conflicts between communities and the investors, some of which have turned bloody. When the situation becomes too hot to handle, such investors have sold the land to other investors and in so doing, transferring the conflict to another party instead of solving the problem.

Cases of investors hoarding large parcels of land abound in Tanzania. Examples can be found in Mvomero and Kilosa Districts in Morogoro Region, and Rufiji District in Pwani Region, among others.

However that story is now set to change. In a recent development, probably the first of its kind in Tanzania, GRL Tanzania Ltd relinquished a total of 14,173 hectares of land to three villages in Mufindi and Kilombero districts. The company handed back 4,670 hectares to Ukami Village in Mufindi District which it had acquired way back in 2016, 3,500 hectares to Chogo village also in Mufindi District which it had acquired in 2016 and 6,003 and to Kitete village in Kilombero District which it had acquired in 2013.

The company also shall offer 14,477,000/- to Ukami village to enable it to implement various projects to improve social services, according to a contract signed by the two parties on August 16, 2023.

Currently GRL manages three plantation blocks in Uchindile, Idete and Mapanda in approximately 15,500 hectares of planted forest. The company's objective is to grow trees for a wide range of forest products.

The decision to give back land to communities has improved the cordial relationship with the villages to a new level and reduced any chances of conflict between the two parties.

It has also built mutual trust between the parties as both have no reservations about each other.

Fedy Lubida, the Chairperson of Ukami Village government says that pressure on existing village land will be reduced after the company has relinquished land which the village had sold to them nine years ago. Over the years villagers have understood the importance of land and tree farming has become the lifeline of the community as a result of which pressure has been mounting on the village government when it comes to allocating land to meet the needs of community members. "It is unusual for a company to return land to the community even if it doesn't use it. Villagers are grateful because the company has realized there was no point of hoarding this land while the demand for land in the community is growing due to rising local population and an influx of people from other areas in the country who want to try their luck in tree farming. Apparently, there is never enough land for a community," he says.

Ukami village has scored a double in the sense that they got their land back and 14,477,000/- with which to undertake projects that will improve social services. "The village council will decide which projects to fund but certainly the money will not be squandered," he adds.

Women were not left out in the process that finally saw Ukami Village getting back their land from the investor. Besides those who are members of the village council, other women participated in the process through other channels including village assemblies. "We took part in the discussions to get back our land so the final decision has taken our views into consideration. Women are also beneficiaries of operations of GRL as some are employed in the farms while others run supporting services like food vending and earn money," says Upendo Nguge, a resident of Ukami Village.

When GRL acquired land from the village, some people sold their land with the hope of improving their lives. However today they regret their decisions and won't repeat the mistake if given another chance.

"I sold my piece of land to GRL nine years ago. I got good money at that time which enable me to build a house and buy a motorcycle but now I am a poor man. The motorcycle is gone, the house is dilapidated because I have no money to refurbish it and I have no land to my name. I have learnt that selling land is inviting poverty in the family because



Ukami village government chairman Fedy Lubida (L) and the representative of GRL Tanzania Ltd Dimitrice Kweka (C) sign a contract for the company to hand back land to the village following the consent by the village assembly. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

land is the only wealth that never loses value," says Apolo Athanas, a resident of Ukami Village. He hopes to get another piece of land from the land that has been given back by GRL, in which case he says he will not sell it.

GRL Ltd has made it clear that they have relinquished land to the three villages for operational and economic reasons and not because of pressure from anyone. It is a decision made without duress. Neither was the decision made because of conflicts between the said villages and their neighbours. "We conducted an evaluation of our investments and came to the conclusion that the land which we have given back to the villages is not good for planting trees. It would also be difficult to manage the farms because the slopes are very steep and the soil is not suitable for pine and eucalyptus plantations. There was no point for us to keep the land and we could sell it to other companies but we found it wise to give it back to the communities because they need it," explains Victor Kimei, GRL Environmental, Social and Governance Manager. "It is also one way of acquiring a social licence so that we work and live with the villagers in harmony," he adds.

GRL Ltd has been operating in Mufindi and Kilombero Districts for

close to 20 years during which they have made significant contributions to the improvement of social services in various villages. In Kitete Village, for example, they have built a dispensary, the village government office, classrooms and teachers' houses. Similar infrastructure has been constructed in Ukami and Chogo villages while the government has complemented these efforts with provision of electricity in all the three villages.

"Forget about the social services that we enjoy as a community but GRL provides employment opportunities to all villagers, especially the youth. People have built good houses, others have bought motorcycles and some are running small businesses and you can trace all that money back to the presences of GRL," says Alex Gerald, Chairman of Kitete Village government. "We are happy because we have regular and reliable income due to operations of the company," he adds.

Hyacinth Edward Libandama is the District Land officer for Kilombero District. He has taken part in the process that culminated into the handing over of land to Kitete Village. He explains that all stakeholders from village to district level participated in the process that was also transparent. "No one was left

out at any stage of the process. Villagers know what has transpired and have given their consent for GRL to return the land to them. I commend GRL for their wise decision because they could also have sold it to other companies or just keep it as it is for years. But they realized that the village needs land as its population is growing and demand for land is rising," he says. Libandama who also represented the District Executive Director for Mlimba District Council of Kilombero District looks forward to undertaking land use plans for the land which has been handed back by GRL. "We welcome other investors as we have set aside enough land for the purpose," he adds.

Behind the process to transfer land and the ultimate hand over of the 14,173 hectares to the three villages stands Landesa, a land rights organization that designed the modality of the transfer process and coordinated the negotiations. Masalu Luhula, the Land Tenure Expert at Landesa Tanzania Office says that during the negotiations, parties were guided by the responsibility to balance needs of villagers and those of the company so as to arrive at a win-win situation for both parties.

"This is a typical case of responsible land based investment and the first of its kind in Tanzania where the

investor decides to hand over land that they don't use so that communities can make good use of it. And mind you, the company has not demanded compensation or refund of any costs incurred. It could have decided to sell the land to another company but it was keen to protect secure land rights and tenure of locals instead of violating them," he explains.

One of the principles of responsible land based investment requires that investments should protect the interests and livelihoods of locals and investors are required to comply to this principle voluntarily. It also tasks NGOs and CSOs to build the capacity of community members to negotiate with investors when it comes to selling their land and other matters related to land rights and ownership, hence the participation of Landesa in this case.

"This is a lesson that responsible land based investment can be implemented successfully in Tanzania. What we have found out is that legal compliance alone is not enough. Companies have a moral duty to recognise and protect legitimate tenure rights of those affected by investment projects and facilitate social services projects that benefit local communities," says Luhula.

## UN Women initiative fosters women's leadership, economic rights in Mtwara

By Guardian Correspondent, Mtwara

ADOLF Ndunguru, Permanent Secretary in the President's Office, Regional Administration, and Local Government (PO-RALG), has called upon women in the district to seize the opportunities presented by the UN Women's led project to promote women's leadership and economic rights (WLER).

Ndunguru made the call over the weekend during a field visit as a part of the WLER project's 2-day steering committee meeting in Mtwara, one of the six regions where the UN Women-led project is being implemented through funding from Finland.

The four-year project initiated in 2022 is also being implemented in Lindi, Arusha, Singida, Coast and Dar es Salaam regions.

The Steering Committee Meeting brought together Permanent Secretaries from PO-RALG, the Ministry of Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups, Prime Minister's Office Labour, Youth, Employment and Persons with Disabilities, Regional Administrative Secretaries, and Regional Community Development Officers from the six project regions, the Embassy of Finland, civil society organizations, organizations of women with disabilities, as well as a representative from the Local Government Training Institute - Hombolo to reflect on progress and chart the way forward for the effective implementation of the WLER project.

Ndunguru said the project enables women to acquire knowledge and skills that to significantly contribute to the country's development.

"Let's explore opportunities availed by the UN-project to realise your dreams," he said.

UN Women's Country Representative, Hodan Ad-dou, said the WLER project aims to bring gender transformation and create tangible changes at the grassroots level, amplifying the rights of women and girls.

"Through the promotion of inclusivity and the strengthening of women's leadership, the project



Some of the partners, stakeholders and beneficiaries of the WLER project in Mkungu village in Mtwara Region.

strives to contribute to better development outcomes within the project regions and the nation as a whole through sharing of learnings and good practices," said Ad-dou.

The WLER project works to promote women's voice, and advances women's economic rights through measures such as promoting gender-responsive norms, behaviours, and

and transformative care services, aligning with the Government of Tanzania's Generation Equality Commitments.

With recent data showing that in the Mtwara DC, only 3.4% of women have declared ownership of land, one of the key interventions of the project in the district is to raise awareness of women in the community on the importance of having a formal

land title, to strengthen their agency, ensure their security and improve their access to credit.

"Many of the women are either unaware that land can be registered and title deeds can be obtained and facilitate access to loans to strengthen their businesses," said Juliana Manyama, a Community Development Officer.

"Through the project, we

have identified 465 women in Mtwara-Mikindani Municipality who possess land parcels that they haven't yet legally acquired ownership of, and are working to sensitize them on the importance to register it."

At the Steering Committee meeting, the Head of Cooperation for the Embassy of Finland, Juhana Lehtinen, encouraged the local government authorities to allocate

dedicated resources towards promoting gender equality such as economic activities led by women and people with disabilities.

"By investing in these initiatives, we have the potential to catalyze significant positive changes in their socioeconomic status," said Lehtinen.

Amon Mpanju, Deputy Permanent Secretary Ministry of Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups said: "Amplifying women's rights is crucial, breaking free from cultural constraints. This project is a vital tool to empower women, especially at local levels in six regions and in Tanzania."

The interventions of the WLER project are concentrated on strengthening the capacity and systems of local government authorities on gender statistics, and gender-responsive budgeting to promote the integration of gender needs in local government financing, fostering gender-responsive norms, behaviours and practices, enhancing skills and competencies of women leaders at the local level, and advancing women's economic rights for a transformative societal impact. It further works to ensure the rights of women and girls with disabilities are also recognized as a critical stakeholder group whose participation and economic empowerment must be strengthened.



# Zimbabwe election: Mnangagwa declared winner as opposition cry foul

By Frank Chikwore and Xolisani Ncube

**P**RESIDENT Emmerson Mnangagwa polled 52.6 percent of the total votes cast while his main challenger Nelson Chamisa of the Citizens Coalition for Change party came second with 44 percent amid opposition claims of vote-rigging and heavy criticism by international observers. The remainder of the vote was split between other smaller parties.

The chairperson of the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission, Priscilla Chigumba, announced that Mnangagwa polled 2,350,711 votes to Chamisa's 1,967,343. Mnangagwa's party also won a two-thirds parliamentary majority after bagging 136 seats in the National Assembly while CCC took 73. The election in the Gutu West constituency was cancelled after one of the candidates, Christopher Rwodzi, died in a car crash during the campaign period.

Chamisa's defeat to Mnangagwa is his second after the opposition also claimed that he was cheated in elections held in 2018 that left at least six people dead in post-election violence.

CCC spokesperson Promise Mkwanzani said his party would be announcing its way forward after accusing Mnangagwa and his party of manipulating the democratic will of the Zimbabwean people in the 23 August polls that were boycotted by Movement for Democratic Change leader Douglas Mwonozora who described participation in the polls as "foolish bravery" given an uneven electoral playing field.

"We don't recognize those results, our agents did not sign for them because they do not represent the will of the people," said Mkwanzani.

The opposition claimed most of its supporters in its strongholds failed to vote when the ZEC failed to timeously distribute voting material resulting in many potential voters returning home without voting.

Prior to the announcement of the final tally, international observers, including the regional Southern African Development Community and the African Union, criticized polls with the SADC saying the voting process fell short of the requirements of Zimbabwe's constitution and the country's electoral laws.

Given the uneven playing field prior to the 23 August elections, Mnangagwa was widely expected to secure re-election as the contest was heavily skewed in favour of his Zanu PF party that allegedly unleashed a reign of terror targeting opposition members and supporters in the countryside.

"Despite the overwhelming odds, the resilient Zimbabwean people came forward in vast numbers, casting their votes in the hope of a brighter and better future. However tonight (Saturday), ZEC declared their



Zimbabwe Electoral Commission (ZEC) Chairperson Priscilla Chigumba announces the results of the presidential elections at the Election Command Center in Harare, Zimbabwe, 26 August 2023 (issued 27 August 2023). Zimbabwe's elections commission said Zanu PF party leader Emmerson Mnangagwa won the election over the Citizens Coalition for Change leader Nelson Chamisa. EPA/AARON UFUMELI

results, and discrepancies have become glaringly apparent," Mkwanzani said.

The opposition said its concerns are similar to those raised by observer missions and wants the polls to be declared illegal claiming many Zimbabweans were disenfranchised of their right to vote by ZEC when it failed to carry out the process in an orderly manner.

Following its criticism of the manner in which polls were conducted, the SADC observer mission led by former Zambian deputy president

Nevers Mumba came under attack from Zanu PF who accused the regional bloc, especially Mumba, of bias towards the opposition.

