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# Meat regulator spells out new standard, rules for butcheries

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

MEAT traders in the country must avoid the use of insect repellents in butcheries as the chemicals pose intense health risks and are widely in use, the Tanzania Meat Board has warned.

TMB Registrar Dr Daniel Mushi said at a press conference here yesterday that the board has launched a nationwide investigation on the matter and any butcher found using repellents will face a 300, 000/- fine or a six months jail sentence.

Those found using them repetitively after the first warning will face a 1m/- fine, six months' jail sentence or both, he stated, noting that research to establish health related complications of repellents is needed but their use can contaminate meat.

Flies are attracted to unpleasant odour caused by spoilage of meat in butcheries so

to curb the presence of flies in butcheries is to improve hygiene, not resorting to using housefly sprays, he stated. The use of insecticides is dangerous to the health of consumers as they can cause various ailments including cancer, he further stated.

In this connection, the board prohibits the use of fly sprays in meat shops and it urges the public not to buy meat from butchery if they notice it has insect sprays, elaborating that what is required is thorough cleaning of the butcheries, especially before bringing in meat and after selling the meat.

Butcheries should not have holes on the walls or floors, he specified, demanding that tiles should be put on walls and floors to facilitate cleanliness, "and there should be no drainage ditches around butcheries."

Timber logs are not allowed in butcheries as they create breeding sites for microbes

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President Samia Suluhu Hassan has an audience with former Prime Minister Joseph Warioba at the latter's residence in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: State House



# Tanzanian tourism 'resilient amid pandemic' - UNWTO

By A Special Correspondent, Madrid

THE United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) has applauded Tanzania for being amongst a handful of countries that managed to keep the sector afloat amid the Covid-19 pandemic.

UNWTO Secretary General Zurab Pololikashvili (pictured) issued fulsome praise during the organization's 24th annual conference where he mentioned some African countries which, despite Covid-19 challenges, managed to perform well in tourism.

Tanzania is among countries in Africa that ensured the tourism sector was performing

well by grabbing various opportunities that emerged in advertising its tourist sites, noting that Tanzania successfully hosted the first tourism exhibition for countries in the East African region recently in October.

The exhibition whose aim was to advertise tourism in the region was actually the first East African Community Regional Tourism Expo (EARTE) where UNWTO says Tanzania exhibited a high degree of resilience in this achievement.

This, despite its short preparation due to the Covid-19 pandemic, showed that among African countries that will lead from tourism earnings one cannot miss Tanzania, he said. "I am so proud of you," the UN executive declared.

Natural Resources and Tourism minister Dr Damas Ndumbaro, leading the Tanzanian delegation at the meeting, expressed gratitude at the remarks by the UNWTO Secretary General as he had shown recognition for the various efforts Tanzania had put up to ensure the tourism sector continues to perform well.

"We have been praised on the way we conducted the first EARTE," he said, noting

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# Belgium delivers 115,200 J&J vaccines consignment

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA is today expected to receive a consignment of 115,200 of Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccines, donated by the Belgian government.

Meryame Kitir, the Belgian minister for Development Cooperation said the vaccines will contribute to stepping up the nationwide vaccination campaign to protect the life and health of the Tanzanian public.

An embassy statement issued yesterday affirmed that the consignment of 115,200 doses of Johnson & Johnson vaccines is part of the multilateral COVAX mechanism



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is coordinated by the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF).

This donation forms part of a multilateral commitment by Belgium to distribute at least four million vaccine doses to middle and low income countries by the end of 2021, it said, noting that Belgium had largely exceeded this commitment.

It has so far donated nine million vaccine doses through COVAX on top of its financial contribution of euro 12m for assisting economic recovery and rolling out vaccination campaigns, the statement indicated. COVID-19 vaccination reduces

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# NEMC queries handling of solid waste at Mirerani site

By Guardian Correspondent, Simanjiro

THE NATIONAL Environment Management Council (NEMC) has decried wanton infringement of environment regulations at Block B in the tanzanite mining area at Mirerani town in Simanjiro District, Manyara Region.

The managing director, Dr Samuel Gwamaka (pictured) said after an inspection tour that the problem is solid waste management, as disposing solid waste including soil from inside the pits at Block B poses problems.

He visited Blocks A, B, C and D of the



tanzanite mining zone to determine whether laws on environment management were being observed, where he noticed that in Block B there is small space for storing pit solid waste.

After the construction of the mine perimeter wall in 2018, mining became sustainable and NEMC was examining the environment situation since then as solid waste problem was a point of concern, he stated.

With a reduced area for storage of solid waste, if an appropriate area is not found soon it will gradually make

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## 'Next year's Population, Housing Census essential opportunity for nation's development agenda'

By Guardian Reporter

CHILD Help Tanzania has called on the government through the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) to prioritise the agenda for persons with disabilities by clearly identifying them and the types of individual's disorders.

The organisation sees the upcoming 2022 Population and Housing Census as an essential opportunity for the nation's development agenda, particularly for the institutions working for persons with disabilities.

Speaking to the journalists, the organisation's communication and information officer, Milton Byemerwa highlighted the need for clear data of persons with disabilities in the country in order for them to access their basic requirements and the Government and key stakeholders to have better plans for them as well.

To achieve this, NBS should work with associations for people with disabilities to ensure issues thwarting their identification are carried in consideration if we have to reach the desired developmental goals as stipulated in the Agenda 2030.

According to Byemerwa, Child Help, just like many other institutions and associations working for the disabled, lacks clear data of disabled people, especially children with spina bifida and hydrocephalus; as a result it becomes hard to meet the mission of the institution.

He said that to mark the International Day of Disabled Persons today, Child Help sees having correct data of the group will help them be served well but also be able to contribute to the country's development.

"We only rely on Hospital data from a few hospitals we work with, and a few data collected locally but we understand that there are many children with SBH that are either

not reported or who do not reach hospitals due to many reasons or limitations/barriers beyond their reach," he noted.

He added: We lack basic facts that specifically highlight the situation although we all understand the barriers and the links between poverty and disability. So, in order to effectively unlock barriers facing this group, and for the decision makers to effectively structure various political initiatives favouring the disabled, acquiring basic information and background knowledge cannot be avoided as initiatives to fight poverty require reliable and comparable statistics."

Towards the national census scheduled for next year, Help Child strongly join hands the President Samia Suluhu Hassan to sensitize parents and families with persons with disabilities to give full cooperation to officials who will conduct the census exercise by giving them clear information as some types of disability are not visible, example spina bifida.

Child Help Tanzania is a local NGO registered in Tanzania in 2019 under the Non-Governmental Organization Act, No. 24 of 2002. The NGO's main vision is to promote rights and special needs of persons with Spina bifida and Hydrocephalus also harmonizing timely access to qualitative treatment and care for children and adults with Spina bifida and Hydrocephalus.

The NGO also engages in primary prevention of SBH by raising public awareness on nutritional food consumption, mainly those with plenty of Folic Acid Vitamins as a preventive measure for children born with Spina bifida.

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that the ministry had actually seen it as just a little matter "but our friends at the international level saw it as a huge achievement."

EARTE as well as the UNWTO conference are an opportunity in advertising Tanzania's tourism potential, he stated, noting that the praise provides the country with encouragement to hasten its advertising effort for its tourist attractions.

Tanzania has the ability to hold even bigger conferences on tourism, he said, saying that President Samia Suluhu Hassan had stimulated these efforts with her participation in the 'Royal Tour' project directed by an American media entrepreneur.

At the ongoing four-day UNWTO Conference, the minister extended invitations to various world leaders and tourism sector executives to the proposed General Tourism Conference in the Africa Region set for October 6 to 8 next year.

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the risk of COVID-19 infections and severe complications.

"The vaccine not only protects you but also the people around you. If as many people as possible in Tanzania are vaccinated the spread of the virus will be inhibited. We commend the government of Tanzania for stepping up the awareness raising campaigns to inform the general public about the importance of getting vaccinated, as well as facilitating vaccination all over the country," the statement reads in part.

It asserted that while Belgium and most Western countries now have quite satisfactory vaccination rates, on average in Africa barely five percent of the population is vaccinated. "Vaccine inequality is worrying, especially since new, more virulent variants of the corona virus regularly appear," it elaborated.

Tanzanian authorities recently said vaccination coverage remains very low overall, with close to 1.5m

people out of a 60m population having received at least one dose of a vaccine.

Availability of COVID-19 vaccines in Tanzania remains minimal and below the African average, the statement asserted. "Our country's focus on bilateral donations will be in Africa and more specifically on our African partner countries, where access to vaccines is sorely lacking. Barely five percent of Africa's total population has been vaccinated," it further stated.

"We can be very proud of the high vaccination coverage in our country, but at the same time, I remain very concerned because many people in vulnerable countries do not have access to a vaccine. This virus has no borders. International solidarity and cooperation is the only way out of this health crisis. We will only be safe when everyone is safe," the minister declared.

Equitable access to safe and effective vaccines is critical to ending the COVID-19 pandemic, she added.



Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa unveils a plaque at Mtumba in Dodoma yesterday to launch the second phase of the construction of buildings for government ministries in the national capital. It was all part of the countdown to the climax of the commemoration of the 60th anniversary of Tanganyika's Independence. He is with the Minister of State in the President's Office (Public Service Management and Good Governance), Mohammed Mchengerwa; Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Policy, Parliament, Labour, Employment, Youth and People with Disabilities), Jenista Mhagama; Minister of State in the Office of Zanzibar's Second Vice President, Dr Salim Khalid Mohamed; and Deputy Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Labour, Youth and Employment), Patrobas Katambi. Photo: PMO

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that cause meat spoilage and bad odour, he directed, recommending that a band saw and chopping board should be used instead

Butcheries should similarly have a hot water source for cleaning meat cutting equipment and eliminating meat spoiling microbes. Air conditioners need to be installed in butcheries to lower temperature and slow down meat spoilage, he asserted.

Again, a meat shop needs a refrigerator or deep freezer to store unsold meat and prevent spoilage, meanwhile as meat shop operators work to identify the needs of their customers and order just sufficient supplies for the customers' daily needs to reduce meat spoilage, he explained.

Butcheries should have a glass window or net so that the customer can see the meat from outside and in preventing flies from landing on the meat, he stated, highlighting the need for meat sellers to obtain

meat from slaughterhouses with acceptable levels of hygiene. Contamination of meat in slaughterhouses will accelerate the spoilage of meat, which leads to bad odour and attract flies, he stated.

During transportation meat should be moved from slaughterhouses to butcheries in special meat vans to prevent contamination and premature spoilage, the registrar intoned, specifying that intestines be separated from the carcass to avoid contamination of carcasses by intestinal microbes.

The Meat Industry Act No. 10 of 2006 demands that butcheries be inspected and registered by the board, with butchery employees having to receive meat handling training from the Vocational Education and Training Authority (VETA) or the board, he added.

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## Majaliwa launches second phase of 'government city' project worth 300 billion/-

By Guardian Reporter

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa yesterday launched phase two of construction of government offices and related infrastructure at a cost of 300bn/- in the capital city Dodoma. This follows completion of the 23 storied buildings which commenced in November 2018 and completed in March, 2019.

Speaking during the launch, the Prime Minister directed the Ministry of Finance and Planning to supervise and ensure that funds are released on time for the project to be completed on scheduled time frame.

He commended President Samia Suluhu Hassan for approving the funds to facilitate completion of the project.

He said that the first phase of the project for the construction of 23 offices commenced on November 28 in 2018 and

ended on March 22, 2019 where 39.39bn/- were spent.

"A total of 18,300 of the central government, parliament, security organs and some of public institutions have been relocated to Dodoma where 162.123bn/- have been spent to facilitate the exercise," he said.

He said that the second phase will involve construction of 24 storey buildings and is expected to be one of the modern and attractive government cities in the country with all the required infrastructures of water, power and roads.

Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office (Policy, Parliamentary Affairs, Labour, Youth, Employment and Persons with Disability) Jenista Mhagama said the construction of the city in the first phase used local contractors, something which helped to strengthen business as well as market expansion for construction goods.



Natural Resources and Tourism minister Dr Damas Ndumbaro (C) listens as German diplomatic official Jacobr Nsihki (L) describes the tourist sites he visited while in Tanzania last month. This was on the sidelines of the 24th UNWTO General Assembly in Madrid yesterday. The World Tourism Organisation is the UN specialised agency entrusted with the promotion of responsible, sustainable and universally accessible tourism. Photo: Correspondent Lusungu Helela

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the environmental situation more hazardous, he stated.

"If mine workers breathe mine dust, they get affected and can contract various diseases. Some miners have managed to abide by environmental laws but many of them have not," the director asserted.

Having identified the problem,

NEMC was mobilising miners on the need for conducting environmental inspection, underlining that it is not meant to issue penalties, but in assisting preserving the environment.

NEMC will advise the government on entering into agreement with investors to conduct mining activities at Block C as existing infrastructures were gradually rotting.

Existing infrastructures need investors to put them to use, which presumes the government accepting a joint venture arrangement with such investors, he stated. The government need to take a tough decision as small miners from Blocks B and D reach the areas through underground tunnels, he pointed out.

"On the surface we see a good, calm environment, but under the

surface, the minerals are being extracted and any further delay, the areas will have no tanzanite minerals," he cautioned.

"We in NEMC will try to advise the relevant authorities to take a quick decision in regard to Bloc C. It's mining activities should start in a sustainable manner to enable the government earn money for the country's development," he added.





Dar es Salaam residents stage a World Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Day walk recently. However, it is October 25 which the International Federation for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus has officially designated for the event. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Work more diligently for the good of the country, extension officers advised

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

LIVESTOCK and Fisheries deputy minister Abdallah Ulega has called on all extension officers in the country to work hard and boost agriculture, livestock and fisheries sectors to the good of the national economy.

He argued that increasing the sectors contribution to the national economy and improving livelihood of farmers, livestock keepers and fishermen can only be realized if the officers work diligently at their areas.

Speaking while officiating at the opening of the Tanzania Society of Agricultural Education and Extension (TSAEE)'s 2021 Annual General Meeting and Conference, Ulega noted that the government was aware of the challenges extension officer and is working on how to end them.

The meeting brought together representative of extension officers in all regions in the mainland and Isles who came to share experiences, challenges facing and learn from each other.

He said there is still a lot of work to ensure farmers, livestock keepers and fishermen use the right technology in their activities and boost the sectors performance in national economy.

"It is important that you cooperate with farmers, livestock keepers and fishermen in effort to get the right information, use extension services as a way of spreading technology, educate and provide professional advice and get feedback use of technology" Ulega told the officers.

The deputy minister reminded them to plan their working schedules in such a way that results to better performance due to ability to reach the relevant people who

need extension services.

He added that the government through its research institutions continues discovering new technologies aimed at increasing productivity on commercial farming, livestock keeping and fisheries.

While acknowledging the importance of providing public education, training and awareness on use of technology, extension officers in the country have the big opportunity on this and the government is ready to have in place conducive environment for them to participate.

Early in her welcome remarks, TSAEE Chairperson, Prof Catherine Msuya noted that extension officers face several challenges; thus, the needs to convene such annual meeting where they share experiences and learn from each other.

She added that the organization is a platform where they share professional experiences and other matters affecting them as well as helping in improving policy issues.

According the chairperson, TSAEE cooperates with different stakeholders both locally and internationally working to improve extensions services in the country.

She observed that while the association which currently have 133 members have realized a lot of success, it is facing a big financial constrain.

Ipyana Mwakasaka, Programme Officer at the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA), one of the international organizations working close with TSAEE while speaking at the meeting said, "AGRA is committed to working with the government on agricultural transformation hence the cooperation to boost extension services".

By Guardian Correspondent, Monduli

## 17 cows die in contentious circumstances in Monduli

ARUSHA regional veterinarian has taken a total of 17 samples of cattle which died in controversial circumstances at Popo-Migungani A village in Mto wa Mbu area, Monduli district to determine the cause of the deaths.

Arusha region's livestock officer, Dr Sabas Shange, confirmed yesterday the deaths of the cattle, saying already the government had taken steps to institute examination to find out the cause of the deaths.

"Basically, we have done initial examination by establishing the cattle's history and taken the samples for in-depth investigation," said Dr Shange.

The incident has prompted

herders in the area to call on President Samia Suluhu Hassan to send a team of veterinary experts to the area to listen to their complaints as they have incurred big losses.

One of the herders whose cattle died, Baraka Komite, said in just 10 minutes while grazing, he saw the first cow jumping up and then fell to the ground, thinking it was bitten by a snake.

"We ran after it and held it, but as we were doing so another cow also suddenly jumped up and fell, followed by many others," said

Komite.

"Two weeks ago there was a cow that died from poison, but we did not know who gave the poison, even we herders are experts in knowing plants that kills livestock, hence when you tell us that there are poisonous plants that have killed the livestock is a thing that we cannot grasp, as such plants only grow during rainy seasons," he added.

Speaking on the issue, Popo Migungani A village chairman, John Sulle said at around 1:30 pm he received a report from some people

about the matter and when he arrived at the scene he found seven cattle were lying on the ground, they started giving them milk and water, while at the same time there was a heavy poisonous smell and immediately reported the matter to the police and other village leaders.

Monduli district commissioner, Frank Mwaishumbe who also arrived at the scene to console the keepers and told them to remain calm while experts were examining the samples to determine the deaths of the cattle.



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## CAMPAIGNERS CALL ON GOVERNMENT TO COMMIT TO DISABILITY RIGHTS ON INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

*Today, on International Day of Persons with Disabilities, campaigners are calling on the government of Tanzania to make lasting commitments to people with disabilities by attending the Global Disability Summit.*

The Summit, due to be held in February 2022 in Norway, aims to address the global needs of people with disabilities, and ensure they are integrated into policies, laws, and actions. It is the world's biggest gathering of people with disabilities, governments, international agencies, charities, and business leaders, and is a vital opportunity for governments and organisations to join efforts for the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).

The 'Equal World' campaign, run by NGO Sightsavers in partnership with Sense International and ADD International, is counting down to the pivotal event and appealing for the government to take advantage of the opportunity by attending and making strong commitments.

Sightsavers' Country Director for Tanzania, Godwin Kabalika, said, "We are calling on the government to attend the Global Disability Summit with high-level representation and kindly make ambitious, properly financed commitments that will result in real change. To achieve this, ministers must engage with people with disabilities and their representative organisations ahead of and during the summit."

He added, "Many people with disabilities around the world and in Tanzania face the daily denial of their human rights. The COVID-19 pandemic has increased this inequality, particularly for women and girls with disabilities."

Sense International's Country Director Naomi Lugoe said, "This will be a great opportunity for Tanzania to collectively review the progress of the previous commitments and make new strong and actionable commitments towards disability inclusion".

ADD's Country Director, Rose Tesha, emphasized that, "This will be a continuation of the implementation of the 2015 Sustainable Development Goals where Tanzania, among other countries, pledged to create an equal world where no one would be left behind. The involvement and high participation of people with disability in the process to come up with commitments amplifies the political commitments to leaving no one behind".



A person using a wheelchair to exit a building

In Tanzania, the three organisations are currently working with the government to support people with disabilities to "enjoy their inherent right to life on an equal basis with others".

The first Global Disability Summit in 2018 was a pivotal moment for disability rights globally, and a demonstration of political leadership, bringing attention to disability on the global stage.

Despite this progress, many of its commitments still need to be met and financed to ensure that the rights of people with disabilities, especially from marginalised groups, are protected and enforced worldwide.

Mr Kabalika said, "Next year's summit is an opportunity for the government to make their actions speak louder and commit to securing disability rights for Tanzanians. That is what our Equal World campaign is calling for. We look forward to working with the government – including the Prime Minister's

Office – Labour, Youth, Employment and Disability - to ensure the voices of people with disabilities are heard through consultations and workshops over the coming weeks and months counting down to this important Global Summit."

The Global Disability Summit will be held on February 15-17, 2022 and is hosted by the governments of Norway and Ghana, and the International Disability Alliance.

To join the Equal World campaign, sign their global petition and call for action on disability rights, please visit: [www.sightsavers.org/actionsspeaklouder](http://www.sightsavers.org/actionsspeaklouder)

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For information on the Equal World campaign and the Global Disability Summit, please visit [www.sightsavers.org/actionsspeaklouder](http://www.sightsavers.org/actionsspeaklouder)

Sightsavers' Equal World campaign is calling on governments and global organisations to:

- Ensure people with disabilities and their representative organisations are involved in the development of their countries' Global Disability Summit commitments.
- Show leadership and accountability by making ambitious, achievable and properly financed commitments at the summit to improve the lives of people with disabilities, with a focus on neglected areas, particularly the rights of women and girls.

### About Sightsavers

Sightsavers is an international organisation that works in more than more than 30 countries to prevent avoidable blindness and fight for the rights of people with disabilities. Our vision is of a world where no one is blind from avoidable causes, and where people with disabilities can participate equally in society. Sightsavers has been working in Tanzania since the 1970s.

Sightsavers fights for disability rights by campaigning for an equal world and amplifying the voices of people with disabilities; by influencing global and national development policy to be disability-inclusive; and by supporting people with disabilities and their representative organisations through our health and inclusion programmes.

Join our Equal World campaign for an end to disability discrimination  
[www.sightsavers.org/equalworld](http://www.sightsavers.org/equalworld)

### About Sense International

Sense International Tanzania is part of Sense International, a UK registered charity organization that supports people with deafblindness and other multiple disabilities across a range of, often resource poor, countries including India, Bangladesh, Kenya, Uganda, Peru, Nepal and Romania. Since 2008, Sense International Tanzania is implementing several projects in the areas of Sensory Screening and Early Intervention, Inclusive Education and Improving Livelihoods for people with deafblindness and multi-sensory impairments and their families.

People with deafblindness around the world are often excluded from education, healthcare, and work. As a result, many lead short and isolated lives.

With the right support, they can communicate, access quality education and healthcare, become independent and find a job. Rather than being excluded, they can thrive and live life to their full potential.

Sense International envisions a world in which all people with deafblindness and multiple disabilities can be equal and active members of society.

[www.senseinternational.org.uk/](http://www.senseinternational.org.uk/)

### About ADD International

ADD International is an ally to the global disability movement working to fight for independence, equality and opportunity for disabled people living in poverty in Africa and Asia. We partner with disability activists in Africa and Asia to help them access the resources and support they need to build powerful movements for change. ADD began working in Tanzania since 1997 envisioning a world where all disabled people are free from discrimination and have equal opportunities within an inclusive society.

Our work focuses on empowering disability activist to build powerful organisations that help disabled people achieve their full potential. We strengthen disability movement, and influence governments, international development organisations and the private sector to design policies and services on a local and global scale which consider disabled people and offer inclusive solutions.

[www.add.org.uk](http://www.add.org.uk)



## TPSF to large Tanzanian companies: Do not ignore small firms under EACOP

By Correspondent Theresia Victor

THE Tanzania Private Sector Foundation (TPSF) has urged large local companies which will be awarded various tenders in the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP), to collaborate and work with small, scale enterprises.

Briefing journalists during a press conference in Dar es Salaam on the resolutions agreed during the Tanzania-Uganda Oil and Gas symposium held in the commercial capital last week, TPSF chairperson Angelina Ngalula said it was better for the big companies to support small ones so as benefit from the project and stimulate economic development.

"For example, if a large company is awarded a tender to supply food to the project, then should create an agri-value chain for agri-processors and small farmers in the country," she said.

She said: "This is a very big project with a lot of opportunities and so it's important for large companies to work together with SMEs so that together can provide support needed till the completion of the project," she noted.

Ngalula however insisted that competence and quality are key to accessing the project opportunities in particular for SME, as most of them do not meet the project's standards and requirements; this is why they need to work together with certified companies so they can engage in the business.

"This project will pass through many villages and regions in the country. About 80 per cent of the construction of the pipeline will be conducted in Tanzania, as it will

be passing through the following regions - Kagera, Geita, Shinyanga, Tabora, Dodoma, Manyara and Tanga," she noted.