The SADC secretariat came out guns-blazing against the attack on Mumba saying his report was a shared vision of the bloc.

Before announcing the results of the polls, ZEC deputy chairperson, Rodney Kiwa, said the polls had numerous challenges but the commission managed to deliver an election that he said was successful.

"We tried our best. We overcame many challenges," said Kiwa.

President Mnangagwa's chief election agent, Ziyambi Ziyambi, said the outcome of the polls reflects the democratic will of the Zimbabwean people adding that Mnangagwa's win would enable him to complete developmental projects he began during his first term of office.

"You will recall that when he became president in 2018, he brought a lot of development to the country. His mantra was, 'As Zimbabweans let's build our country' and for the first time since independence, he told us that let's forget about written manifestos, our work will be our manifesto and we believe that this is a very happy day where the people of Zimbabwe voted wisely," Ziyambi said.

Turning to the diplomatic tiff that has ensued between Harare and the SADC bloc over their report, Ziyambi said he hoped it would be overturned.

"We hope that the chair of that team (Mumba) will have some reason and cause the report to be overturned because it lacked reason. It's outside his mandate," Ziyambi said.

While Zanu PF members were in a celebratory mood over the victory, analysts said Mnangagwa's victory was a bad omen for the country—given how he performed during the first term.

"Regrettably, CCC stumbled into a flawed exercise and witnessed the entire sham, the worst in the histo-

ry of elections in Zimbabwe. Back to the future, a most depressing, if not cynical, feature about elections in Zimbabwe is the extent to which elections are so brazenly stolen and the voters rendered mere useless statistics. Deplorable! Depressing. What a damn disgrace! All that prancing and yet a combination of incompetence and clumsy rigging by an administration bereft of both intellect and integrity," said Ibbo Mandaza, the head of a local think tank Sapes Trust.

Before the announcement of the polls, Mnangagwa had met with former Mozambique leader Joachim Chissano for a brief on his observation of the elections. Chissano said he told Mnangagwa of complaints that were raised against his administration in the build-up to elections, adding that Mnangagwa assured him that he would attend to them.

"When I met the president today I told him about what people told me, which may sound as criticism, what people want demanding for improvements, and the president took note of everything," Chissano said.

Chissano said he found it weird that SADC would issue such a damning report on Zimbabwe as this was not phenomenal during his time in office.

"We never experienced this. I never said this to anyone during my time," Chissano said. **DM**



ZEC chairperson Justice Priscilla Chigumba announces Mnangagwa as the winner of the 23 August elections. Picture by Frank Chikwore

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## BUSINESS

## FlightLink launches Dar-Dodoma route

By Francis Kajubi

FLIGHTLINK has introduced a new Dar es Salaam to Dodoma route as the airline company targets at serving people from various economic backgrounds with the cheapest tickets on the local aviation market.

The new route will see the company's new ATR 72-600 delivered earlier last month to be flying the route three days a week on Mondays Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Munawer Dhirani CEO and Managing Director FlightLink told the press on Saturday in Dodoma that the plane takes only 60 minutes from Dar es Salaam to the capital city.

"We will maintain the three day route for at least the next three months and once the Dodoma airport starts the 24-hour operations the plane will have daily evening

routes. We are just waiting for the Tanzania Airports Authority to fix the light for night operations," said Dhirani.

According to him, the company has arranged an immediate connection of passengers flying from Dodoma to Dar es Salaam but with destiny to Zanzibar. The company has already made arrangements for such passengers to connect their travel.

"The same plane will have to land at Julius Nyerere International Airport from Dodoma and board new passengers destined to Zanzibar and Arusha. Our flight tickets are fixed;

No fluctuation in our ticket prices. One way fetches 260,000/- while return ticket fetches 460,000/- which compared to other airlines is very affordable," said Dhirani.

He asserted that FlightLink has a vision of making air transport affordable to all people and not being perceived as a luxurious means of transport mainly for the



Munawer Dhirani, CEO and managing director FlightLink (C), cuts ribbon to launch the Dar es Salaam to Dodoma route at an event held on Saturday at Dodoma airport. Left is Jameel Kassam, chief operation officer and on the right Bertha Bankwa, Dodoma airport manager. Photo courtesy of FlightLink

rich.

Bertha Bankwa, Dodoma airport manager said that the introduction of the new trip will promote the growth of passenger air transport especially by members of parliaments who often travel between Dar es Salaam and Dodoma during the National Assembly meetings.

"As days pass by the demand for passenger air travel is fast growing in Dodoma due to the shift of the central government's operations from Dar es Salaam;

We are calling for airline companies to join the Tanzania aviation sector since there are still vast opportunities," said Bankwa.

She asserted that there are vast opportunities waiting for investors. For instance, she said there

aren't trips for Dodoma to Mwanza, Dodoma to Tabora and even Dodoma to Kilimanjaro.

According to her, she said TAA in Dodoma is finalizing the process that would lead to the fitting of night lights at the airport that would lead to 24-hour operations.

"As of now the process of fitting night lights has been accomplished by 75 percent. We do expect by the end of next month the fitting of the lighting system will be completed," she added.

FlightLink is widening the scope of its flight destinations to strengthen its existence and operations in Tanzania and the East African region at large. The aircraft ATR 72-600 was delivered earlier last month from Toulouse, France.

The aircraft with a capacity of 72 passengers is the second ATR flight apart from the ATR 72-500 delivered last year.

Speaking at the delivering event of the new flight, Jameel Kassam, chief operation officer said that the new plane has been delivered to strengthen the company's stake in offering reliable and more comfortable airline services.

"Aviation business is promising in Tanzania especially through the growth of tourism where the government has invested significantly. This is an opportunity for us," said Kassam.

According to him, the airline company has been transporting 6,000 passengers a month and with the new aircraft the number is most likely to double since the new plane will add an estimated 200 passengers transported a day.

He said the airline with six aircrafts travels the routes of Dar es Salaam -Zanzibar-Serengeti, Arusha-Zanzibar and Dar es Salaam -Zanzibar-Mombasa.

He asserted that the airline had one Cessna cravat, one Cessna 306, one beach 900 and one umbrella 120.

"We are very sure that this aircraft will strengthen our services in Tanzania. We expect to extend our services to Nairobi," he said.

According to him, the aircraft is even comfortable for its clients to enjoy in the long run.

## Cameroon introduces \$100m agriculture digital project

YAOUNDE

CAMEROON has announced a \$100 million project to accelerate agricultural digital transformation.

The World Bank's International Development Association (IDA) is supporting the acceleration of Cameroon's digital transformation project known

as the PATNuC.

IDA gives grants and low-to zero-interest loans to the world's poorest countries.

PATNuC is anticipated to run through to 2027 and will be implemented collaboratively by the Ministries of Posts and Telecommunications, Livestock, Fisheries and Animal Industries, and Agriculture and Rural

Development. The project is divided into three components, the first of which focuses on reducing digital disparities in rural areas through improving digital connectivity and inclusion. The second portion will help to strengthen the strategy, policy, and regulatory framework for the establishment of a dynamic, safe, and inclusive

digital economy, while the third will make it easier to deploy data-driven solutions to boost agricultural innovation.

Dr. Fuaye Kenji Winfred Mfuh, national coordinator of PATNuC, stated that they will ensure telecom services are offered at reduced rates, and that broadband is widely available throughout Cameroon, particu-

larly in the agricultural sector.

Mfuh said they intend to use the project to empower small scale farmers to use technology to boost production, access markets, and develop themselves in order to raise yields.

"By then [2027], we hope to have more than 30,500 small producers, who will already be financed in terms of increasing

and improving their productivity, using digital tools to enable what they do," Mfuh added.

The World Bank feels that Cameroon's economic transition is being hampered by inadequate and expensive broadband access, and they intend to help in this regard with the PATNuC initiative.

"We are committed to work-

ing with the government," stated Cheick Kanté, World Bank Country Director for Cameroon. "This project is timely since it will help to create an atmosphere favourable to the development of communication technology. It will also boost access to ICTs across the country, particularly in underserved or underserved areas."

## Dr Mwinyi applauds NBC for teaming up in building Kizimkazi health centre

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR President Dr. Hussein Ali Mwinyi has expressed his deep appreciation for the National Bank of Commerce (NBC)'s significant contribution of 400m/- towards the overall budget of 4.4bn/- for the construction of the Kizimkazi Health Centre in Unguja's South Region.

Dr Mwinyi made the appreciation when laying a foundation stone for the construction of health facility that will be built in partnership with Isles' government and NBC.

The project is meant to enhance healthcare services for the local population in the area.

The momentous launch event took place as part of the Kizimkazi Festival 2023 launch, and it began with the symbolic distinguished attendees included Deputy Health Minister of Zanzibar, Hassan Hafidh, South Region of Unguja RC, Rashid Hadidi, NBC Managing Director Theobald Sabi, and other senior officials from the bank, as well as local residents who were eager to witness the historic occasion.

Dr Mwinyi highlighted the

government's long-term vision of establishing state-of-the-art healthcare facilities in areas with high demand for medical services, such as Tumbatu, Fuoni, and Kizimkazi.

"Our immediate focus is to develop robust healthcare infrastructure, followed closely by efforts to ensure an adequate supply of skilled healthcare professionals and cutting-edge medical equipment. The Kizimkazi Health Center is one of three specialized healthcare centers that we are planning to construct in Zanzibar," emphasized President Mwinyi.

He added: "I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our valued development partners, including NBC Bank, for their unwavering commitment and support in realizing this important project. It is my sincere hope that we will have the privilege of inaugurating the completed Kizimkazi Health Center during next year's Kizimkazi Festival."

Deputy Health Minister, Hassan Hafidh underscored the profound impact that the completed health center would have on the community, estimating that

it would cater to approximately 8,000 patients simultaneously. The center will offer a comprehensive range of services, including clinics, maternity care, laboratory testing, dental services, X-ray examinations, and ultrasound examinations.

"This health center is not only destined to uplift the overall health of the community but will also prove instrumental in providing critical support to expectant mothers during childbirth, as well as offering exceptional care to outpatients and inpatients," emphasized Hafidh.

Theobald Sabi, bank MD stated that the project is part of the bank's ongoing strategy to collaborate with the government in solving various challenges facing the community, including health care challenges.

"We believe that this centre will provide better healthcare services to women and children in Kizimkazi and surrounding areas.

Furthermore, through our collaboration with the AMREF Africa in Tanzania, we have managed to improve maternal



Zanzibar President Dr. Hussein Ali Mwinyi listens to project engineer Fatma Kara (holding microphone), as she provides insights into the Kizimkazi Health Centre construction project. The Centre is being built by the government in partnership with the National Bank of Commerce (NBC) at 4.4bn/- . The launch is part of the Kizimkazi 2023 Festival. Among the notable attendees were Deputy Health Minister of Zanzibar, Hassan Hafidh (4th R), the First Lady of Zanzibar, Mariam Mwinyi (2nd R), South Region of Unguja RC Rashid Hadidi (R) and of NBC Bank MD Theobald Sabi (C).

health. We have helped increase access to medical equipment in various hospitals in Zanzibar, especially for women during childbirth," he noted.

According to Sabi, in addition to the construction of the health centre, the bank has been involved in various development projects in the area, including the construction of nursery school classrooms, the purchase of office furniture for the residents' Saccos, and in 2021, the

bank initiated the Mobile Clinic project through which it has been able to provide healthcare services to over 4,000 pregnant women.

The bank's formidable efforts in the healthcare sector come just days after the successful NBC Dodoma Marathon, which raised over 500m/- to support education and combat cervical cancer, the leading cause of death among women in Tanzania. Furthermore, the funds

raised will contribute to improving the training of midwives, thereby safeguarding the lives of mothers and infants during childbirth.

President Mwinyi also visited the NBC Bank's exhibition booth among others located at the Paje grounds in the Southern District of South Region, Unguja, where the Kizimkazi Festival launch was held.

By Guardian Reporter

EXECUTIVE Secretary of the National Economic Empowerment Council (NEEC), Beng'I Issa has called on youth and women in the country to fully exploit abundant investment and business opportunities to better their lives instead of giving up and complains.

"You are very resourceful people and the government counts heavily on you. Tanzania has everything that can make your life better," Issa during the Young CEO Foundation Roundtable's Forum that attracted successful young female directors who run their businesses in Dar es Salaam over the weekend.

Speaking on sideline of the forum, NEEC boss commended the forum organisers, saying that youth and women were important workforce in all major means of production and leadership and that the forum was a testimony of youth

## Wake up now, NEEC tells Tanzania's youth

commitment.

"The youths have to wake up now and transform their lives in the sixth phase government under competent leadership of President Samia Suluhu Hassan who has already taken deliberate measures to empowering youth and women," she said, calling on youth to fully utilise the opportunity to better themselves.