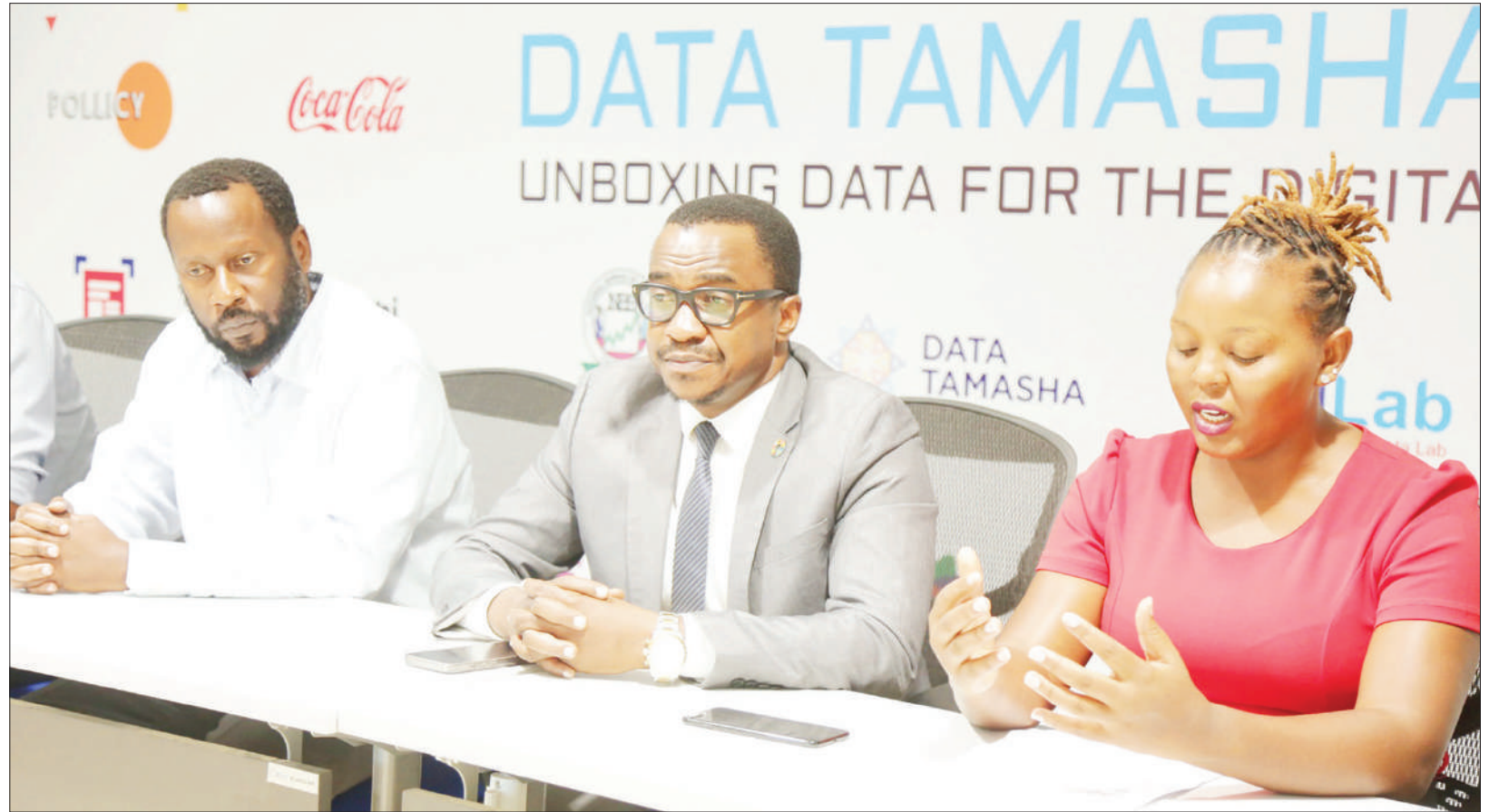
She further called on higher learning institutions to work together with the private sectors so as to ensure that students learn and acquire needed skills for the project, something that will enable them to engage and benefit well once graduated.

She further noted that access to affordable finance for SMEs is key to facilitate participation in available project opportunities and banks do not need much, just a guarantee that you're registered to serve in the project and will give you the loan needed.

Ngalula further noted that there are 13 areas that have been set aside for local companies in the country and since there enough number of SMEs they should join hand with few large companies that exist and already have ISO certification so that they can both share responsibilities and profit.

She further noted that TPSF and the Private Sector Foundation of Uganda (PSFU) will continue working in synergy so as to ensure that adequate training on Standards and Health, Safety and Environment Management (HSE) is adhered to.

"The Companies participating in this project and other future projects need to put emphasize and investments in ensuring they acquire necessary international certifications (ISO) required for this project, and we as apex bodies will ensure that we facilitate such trainings for the benefit of the private sector to be internationally competitive," she noted



Vodacom Tanzania communications manager Christina Murimi (R) briefs journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday on Data Festival 2021, which is expected to be held at the University of Dar es Salaam's Kijitonyama Campus (College of Information and Communications - CoICT) from Monday. Highlights will include deliberations on the importance of data in the digital economy. She is with Tanzania Data Lab (dLab) managing director Stephen Chacha (C) and Mwananchi Communications Ltd representative Mihayo Wilmore. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## JKCI and Z'bar sign agreement for treatment of heart patients

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

THE Zanzibar Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children has signed a contract agreement with Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute (JKCI) involving referring Zanzibar heart patients for treatment to the Institute.

Speaking soon after the signing event, Zanzibar Health Ministry's Permanent Secretary, Fatuma

Mrisho said the agreement will benefit the people as it would help them get heart treatment at affordable costs.

She said the JKCI has enabled the Zanzibar government to spend less money in heart treatment compared to sending the patients outside the country.

She said her government will continue to have in place robust strategies to make sure all costs

incurred by patients at JKCI are paid.

For his part, JKCI director Prof Janabi said a total of 200 patients from Zanzibar were referred to JKCI for treatment whereby 31 underwent surgery, and no one lost his/her life.

He said the Zanzibar government's decision to refer heart patients to the Institute has to a great extent reduced treatment expenses compared to treatment abroad.

He explained that JKCI has plans

to bring its specialists in Zanzibar to conduct initial examination to heart patients before being referred for further treatment.

He said JKCI was ready to continue cooperation with the Zanzibar Mnazi Mmoja referral hospital to make sure people get treatment within the country.

For his part, Mnazi Mmoja hospital managing director Marijani Msafiri said there was the need for installing infrastructures to enable the Hospital to have a heart treatment unit.

However, he said still close cooperation is needed between his hospital and JKCI to enable patients get fast treatment.

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

AS part of the national commemorations of World AIDS Day in Mbeya this year, Geita Gold Mining Limited (GGML) has contributed over 84m/- to support government initiatives to fight against HIV/Aids.

Geita Gold Mining Limited and TACAIDS, under the umbrella of the Kilimanjaro Challenge, are playing a pioneering role in raising awareness of the HIV and AIDS pandemic and look forward to the day when Tanzania is declared a Zero HIV and AIDS infection in the region.

Speaking at the World AIDS Day commemorations in Mbeya, GGML Vice President for Sustainability, Simon Shayo said this year's theme

## Mining firm supports govt move to combat HIV/AIDS

"End inequalities. End AIDS, End Pandemics" is very key for the Geita community and Tanzania at large.

He said GGML Kili Challenge is a full on private sector initiative that has been supporting the government for over 20 years.

"The initiative through our grantees remains deeply committed to achieving epidemic control of HIV through the provision of equitable, person-centered services that respect the dignity and rights of all those who put their trust in us, particularly the most vulnerable.

"We urge the private sector in Tanzania to join hands with GGML and support the Aids Trust Fund so that the fight against HIV and AIDS in Tanzania can be sustainable. Without bold action against inequalities, the world risks missing the targets to end AIDS by 2030," he said.

As a responsible corporate citizen, GGML has also organized a voluntary HIV testing campaign for two weeks targeting 80% of its 5000 workers, both direct employees and contractors.

Shayo added that positive social and economic development of our

region and country is a result of a healthy community.

"GGML is a company that values its greatest asset, its people. GGML believes that proper investment in employees' health will result in a healthy workforce and optimize productivity and business performance," said the Company's Vice President (Sustainability), Simon Shayo.

He said from 1st - 14th Dec 2021, GGML has invited a total of 15 HIV trained counsellors from the government and private hospitals to conduct HIV Voluntary Testing across the Mine site.

"With over 5,000 direct employees and contractors, GGML represents a significant portion of the Geita Township community whom, if well equipped with HIV and AIDS knowledge, will be a positive influence among the Geita community.

AngloGold Ashanti - Geita Gold Mining Limited's interventions to support the health and wellbeing of employees have been strengthened with a focus on education, information and awareness on preventive measures as well as ensuring access to early diagnosis and good quality treatment.

The GGML Kilimanjaro Challenge against HIV/AIDS was launched over 20 years ago with the aim of raising awareness of the pandemic and providing financial support for HIV and AIDS initiatives.

Since then, over 800 people from different parts of the world have participated. The Kilimanjaro Challenge has evolved into a multinational partnership involving domestic and foreign companies and individuals from around the world raising over 1.3bn/- since 2018 for HIV prevention, care and treatment projects across the country.

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### CALL FOR BIDS

#### Analysis for supporting the upgrading of training facilities and capacity for Tabora Beekeeping Training Institute

The Beekeeping Value Chain Support (BEVAC) project is inviting bids from suitably qualified consulting firms/person to conduct an analysis for supporting the upgrading of training facilities and capacity for Tabora Beekeeping Training Institute. The EU, under the 11th EDF National Indicative Programme for Tanzania, is financing the Action to support the enhancement of the beekeeping industry's contribution to inclusive economic growth in Tanzania. The action, hereafter referred to as the Beekeeping Value Chain Support (BEVAC) project, will improve the beekeeping value chain through enhanced quality production, value addition of bee products and strengthen trade and market access to local, regional, and international markets. Under one of its result areas, Enabel is now looking for consultants to conduct an Analysis for supporting the upgrading of training facilities and capacity for Tabora Beekeeping Training Institute.

#### Service contracts

There is one lot to this public service contract: conduct an Analysis for supporting the upgrading of training facilities and capacity for Tabora Beekeeping Training Institute.

Interested companies can access more information and bid documents of these contracts at: <https://btctanzania.wordpress.com/>.

For any additional information contact the Intervention Manager of Enabel - Belgian Development Agency on (+255) 767 352 880 during working hours only.



Residents of Nyamongo village in Tarime District pictured at Nyangoto Secondary School grounds yesterday waiting for their turns to undergo health screening under an initiative being implemented by the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children with sponsorship from Barrick North Mara goldmine. Photo: Guardian Correspondent





Jean-Francois Schoepp (L), TotalEnergies Marketing Tanzania Limited's managing director, pictured in Dar es Salaam late last week presenting motivational awards to the firm's best workers in marking this year's edition of Customer Service Week. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## T-MARC Tanzania joins the world in commemorating World Aids Day

By Guardian Reporter

T-MARC Tanzania has vowed that it will continue working closely with the government in addressing critical gaps in HIV/AIDS response through the use of innovative approaches to reach out to all people particularly the underserved ones.

The organisation proved its worth in the fight against the epidemic during a one-week exhibition that started on November 24 to December 1, this year.

During the week-long exhibition, T-MARC enabled visitors and guests to access quality but affordable products, an act that has been received by Tanzanians with gratitude since funds accrued from the sales is rolled back towards communal projects.

In a statement availed to the media, T-MARC said the organization understands the government of Tanzania's HIV/AIDS priorities as well as the key challenges to be addressed among its target audiences.

In their kiosk, T-MARC was providing Dume condom and sanitary pads besides training all stakeholders on how to use and store the products till it gets to the consumer.

For Tanzania's generalized HIV epidemic, the primary mode of transmission is through heterosexual activity, which accounts for 80 percent of all HIV infections.

"T-MARC works on a wide range of HIV/AIDS activities, ranging from male and female condom promotion, targeted social and behavior change (SBC) activities for most-at-risk populations, training of peer educators on condom negotiation and correct condom use, and promotion of HIV testing and treatment services."

Over the past 14 years T-MARC has been promoting access to, correct and consistent use of quality and affordably priced condoms through Dume male, T-MARC's Dume male condom initiative comprising three variants, Dume Classic condoms, Dume Desire condoms and Dume

Extreme condoms, target people from different age and socio-economic groups with special focus on youth and most at risk population.

The organization has sold and distributed about 60 million male condoms during the past five years.

The statement noted that T-MARC Tanzania is one of the key partners of the Tanzanian government and international donors and implementing partners, working closely to achieve Tanzania's vision of "End inequalities, End AIDS, End epidemics."

T-MARC is a locally managed, non-governmental organization with strong local and international partnerships based on programs that ensure accessible, affordable, and quality health related services and products among communities. The organization operates on both the Tanzania Mainland and Zanzibar. T-MARC is mandated to make sustainable health and social impact on the lives of Tanzanians through the application of core competencies in social marketing, communication, project management and partnership. Envisioned to be the Centre of Excellence for sustainable health development with capacity to overcome obstacles for the wellbeing of communities in Tanzania.

The organization deploys bold and innovative approaches to expanding access to health products as well as informing and changing health behaviours. T-MARC successfully expanded its health portfolio to work on a wide range of health issues, including HIV/AIDS, TB, reproductive health, family planning, nutrition, Malaria, and water and sanitation. T-MARC's core focus is social marketing, social and behavior change communication, while expanding beyond HIV/AIDS and reproductive health to address new health and development priorities, including child survival, malaria, nutrition, and water and sanitation, and girl's empowerment.

## Nzunda counsels health experts to adhere to professional ethics

By Guardian Reporter, Mbeya

PERMANENT Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office, responsible for Policy, Coordination, Parliamentary Affairs, Labour, Employment, Youth and People with Disability, Tixon Nzunda has challenged health experts to adhere professionalism ethics when conducting impairment assessment of occupational accident and diseases.

Nzunda made the statement in Mbeya Region yesterday when opening a five days training on impairment assessment of occupational accident and diseases to over 100 doctors and health care workers from Katavi, Rukwa, Songwe, Mbeya, Ruvuma, Njombe and Iringa regions.

"You must ensure professionalism and work in accordance with your ethics when executing your duties," he said.

The PS said any slight error made during the assessment exercise would affect people's lives as well as the country's economy.

Nzunda said the government's aim to establish the Workers Compensation Fund (WCF) was geared at ensuring that all employees getting injured in the course of their work are compensated accordingly.

WCF Director General, Dr John Mduma said the fund relay on assessments conducted by doctors and health workers to fairly compensate injured employees.

"We insist on professionalism because we want efficiency and fast results; we rely on health care workers scattered across the country to conduct our assessments as we don't have our own doctors," stated the DG, noting the fund has been recording better performance due to professionalism and regular capacity building training to its staff

and health experts .

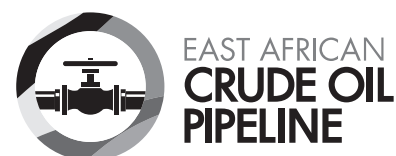
"There are guidelines for health experts to ensure their assessment reports are reliable and trusted. We use the guidelines to ensure consistency even when assessment is conducted by different experts," he added.

Dr Mzima thanked the Prime Minister's Office and the government for working closely with the fund and make sure it continues to provide services to Tanzanians.

WCF was established under the Workers' Compensation Act No 20 of 2008 which requires companies to register and pay employee contributions.

The Act applies to employees from both the private and government sector. It provides compensation for employees injured or incapacitated in the workplace.

WCF provides various types of compensation including medical treatment to injured workers, maintenance services and counseling to injured personnel with permanent disabilities. The fund also pays a certain amount of money to a person who is taking care of an injured worker upon approval from doctors.



### REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR THE PROVISION OF SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION (INCLUDING END USER TRAINING), OF AN ONLINE LOCAL CONTENT REPORTING PLATFORM (LCRP). REFERENCE: 0010007310

TotalEnergies East Africa Midstream B.V. (Company) Tanzania, an Oil and Gas company, requires the services of a company or organisation with proven experience of successfully developing, installing, and training the end users with a subsequent help-desk service of and for a cloud-based Local Content Reporting Platform (LCRP) for the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Project.

The EACOP Project involves the construction and operation of a buried, cross-border pipeline to transport crude oil from the Lake Albert area in Uganda to the eastern coast of Tanzania for export to international markets. The pipeline will run from Kaabale in Hoima District, Uganda, to Chongoleani, Tanga Region, in Tanzania. The length of the pipeline is 1,443 kilometres (km), of which 1,147 km will be in Tanzania.

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SCOPE OF WORK:

EACOP requires the services of a suitably experienced and reputable company or organisation to develop, install and commission a fit-for-purpose, LCRP that satisfies the following key requirements:

- Operate in the cloud and be able to restrict access to selected functions only to suppliers and organisations holding EACOP issued and controlled passwords.
- Support the registration of local vendors in Uganda and Tanzania to enable the automatic notification of Expressions of Interest (EOI).
- Enable suppliers to report local / national content achievements and performance on discrete password protected input forms that enable EACOP to view each supplier's input status, against reporting deadlines.
- Ability to analyse vendor, supplier, local / national content data and create reports compliant with the requirements of the Tanzanian and Ugandan authorities and analyse trends against local / national targets.
- Vendors are encouraged to outline any existing or potential additional functional abilities of the application that enhance its usefulness to EACOP, and its ability to build capacity in local / national vendors and suppliers.
- End user training programmes delivered either face-to-face or within the application to EACOP, vendors and suppliers supported by a multi-lingual helpdesk service.

#### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- Companies or organizations expressing their interest are required to submit documentation of their:
  - Extensive performance record of, and capacity to develop and install/commission a fit-for-purpose, cloud-based computer application; train end users and maintain a multi-lingual (preferably Swahili and English) helpdesk accessible to Tanzania and Uganda, in compliance with all relevant national and international Standards.
  - Key suitably qualified and experienced personnel able to understand EACOP's needs in relation to Tanzania and Uganda local/national content legislations and regulations and develop the computer application.
  - Compliance with either Tanzania or Uganda minimum local content requirements including application for registration with the EVVURA Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database in Tanzania at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended, or Proof of registration with the National Supplier Database (NSD) in Uganda at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is mandatory.
  - Compliance with Local/National Content Regulations, in Tanzania/Uganda.
  - Evidence of organization GHSE policy, procedure, and process in compliance with applicable Local and Industry standards for similar works.
  - Appropriate licensing from relevant in-country authorities in Tanzania/Uganda for the provision of the services.
  - Proof of registration with the Tanzania/Ugandan Revenue Authorities and Tax Clearance Certificates for the latest year.

Interested companies with the capacity to provide the services listed above should express their interest in English language by sending the above documents to [ecop-tz.eoi.1000001@totalenergies.com](mailto:ecop-tz.eoi.1000001@totalenergies.com) (not exceeding 20Mbs) on or before 17:00 hours East African Time (EAT), on 23<sup>rd</sup>, December 2021. Email subject should be 0010007310.

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



### INVITATION FOR PREQUALIFICATION – CURRENT AND POTENTIAL SUPPLIERS/SERVICE PROVIDERS

The Madrasa Early Childhood Programme – Zanzibar (MECP-Z), is an Early Childhood Development (ECD) organization supported by the Aga Khan Foundation (AKF). MECP-Z has been implementing ECD programs in Zanzibar since 1996. MECP-Z received full registration as a pre-primary Teacher Training Institute and has been recently working with local partners in the areas of Human Rights and Advocacy for people with disabilities and Inclusive Education and Comparative Early Childhood Education.

MECP-Z intends to draw up a new preferred suppliers/service providers list to ensure that we get the best possible supply rates, quality discounts, payment terms and efficiency. It is also our intention to deal with compliant companies/individuals who adhere to internationally accepted corporate governance guidelines. If you wish to be considered, please apply on your company letter head.

#### Scope of Work

MECP-Z invites application from qualified and competent firms/individuals for the purpose of pre-qualifying suppliers for goods, services and works for the year 2022 - 2024

S/N	SERVICE CATERGORY
1	Stationeries and office supplies
2	Teaching materials and teachers' resources
3	Restaurant – Catering services (Unguja)
4	Restaurant – Catering services (Pemba)
5	Printing (books, periodicals, posters, etc.)
6	Hotel Accommodations in Zanzibar, Dar –es- salaam, Mtwara, Lindi and Pemba.
7	Travel agency – Air Tickets
8	Freight/currier services
9	Tours/car hire/taxis
10	Office equipment and furniture
11	Vehicle Fuel
13	Vehicle maintenance and repair
14	Electric equipment repair (Unguja)
15	Electric equipment repair (Pemba)
16	Car Parts and tire supplies
17	Meeting and Conference Halls in Zanzibar and Pemba
18	Drinking water and office refreshments
19	Illustration and cartoon designs
20	Premises maintenance (water, electricity, painting etc)
21	Vehicle insurance
22	Security Service (Unguja and Pemba)
23	Internet service Unguja and Pemba
24	Children books
25	Computers, Printers, Projectors, Mobile phones, Tablets, and other IT equipments
26	Other Supplies/Services that of an interest (Please specify)

#### Suppliers Specification.

VAT registration, TIN No., Brief company profile, copy of Certificate of Incorporation, specified category of service/product dealt in, list of previous customers and referees, banker's details and functional bank numbers, and declaration of conflict of interest.

#### How to apply

Interested applicants are requested to submit their applications including contacts details before the close of business (04:30 pm) on 10th Dec 2021 to the Procurement Committee, Madrasa Early childhood Programme – Zanzibar, Kiponda Street. P.O. Box 3716, Zanzibar, Tanzania, or E mail: [info.mecpz@akdn.org](mailto:info.mecpz@akdn.org)





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CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT

## PUBLIC NOTICE

## SHORTLISTED APPLICANTS FOR CUSTOMS AGENCY LICENSE FOR THE YEAR 2022

Following our earlier Public Notice inviting applications for Customs Agency Licenses for the year 2022, we hereby inform the applicants and the general public that after screening the applications, the following applicants have been shortlisted and are hereby invited for a written interview. The interview will be conducted on 18th December, 2021 at the Institute of Tax Administration (ITA), Mikochei Industrial Area, Dar-es-salaam.