Expounding further, Ms Issa said the sixth phase government has come up with an initiative dubbed 'Building a Better Tomorrow' (BBT) that designed to attract more youth and women participate or play their role in sectors of agriculture, livestock keeping and fishery.

"BBT has already started to yield positive results and also attracted many youth. And NEEC has not been



The Executive Secretary of the National Economic Empowerment Council (NEEC), Beng'I Issa, speaks during the Young CEO Foundation Roundtable's Forum that attracted successful young female directors running their own businesses. It was held in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

left behind in promoting the successful implementation of the programme," she explained.

She said the forum was meant to prepare and empowering participants to withstand when they face challenges. They had also an opportunity to exchange their notes of practical experience and knowledge in running their ventures.

"In recognising the significance of their contributions to the economy, the

government has been working very close with the private sector to open up and stimulate the growth and development of youth cadre," she said.

Earlier, the Managing Director of Young CEO Foundation Roundtable, Zakayo Shushu said the foundation's strategic objective was to reach as many youths in the country as possible so that they could benefit and transform their lives for better.

"We are committed to see youth participate or become key players in the economy and these successful young female directors will help to motivate others. We expect in next ten years things will change among the youths," Mr Shushu said.

Tumaini Lema from Hope Expedition Safaris described the forum as was an important platform exposed participants with skills and knowledge.



## TGL's carbon trade attracts 25bn/- in 2022

By Beatrice Philemon

CARBON dioxide and Nitrogen trading business at TOL Gases Limited (TGL) increased to 25.5bn/- at the end of 2022 from 24.8bn/- registered in 2021 following a sharp rise in number of buyers mostly from Zimbabwe, Zambia and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

Daniel Warungu, TGL managing director, said last Friday at the company's annual general meeting (AGM) that brought together its shareholders to Dar es Salaam from all angles of the country.

The rise in the number of buyers was also attributed to the government project of supplying, installation, commissioning and maintenance of Manifold systems

for health facilities in Tanzania mainland.

However, Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation, and Amortization (EBITDA) improved by 29 percent to 9.9bn/- from 7.6bn/- in 2021 driven by the increase in revenue and operational efficiencies.

"We are excited with improvements registered so far in our business, the carbon dioxide market is good, we continue to see rising demand from Zambia, Zimbabwe and DR Congo," he said.

The company has found new markets to export Nitrogen and Oxygen in Zambia and Congo.

He said the company's profit before tax has increased from 4.4bn/- in 2021 to 6.2bn/- in 2022 while profit after tax grew from 3.2bn/-



Daniel Warungu, TGL managing director (center) speaks at the company's annual general meeting. On the right is the company's board of directors chairman Simon Mponji and on the left is the company's secretary Cornelius Kariwa. Photo: Guardian Correspondent.

in 2021 to 3.4bn/- in 2022 financial year, which is an increase of 38 percent from prior year.

As a matter of fact, the company's assets grew from 45bn/- in 2021 to 55.9bn/- in 2022.

Also the company has approved a payment of dividend of 50/- per share compared to last year which is an increase of 25 percent compared to last year's payment which was 40/-.

The company's net cash generated from operating activities improved by 20 percent from 6.1bn/- recorded in 2021 to 7.3bn/- in 2022.

The net cash flows from operations

and the Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation, and Amortization (EBITDA) performance are testament that the company's operational business fundamentals and outlook continue to be positive.

TOL Gases Limited is one of the leading manufacturers and distributors of industrial and medical gases in Tanzania.

"We are committed to meeting customer's needs, from individuals to the large manufacturing plants and our products include both industrial and medical gases, inert gases, high purity gases and medical consumables," he

said.

In a bid to capitalize on the rising demand of carbon dioxide within the country and Southern African Development Community (SADC)'s market, the company has begun to build a new carbon dioxide plant at Ikama village, Mbeya Region that will have a processing capacity to produce two tons per hour.

The construction work and installation of the plant was officially started in March this year and will be completed at the end of this year.

The company will provide direct and indirect employment opportunities for 30 people of all calibers.

"We decided to invest in a new carbon dioxide production facility to ensure that the company is well-placed to meet the increasing requirements of our customers and effectively support their growth and export competitiveness," he said.

The plant almost doubles the existing capacity of the carbon dioxide production.

So far the company has expanded in five countries; he named countries as Zimbabwe, Zambia, Congo, Malawi, Burundi and Kenya for carbon dioxide and nitrogen export.

The company was established in 1950 to be the pride of Tanzania in the Eastern, Central and Southern Africa market for gases, complementing accessories and services.

Also to be the market leader in safety and reliable supply of high quality gases and complementing accessories and services in Eastern, Central and Southern Africa.

"We are committed to meeting customer's needs, from individuals to the large manufacturing plants and our products include both industrial and medical gases, inert gases, high purity gases and medical consumables," he said.

According to him, so far the company has modern plants for carbon dioxide which are less than 10 years old and a new Air separation plant which was just commissioned last year.

Currently the carbon dioxide natural resources are mined in Mbeya.

The right technical know-how is now required and the government supports TOL Gases Limited in its efforts to raise the required financial and operate its mining licences without major disruptions from the local community in Mbeya.

## AfCFTA: Traditional institution key to successful implementation

LAGOS

MULTIPLE award-winning filmmaker and producer, David Akwara has made the case for the involvement of royal fathers and traditional institutions in the implementation of the Africa Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) agreement.

Akwara, who is the director of a Pan African documentary series, titled, "The Rise: A Journey to Africa's Financial Independence," which documents the implementation of the AfCFTA agreement, spoke at the AfCFTA Youth Symposium organized by African Continental Free Trade Area Secretariat and the Republic of Zambia, in Lusaka, Zambia.

He noted that while over 47 countries, including Nigeria, have ratified the agreement, the traditional rulers who are the closest to the people seem to have been relegated to the back seat in the domestication of the agreement aimed at accelerating intra-African trade and boosting Africa's trading position in the global market.

Raising his point during a presentation before the H.E Wamkele Mene, Secretary-General, African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Secretariat at the symposium, Akwara stated, "Every single one of us seated here belongs to a tribe and communities and we have kings and leaders of these communities. I will make special reference to the region where I come from. We have the Oba of Benin, the Orodje of Okpe, and the Olu of Warri Kingdom. These people are the closest to the African population that we talk about."

He further noted, "The lands—the arable lands that are not cultivated, they are the ones closer to those lands because these lands are not in urban areas, and I have noticed that in our conferences and conversations, either at the national or secretariat level, I have not seen the royal fathers being part of this conversation and I think, as a young man who believes in the African tradition and a Christian who believes in the values of our African tradition, our Kings have been relegated



to the back seat in this conversation."

In his response, Secretary-General of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Secretariat, H.E Wamkele Mene, who was impressed with the point raised by the young African leader, assured the engagement of traditional leaders in the domestication of the AfCFTA

agreement.

According to Wamkele, "What has evaded us as Africans is the integration of our continent, our market integration, and in the design of that integration project from the economic point of view, I think the point you made is correct, we have relied exclusively on neoclassical theories of the kind of integration

we want to see. If you look at the Abuja Treaty, it sets out phases of Africa's integration, a linear model of integration, and that again is a neoclassical model of how a region should integrate.

"I will be the first to admit that even when we started negotiating, we have never consulted the traditional leaders. I don't think it is too

late for us to start the consultation process at the regional and national levels. We still have time to engage our traditional leaders so that the agreement that we will be implementing does have support across the different spheres of governance, whether it is formal government or at the provincial, national or district level."

The Secretary-General further stated, "It is important that we engage them. But for now, the process is driven by the government because we have to have governments that are the ministers of trade, permanent secretaries, and so on who are leading the negotiations. It doesn't however mean a country cannot by itself start engaging and begin consultations with traditional leaders in its own jurisdiction."

David Akwara is a young Nigerian visionary filmmaker, an African Thought Leader, and the founder of David Akwara Films (DAF) which he established in 2019 as a leading Pan-African film production company specializing in documentaries, commercial and corporate films, as well as short films and web series.

Over the years, his films have been screened at over 70 international film festivals. David is passionate about economic development, and his core interest is in telling Developmental Stories. He was a panelist at the 2023 United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Youth Forum in New York, UN Headquarters, the United Nations Human Rights regional seminar, Kenya, 2021 African Changemakers Leadership Summit, Africa Youth Symposium, Women Lead Forum Tanzania, Envision Democracy Summit as well as APRM Youth Symposium.

## Banks extend loan payment period as deductions mount

NAIROBI

BANKS are extending loan maturity periods for customers squeezed by increased State deductions such as the housing levy and pension to stave off the risk of mass default on the back of rising interest rates.

The rise in statutory deductions and increased interest rates in line with higher Central Bank Rate (CBR) – now at 10.5 percent, the highest point in nearly seven years—has hit borrowers with higher monthly deductions, putting many at the risk of defaulting on loans.

The Kenya Bankers Association director of research and policy Samuel Tiriongo said Wednesday that lenders are however supporting such distressed customers by increasing the repayment period to lower monthly deductions towards servicing the loans.

"Banks have been keen not to increase interest rates immediately following the CBR rise but to adjust loan tenors so that the repayment schedule remains the same," said Dr Tiriongo during the release of the banking sector report covering 2022.

"With elevated repayment in terms of ticket sizes of repayment, that is actually an extra burden on the customer. But with an elongated period in terms of loan tenors, that supports customers."

The move mirrors what was witnessed at the height of Covid-19 era disruptions where banks were granting customers loan servicing breaks and varied servicing periods to accommodate struggling firms

and individuals.

Extension of the loan tenures means that borrowers who were servicing bank loans before the recent rate increments will continue paying about the same on monthly instalments, but take longer to clear the debt.

This also offers banks a fresh line of defence against the risk of default that works in favour of borrowers even though it comes with a higher cumulative interest repayment amount.

Salaried workers who had tapped loans on the strength of their pay slips will this month have to put up with a three percent deduction on their gross pay towards the 1.5 percent housing levy that has been backdated to July.

Workers such as teachers and police officers also have the National Social Security Fund (NSSF) to deal with. This deduction, going up to Sh1,080, was introduced last month. Deductions such as the housing levy, NSSF

and National Health Insurance Fund—which the government is proposing to increase from between Sh150 and Sh1,700 to 2.75 percent of gross earnings—have been cutting the amount available to tap and service loans.

This, in an environment where commercial banks have raised their base lending rates for the seventh straight month to close June at 13.31 percent, pointing to expensive credit for borrowers in the wake of the CBR increase and rising yields on government paper.

The average lending rate has continued the upward trend that started in December when rates jumped to 12.67 percent from 12.36 percent.

The latest average base lending rate for the sector is the highest since March 2018 when the figure was at 13.49 percent.

The rise in the cost of servicing loans driven by the rise in CBR and the switch to risk-based pricing regime, added to a persistently high



Kenya Bankers Association director of research and policy, Samuel Tiriongo speaks at the launch of the 2023 Kenya banking industry report in Nairobi last month.

cost of living, has served to complicate the situation further.

The banking sector loan book stood at Sh3.963 trillion in May, with most of it going to personal and households.

However, NPLs have risen for five consecutive months to close May at Sh592.6 billion to put a blot on the Sh99.6 billion pre-tax profit achieved during the period.

The NPL ratio—the ratio of loans for which no interest or principal has been received for at least three months—hit 14.9 percent in May, being a 16-year high, before easing to 14.5 percent in June.

KBA is forecasting slowed growth in the loan book going forward on the challenging economic times among borrowers.

"We anticipate that with the tightening of the monetary policy conditions, we will see a constrained supply of credit and that will be through liquidity rationing or an interest rate going up to an extent that it limits demand. With CBR going up, credit to the private sector will decline," said Dr Tiriongo.

CBK credit survey for June on 39 banks showed 42 percent of the respondents indicated that NPLs are likely to rise in the third quarter while another 24 percent see the levels remaining constant.

Some 34 percent expect a fall. Personal and household, trade and transport and communication top the list of sectors where many of the banks expect NPLs to spike.

Banks including KCB, Equity and Stanbic have been increasing the provisioning for loan defaults.

## Tech confiscated in Zimbabwe's electoral crackdown

HARARE

ZIMBABWE police, accused of persecution by government critics, claim to have stopped a group from using technology to illegally collect information on the presidential elections.

However, in a country where the state and civil society are polarised, human rights organisations claim that this is the latest in a series of crackdowns by law enforcement to limit activists' freedoms.

Around 40 employees of the Election Resource Centre (ERC) and the Zimbabwe Election Support Network (ZESN) were unlawfully detained on Wednesday, and were still detained at the time of publication.

On Thursday evening, police said that among those arrested were members of the pressure organisation, Team Pachedu. All the suspects were apprehended in a hotel in Harare.

"The Zimbabwe Republic Police (ZRP) is disturbed by the subversive and criminal activities of certain individuals and civic society organisations, such as the Zimbabwe Elections Support Network and Team Pachedu, in relation to ongoing electoral processes in the country," said police national spokesperson Assistant Commissioner Paul Nyathi in a statement.