S/NO	COMPANY NAME	INTERVIEWEE NAME
1	2021 AZTEC LIMITED	KIBASO SYPRIAN MARWA
2	21 SHIVALI LOGISTICS LTD	MR NEMES RODRICK FIDELIS
3	ABGRAYNE COMPANY LTD	AMOS MTAYA MANTA
4	ADITECK LOGISTICS COMPANY LTD	SABRINA OMARY IDDI
5	AFFORDABLE TANZANIA CO LTD	JOHANNES ADREW ALEXANDER
6	AFRITOP LOGISTICS CO LTD	ROSEMARY SHAWA
7	AISHANAIZ INTERNATIONAL LIMITED	AMAN IDD
8	AKEMO'S INVESTMENT COMPANY LT	GETRUDA BONIVENTURE
9	ALLAHKAREEM LOGISTICS COMPANY LTD	AMIDA ALLY
10	ALSAF CARGO LIMITED	ALLY ADUDA ODINDO
11	ARCTIC LOGISTICS (T) LTD	THOMAS JUDAS KIDANDO
12	BAHDA CLEARING AND FORWARDING SERVICES COMPANY LIM	ESSAU MWATONDO
13	BALDWIN FREIGHT LTD	FREDRICK ALPHONCE MKAMI
14	BAMALICIOUS	ZEITUNI DAUDI MAVURA
15	BAMBI TRUST COMPANY LTD	MWINYI VUTO KAIMA
16	BEJEM LOGISTICS CO LTD	FREDY EMMANUEL FARDY
17	BENCHMARK LOGISTICS LT	LAKI CHUO LAKI
18	BIZMANIA COMPANY LTD	IBRAHIM ATHUMAN HAMSINI
19	BLIGA LOGISTICS CO LTD	GEORGE MARTINE MACHONCHORYO
20	BLUE OBIT COMPANY LIMITED	EMMANUEL PAUL KAMUKULU
21	BLUE OCEAN LOGISTICS LTD	CAROLINE HENRY KABOGO
22	BMM OPTIMUM TANZANIA LTD	EMMANUEL RABIEL URONU
23	BOUQUET COMPANY LTD	IRENE GODFREY MAKATA
24	BRICARGO LIMITED	ZACHARIA DENNIS MUSOMI
25	BRIDMO LOGISTIC LTD	LADISLAUS JOSEPH MTEI
26	BTS CLEARING AND FORWARDING CO LTD	ANNAMARIA POLYCARP MAPUNDA
27	BYANGU LOGISTICS COMPANY LTD	EBENEZA WISHES OLOTU
28	CANOPLIES COMPANY LTD	DAUDI PAULO MASANO
29	CAPYBARA LOGISTICS LTD	ANNA Z. MNDIMA
30	CATHALYA AFRICA LTD	ZAKAYO ZABRON MPEFO
31	CETIAM INVESTMENT GROUP (T) LIMITED	JENIFER BISSANI
32	CHARIS FM FREIGHTS LTD	DEOGRATIUS M. LUCAS
33	CHARITY KWANZA CO LIMITED	ELIKANA HEZRON
34	CHEMON COURIERS AND LOGISTICS LTD	SANURA S. OMARY
35	CHIBUMAGWA TANZANIA LTD	CARTAS ANDREW KAKAMA
36	CHICKWAYS FREIGHT AND LOGISTICS LTD	AMAN IDD
37	CHOUETTE COMPANY LTD	MBARAKA G. SWALEHE
38	CHUCHI FREIGHT LTD	WILLIAM SIRI MALAI
39	CINERWORLD LOGISTIC COMPANY LIMITED	DIANA PHARES
40	COAST CAPE CO LTD	FAINESS GADIEL MOSI
41	COASTAL SERVICE CO. LTD	GODFREY EGBERT
42	CONTENT LOGISTICS CO. LTD	BAKARI MOHAMED ALLY
43	DAR GATE LOGISTICS LTD	DENNIS CHARLES MADINDA
44	DARIMPREX (T) LTD	LOTHNSANGALUFU
45	DATTSON LOGISTICS COMPANY LIMITED	KURUTHUMU A. BALILA
46	DDS FREIGHT FORWAEDERS LTD	JOACHIM PASCAL CHUWA
47	DELVINA F&F COMPANY LTD	RODGERS LOTHY MZAVA
48	DEWA TRADING AND LOGISTICS	JOHN NAMBONA
49	DFCG INTERNATIONAL LTD	ABDALA BISEKO MASSAMI
50	DIAMOND LIGHT COMPANY LTD	ALMAS NURU MSANO
51	DREMAC CLERING AND FORWARDING CO LTD	EMMANUEL SAMWEL SHULA
52	E&E CONSORTIUM LIMITED	EMMANUEL FRANCIS MATEMU
53	E4S LOGISTICS COMPANY LTD	ALLEN ROGATHE LEMA
54	EASTOCEAN LOGISTIC LTD	SAUMU A.MMANGA
55	EBS LOGISTICS COMPANY LIMITED	ABEID MUSA MWANGUFYA
56	EHIN GROUP LOGISTICS LTD	SALUM KYENDO
57	EJ'S SOLUTIONS LIMITED	REHEMA A MBONDE
58	ELHEKIMA REIGHT CO LTD	ALEX L MPONELA
59	ELPOWER LOGISTICS CO LTD	GERALD G. MASSAWE
60	EMJEY GENERAL COMPANY LTD	NASIR MOHAMED SEIF
61	ENCHANTE COMPANY LTD	MOHAMED AYUBU MOHAMED
62	ESSENTIAL GROUP LIMITED	JOEL STANLEY KAMOGA
63	ESTIC LOGISTICS LIMITED	GOODLUCK A. MUSSA
64	EXELTED	BRENDA EXAUD MBISE
65	F&Y CONSULTANT LTD	JOEL PRAYGOD MAZEWE
66	FAST DELIVERY COMPANY LTD	AMANI JUMANNE AMANI
67	FAT LOGISTIC LTD	FARIDA ABDALLAH MOHAMMED
68	FERO GROUP COMPANY	WILLIAM S. YOHANA
69	FLAGS GENERAL CO LTD	ABEID M. MWANGUFYA
70	FOSTEREMY CLEARING AND FORWARDING AGENCY	JUDITH MUTETERIFRUGENCE
71	FREESTAR HOLDINGS & LOGISTICS LTD	NELSON KASERWA
72	FR-STAR COMPANY LIMITED	REHEMA FABIAN

73	FSG TANZANIA COMPANY LIMITED	JOHN KAIJAGE KAMALA
74	GALACTICOS INVESTMENT LTD	JANETH EMMANUEL KABULA
75	GARAMANGA COMPANY LIMITED	FLORIAN DANIEL MBWILO
76	GASAJO C&F COMPANY LIMITED	ALLEN B.SHEKILANGO
77	GEOFAY COMPANY LTD	DEUSDEDITH PETER MASSUE
78	GHANA CLEARING AND FORWAEDING LTD	THERESIA NOBO
79	GIFT FREIGHT LTD	NURDIN MANG'ANA
80	GNK ENTERPRISES AND LOGISTIC COMPANY LTD	KELVIN ELIAH MWANSULE
81	GODWILL 2021 LOGISTICS AND MANAGEMENT	SHABIRI M. MANG'URO
82	GRATIUS LOGISTICS COMPANY LTD	ALLY MOHAMED
83	GREEN RIVER CLEARING & FORWARDING LTD	ERICK SIMON MOLLEL
84	GULDRUCKY TANZANIA LTD	GRATIAN PAUL KATANGA
85	GWALU LOGISTICS COMPANY LTD	BENSON KENNEDY TOWO
86	HAFASH FREIGHT FORWARDERS LIMITED	NASSIR MOHAMED SAIF
87	HAVO LOGISTICS CO LTD	WILLIAM GEORGE MASSAWE
88	HAZI FREIGHT COMPANY LTD	MR SALEHE ALLY MKUNGU
89	HL&E CLEARING AND FREIGHT FORWARDING AGENT COMPANY LIMITED	DAVID KAPELLA
90	HOPE FORTRESS CARGO SERVICES CO LIMITED	ESTHER LUKONGO
91	HT INVESTMENT LIMITED	EDITHA SYLVESTER BAYONA
92	IDIA TRADERS AND LOGISTIC CO LTD	IBRAHIM ATHUMAN HAMSINI
93	IKONDA LOGISTICS LTD	ZUBERI HAMIS
94	IME EXPRESS FORWARDING LTD	DEMETRIA PETER
95	INSTANT LOGISTICS CO LTD	YUSTI PASCHAL ASSENGA
96	INTEGER INTRA TRADERS LIMITED	ULRICH RAYMOND MWINYIECHI
97	INTERCOM TRANSPORT&LOGISTICS CO LTD	ADRESS GERALD KIMALILA
98	J&I CLEARING & FORWARDING	GIDEON J.SINKONDE
99	JAC'S EXPEDITING LTD	PETER NICODEMUS KALASA
100	JAILOGY LOGISTICS COMPANY LTD	VICENT SAMWEL SHULA
101	JIRVIN LOGISTICS CAMPANY LIMITED	THEO PISTER MOMBEEK
102	JNZ EXPRESS LOGISTICS LTD	BAHATI DANIEL
103	JOBE LOGISTIC TANZANIA LTD	JOSEPH ALBIN MALAI
104	JOLITO COMPANY LIMITED	PAUL M. BUBERWA
105	JOMBAR AND SON'S CO LTD	MUHAMMAD MWINYI HASSAN
106	JORDAN FREIGHT AND LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT LTD	LAVIAN GERYSON
107	JUDIAL HOLDINGS CO LTD	ZUBERI MZEE MTAMA
108	KALIMBA EPORT AND LOGISTICS COMPANY LTD	GODFREY JOSEPH NDANU
109	KANDO COMPANY LTD	SARAFINA E.MWALONGO
110	KEDOA FREIGHT LTD	UPENDO Y. MJEMA
111	KEFA STAR COMPANY LTD	MAGRETH DAMIAN KISSIMA
112	KENTANUGA LOGISTICS LIMITED	SELEMANI INNALTWAHADY GAMBA
113	KEYLINE GLOBAL LIMITED	ABRAHAM MAFURUNJA
114	KEZON LIMITED	MUSSA NELSON
115	KIKWATA EAST AFRICAN COMPANY LTD	JOHN ANDREW MWAIPELA
116	KILELE LOGISTICS CO LTD	SCOLASTICA EDWIN MPANYU
117	KLUTE CLEARIN AND FORWAEDING LTD	HAMISI ATHUMAN MPUNGA
118	KREHLINK COMPANY LTD	AUGUSTINO SAMKY ALEX
119	LAKE ZONE GROUP (T) LTD	EDDIE BILL OMAR
120	LOKAGE CLEARING AND FOWARDERS CO LTD	MR DADY GODFREY
121	LOQUACIOUS	MARYGORETH JOSEPH SSITA
122	LTNM LOGISTICS GROUP LTD	GOODLUCK G. MIKIMBA
123	LUNAZ BUSINESS COMPANY LIMITED	JORAM JOSIAH MUSHAILIZI
124	LUTNA TRADING CO LTD	DONASIANI MRAMBA BLASI
125	MAHINDO CO LTD	MOHAMED JUMA NGWALI
126	MAMUSE MKS FREIGHT LINE LTD	MASAIID ABRAHAMU NYARI
127	MAREE SJR COMPANY LIMITED	HEDAYA MBAROUK NYANGE
128	MASHMOW LOGISTIC COMPANY LIMITED	EVANCE ODONGO NGERE
129	MECKBUGUZY LOGISTICS COMPANY LTD	MOHAMED HASHIM
130	MEGIDO TRADING COMPANY LTD	VICENT VALERY SWAI
131	MENTEX LOGISTICS LIMITED	KIBASO CYPRIAN MARWA
132	MGOSI FORWARDERS LTD	DOMINIKI O. KAZENI
133	MIGHTY LOGISTICS LIMITED	RAMADHANI ZUBERI ABDALLAH
134	MJM MERCHANTS LIMITED	MWANAHARUSI R. KIGODA
135	MKAMILO INVESTMENT CO LTD	IDDY ABDUL MAYOSA
136	MKUNGUNI COMPANY LIMITED	RAPHAEL ANTHONY
137	MKWAWA LOGISTICS AND CONSTRUCTION	YUSRA MAKAME HAJI
138	MNAYOPE CARGO CLEARING COMPANY	HERMAN HASHIM
139	MORAN LOGISTICS (T) COMPANY LIMITED	EMMANUEL NGASA
140	MORONAI CLEARING AND FORWARDING CO LTD	MOHAMED RAMADHANI
141	MSARANGA CARGO FREIGHTY & FORWADERS	PETER TUMAINI
142	MSK MOVERS COMPANY LTD	EMMANUEL K. KIWELE
143	MULTIPACK COMMODITIES COMPANY LTD	BRANDON JULIUS MATARA
144	MUSMOHA COMPANY LTD	JAMES PAUL NTELYA
145	MWAFUMO INTERNATIONAL COMPANY LTD	TALLE SAMWELI NDAYUGA
146	MWANCELELE CO LTD	MS. MWANTUMU L KOMBO
147	MWETENI ING COMPANY LTD	NAMANI E KARABWE
148	MZADA FREIGHT COMPANY LTD	ENRY JOHN MISANGO
149	NAKWEDE LOGISTICS COMPANY LTD	IBRAHIM SAID BUSHIRI
150	NEW DOUBLE OCEAN LOGISTICS LTD	JOAN ALBERT LEMA
151	NEXTLINE CO LTD	DANIEL D. MNALI
152	NGOTWIKE CO LTD	INOCENT K. GERVAE
153	NGULOH JR INVETMENT LIMITED	GEOFFREY ROMAN SHIRIMA
154	NJERAH LOGISTICS LTD	ANJELA PAKOMI CHIWEKA



# PWC empowers women in Ngorongoro with 168 sheep

By Guardian Correspondent, Ngorongoro

A women-led community-based organisation (CBO)—Pastoral Women Council (PWC) has provided 168 sheep to members of women's rights councils in Ngorongoro District to encourage them to continue helping the community.

Speaking yesterday during a handover in Mondoros village, Soitsambu Ward, PWC project co-ordinator, Timothy Ole Yaili said the sheep were divided into seven women's groups.

He said the aim is to motivate them so that they can continue to help their community members as they have been providing education.

"These sheep are part of the 528 sheep worth 63m/- for these women's rights councils in Longido and Ngorongoro districts," he said.

According to Ole Yaili, in pastoralist communities women have been abused and that's why PWC saw the need to have a social council that would help the community where they have previously been empowered and that in each council there are 24 members out of 20 women and four men.

"Through these herds, every member of the council has given an

ewe that will be able to breed more sheep, and that's why we decided to motivate them as since councils were established in 2019, they've helped to reduce violence including child marriage," the official said.

Through the councils, women have acquired various rights including land ownership which previously were not able to own land due to traditions and customs, he said.

The three-year project from 2019, the councils, have also enabled women in Longido and Ngorongoro districts to come up with the Village Community Banking (VICOBA), where so far there are more than 400 groups and each was given a start-up capital of 1m/-.

For her part, one of the councilors from Oloipiri village, Maria Samora, said the education they were given had liberated many women including recognizing their rights, including land tenure.

She said in that society it seemed that a girl child did not have the right to go to school and instead they had boys and that due to the education they received and provided to their fellow community members now girls have the right to education.

Maria said due to the patriarchal

system that oppressed women in the community they were not listened to by men in the pastoralist community and that now the situation has begun to change after men were involved in their councils.

"We have been helping the community where it has now become more aware especially when a girl wants to be dropped off and married, the community rushes to report to the council and we help those children not to get married prematurely," she said.

Nairoshi Ngoitiko said the councils have helped them to grow economically where they have been able to start savings groups and borrow money so it has helped them to start businesses and various projects.

"When we share profits in the banks, we teach women to start projects where some buy livestock, others cultivate so it helps them grow economically," she said.

Earlier, Ngorongoro District Administrative Secretary, Lemuel Kileo, commended the stakeholders for implementing various projects in the district and that through the livestock they provided to the delegates will help them become more independent.



Tixon Nzunda, Permanent Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office (Policy, Coordination, Parliamentary Affairs, Labour, Employment, Youth and People with Disabilities), pictured in Mbeya city on Monday opening five-day training on impairment assessment of occupational accidents and diseases. Organised by the Workers Compensation Fund (WCF), it was meant for medical practitioners from six regions in the Northern Highlands zone. Right is WCF director general Dr John Mduma. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# Save the Children Fund welcomes govt's decision to allow girls to resume classes

By Guardian Reporter

SAVE the Children Fund has welcomed and applauded the government's decision to allow adolescent girls who dropped out of school to resume their studies.

The Save the Children Fund, commonly known as Save the Children, was established in the United Kingdom in 1919 to improve the lives of children through better education, health care, and economic opportunities, as well as providing emergency aid in natural disasters, war, and other conflicts.

Save the Children country director, Bester Mulauzi said the decision has come at a time when inclusive and equitable quality education is needed for both girls and boys.

In a statement availed to the media, Mulauzi said: "Girls across Tanzania face many barriers in accessing quality education due to several challenges, among those being teenage pregnancies, early and forced child marriage which in turn deprive them of their right to education."

He said Save the Children applauds the government for directing that those returning to school are provided with psychosocial support and reiterates support towards ensuring girls not only have access to education but thrive and achieve their dreams".

Save the Children has been providing support to children across

the world for over 100 years, through a combination of development and humanitarian programmes. Save the Children aims to ensure that all children survive, learn and are protected and advocates for greater investment of public and private resources for children.

Recently, when addressing a press conference, Minister for Education, Science and Technology, Prof Joyce Ndalichako said: "The government has decided that all students

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dropping out of school for various reasons will get the opportunity to return to school. This will include girls who have dropped out due to pregnancies while in primary or secondary school. The girls will be allowed to continue with their studies through the formal education system after delivery."

According to the government Notice on Education No. 2 of 2021 issued just after the minister's remark, girls are now allowed to return to schools within a window of two years from the time they dropped out of school after falling pregnant and that school head teachers are required to create a good environment for these girls by ensuring that they get psychological and counselling support to cope with the studying environment.

The statement recognizes those students dropping out of school for other reasons and wish to come back to school as well. "In order to ensure all children are continuing to get education as their basic right, through this notice, the government gives an opportunity for students dropping out of school for various reasons to return to the formal education system. This opportunity is inclusive of girls who have dropped out of school due to pregnancy who will now be allowed to return to the formal education to complete their education cycle" stated the government Notice issued by the Commissioner for Education on behalf of the Ministry.

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## Poverty hinders battle against fake medicines

OFFICIALS of the Tanzania Medical Drugs Agency (TMDA) in the Southern Highlands are reported to have laboured on the difficulties they face in controlling the influx of low cost unauthorised drugs which find their way into the market from neighbouring countries. Efforts to curb the flow of such drugs across the borders is unlikely to succeed, as police in the northern border regions of Tanga, Kilimanjaro and Arusha have problems battling car thefts driven across the border. Slapping heavy fines on those found with unauthorised drugs on shelves risks destabilizing medical drugs retail trade, and villagers need them.

These issues were discussed in an awareness seminar on fake drugs for district medical drugs inspectors in Njombe region, focusing on removing such medicines from the shelves. It isn't just drugs but laboratory reagents of various sorts, as hospitals and suppliers depend on retail trade, not having direct access to the Medical Stores Department (MSD) to procure directly from these sources. And even then there would still be a number of challenges to be resolved, chiefly of cheaper, usable medicine being sold.

The problem with the campaign against fake or unapproved drugs is that on the one hand there are really objectionable supplies found on shelves, at times nearing their dates of expiry, if not worse. But the wider issue is the sourcing, that authorities wish for the sale of approved medical drugs produced

in the country as we already have attained some reputation regionally in relation to that field. Buyers however do all they can to find a cheaper equivalent when they don't have ready cash, that is, thousands of households.

There is a maxim that works well in the land market and scarcely applies to the medical drugs retail trade, but be it as it may, regulators will find that it definitely applies, of 'willing seller and willing buyer,' that as land can't be faked (though occupancy titles can be duplicated), one sees land and that is it. With drugs seeing is just one aspect, but when regulators focus singularly on approval they miss the point. It isn't due to the presence of unscrupulous middlemen that unauthorised drugs are sold but sheer demand, that so long as a drug is helpful it will have buyers, as drugs don't sell by first trials but customers returning for it. It means it has passed a minimal test of reliability, not the test of content conformity, etc.

That is why the regulators may have to focus more on information, not simply check what traders do but what users know, for instance if a drug has negative indications, or if it is negatively listed, or has expired, then it is removed. The trouble is that often regulators want rule of thumb prescriptions, that we have malaria drugs here we don't need to import, whereas we are part of the global liberalized trade order, including at the African level. We should not sign these pacts and then act right on the contrary of it all.

## International Day of Persons with Disabilities essential to change traditional discriminations

MEMBERS of the United Nations mark the International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) on December 3 each year. Chroniclers say the day is about promoting the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities at every level of society and in development, to raise awareness of the situation of persons with disabilities in all aspects of life. The World Health Organisation (WHO) is the key agency in that regard, as disability is in the first place a medical condition. It teaches one not to laugh at the sick.

When a person is sick, or disabled, he or she starts joining the ranks of those who expect mercy from other so that they can live, thus their presence interferes with the flow of resources, or expectations, such that they are habitually the last for consideration for jobs, etc.

Battling discrimination exercised in regard to the disabled includes the need to take note only of their mental ability or other aptitude in such need, without leveraging their physical disadvantages - and especially when the problem is merely aesthetic.

It means that a disabled person can do the job but it would be 'more appropriate' to have a well abled one.

So WHO says it joins the UN in observing this day each year, reinforcing the importance of securing the rights of people with disabilities, so they can participate fully, equally and effectively in society with others, and face no barriers in all aspects of their lives.

That isn't simple as it requires

that people change their outlooks in their decisions about issues not just relating to offering jobs as that is about third persons but for more directly personal decisions, like conjugal affinities. It is hard to climb that hill, definitely.

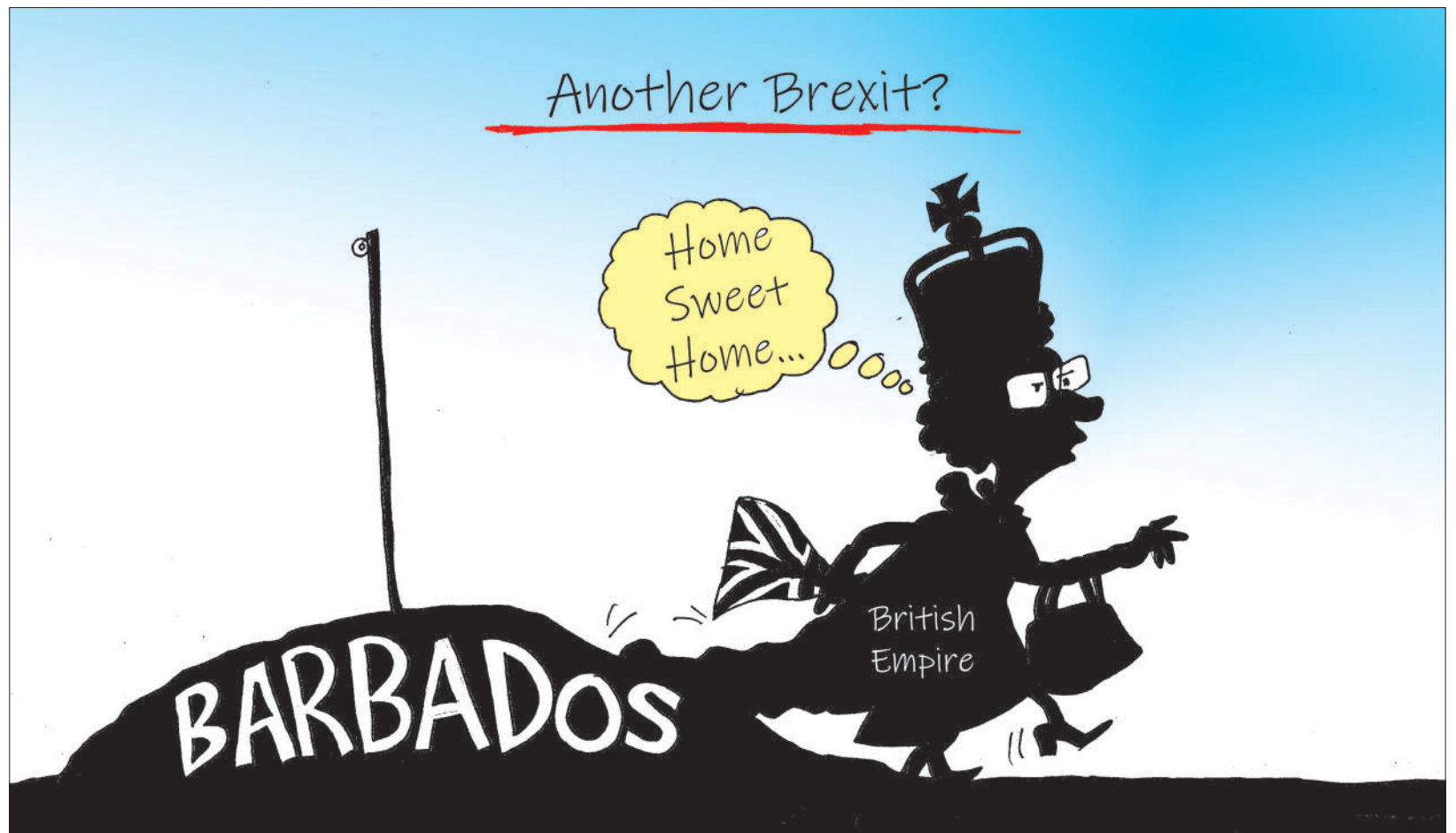
A chronicle says that annually WHO decides on a theme and develops evidence-based advocacy materials such as brochures, flyers, posters, banners, infographics and presentations. These materials are shared with partners in government and civil society around the world as well as WHO regional and country offices.

At its headquarters in Geneva, WHO organizes an annual IDPD event to educate the public, raise awareness, advocate for political will and resources, and celebrate WHO achievements in that regard. Obviously national authorities may also have something to say in that regard but it is part of wider issues.

Last year the UN theme for the day was "Building Back Better: Toward a disability-inclusive, accessible and sustainable post COVID-19 World." WHO supported this theme by underlining the importance of fostering an inclusive culture and responding to the urgent needs of people with disability in all aspects of society, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

That also applies to our societies but it must be realised that we have plenty of work to do to put up workable democracies all over Africa to end civil wars, as it is from that vantage point that people with disabilities increase. Many are thrown into social disability as civil wars cause extensive misery.

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## The collaborating political parties: A brand fast diminishing

By Ezekiel Allen

MERRIAM Webster Dictionary defines collaboration as working with another person or group in order to achieve or do something. Let's take a walk down memory lane. I need not tell you how attracted many Liberians are to sports, especially football. While this article may fall short of providing numerical data on the number of people attracted to sports in Liberia, you would no doubt agree with me that there is a huge and lively sports following in the country. This conclusion is established when one realizes the attention that football draws in the annual County Sports Meets and other sporting events as a case study.

The name George Weah is a household name in football not just in Liberia but also in the world principally as a result of his all-conquering footballing career coupled with his efforts in helping the disarmament process after the civil conflict. At the ballot box in 2005 and 2011, these achievements were not sufficient to get him the presidency and vice presidency, respectively.