According to Nyathi, a total of 93 smartphones, 38 laptops, two smartwatches, two modems, one WiFi router, one external hard drive, a Nokia feature phone, one printer, 1X24 port switch, various computer chargers, power backup unit, and headphones were recovered.

"The equipment was illegally tabulating election voting statistics and results from polling stations across the country. Some observers and political party agents provided these data," said the police.

Human rights organisation Amnesty International says the government is targeting civil society with this crackdown. Further, it expressed concern about internet outages.

In a statement, Amnesty said, the detentions occurred after the Zimbabwe NGO Forum produced a report documenting anomalies seen on election day.

Amnesty International's deputy director for Southern Africa, Khanyo Farise, stated that all members of civil society organisations (CSOs) should be immediately and unconditionally released, and any confiscated technological equipment should be returned.



# Pyrethrum company Kentegra to get Sh2bn to increase production

**NAIROBI**

NAIROBI-BASED pyrethrum company Kentegra Biotechnology will receive Sh2.1 billion (USD 15 million) in equity and loan financing from Finnish development financier Finnfund and the United States Development Finance Corporation (DFC) to expand the firm's production of pyrethrum flowers and revive the sector.

Kentegra Biotechnology produces and sells pyrethrin extracted from dried pyrethrum flowers to global insecticide and pesticide manufacturers.

Kenya's pyrethrum business thrived in the 1990s but activity has dwindled due to competition from cheaper synthetic pesticides.

The loan proceeds will be used to expand the firm's capabilities to produce pale refined pyrethrum extract, for working capital, and to access new international markets.

"The investments, totalling Sh2.1 billion (US\$15 million) in aggregate, will enable Kentegra to process pyrethrum flowers from 90,000 small-scale farmers in Kenya," said Finnfund in a statement.

"Kentegra is a company that meets all investor expectations, in terms of commercial success, sustainability and impact. It has plenty of growth potential in a very interesting upward trending market. The company is also managed by a very talented and professional team, and its operations have a significant development impact," said Johanna Raehalme, the head of Finnfund's Nairobi office.

Research conducted last year on the sector shows a growing demand for organic pesticides and 'greener' produced food.

Pyrethrin is used especially in the production of pesticides used in agriculture and households.

"DFC's support for Kentegra will expand the company's production capacity for a key ingredient in organic pesticide and grow the number of local Kenyan farmers from which Kentegra purchases pyrethrum flowers, focusing on growing its network of women farmers," said Mr James Polan, the Vice President of DFC's Office of Development Credit.

"With DFC's support, Kentegra will increase the percentage of women farmers it works with, providing these farmers with greater and more predictable income, as well as training to implement best farming practices and financial planning tools," added Mr Polan.

Kentegra had announced plans in April to open a pyrethrum factory in Nakuru County that would help revive the ailing sector.



A labourer displays harvested pyrethrum flowers.

The new facility would create 600 direct jobs before the end of the year.

The firm is among privately owned firms that were granted a permit to extract, process, and sell pyrethrum prod-

ucts after the industry was liberalized seven years ago.

Other private pyrethrum processors who have been issued permits are AfriChem Botanicals, Pypro, and High-

Chem.

December last year pyrethrum buying firm Kentegra secured a deal with Elgeyo Marakwet County that will see it purchase flowers from farmers at competi-

tive prices.

Governor Wisley Rotich said the deal will support efforts to revive the crop in the region.

"I have since launched a pyrethrum planting programme in the county which started in Keiyo South and today (Thursday) I will launch in Marakwet East and Keiyo North sub-counties," Mr Rotich said.

In the deal, farmers will be provided with planting materials, technical support, and payment wired within five days of delivery, the governor said.

"The purchaser has since given us seedlings for distribution as well as planting fertiliser and the benefiting farmers have signed contracts to establish the cash crop in their farms. The contract also involves extension services," he stated.

"As a county, plans are underway to embark on a massive campaign to urge the farmers to consider planting the crop once again but this time through contract farming to prevent exploitation." The governor urged residents to grow half an acre of pyrethrum in a short period, to end poverty in a programme dubbed 'operation half an acre cash crop'.

"Poverty robs our families and friends of their dignity and we are determined to break the chains of poverty through cash crops. I urge all farmers to register and benefit from the programme because they are affordable and have a ready market," he implored.

## RDB disburses Rwf3bn to people around parks ahead of Kwita Izina

**KIGALI**

THE Rwanda Development Board (RDB) has disbursed over Rwf 3 billion to communities in various districts surrounding four national parks as part of the revenue-sharing scheme for 2023-2024.

The revenue-sharing scheme, initiated in 2005, aims to curb poaching in the parks and enhance the living conditions of the neighboring communities by providing viable livelihood options. This initiative allocates 10 percent of the annual tourism park revenues to the nearby communities, supporting their development and prosperity.

This year's disbursement preceded the 19th Gorilla Naming Ceremony also known as Kwita Izina, scheduled to for September 1, in the Musanze district. During the event, 23 baby mountain gorillas born in the past 12 months will be named.

As part of sharing revenues generated from tourism, on August 24, Musanze district received Rwf381 million, Rubavu district received Rwf95million, Rutsiro district received Rwf327 million, and Ngororero district received Rwf163 million, all generated from tourism revenues. Other districts such as Burera, Nyaruguru, Nyamagabe, Rusizi, and Nyabihu also received varying amounts of support.

Since the inception of the revenue-sharing programme, over Rwf10 billion has been invested in more than 1,000 community-based projects around Akagera, Nyungwe, Volcanoes, and Gishwati-Mukura National Parks, according to RDB.

These projects encompass diverse areas, including clean drinking water, milk supply, health centers, classrooms, agriculture, animal production, and housing, benefiting members of these communities.

Meanwhile, RDB officially unveiled two community projects on August 24, as part of this year's Kwita Izina celebrations in Nyaruguru district. The projects have been funded through Rwanda's Tourism Revenue Share Programme and include the Rukore Health Post and the Potato Seeds Collection Store.

The Potato Seeds Collection Store serves as a central hub for storing different potato varieties. This initiative has already generated job opportunities for more than 300 people within the community.

Narcisse Karengera, president of Kamu Cooperative, reflects on the impact of the collection store, stating, "The Potato Seeds Collection Store has transformed our community. Starting with only 6 tonnes, today we collect 350 tonnes of potato seeds and employ 300+ residents."

The newly established Rukore Health Post, equipped with a new maternity unit, has significantly improved lives. It now serves an average of 1,500 patients per month, enhancing access to quality and reliable healthcare.

Cocensa Mukeshimana, one of the beneficiaries, expressed her gratitude, saying, "My first three pregnancy deliveries were difficult as the hospital was far. Thanks to Rukore Health Post, my fourth child's delivery was smooth and successful."



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## WORLD

# Trump campaign raises \$7.1 million following historic Georgia mugshot

DONALD Trump's election campaign says it has raised \$7.1m (£5.6m) since his police mugshot was taken at a prison in Atlanta, Georgia, on Thursday.

Much of the money comes from merchandise such as mugs, T-shirts and drink coolers bearing the former president's scowling face.

Mr Trump was released on bail, charged with plotting to overturn the state's 2020 election results.

He faces three other indictments as he campaigns for the 2024 US election.

They include two related to his false claims that the election was stolen and the attack by his followers on the Capitol in Washington.

Mr Trump denies all the charges and argues the cases against him are politically motivated because he is leading the race for the Republican nomination to challenge Democratic Party incumbent President Joe Biden.

The attention seems to have galvanised his supporters, and he has raised almost \$20m in three weeks, since his



Donald Trump has seen a marketing opportunity in the release of his mugshot

indictments in the Georgia and Capitol riots cases. On Friday, immediately after his arrest in Georgia, he raised \$4.18m, said to be his highest figure in a 24-hour period in the campaign so far.

As well as selling merchandise from its on-line store, the campaign has been messaging supporters asking for help.

And on Thursday, Mr Trump himself posted

on X, formerly known as Twitter, for the first time since January 2021, sharing the mugshot with the caption "Election interference. Never surrender!" and the address of his website.

This came after the former president was photographed at Fulton County jail, where he surrendered to law enforcement and paid \$200,000 to be released as he awaits trial.

Agencies

## Lavrov says BRICS leaders deal with real issues, unlike their Western counterparts

MOSCOW

BRICS leaders deal with real issues while Western politicians and reporters tend to mostly wag their tongues, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said in remarks for a Rossiya-1 television program.



"It shows that they wag their tongues, while we use our heads and [engage in] concrete issues," the minister said of Western politicians and reporters who had spoken condescendingly about the BRICS.

He made the comment on the program called "Moscow. Kremlin. Putin" that comes out on the Rossiya-1 television channel. An excerpt of the program was posted by journalist Pavel Zarubin to his Telegram channel.

The BRICS summit was held in Johannesburg from August 22-24. As part of the event, heads of state and government from the Global South countries held their largest meeting in recent years. Leaders from 54 African countries were invited.

The summit participants agreed that Argentina, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia and the UAE will join the group on January 1, 2024.

A list of potential other new members is to be drawn up for the next summit. Anil Sooklal, South Africa's BRICS sherpa, said earlier that about 30 countries were interested in joining the group, and some of them had filed formal applications.

Agencies

## Situation of pregnant women in Afghanistan concerning - report

KABUL

THE situation of pregnant women in Afghanistan is concerning due to factors like economic challenges, poor nutrition, limited healthcare access, and heightened pressures, posing significant risks, Khaama Press reported.

Khaama Press is an Afghan digital news agency. The World Health Organization (WHO) report highlights Afghanistan as having Asia's highest maternal mortality rate. Many of these deaths, stemming from preventable causes, underscore the significance of women's access to healthcare centres. This access gap has contributed to Afghanistan's alarming maternal mortality rate.

Experts in obstetrics and gynaecology highlight that various factors, such as rising poverty and limited healthcare access, impact maternal and child well-being.

The experts particularly underscore the psychological aspect of this matter. Their focus lies on the overlooked necessity for comprehensive care during pregnancy. They stress that the living environment must offer psychological security. In simpler terms, it should be free from any elements that could disturb the mental well-being of expectant mothers.

Dr. Saeeda Sediqi, a gynaecologist and obstetrician based in a private hospital in Kabul, emphasizes the significance of maternal mental well-being during pregnancy. She underscores that family violence experienced by pregnant women can result in premature birth. Dr. Sediqi says that deliveries occurring in households with violence frequently correlate with complications such as bleeding and inadequate infant care, as per Khaama Press.

Sediqi said that postpartum psychosis is the predominant intentional mental issue of pregnant women. Women in this state struggle with interactive and social abilities, exhibiting involuntary behaviours like unexplained laughter and crying.

Considering their real challenges, it is crucial to comprehend this condition to support mothers during and after pregnancy effectively.

The gynaecologist also added that many mothers worldwide face the dire effects of "postpartum psychosis," leading some to take their own lives.

Additionally, a rarer yet more dangerous condition known as "Baby blue" affects pregnant mothers, occasionally harming their newborns, though such cases are extremely uncommon. ANI



## G20 Summit to give world a glimpse of India's potential - PM Modi

NEW DELHI

INDIA is fully geared to host the G20 Summit, which is to be hosted in the national capital, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said in the latest edition of his monthly radio broadcast - 'Mann Ki Baat'.

He added that the summit next month, which is being hosted under India's presidency of the G20, will give the world an insight into the country's potential and rising global heft.

With world leaders and delegates from over 40 countries expected to attend the event, Prime Minister Modi said the event in India will witness the biggest participation in the history of the G20 Summit.

He said India's G20 presidency is "people's presidency", with public participation being at its forefront.

"The month of September will give the world a glimpse of India's potential. We are fully prepared to host the G20 Leaders Summit

next month in Delhi. Heads of 40 countries and many global organisations will be here to participate in the event. The event this year will see the biggest participation in the history of the G20 Summit," PM Modi said.

"Our Presidency of G20 is a people's presidency where the spirit of public participation is at the forefront. Eleven Engagement Groups of G20 - from academia, civil society, youth, women, our parliamentarians, entrepreneurs and people associated with urban administration - combined to play a critical role in helping us host this event," he added.

"In some way or the other, more than 1.5 crore people are involved in events being organised across the country in connection with the G20 Summit," PM Modi said.

He added that the delegates, who attended earlier meetings of the G20 in the country, were impressed by India's "vibrant democracy" and rich cultural diversity.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi embarks for India after successfully concluding his first ever visit to Greece and elevating India-Greece ties to 'Strategic Partnership', in Athens on Friday. ANI

"About 200 meetings in connection with the summit were organised in 60 cities across the country. The G20 delegates were received warmly wherever they went. The delegates were impressed after experiencing the rich cultural diversity of our country and vibrant democracy. They also got a sense of the potential that our country has to shine on the global stage," PM Modi said.

NIAMEY/ABUJA

NIGER'S junta, which seized power in a coup on July 26, said on Friday it had ordered French ambassador Sylvain Itte to leave the country within 48 hours, as relations between the West African country and its former colonial ruler deteriorated further.

Like recent coups in neighboring Burkina Faso and Mali, the military takeover in Niger came amid a growing wave of anti-French sentiment, with some locals accusing the European country of interfering in their affairs.

In a statement, the junta-appointed foreign ministry said the decision to expel the ambassador was a response to actions taken by the French government that were "contrary to the interests of Niger".

It said these included the envoy's refusal to respond to an invitation to meet Niger's new foreign minister.

## Niger junta expels French ambassador

The French foreign ministry did not immediately reply to a request for comment.

Official-seeming statements were shared widely online on Friday that appeared to show Niger ordering the US ambassador and German ambassador to leave the country in similar terms to the statement about the French envoy. Niger's junta supporters take part in a demonstration in front of a French army base in Niamey.

The US State Department on Friday said Niger had informed it this had not been issued by its foreign ministry. "No such request has been made to the US government," it said.

A source in the junta and a Nigerien security source said only the French ambassador had been asked to leave.

The coup has pushed Niger's long-standing relationship with



France to breaking-point and this latest move raises further doubts about the future of joint military efforts to fight an Islamist insurgency in the conflict-torn Sahel region.

France has called for President Mohamed Bazoum to be returned

to office following his ouster and has said it would support efforts by West African regional bloc ECOWAS to overturn the coup.

It has also not officially recognized a decision by the junta in early August to revoke a raft of military agreements with France, saying these had been signed with Niger's "legitimate authorities."

The deterioration in Niger-France relations echoes post-coup developments in Mali and Burkina Faso, which have booted out French forces and severed long-standing ties.

Niger has strategic significance as one of the world's biggest producers of uranium and as a base for French, US and other foreign troops that are helping to fight Islamist militant groups in the region.

The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)

said on Friday that it is working toward an amicable solution to restore constitutional order in Niger.

Omar Aliou Touray, president of the ECOWAS Commission, said at a press conference in the Nigerian capital of Abuja that the regional bloc would maintain its interest in the economic prosperity and social welfare of the citizens of the landlocked West African country.

Touray said the aspirations of the Nigerien people "can only be met through democratic means and participatory governance."

The 15-member intergovernmental organization, through its special envoys on Niger's political impasse, has been engaging the Niger's junta in dialogue following the July coup.

ECOWAS has called for unconditional release of Bazoum and his family members, saying the bloc's standby force was ready to go to Niger for a possible military intervention.

THE 2023 China International Fair for Trade in Services (CIFTIS) is scheduled to be held at the China National Convention Center and the Shougang Park in Beijing from Sept. 2 to 6.

The theme of the event this year is "openness leads development, cooperation creates a win-win future."

Assistant minister of commerce Chen Chunjiang noted that this year's CIFTIS will keep serving as an important platform for China to expand opening up, hold the Global Trade in Services Summit and launch over 200 varied events.

It will discuss the new concepts, trends and approaches

## China keeps opening up in service trade sector

for the open development of the service sector and trade in services with countries worldwide, Chen added.

According to Sima Hong, deputy mayor of Beijing, the 2023 CIFTIS covers a total exhibition area of 155,000 square meters, and a total of 51 countries and 24 international organizations will set up exhibition booths.

As of Aug. 20, more than 2,200 enterprises had confirmed offline participation. In particular, over 500 Global Fortune 500 companies and industry-leading enterprises will join

the event. These enterprises come from 28 of the top 30 countries and regions in service trade. Over 20 percent of the exhibitors are from outside China.

The 2023 CIFTIS will highlight international cooperation and offline activities. It will for the first time host the "Invest in China Year" promotion event and launch a signing ceremony for the Beijing Convention on the Judicial Sale of Ships, a convention of the United Nations.

The 2023 CIFTIS will further highlight its leading role in in-

novations in technology, business forms and models.

It will demonstrate new achievements in chips, quantum measurement, satellite remote sensing, AI, and digital healthcare at its comprehensive exhibition and nine themed exhibitions. Over 60 companies and institutions will unveil new products and technologies in AI, financial tech, healthcare, creative culture and more. "In 2022, the total value of China's service trade reached a record high of nearly 6 trillion yuan (\$833.5 billion), up 12.9 percent

year-on-year, ranking second in the world for 9 consecutive years," said Chen. Despite complicated external situations, China's service trade has shown strong resilience with rapid growth, Chen said.

In the first half of this year, its service trade grew 8.5 percent from a year ago to 3.1 trillion yuan. In particular, knowledge-intensive service trade rose 12.3 percent year-on-year, accounting for 43.5 percent of China's total service trade. This marked further improvement in the quality and competitiveness of

China's service trade.

The continuously enhanced foundation of the service trade sector, as well as the innovation of the sector driven by digitalization and green development, are creating new favorable factors.

In 2022, China's digital service trade volume reached 2.51 trillion yuan with an increase of 7.8 percent year-on-year, ranking 5th globally. The exports of such services grew 12.2 percent to 1.42 trillion yuan, 9.6 percentage points higher than the import growth rate, which reflect-

ed the increasing international competitiveness of Chinese suppliers.

In the first six months of this year, China's digital service trade volume reached a 12.3 percent growth, 3.8 percentage points higher than the overall service trade growth.

"We expect service trade to maintain growth this year with continued optimization of trade structure," said Chen. In the next step, the Ministry of Commerce will work with relevant departments to introduce policies and measures to promote high-quality development of service trade.

People's Daily



# Chandrayaan-3: Vikram lander relays data on Moon's temperature

NEW DELHI

THE Chandrayaan-3 lander module which landed on the Moon's surface successfully has begun doing its set experiments and subsequently relaying them back to ISRO headquarters.

In its latest update, ISRO on Sunday put out the first observations recorded by the 'ChaSTE' payload onboard Vikram Lander.

Chandra's Surface Thermophysical Experiment (ChaSTE) payload was attached to measure the thermal conductivity and temperature on the moon.

The payload was developed by a team led by the Space Physics Laboratory (SPL), VSSC in collaboration with Physical Research Laboratory, Ahmedabad

The payload attached to the lander recorded the variation of temperature on the lunar surface with an increase in depth. ISRO shared a graph on X, formerly Twitter, which showed the

change in temperature on the moon's surface and underneath.

At a depth of 8 cm, the payload recorded temperature as low as (-) 10 degrees centigrade. With the gradual rise towards the surface, the temperature too could be seen rising.

Above the surface, the graph showed a relative stagnancy in temperature between 50-60 degrees centigrade.

"This is the first such profile for the lunar south pole. Detailed observations are underway," ISRO said.

On Wednesday, India took a giant leap as the Chandrayaan-3 lander module successfully landed on the moon's South Pole, making it the first country to have achieved the historic feat and bringing to an end the disappointment over the crash landing of the Chandrayaan-2, four years ago.

Overall, India became the fourth country - after the US, China, and Russia - to have successfully landed on the



Chandrayaan-3 Moon Mission cost India around 700 crore.

moon's surface.

Chandrayaan-3 mission's estimated cost is Rs 600 crore.

Meanwhile, the Pragyan rover rolled out of Chandrayaan-3 Vikram lander's belly and walked on the lunar surface. A video was released by the Indian Space

Research Organisation (ISRO) on Thursday, which showed the rover coming out of the lander through a ramp.

Upon landing, the lander and the rover are operating and doing their set tasks and experiments for one lunar day. One day on the Moon is equal to 14 days on Earth.

The stated objectives of Chandrayaan-3, India's third lunar mission, were a safe and soft landing on the lunar surface, the rover moving on the moon's surface, and in-situ scientific experiments. The spacecraft was launched from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Andhra Pradesh's Sriharikota on July 14.

Chandrayaan-2 mission was only "partially successful" since the lander lost contact after a hard landing. The ISRO though recently managed to establish a two-way communication between the Chandrayaan-3 lander module and the still-orbiting Chandrayaan-2 orbiter.

ANI

## Palestine condemns Israeli far-right minister's 'racist statements'

RAMALLAH/GAZA

PALESTINE on Friday strongly condemned Israel's far-right National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir's "racist statements."

The Palestinian Foreign Ministry said in a press statement that it condemned in the strongest terms "the racist statements and stances of Ben-Gvir." In an interview with Israel's N12 News on Wednesday, Ben-Gvir said the right to life and movement for him and his family trumped the right to movement for Palestinian Arabs in the occupied West Bank.

"Such statements are considered as an incitement to perpetuate the Israeli occupation of the Palestinian territories, deepen settlements, and impose more forms of injustice against the Palestinians," the ministry statement added.

"Ben-Gvir's remarks summarize the current situation and the daily life of Palestinians in the occupied West Bank, including East Jerusalem, as well as the unjust siege on our people in the Gaza Strip," it noted, adding "the Israeli settlements in East Jerusalem and the West Bank have turned the life of the Palestinians into a continuous daily journey of torment."

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas's Fatah movement, the Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas) and various other Palestinian factions have condemned Ben-Gvir's remarks.

The Palestinian factions called on the international community to "translate its condemnations into practical measures to hold the occupation leaders and settlers accountable for their crimes."

# Egypt to benefit politically, economically from BRICS accession

CAIRO

EGYPTIAN analysts have expressed optimism about the potential benefits of Egypt's inclusion in the BRICS group, anticipating positive impacts on its political and economic arenas.

Egypt, along with five other countries, was invited on Thursday to join the BRICS, an acronym for an emerging-market bloc that groups Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa.

"The group will help Egypt continue its moves to liberate the economy, expand markets, and increase exports," said Gamal Bayoumi, head of the Cairo-based Arab Investors Union.

With the combined population of BRICS countries making up 40 percent of the world's total and their global gross domestic product accounting for a quarter of the world's total before the expansion, many countries want to join the BRICS due to its principle of equal partnership and respect for different perspectives, Bayoumi added.

Egypt's political stability, strategic location at the meeting point of three

continents, and strong economy as Africa's second-largest are the advantages recognized by the BRICS, Bayoumi noted.

In the past few years, Egypt has initiated many development projects, among them the opening of a new branch of the Suez Canal to attract more foreign currency, the construction of a new capital to ease traffic congestion in Cairo, and the expansion of its transportation networks to facilitate trade.

Egypt's membership in the BRICS will enable it to obtain soft loans from the bloc's New Development Bank instead of borrowing money at high interest from other international banks, he said.

On Friday, Egyptian Finance Minister Mohamed Maait said "Egypt's accession to the BRICS will increase its exports and investment opportunities as well as the inflows of foreign investment."

"This positive step reflects Egypt's economic and political weight in stimulating economic cooperation and enhancing trade exchange be-



Egyptian Finance Minister Mohamed Maait

tween Egypt and the bloc's member states," the minister noted. Maait also highlighted the advantages of doing business in national currencies within the BRICS, which could reduce import costs and alleviate pressures on Egypt's public budget that has already been strained by costs on essential commodities like wheat and fuel.

However, Bayoumi acknowledged that joining the BRICS presents a chal-

lenge for Egypt, as it needs to enhance its industrial sector and increase agricultural production to meet the demands of big markets like China and India, two of the world's most populous countries.

Naser Abdel-Aal, a political science professor at Suez Canal University, regarded Egypt's inclusion, along with Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, in the BRICS as "an influen-

tial step toward a world order with a fairer distribution of resources."

He said that adding more countries to the BRICS would promote global development and achieve welfare for all nations, stressing that the BRICS is an international partnership that seeks to create a mutually beneficial order catering to each member state's unique attributes, particularly the developing countries. "The Middle East countries invited to join the BRICS, which include Egypt, is the world's balance scale.

Their energy reserves qualify them to make important decisions that add to the political significance of the BRICS," Abdel-Aal noted. Adding three Arab countries to the BRICS can counter hegemonic policies imposed onto the region, Abdel-Aal added.

The 15th BRICS Summit announced on Thursday that six countries, including Argentina, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, have been invited to join the group, and their membership will take effect on Jan. 1, 2024.

Xinhua

## Organising major exhibitions demonstrates China's commitment to opening up

By Li Dawei

China has demonstrated its firm support for trade liberalization and economic globalization by forging many platforms for opening up and cooperation, including the China International Fair for Trade in Services (CIFTIS) and the China International Import Expo (CIIE).

The successful hosting of events such as the CIFTIS and the CIIE in recent years has strongly promoted connectivity and sharing of elements and resources between domestic and international markets, showing China's unwavering commitment to expanding opening up.

Major exhibitions offer important platforms for enterprises across countries to showcase quality products and services. This can lower transaction costs between businesses and address information gaps, thereby facilitating economic and trade cooperation.

Despite myriad challenges, China successfully hosted a series of major international exhibitions including the CIFTIS and the CIIE, amid the pandemic.

This fully reflects the country's adherence to the concept of committing itself to openness to meet development challenges, foster synergy for cooperation, build the momentum of innovation, and deliver benefits to all.