Upon realizing that his fame, as well as his positive contributions made during the civil crisis, were insufficient to house him in the Executive Mansion, Mr. Weah and his party, the Congress for Democratic Change realized that collaborating with other political parties was the surest way of realizing his dreams of becoming president of Liberia. In 2017, the CDC merged with the National Patriotic Party (NPP) of Madam Jewel Howard Taylor, the Liberia People's Democratic Party (LPDP) of Alex J. Tyler, thus establishing the Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC) with George Weah as the standard-bearer and Jewel Howard Taylor the Vice Standard Bearer. The collaborative efforts of various parties making up the CDC saw the end to UP's occupation of the Executive Mansion. The ascendancy of Mr. Weah's Coalition for Democratic Change to the presidency on the back of collaborating with other political parties provided the framework to other candidates who intend to make Mr. Weah a one-term leader.

### Establishing a Brand

As the next General and Presidential elections are fast approaching, like the NPP, LPDP, and CDC, the Unity Party of Ambassador Joseph Nyumah Boakai, the Alternative National Congress of Mr. Alexander Cummings, the All Liberian Party of Mr. Benoni Urey, and the Liberty Party of Senator Nyonblee Kangar Lawrence initiated discussions aimed at forming a

collaboration with the sole intent of defeating President Weah. Pursuant to the foregoing, in April 2020, these four opposition political parties formed a collaboration to take on Mr. Weah in the General and Presidential Elections slated for 2023.

During the conduct of the mid-term senatorial elections held in 2020, the Collaborating Political Party (CPP) won six counties. The victory for the CPP, especially in voter-rich counties such as Montserrado, Lofa, Bong, and Grand Bassa cemented the need to keep the collaboration together and strong. It heralded the beginning of a new collaboration that some Liberians could trust and it gave a glimpse of hope to those whose intention is to democratically dethrone President Weah. From an observational point of view, the race for the presidency come 2023 was now between the CDC and the CPP. The results of the 2020 senatorial elections were a dress rehearsal of what to expect come 2023 considering that the collaboration is still together.

### Did Nyonblee Kanragr Lawrence fail as CPP Chairman?

On February 4, 2021, Senator Nyonblee Kanragr Lawrence was ushered in as the new chairperson of the CPP taking the mantle of authority from Mr. Benoni Urey of the All Liberian Party. One can safely say that the CPP was united up to the point of Nyonblee's chairmanship.

During the takeover ceremony, all four political institutions were vividly seen on the podium signaling unity within the CPP. In her speech during the ceremony, Nyonblee averred "I feel challenged to move the CPP a big step further in firming up our protocols and readying us for 2023, and again, a single CPP ticket, as agreed, for the victory of Liberia and our people... With only two years to 2023 Presidential and General Elections, and by the framework document, we must ensure that the CPP standard-bearer and the vice standard bearer single ticket is presented to the people of Liberia before the end of 2021. This is our goal. It is our commitment." It is important to state that the scope of Nyonblee's promise exceeded her time in office.

It was during the tenure of Senator Lawrence as the Chairperson of CPP that the infamous alteration, or put bluntly by key talk show hosts and opinion leaders of the ALP, "Fingering" allegation of the framework document-a document guiding the establishment of the CPP, was levied against the ANC by the ALP. That letter written by the ALP to Chairperson Lawrence of the CPP marked the beginning of a doomy and acrimonious amongst "CPPians"-as they called themselves-

diminishing the brand that they worked so hard to establish.

The fighting within the CPP was rightly put into context by Dr. Ibrahim Nyei in one of his posts on Facebook. Dr. Nyei intimated that "The fight within the CPP is not about policies, it is about access to power and resources. It's a personality clash motivated by ego, greed, arrogance, and desperation. Remember that the CPP is not a homogenous party with infighting, it is a combination of parties that have not first agreed on how to organize together and contest an election, let alone determine the direction of their proposed government".

To date, a clear-cut verdict has not been rendered on the claims made by the All Liberian Party of Mr. Benoni Urey. What is even more interesting is that even though the allegation was made by the ALP, the back and forth bickering, trading of insults and all sorts of derogatory comments were predominantly between members of the Unity Party and the Alternative National Congress. The crisis reached a point where the Alternative National Congress (the party accused of "fingering") walked out of an executive committee meeting as well as not attending the turnover ceremony where Nyonblee Kangar Lawrence ceded the chairmanship of the CPP to Ambassador Joseph Nyumah Boakai. The crisis has degenerated into the Liberty Party where the Chairman of the Party and the Political Leader are at loggerheads.

I think the trend of events that happened while Senator Lawrence was heading the CPP demonstrated a lack of leadership on her part in amicably resolving the conflict between the ALP and ANC. Interestingly, the allegation of tampering (fingering) of the framework document made by the ALP is yet to be substantiated. The lawyers whom many thought would have explicitly laid this matter to rest advised the CPP to settle their bickering because the claims and counterclaims made by both political parties were fast diminishing the brand of the CPP.

### Take Away from the just ended by-elections

Partisans and Sympathizers of the CPP used the results of the 2020 Senatorial elections as an indicator of their growing strength and acceptance of their ideology by the vast majority of the Liberian people. While some members of the CPP are dismissive of the results of the by-elections in Bong, Nimba, Grand Gedeh, and Bomi, it was the results of similar elections that led the CPP into believing that they were a strong contender for the presidency. I think it is fair for us to use the results of these four by-elections to

conclude that the popularity of the CPP has dwindled significantly. The quality of the candidates fielded by the CPP is an argument for another day, but the infighting amongst their members may be one of the major reasons for the massive defeat.

### The Silver Lining in the Sky

The Coalition for Democratic Change, the governing political was equally defeated in all four counties as well. While the CPP continues on the path leading to the destruction of its brand, the CDC doesn't seem to be benefiting either from these in-house fights happening within the CPP. Even though there are reports of some of the candidates having ties with the CDC, this can't be a victory the CDC can claim.

### Conclusion

The important question that members of the CPP especially the ALP should ask themselves is what was the overarching benefit of the allegations levied against another constituent party? In whose interest was the tampering done? In all of these, a definite verdict has not been rendered as to the specific portions of the framework document that was altered by the ANC accompanied by its accruing benefits. While this bickering continues, the CPP as a brand is fast losing its relevance and is diminishing rapidly. The hopes of many who saw the CPP as a viable alternative are fast becoming an illusion than reality as a result of the continuous fights. The Nyonblee's chairmanship promised to have a ticket at the end of 2021, a promise that seems farfetched from reality considering the level at which the crisis has reached. The CPP has a mountain to climb if we must see a ticket of the CPP before the end of 2021. The silver lining for the CPP giving to the outcome of the results of the recent by-elections in Bong, Nimba, Grand Gedeh, and Grand Cape Mount Counties is that their major contender who happens to be the governing CDC was massively flogged as well. It shows that the CDC is not taking its chances while the CPP is failing.

As part of his ongoing tour of the United States of America, Ambassador Joseph Nyumah Boakai promised to bring to an end the internal conflicts hampering the chances of a united CPP contesting the elections in 2023 upon his return to the country. While it is not too late to resolve the crisis and put on a united front, the dream of defeating President Weah is fading by the day. Contesting the General and Presidential elections as collaboration and defeating the incumbent seems to be more of an illusion than a reality.

Read the original article on [FrontPageAfrica](#).



# Milk, honey and wine: How to eat, drink your way to success

**Y**OU are great at many things, but that does not mean you should do all of them. These words punched me in the face during an episode of Super Soul Sundays with Oprah.

The guest gave an example of playing a guitar. If you pick up a guitar and become good at it, that does not mean you are the next musical sensation, you might just love playing guitars.

You could possibly make the best cupcakes on a whim, but that does not mean you should start bakery business tomorrow. You are great at many things, that does not mean you should do all of them.

This is made possible by how powerful your mind is. I dare you to set your mind on one thing you want. If you focus all your energy, it can only get away from you for too long. Remember the universe; the human laws are meant to ensure balance. They are all working for your good.

I am great at many things, we all are. It took the #decade challenge in 2020 for me to reflect on a couple of them. Take away every negative thing that social media has amplified and you have a source of enrichment.

The #decade challenge had us give glory details of the past decade in the hope of inspiring someone else across the world. It is too late to think about privacy and what Amazon, Facebook and Google are doing with our information, so why stop cataloging our lives now?

My inspiration for the decade was by renowned director Ava DuVernay who details what paced success looks like with a touch of unquestionable great talent.

When I look back at my 10 years, I see a rambunctious young teen racing too fast for her own good and facing a serious case of identity crisis.

At 17 years old she walks into

the Phoenix Players Theatre and tries to convince a respectable director that she's the piece that is missing in his directorial career. She's the talent he has been waiting for. She fails miserably but that begins a beautiful journey of dancing through different media platforms. She misses a few steps and falls face flat but still manage to make it through the decade.

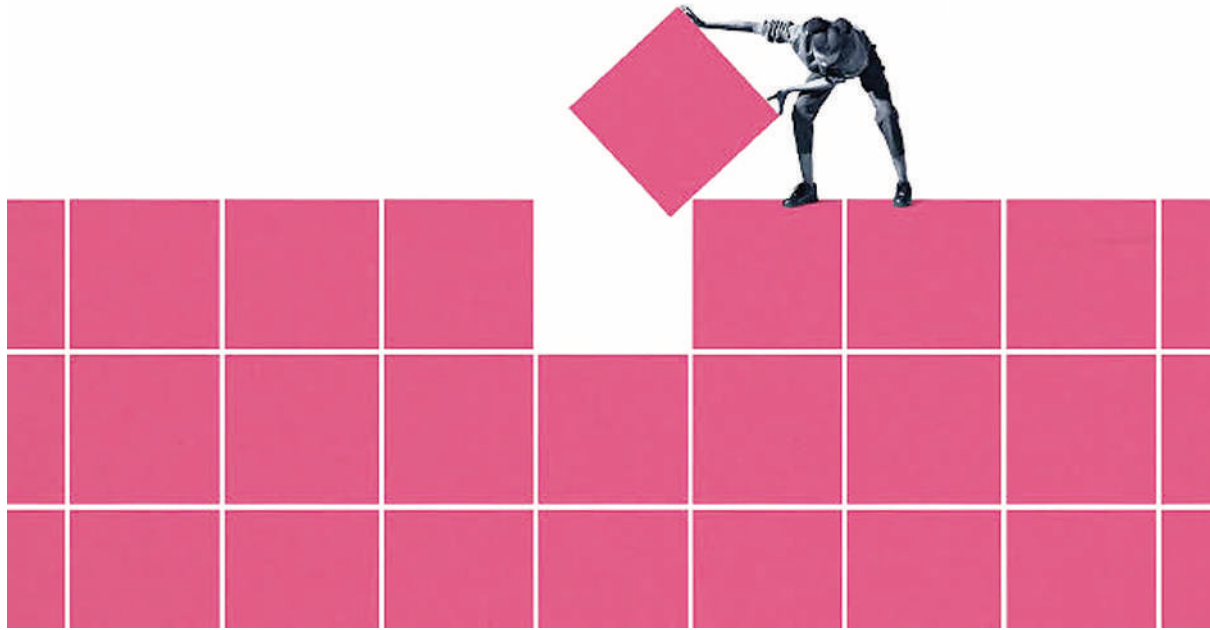
Will Smith has said in interviews that a lot of his motivation comes from the fear of losing everything he has achieved so far. Kevin Hart says the same thing in his latest Netflix Docuseries. I totally understand where that fear stems from. If you grew up in a world where everybody lived off the same script, it is no surprise that any level of success would trigger intense impostor syndrome.

Where I grew up, I sheltered an inconvenience I embraced out of fear. Trauma was littered everywhere, so when I could get away, I hibernated. Being a loner also makes you the most trusted person in the hood. I was privy to so much and that kept me away from the streets, quite literally.

To date, only a handful of us made it out. There is a complacency that comes with living in the hood. The sense of community, knowing how life is going to roll out and having just enough exposure to be cool, but a strings budget to have sporadic fun.

With that chip on her shoulders it was easy to talk herself into being great at anything. She was a greenhorn actor so she worked on becoming the best production assistant. Three years later of balancing school and a part time job at Phoenix Players Theatre, a cash crunch bit and her broke antennae went up.

The next opportunity was an internship at a radio station, then a host, back to production assistant, an art director assistant, TV pro-



duction and literally everything that happens on a TV set she can do.

The year 2016 kicked in and the economy packed her bags in a huff. Budget cuts led to job losses and she was not spared. An ad agency job saved the day but before she could redo her house interior décor, the company was shattered. One more try, okay a million little tries and she scored a radio job.