Most importantly, China underscores imports at these exhibitions, highlighting its allegiance to the concept of mutual benefit and win-win cooperation through expanding opening-up and turning the enormous domestic market into enormous opportunities for the world.

These platforms have become vital channels for ex-



Visitors tour an exhibition area of the 2022 China International Fair for Trade in Services (CIFTIS) at the China National Convention Center in Beijing, on Sept. 3, 2022. (People's Daily Online/Zhang Ruxun)

ports globally to access the Chinese market, explore investment and partnership opportunities, and gain insights into China's economic development.

They are evolving into venues for launching new products worldwide, releasing cutting-edge technologies, and introducing groundbreaking services.

Platforms such as the CIFTIS and the CIIE have evolved into vital bridges and bonds linking China with the rest of the world, serving as comprehensive open platforms for sharing.

At the 2022 CIFTIS, 7 summit forums, along with over 100 specialized forums and industry conferences were convened. Throughout these events, business leaders and experts engaged in discussions on cutting-edge topics, sharing their latest perspectives and insights, and contributing their wisdom and commitment toward advancing global economic and trade growth.

The 2022 CIFTIS comprehensively showcased China's innovative accomplishments in trade in services, realizing a total of 1,339 deliverables.

The 5th CIIE saw the participation of 145 countries, regions and international organizations. During the event, 24 parallel sessions of the Hongqiao International Economic Forum were held. A total of \$73.52 billion worth of tentative deals were reached for one-year

purchases of goods and services during the 5th CIIE, up 3.9 percent from the 4th CIIE.

High-quality products from different countries, including rose essential oil made in Damascus, Syria, Himalayan salt lamps from Pakistan and alpaca-fur products from Peru, as well as high-tech products such as AI-enabled cleaning robots and intelligent lipstick printers, entered the Chinese market through the CIIE, providing diverse choices and improving user experiences for Chinese consumers.

Amid the uncertainties pervading the current international landscape, countries widely believe such open platforms inject certainty into China's pursuit of shared growth with the world.

These platforms assist China in deepening reforms, raising the quality of its opening-up efforts and upgrading domestic consumption and industries by aggregating top-tier goods, businesses, and resources globally.

They also enable more countries, especially developing ones, to further integrate into the global economy, promoting win-win cooperation.

The business exhibition at the 5th CIIE attracted over 2,800 enterprises from 127 countries and regions, including 284 Fortune 500 firms and industry leaders. This fully demonstrates CIIE's sterling reputation among the world's major corporate groups.

Countries including the UK and Malaysia are

planning to send high-level delegations to participate in the 2023 CIFTIS.

Countries such as Germany, Uruguay, and Myanmar, as well as international organizations like the UNESCO and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), will establish online and offline exhibitions under the name of their respective governments or headquarters.

Resuming offline for the first time since COVID-19, the Country Exhibition at the upcoming 6th CIIE has already received confirmations of offline participation from over 50 countries and international organizations.

As China continues to share the substantial opportunities of its economic growth with the world, the global sway of high-profile exhibitions will keep expanding, infusing powerful impetus into the continued progression of economic globalization.

People's Daily

## Plans to send warplanes to Kiev increasing West's involvement in conflict - Russian MFA

MOSCOW

EUROPEAN countries' plans to send F-16 fighter jets and Mi-24B helicopters to Kiev point to their increasing involvement in the conflict around Ukraine, Russian Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said in a statement.

"The Czech army plans to send its Russian-made Mi-24B helicopters to Kiev after it receives US-made combat helicopters. Last week, news came following [Ukrainian President Vladimir] Zelensky's 'begging tour' of European countries, including the Netherlands, Denmark, Norway and Sweden, that their countries intend to provide Kiev with F-16 fighter jets.

All these steps confirm the Westerners' hostile attitude towards Russia and their increasing involvement in the conflict around Ukraine," the statement reads.

According to Zakharova, Western countries keep demanding that Ukraine continue "its much hyped counteroffensive, flooding the criminal Kiev regime with weapons, training Ukrainian troops and sending mercenaries and intelligence to Ukraine" so that it can carry out strikes on Russian territory.

"In order to distract its Western sponsors from the problems it is facing on the front-



line, including the failure of the so-called 'counteroffensive,' the neo-Nazi regime in Kiev continues to conduct pointless attacks on civilian facilities in Russia, which are widely covered by Ukrainian and foreign media," the Russian diplomat noted.

The Westerners and their Ukrainian wards "are actively promoting Zelensky's so-called 'peace formula,' which in fact has nothing to do with peace and only contains a set of ultimatums that Russia cannot accept. In reality, they are seeking to form an anti-Russian coalition, particularly trying to drag our partners in the Global South into it," Zakharova explained.

She emphasized that the goals of Russia's special military operation, including the demilitarization and denazification of Ukraine and the elimination of threats to Russia's security, remained relevant. **Agencies**

## UN relief chief pleads for end to fighting ravaging Sudan

UNITED NATIONS

THE fighting in Sudan should put the suffering Sudanese people above the pursuit of power or resources and the conflict should end, the UN relief chief said on Friday.

"Humanity must prevail," said Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs Martin Griffiths in an unusual statement.

The fighting beginning in mid-April, ravaging the capital Khartoum and the western Darfur region, has spread to Kordofan state. Hunger, disease and displacement spawned by the intense fighting threaten to consume the whole country, said the UN emergency relief coordinator.

He said that in South Kordofan's capital of Kadugli, food stocks were fully depleted. Clashes and road blockages prevent aid workers from reaching the hungry. "In West Kordofan's capital, El Fula, humanitarian offices have been ransacked and supplies looted," Griffiths said.

"I am also extremely worried about the

safety of civilians in Al Jazira State, as the conflict moves closer to Sudan's breadbasket."

He said hundreds of thousands of children are severely malnourished and at imminent risk of death if left untreated. "Vector-borne diseases are spreading, posing a lethal risk, especially to those already weakened by malnutrition," the UN relief coordinator said. "Cases of measles, malaria, whooping cough, dengue fever, and acute watery diarrhea are reported nationwide.

Most people have no access to medical treatment." He said the conflict has decimated the healthcare sector, with most hospitals out of service.

Griffiths said that millions of people were forced from their homes but remained in the country while another million fled across borders into struggling host communities.

A protracted conflict in Sudan could tip the entire region into a humanitarian catastrophe. **Xinhua**



# SPORT



Moshi Urban MP Priscus Tarimo (C) leads other dignitaries and participants of the St. Mary Goreti Secondary School Charity Run and Walk which took place at the Moshi University of Cooperatives (MoCU) ground in Moshi last weekend. The event, which is part of the school's activities to mark the 25th Jubilee Anniversary set for next year, attracted more than 800 participants including students, teachers, and parents. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

## St. Mary Goreti School's charity run, walk set trend in Moshi

By Guardian Correspondent

EDUCATIONAL institutions, especially secondary schools, have been advised to set aside a special day for sports, including marathons, to build a culture for young people to exercise to protect themselves from non-communicable diseases at a young age.

Member of Parliament for Moshi Urban, Kilimanjaro, Priscus Tarimo, stated during the St. Mary Goreti School's marathon and a charity walk held at Moshi Cooperative University (MoCU) ground and attracted more than 800 participants including students, teachers, and parents.

"Sports, including long races, are important in building health, so young people should start developing the habit of participating in various sports to avoid non-communicable diseases such as heart diseases instead of starting doing exercises after getting health challenges", he said.

He urged the management of other schools and even those of higher learning institutions in the region to consider the race organized by St. Mary Goreti School's leadership as an example of starting

competitions in their areas.

"The decision to start such competitions in educational institutions should go hand in hand with the establishment of a special sports bonanza every year, which will involve students from various schools in the region", he said.

He added: "Such a bonanza will apart from building physical health among students be used to promote unity and cooperation among Tanzanians at the school level because it will unite students from various parts of the country who are pursuing their studies in Kilimanjaro."

Kilimanjaro Amateur Athletics Association (KAAA) Chairman, Abraham Mikumi, congratulated St. Mary Goreti School's management for organizing the race and the charity walk, urging the leadership to think of making the race an annual event.

"With our expertise, we noticed today that this event could be an opportunity that athletics leaders in Kilimanjaro can use to identify and develop new talents in athletics due to the results registered by the winners in today's event," he said.

Speaking on behalf of the Head of the school Clementina Kachweka, the school's Deputy Head, Cleopa Sarita said that the race and the charity walk were organized by the management of the school to raise funds for the renovation of the school.

"This festival is part of the events that we are continuing to organize as part of the 25th anniversary of the establishment of this school, which is expected to take place next year," she said.

She mentioned other events apart from the recent launching of the celebrations as the tree planting exercise conducted in various places within the region, blood donation for the needy along the one having people check their health statuses through the special camps organized for the exercise.

Moshi District Scout Commissioner Emerensiana Mbena, the event's official guest, appealed to educational stakeholders, parents, and the alumni of the school to join hands with the school's leadership to achieve the target of the funds needed for the renovation of the school.

"I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the management of the school, KAAA, and Executive Solutions Company for organizing this event which will give a big boost in improving the environment of the school and thus increase the morale of the students, teachers, and other staff in implementing their daily duties," she said.

Billgates Mhina won the men's 10km category of the race and was followed by second-placed Abdulrahman Yassin while Ramadhan Wilson ended third.

Esther Silvanus beat the rest to the top spot in the women's 10km category, she was closely followed by second-placed Hawa Karim, while Sonia Ally took third place.

During the event, a young boy- John Baraka- was the center of attraction after the eight-year-old participated in the main 10 km race from start to finish.

## Tanga sports stakeholders counsel Simba SC, Yanga

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Tanga

DESPITE getting off to a good start in 2023/24 NBC Premier League and CAF inter-club showdowns, Yanga, Simba SC, and Singida Fountain Gate FC have been advised to work on some shortcomings seen in their squads.

Some sports stakeholders issued the advice in exclusive interviews with The Guardian in Tanga recently.

Azam FC, which bowed out of the 2023/24 CAF Confederation Cup having suffered a 4-3 loss to Ethiopia's Bahir Dar Kenema in the First Preliminary Round last weekend, has as well been advised to address its shortcomings.

The sports stakeholders revealed the clubs' leaders need to see value for money from new players because the clubs have invested heavily to successfully battle it out in all tournaments.

They explained despite registering top footballers, the gaps have been observed when the teams participated in the 2023/24 Community Shield tournament held in Tanga.

"All clubs which took part in the Community Shield showdown have not performed well, coaches have to step up, this will not only help to get rid of all setbacks to efforts to excel in all tournaments but also boost players' career," Wema Sudi, one of the sport's stakeholders, disclosed.

Another sports stakeholder, Ally Mohamed, had his assessment focused on Simba SC and Yanga, pointing out that both clubs have been found

to have the same problems for midfielders and strikers.

According to him, the two outfits' coaches are finding it difficult to get the starting XI, as well as substitutes tasked with exhibiting huge competition on the pitch.

"As for Yanga, head coach Miguel Gamondi should train players so they can become sharp and make fast decisions in the opponents' zone, Mudathir Yahya is OK but had shown sluggishness in shooting from a distance," Mohamed said.

He also requested Gamondi to train his club's members of the attacking department- Pacôme Zouzoua, Stephane Aziz Ki, and Clement Mzize- to efficiently fill the gap left by Congolese forward Fiston Mayele.

He called on Simba SC tactician Roberto Oliveira 'Robenthó' to restructure and reshape the whole squad, except Cameroonian defender Che Fondoh Malone, given the footballer has excelled in his position.

Zubeir Bakari advised Singida Fountain Gate FC's tactician Hans van der Pluijm to zealously work on the attacking area as it is still blunt, even though the whole squad looks fine.

The stakeholder pointed out: "Singida Fountain Gate FC showcased good football when it took on Simba SC and Azam FC, but the problem lies in finishing, there is no striker with goal-scoring skills. Honestly speaking, Singida Fountain Gate FC has a good squad."

## SPORTS

## NBC Bank, AMREF Africa hold wogging to back improvement of Mother and Child Health in Zanzibar



Zanzibar's President and Chairman of the Revolutionary Council, Hussein Ali Mwinyi (3rd L), presents a certificate of appreciation and recognition to Linley Kapya, Head of NBC Corporate Banking (2nd R), to acknowledge the bank's contribution to the success of the 'Uzazi na Maisha' campaign, that involved wogging that took place in Zanzibar last weekend. The bank donated medical equipment worth 200m/- to support the campaign. Also present are Zanzibar's Deputy Minister for Health, Hassan Hafidh (L), Zanzibar's First Lady, Mariam Mwinyi (2nd L), and Resident Director of AMREF Africa in Tanzania, Florence Temu (R). PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

By Guardian Correspondent

THE National Bank of Commerce (NBC) has joined forces with Zanzibar's President and Chairman of the Revolutionary Council, Hussein Ali Mwinyi, and other stakeholders to participate in a wogging event, seeking to back efforts to reduce maternal and infant deaths in Zanzibar.

The institution took part in the wogging coordinated by Zanzibar's Ministry of Health in collaboration with the International Organization, AMREF Africa in Tanzania.

During the event, which is part of the 'Uzazi na Maisha' (Motherhood and Life) campaign, NBC Bank also donated medical equipment worth 200m/- to be used in various hospitals in Zanzibar to enhance healthcare services in the Isles.

The wogging started at the Butros area, Kiembe Samaki, and ended at the Maisara grounds in Zanzibar.

NBC's Head of Corporate Banking Linley Kapya emphasized that besides promoting physical fitness, the bank's participation aimed to support the government's efforts to reduce and prevent maternal and infant

deaths, as this challenge is still prevalent.

Kapya pointed out: "As President Mwinyi highlighted, statistics reveal that there are 134 maternal deaths per 100,000 live births per year, as well as 28 infant deaths per 1,000 live births, according to data from 2017."

"These challenges are caused by inadequate healthcare services for mothers and infants in hospitals and health centers, including a shortage of healthcare providers and lack of essential medication," Kapya explained.

"As stakeholders supporting all sectors, including sports and health, NBC Bank felt it was important for us to be a part of this crucial effort," he added.

According to Kapya, besides sports, NBC Bank has been actively involved in promoting healthcare in the country by offering free medical tests for expectant mothers and children under the age of five through the bank's Mobile Clinics program in collaboration with Zanzibar's Ministry of Health.

Speaking at the event, President Mwinyi emphasized the importance of regular exercise for health and commended the participants of the wogging event.

He expressed his hope that, through the campaign, the government would increase the provision of medical equipment to 28 health centers, accounting for 40.5% of all 69 centers that provide services for mothers and children in Zanzibar.

Zanzibar's Deputy Minister for Health, Hassan Hafidh, stated that the goal of launching the 'Uzazi na Maisha'

campaign, which includes sports activities, is to reduce maternal and infant deaths in the country.

Florence Temu, Resident Director of AMREF Africa in Tanzania, expressed gratitude to the various stakeholders and athletes who participated in the campaign.

She explained that the 'Uzazi na Maisha' campaign seeks to raise 1bn/- to purchase medical equipment for the 69 health centers in Zanzibar that provide services for mothers and children.

"As we enter the second year of this campaign, AMREF has already collected 557m/- and received pledges amounting to 883m/-, which will help us reach our campaign's goal by 2024," she stated.

## Dar musician advises schools to develop arts

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

POPULAR Tanzanian artist, Khaleed Ramadhan, nicknamed 'Tunda Man', has advised schools to have programs for identifying young talents.

The Bongo Flava musician said so when he staged a show of his kind at Brilliant Secondary School's graduation ceremony at Mbezi Kimara Kwa Msuguri in Dar es Salaam last week.

The musician said apart from studies, it is important for schools to allocate time for sports and entertainment because by doing so they will raise many talents and famous people shortly.

"Tunda Man" brought joy to the school's students as soon as the Master of Ceremony announced his presence at the function.

When he reached the school, the students stormed into the middle of the field and began singing various songs by the artist and the musician joined them in the rendition.

"Tunda Man", apart from singing one of his famous songs, 'I love Simba SC even if you kill me', sang various songs to congratulate Yanga, and brought joy and happiness to the students that are rooting for the two clubs.

He asked the school's students to study hard so they can do

well in Form Four national examinations that are expected to be held at the end of this year.

The school's Director, Jasson Rweikiza, promised to continue developing various talents found at the school so they can become famous people in sports and art circles.

He said the sports teachers at the school have been working hard to recognize students' talents in athletics, football, basketball, and music.

Rweikiza stated that the school has realized every student does not need to excel in such subjects as mathematics, history, biology, and physics to be successful in life.

The school's Director noted: "You have all seen the talents shown by the students here in music, fashion, and many others."

"This shows that there are many talents that can help these students achieve success in the future, if we develop them," Rweikiza added.

"A student can be an artist if he/she does well and succeeds in life through works of art, he/she can be a good football player and succeed through talent."

"The important work we are doing now is bringing out the talents so that they can be useful," he said.



Tanzanian singer, Khaleed Ramadhan, popularly known as 'Tunda Man', performs for Brilliant Secondary School's students during the graduation ceremony of the school's Form Four students at Mbezi Kimara Kwa Msuguri in Dar es Salaam last weekend. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JOSEPH MWENDAPOLE



## Messi comes off bench to score as Miami win at Red Bulls

NEW YORK

LIONEL Messi came off the bench and scored as Inter Miami began their push for the Major League Soccer playoffs with a 2-0 win at New York Red Bulls on Saturday.

After a week in which Miami won the Leagues Cup and reached the final of the US Open Cup, Messi was left on the bench by coach Gerard "Tata" Martino but came into the game on the hour mark.

The Argentine World Cup winner had limited involvement after entering with former Barcelona team-mate Sergio Busquets but made his mark on his regular season debut with an 89th-minute goal.

Jordi Alba acrobatically hooked the ball into the box to Messi who twisted and turned then slipped a sublime pass with the outside of his foot to Benjamin Cremaschi whose low first-time cross was tapped in by the seven-times Ballon d'Or winner.

Messi has now scored 11 goals in nine appearances in all competitions since joining Inter Miami.

"He's unbelievable, every day it's something new, on and off the field," said Miami's 19-year-old defender Noah Allen.

"He's an amazing person to play with and I am so blessed to play with him."

Martino had indicated that several of his players needed a break after an intense run of eight games within a month and stuck to his word with his team selection, to the disappointment of the capacity crowd at Red Bull Arena.

There were chants of "We want Messi" at regular stages throughout the game which was also shown on a giant screen in Times Square.

A makeshift Miami had taken the lead in the 37th minute when Noah Allen played in a cross from the left and Paraguayan Diego Gomez was given time to turn and then slot home a left-foot effort.

Miami keeper Drake Callender had to make a series of saves to keep his side in the lead but with Red Bull pressure mounting, Martino opted to bring on his star man and the momentum of the game inevitably shifted.

The win lifts Miami off the bottom of the Eastern Conference and reduces the gap to the last playoff spot to 11 points with 11 games remaining.

Martino defended his decision

to start his 36-year-old compatriot on the bench despite the hopes of the crowd.

"I understand the desire of the people who want him to play, this will happen everywhere we go," he said.

"But as the coach, I cannot be guided by those fans' desires. My job is to make sure Leo takes care of himself," he said.

- Cincy bounce back -

Eastern Conference leaders Cincinnati bounced back from their US Open Cup last-four loss to Miami on Wednesday with a 3-0 victory over New York City.

Aaron Boupendza nodded the Ohio side ahead in the 6th minute and Junior Moreno doubled the lead in the 52nd minute with a side-foot finish at the end of a swift counter.

A 59th minute header from Nick Hagglund wrapped up the win for Cincinnati who remain 11 points clear of second-placed Philadelphia.

Philly enjoyed a 3-1 win at Wayne Rooney's D.C. United with all their goals coming in the first half through Mikael Uhre, Jack McGlynn and a penalty from Hungarian international Daniel Gazdag.

The New England Revolution, third in the East, fell to a 1-0 loss at Montreal with George Campbell grabbing the 86th-minute winner.

Champions Los Angeles FC suffered a surprise 2-1 loss at Charlotte with former Burnley midfielder Ashley Westwood and Scott Arfield on target for the North Carolina side.

Westwood opened the scoring with a clever finish at the near post in the 29th minute before Mario Gonzalez leveled for LAFC in the 67th only for Arfield, a recent signing from Scotland's Rangers, to grab the 75th-minute winner.

It was a day of surprises in the Western Conference where leaders St. Louis City fell to a 2-1 defeat to Orlando City with Facundo Torres settling the encounter with a stoppage-time penalty after Anthony Markanich handled in the box.

Third-placed Real Salt Lake were also upset with Houston Dynamo marching into Utah and leaving with a 3-0 win.

Dallas left it late to win their Texas derby with Austin 1-0 with Nkosi Tafari scoring with a glancing header in the seventh minute of stoppage time.

AFP

## Ten Hag hails Man Utd character after 'horror' start against Forest

LONDON

MANCHESTER United boss Erik ten Hag labelled his side's concession of two goals inside four minutes to Nottingham Forest "crazy", but hailed his players for fighting back to win 3-2 on Saturday.

United's unimpressive start to the season looked set to continue when Taiwo Awoniyi broke clear from the home side's corner to open the scoring after 90 seconds.

Less than two minutes later it was 2-0 as Willy Boly was left unmarked from Morgan Gibbs-White's free-kick to head in.

"With all respect to Forest, we can't allow them (the goals)," said Ten Hag. "They were easy giveaways. It's crazy, but sometimes games go like this."

United lost 2-0 to Tottenham last weekend after being dominated by Wolves on home soil, despite escaping with a 1-0 win on the opening weekend of the campaign.

They steadied the ship with a second win in three games.

Cristian Eriksen started the fightback by turning home Marcus Rashford's cross.

Casemiro then levelled from Bruno Fernandes' headed knockdown.

Forest were reduced to 10 men when Joe Worrall saw red for denying Fernandes a clear goalscoring opportunity.

United made the man advantage count as Fernandes slotted home a penalty 14 minutes from time after Rashford was brought down in the area.

"Horror start, but the character of the team was brilliant," added Ten Hag. "We stayed so calm and so composed. We stuck to our belief, stuck to our plan, played some good football and scored three good goals. It was a great comeback."

"It's a marker, absolutely. We've seen this team can bounce back. If you have such a start, you need to get over it. It's not easy, but compliments to the team."

"We have the personality. In certain moments we can definitely improve, but in general this team has



Bruno Fernandes completed Man Utd's comeback from 2-0 down to beat Nottingham Forest 3-2. Agencies

the character to bounce back all the time."

Fernandes has been criticised in his early weeks as club captain for negative body language towards his teammates. But the Portuguese led the fightback and said United need to iron out their flaws with more consistent displays.

"We know what it means to be a Manchester United player. We know this shirt demands a lot and we are ready for that," said Fernandes.

"The team showed great spirit, passion and desire. We just need to be aware that we can't concede so early. It wasn't the perfect start for us but we kept control, kept the ball and started doing the right things."

Meanwhile, Arsenal manager Mikel Arteta criticised his side for not killing off 10-man Fulham as the visitors scored early and late to snatch a 2-2 draw at the Emirates on Saturday.

Andreas Pereira struck in the first minute as he pounced on a sloppy pass from Bukayo Saka to put Fulham in front. Arteta's substitutions appeared to have turned the game as Fabio Vieira won a

penalty, converted by Saka, to level before teeing up Eddie Nketiah to put Arsenal 2-1 up.

Fulham then lost Calvin Bassey to a second booking, but still hit back when Joao Palhinha took advantage of more poor defending to sweep home a corner in the 87th minute.

"We have to show another level of commitment and desire. With 10 men, you cannot concede a goal," said an irritable Arteta. "Right from the beginning, we gave an incredible goal away. You make life really difficult for yourself, but the team reacted really well."

"We dominated the game and created countless chances and should have scored five, six, seven goals easily. And, when you have done the most difficult thing which is to get back ahead against a team that is well organised, you have to defend your box from one corner."

"It is the only chance they have and you get punished."

Arsenal are aiming to win the Premier League for the first time in 20 years after narrowly missing

out to treble winners Manchester City last season.

The Gunners appear to have greater strength in depth this season after the signings of Declan Rice and Kai Havertz.

It showed as Vieira and Nketiah made telling contributions off the bench, while Oleksandr Zinchenko also impressed on his return from injury as a substitute.

"All three substitutes changed the game. Fabio was involved in everything we created and I am really happy with that," added Arteta. "The same with Eddie. It is my fault that Fabio has not played more and today he gave me reasons to play him more."

Arsenal's first dropped points of the season saw them miss out on top spot in the Premier League to north London rivals Tottenham on goal difference.

Both sides have seven points from their opening three games, but could be usurped by City, who are in action at Sheffield United on Sunday.

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## FIFA suspend Rubiales as Spain women's coach Vilda joins criticism over kiss

MADRID

FIFA suspended Luis Rubiales as president of Spain's football federation on Saturday for kissing Women's World Cup player Jenni Hermoso on the lips, while even his close friend Jorge Vilda joined the tidal wave of criticism.

The move by world football's governing body was the latest development in a deepening row pitting Rubiales and the federation (RFEF) against Hermoso and her Spain teammates, which the players say has tarnished the glory of winning the World Cup in Australia last Sunday.

"(We) decided today to provisionally suspend Mr. Luis Rubiales from all football-related activities at national and international level," FIFA said, banning him and the RFEF from contacting Hermoso or those close to her.

The suspension of Rubiales will last 90 days while FIFA undertake disciplinary proceedings against the 46-year-old.

Later Saturday the majority of the women's team's coaching staff offered their resignations over Rubiales' conduct, although controversial coach Vilda was not among them.

Meanwhile 81 players including Hermoso are on strike from the national team.

"I deeply regret that Spanish women's football's triumph has been harmed by the improper behaviour of our leader Luis Rubiales, which he himself has acknowledged," said controversial coach Vilda in a statement to domestic EFE news agency.

Vilda, who was seen applauding Rubiales' speech on Friday in which he refused to resign despite unprecedented criticism, was told in it by the president he would be offered a new deal with a huge pay hike.

Six of Vilda's first-team staff and five others working in women's



Luis Rubiales

football in the RFEF offered to step down because of the "unacceptable attitudes and statements" from Rubiales.

They added that they supported Hermoso's version of events.

Hermoso and 80 other Spain players, including the entire World Cup squad, said they will not play for the national team until the "leadership" changes.

The RFEF responded to FIFA's suspension, saying Rubiales has "full confidence in the FIFA bodies" and will defend himself "so the truth prevails and his complete innocence is proven".

The federation also said Pedro

Rocha would take over as interim president during Rubiales' suspension.

- Defiant -

Rubiales had been under intense pressure to quit but at an emergency RFEF meeting on Friday he was defiant, saying he refused to resign and claiming he was the target of a "social assassination".

On Saturday, the federation upped the ante by threatening legal action over Hermoso's "lies" about the kiss.

Hermoso said "at no time" did she consent to the kiss following the 1-0 win in the final against England in Sydney, which Rubiales described

as "mutual, euphoric and consensual".

The RFEF responded, saying it would take "as many legal actions as necessary to defend the honour of the President of the RFEF."

Later Saturday the federation published another statement attacking Hermoso.

"Hermoso lies in all the statements she makes against the president, as we will have the opportunity to prove in due course," it read.

The RFEF said Hermoso had described the kiss as "a mere anecdote without significance" in statements to a FIFA welfare officer soon after it happened. Later they deleted the statement.

- 'Victim of assault' -  
Hermoso hit back strongly against Rubiales' claims the kiss was consensual, saying she felt "vulnerable and the victim of an assault".

"I want to clarify that at no time did I consent to the kiss that he gave me and in no case did I seek to lift up the president," she said in the statement on Friday released through the women players' Futpro union.

The Spanish government had confirmed earlier Saturday they had also started a process which may allow them to suspend Rubiales from his post next week.

## Mbappe dominates on home return as PSG outclass Lens

PARIS

KYLIAN Mbappe dominated his first home start of the season, scoring twice as Ligue 1 champions Paris Saint Germain defeated last season's runners up Lens, 3-1, on Saturday.

In a meeting of two teams winless in their first two league matches, PSG emphatically put their season back on track.

The victory lifted them to fourth, two points behind leaders Monaco, who drew on Friday, and Marseille who won earlier Saturday.

"I'd always like things to go the way they did tonight, but in football there are always surprises," said PSG coach Luis Enrique.

"There was a Champions League rhythm," the Spaniard said. "My players were very brave and against a team that defends well. We created a lot of chances."

Mbappe, making his first home start since being reinstated to the team following a contract dispute, posed a threat from the start.

In the first half, he had one shot saved by goalkeeper Brice Samba and another cleared off the line by Kevin Danso before Marco Asensio scored his first goal for the club in the 44th minute.

PSG's Portuguese midfielder Vitinha surged up the field before moving the ball on to Warren Zaire-Emery who passed to Asensio just outside the box. The Spaniard curled a left foot shot in off the base of the post.

Mbappe added a ferocious second after 51 minutes, meeting a return pass from Lucas Hernandez with a first-time side-foot shot from the

edge of the box that rocketed past Samba.

Mbappe forced another good save from Samba as PSG dominated possession.

On a rare Lens counter-attack, Elye Wahi, the club's record signing, who came on after 57 minutes, outpaced the home defence and forced a sprawling save from Gianluigi Donnarumma.

Ousmane Dembele, making his first PSG start since moving from Barcelona, lashed an opportunity for a first goal for the club wide.

Mbappe added a second in the 90th minute with a shot from near the penalty spot that took two deflections on its way into the net.

As PSG's defence relaxed, Wahi forced another flying save from Donnarumma before Morgan Guillaugui scored with the last kick of the match, his shot deflecting in off Milan Skriniar.

"In the second half, we opened up and if you open up against this team, things happen too quickly. We didn't give up but there was too much difference between the two teams," said Lens coach Franck Haise.

Earlier, Marseille jumped to second place after ending visiting Brest's winning start to season with a lacklustre 2-0 victory.

Knocked out of the Champions League in the third qualifying round by Panathinaikos at the start of the month, Marseille's rebuilt squad had a week to prepare.

The hosts started brightly when Chancel Mbemba opened the scoring with a header from Jordan Veretout's impeccable free kick after three minutes.

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Gwiji by David Chikoko





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Azam FC's winger, Kipre Junior (R), negotiates his way past Prisons FC's defender during the 2022/23 NBC Premier League clash which took place in Dar es Salaam in January this year. PHOTO: COURTESY OF AZAM FC

## Azam FC under early season pressure, hosts Prisons

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

HAVING had barely 48 hours to dissect the disappointing exit from the 2023/24 CAF Confederation, Azam FC will shift focus back to the NBC Premier League as the side welcomes Tanzania Prisons to Azam Complex Stadium in Dar es Salaam this evening.

Azam FC comes into the match on the back of a disappointing penalty shootout loss to Ethiopia's Bahir Dar Kenema in the 2023/24 CAF Confederation Cup First Preliminary Round rematch on Friday.

In the fixture played at Azam Complex Stadium, Azam FC was determined to reverse a 2-1 defeat the side suffered in the first leg in Ethiopia a week ago.

The Tanzanians were well on course to doing so after two goals in the opening 10 minutes saw them sit in the driver's seat with qualification in sight.

They took the lead as early as the first minute courtesy of Iddy 'Nado' Selemani beating Bahir Dar Kenema's keeper, Markos Alazar.

Coach Yousuph Dabo's men doubled their advantage just 10 minutes later thanks to Zimbabwean Prince Dube's effort which put them in the driving seat and well on course to progress to the next round.

Azam FC was however dealt a heavy blow just eight minutes after going 2-0 up as Bahir Dar Kenema's Habtamu Zewede reduced the deficit to make the score 2-2 on aggregate to the dismay of the passionate home fans.

Coming into the second half, Azam FC pressed for the elusive tie-breaker but a combination of poor decision-making in the final third and excellent goalkeeping meant the match had to be decided via penalties.

The Ethiopians were the better side from the spot kicks as they narrowly won the penalty shootout 4-3 to eliminate Azam FC in the suspense-filled affair and march onto the next round.

The arrival of head coach Dabo and the big move signing of midfielders Feisal Salum and Yannick Bangala was supposed to signify the start of a new era at Azam FC.

However, despite being early days into the season, all the pressure is on Azam FC following failures in the 2023/24 Community Shield tournament and the premature exit from the CAF Confederation Cup.

While they won their opening league fixture of the 2023/24 season against Tabora United, few conclusions should be drawn from the 4-0 results posted.

It was a game that lasted for just 15 minutes as the newly promoted club could only field eight players.

Thus, the fixture against Prisons feels like Azam FC's first league game which they can not afford to lose on the back of continental heartbreak. It is a good opportunity to bounce back as they tackle a team they have recently dominated.

Although they did lose 1-0 to Prisons in Mbeya last October, Dabo's men have won 11 of their last 22 league matches against Prisons and lost only two.

With their 0-0 away draw against Singida Fountain Gate FC, Prisons, coached by Fred Felix Kataraiya 'Minziro', at least continued an impressive record from the back end of last season- they have now lost just once in their last seven league games.

Generally tough to beat, Prisons may fancy their chances of leaving Azam Complex Stadium with at least a point, but a lack of firepower could haunt them again.

Should the visitors fail to score their first league goal of the season, Azam FC's attack can punish them - particularly as Dabo can now call upon some lively options from the bench.

## JKT Queens storms into CAF WCL CECAFA Qualifiers final

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

MAINLAND Tanzania's representatives in the ongoing CAF Women's Champions League CECAFA Zonal qualifiers, JKT Queens, have secured their place in the showdown's final.

JKT Queens showed their battling qualities once again as they recovered from a goal down to claim a 3-1 victory over Burundi's Buja Queens FC in the CAF Women's Champions League CECAFA Zonal Qualifiers semi-final played yesterday.

Winifrida Gerald slammed home during the added-on time to put the game beyond doubt for JKT Queens.

Former Simba Queens striker, Teopister Situma, gave Buja Queens the lead after 12 minutes, but the Burundi champions passed up several chances to extend their advantage in the first half.

The Mainland Tanzania Women's Premier League champions came back a rejuvenated side after the break and got a deserved equalizer through Donisia Daniel Minja.

Stumai Abdallah completed a superb comeback for JKT Queens seven minutes later and took full control of the game. It came as no surprise when Winifrida killed off the tie with a late injury-time goal.

It was the fourth consecutive victory for JKT Queens currently coached by former Twiga Stars wing wizard Esther Chaburuma.

They opened their Group Stage campaign with a 2-1 victory over Rwanda's AS Kigali Women's FC, courtesy of goals netted by Stumai and Donisia.

They edged out New Generation FC from Zanzibar 1-0 in their second game to confirm a semi-final ticket along with Vihiga Queens.

In the last group stage game, they beat Vihiga Queens 1-0 to top their group with a perfect record.

This means JKT Queens will play the winner of the second semi-final involving Kenya's Vihiga Queens and Ethiopia's CBE Women's FC.

The CAF Women's Champions League CECAFA Zonal Qualifiers final will be played on Wednesday.

The winner of the tournament will represent the CECAFA region at the 2022/23 CAF Women's Champions League.

The CAF Women's Champions League will take place in Ivory Coast later this year.

Simba Queens SC represented the region at last year's edition in Morocco and managed to finish fourth in the finals.



JKT Queens' midfielder, Anastazia Katunzi (L), is congratulated by teammates once the midfielder netted a goal against The Tiger Queens in the 2022/23 Serengeti Lite Women's Premier League (SWPL) tie which took place in Dar es Salaam. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TANZANIA FOOTBALL FEDERATION

## Gamondi delighted with Yanga's strong display in 2023/24 CAF CL



Tanzania's Yanga forward Clement Mzize (R) seeks to dribble past Djibouti's AS Ali Sabieh defender as the clubs faced each other in a 2023/24 CAF Champions League's First Preliminary Round rematch played at Azam Complex Stadium in Dar es Salaam last weekend. Yanga defeated AS Ali Sabieh 5-1. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

ARGENTINE coach, Miguel Gamondi, was pleased with how Young Africans SC handled the club's 2023/24 CAF Champions League First Preliminary Round tie against AS Ali Sabieh Telecom.

The reigning Mainland Tanzania Premier League champions marched into the next round of the CAF Champions League with a 5-1 victory over ASAS Djibouti Telecom in the rematch of their CAF Champions League First Preliminary Round tie which took place at Azam Complex Stadium in Dar es Salaam on Saturday afternoon.

The results gave Young Africans SC, popularly known as Yanga, a 7-1 aggregate win over the Djibouti outfit, as the former now awaits a two-leg battle with Sudan's Al Merreikh in the next round.

The Second Preliminary Round will have Yanga seeking to grab a place in the Group Stage of the CAF

Champions League for the second time in their history.

Heading into the second leg of the First Preliminary Round tie with a healthy advantage after their 2-0 win in the first game, Yanga sought to impose themselves on home turf once again.

They were in control from start to finish against the Djibouti Premier League side, executing their game plan and maintaining their intensity throughout the contest.

Speaking to the press after the game, Gamondi said he was happy with his side's strong display.

The coach pointed out: "I am very happy with the performance of the team. I am happy because we continued putting the ball in the net and the most important thing is we achieved the goal of passing this round and qualifying for the next stage."

He revealed: "We now need to recover a little bit and, on Tuesday, we have another league game. For the Champions League, I am very happy and we will see what happens next round against Al Merreikh."

However, true to form, the perfectionist Gamondi could hardly refrain from call-

ing out midfielder Zawadi Mauya's mistake which led to AS Djibouti Telecom's consolation goal from the spot kick.

"I am not happy we conceded an easy penalty. It is not just about today's game, if you make a mistake like that you can also do it in a difficult game," the tactician noted.

"It is a big mistake, an unnecessary foul, even in one training game, he did a similar action before."

"We need to learn from the mistake because we have played five official games and have five clean sheets and I want to continue that way," the Argentine added.

Due to several factors including lack of time and videos, Gamondi was frank to admit they are yet to do extensive analysis on Al Merreikh- an outfit they will meet in two weeks.

The Argentine noted: "Honestly we have not because even the game was not on TV yesterday. We are starting to look for some information but there is not much possibility of watching everything but we have 15 days. We can work on that and think what we can do to analyze Al Merreikh."

## Flexibles by David Chikoko



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