It has been as messy as that paragraph.

She loved all those jobs but she loved to survive too. Make it out of the hood. Pull her mother and cousins with her. Break these cycles and set up the next generation for success with a better chance at self-actualization.

Hard work is sold as the golden ticket. That has proven to not be entirely true owing to systemic classism and organized corruption. It will take a couple of posts to unpack the rot by the political

class in this country.

Today, she focuses on what she can do to achieve greater success with available resources.

This part of the piece is credited to a friend who once called me in despair recently venting about how lost she felt. America moves too quickly it's easy to disappear in the crowd. It was after a day of reflecting on the past decade that culminated in conversations with people who told her that her aspirations need to be adjusted. She did not pack her bags and leave.

She listens. Quietly but you can hear her process each word. When she speaks, I have a pen in hand because people say the best things on phone and I am trying to live with more intention.

I have had a decade of scattered opportunities and living flustered because I was working to not be broke, as opposed to gearing towards success. It's hard to be consistent while crash dieting through

opportunities.

Here is how we achieve consistency. Think with a pen in hand of everything you are good at and list them in the following categories: What I am good at and have previously monetized; skills that I am actively working on improving and things I am passionate about.

Tie this in with the milk, honey and wine concept. This I learned from one of my many former bosses.

Here's my sample breakdown. What I am good at and have previously monetized (milk): writing, TV and radio hosting, production management and running my mother's business.

Skills that I am actively working on improving (honey: new Media technologies, content production and teaching).

Things I am passionate about (wine): filmmaking, acting and working with charity organizations especially children.

I love tables because they make things so easy to understand. Milk is what you need for everyday living. Honey is what you are working on to add more value to your milk and wine is what needs more time because you can only allocate a limited amount of time. It all leads up to great success spread over time. We are not limited to the nine boxes. There will be unplanned opportunities that will come your way and you will be ready as a result of your relentless consistency.

With a list it is easy to focus and hence more consistent. I use the word hence a lot. Writing what you are good at gives you much needed affirmation. It feels good to know your strengths and kick impostor syndrome out and may be economy can move back in.

It is going to take more than a table to get you consistent. Hopefully this pushes you to the first step of taking your goals seriously.

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## China-Africa conference adopts record agreements

By Special Correspondent

**T**HE Eighth Ministerial Conference of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) held in Senegal recently was a great success, Chinese State Councillor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi has said.

Despite the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, China and Africa had overcome difficulties to hold the conference on schedule, carrying out pragmatic and efficient discussions on the theme of the conference and reaching broad consensus, Wang said.

The conference reviewed the achievements made in the development of China-Africa relations and China-Africa solidarity in fighting the pandemic since the Beijing Summit of FOCAC in 2018, deliberated the implementation of the "eight major initiatives" announced at the Beijing Summit, and approved an array of outcome documents, he said.

The conference, held in Dakar, Senegal November 29-30, was jointly presided over by Wang and Chinese Commerce Minister Wang Wentao, and the host nation's Foreign Minister Aissata Tall Sall and its Minister of Economy, Planning and Cooperation Amadou Hott.

The conference, with the number of outcome documents adopted surpassing all previous conferences, fully reflects the high quality and high level of China-Africa cooperation and demonstrates the two sides' firm determination to seek common development, meet challenges and share the opportunities jointly in a new era, Wang said.

Wang said that the conference unanimously decided to continue to promote anti-epidemic cooperation. At the opening ceremony, Chinese President Xi Jinping announced that China would provide an additional 1 billion doses of COVID-19 vaccines to Africa and received high praise and an enthusiastic response from African leaders and colleagues, Wang said.

China will fully implement the solemn commitment made by President Xi, continue to support the exemption of vaccine intellectual property rights, help Africa improve its vaccine localization production capacity, bridge the "immunization gap" as soon as possible, and provide strong support for Africa's anti-epidemic efforts, he said.

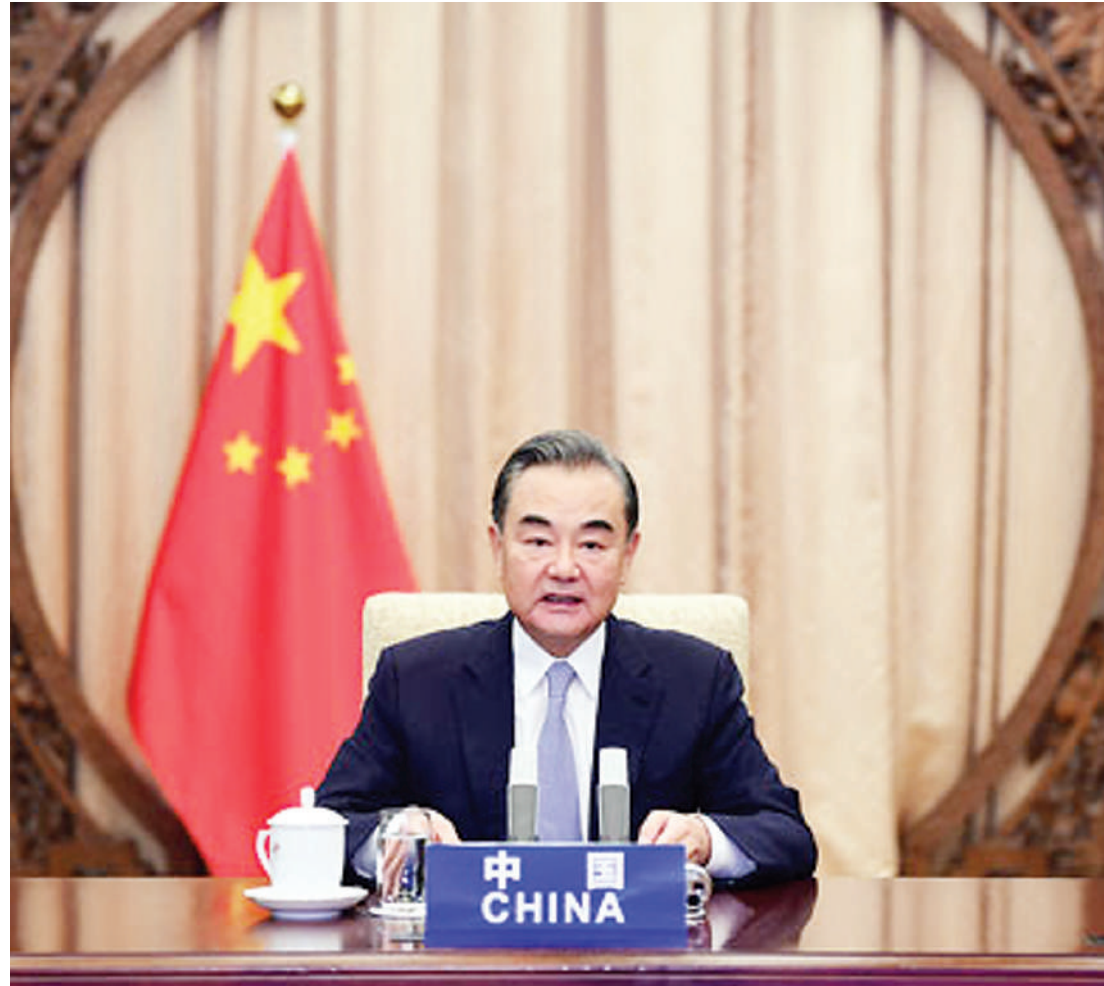
Wang said that the conference had in-depth discussions on major issues such as the international situation and global governance, and agreed to carry forward the true multilateralism, firmly safeguard the UN-centered international system and the international order based on international law, firmly safeguard the sovereignty, security, and development interests of China and Africa, and safeguard the common interests of developing countries.

Wang also said that the conference agreed to increase the representation and voice of developing countries, including African countries, in the international arena, and jointly build a new type of international relations featuring mutual respect, equity and justice, and win-win cooperation.

The Chinese foreign minister emphasized that China-Africa cooperation has bucked the downward trend and shown great resilience and potential, noting that both sides should take the opportunity to implement the outcomes of the FOCAC forum to better benefit the Chinese and African people.

First, China and Africa should make great strides along the broad road of building a China-Africa community with a shared future in the new era, he said.

Both sides, he said, should firmly follow development paths in line with their own national conditions, deepen dialogue and exchanges in governing their countries, stay firm in holding



Chinese State Councillor and Foreign minister Wang Yi

their future and destiny in their own hands, and firmly support each other's efforts to defend national sovereignty, security and development interests.

Efforts should also be made in promoting in-depth strategic alignment of China-Africa joint construction of the Belt and Road and the Global Development Initiative with the African Union's 2063 Agenda, the construction of the African Continental Free Trade Area, and the development strategies of African countries, he said.

Second, it is necessary to usher in a new era of upgrading and high-quality development of China-Africa cooperation, Wang said.

Both sides will continue to

adhere to the FOCAC spirit of extensive consultations, joint contributions and shared benefits, work together to implement the "nine programs" and upgrade China-Africa cooperation in fields including medical and health care, improvement of people's livelihood, green development, digital economy and capacity building, so as to make a greater contribution to Africa's post-COVID-19 economic recovery and sustainable development, Wang said.

China has always been Africa's most sincere and reliable cooperative partner, he said and its input in the continent will only increase, not weaken.

Third, it's necessary to uphold traditional friendship and carry

forward China-Africa friendship from generation to generation, Wang noted.

Both sides should carry forward the spirit of China-Africa friendship and cooperation, tell Africa's stories well in China and tell China's stories well in Africa, contributing to and safeguarding China-Africa friendship, he said.

The two sides, he said, will strengthen exchanges between young people and women, take an active role in caring for and protecting Chinese nationals and African expatriates on both sides, and cultivate more people who are familiar with China-Africa relations, love China-Africa cooperation and cherish China-Africa friendship so that the flower of China-Africa friendship

nurtured by the older generations will last forever.

Fourth, it is necessary to safeguard true multilateralism and international fairness and justice, uphold the just propositions of China, Africa and other developing countries, and advance the international order toward a more just and reasonable direction, Wang said.

China stands ready to work with Africa to encourage more countries and international organizations to join the Global Development Initiative and the Initiative on Partnership for Africa's Development to create a stronger synergy for the international community in supporting Africa's development, he stressed.

The 8th Ministerial Conference of the FOCAC was also attended by foreign ministers or representatives, as well as ministers of economy, trade and finance from 53 African countries.

All participants of the conference spoke highly of a series of new major measures for furthering China-Africa cooperation announced by President Xi and the fruitful results of Africa-China cooperation achieved under the framework of the FOCAC.

They said that China has become an indispensable partner in Africa's development and the FOCAC has become the most important accelerator of Africa-China cooperation.

Africa countries support and will take an active part in the Global Development Initiative and the Initiative on Partnership for Africa's Development, hope to get greater support from China in areas such as Africa's industrialization and anti-pandemic efforts, and are willing to jointly build the Belt and Road with high quality to improve the well-being of the people and achieve common prosperity, they said.

The conference adopted four documents of the Dakar Declaration of the 8th Ministerial Conference of the FOCAC, the Dakar Action Plan (2022-2024), the China-Africa Declaration on Climate Change Cooperation, and the China-Africa Cooperation Vision 2035.

Wang and Aissata jointly met the press after the conference concluded.

During the conference, Chinese Commerce Minister Wang Wentao introduced the implementation of the eight major initiatives proposed at the 2018 FOCAC Beijing Summit and provided an explanation of the China-Africa Cooperation Vision 2035.



# How to tackle Africa's employment crisis

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**T**HE Covid-19 pandemic aggravated Africa's already severe employment crisis. The solution lies in a long-term political and economic transformation.

Africa is facing a severe employment crisis. But if nothing is done to find a solution, it could get much worse in the not-too-distant future, as World Bank projections from 2017 show: By 2035, Africa's working age population will expand by 450 million.

At the same time, however, only 100 million jobs are expected to be created in the same period. And that was before the Covid-19 pandemic hit: Africa was severely affected and its economies experienced a contraction by 2 per cent in 2020. UNECA estimates that almost 30 million Africans have been pushed below the extreme poverty line.

In the years prior to the pandemic, especially between 2016 and 2020, Africa had experienced solid economic growth. Yet, such growth was mainly driven by high commodity prices and has not translated into the creation of sustainable employment. That's particularly concerning when looking at Africa's demographics.

By the year 2050, Africa's youth (15-35 years) is expected to double to 830 million people and the total population of the continent will reach about 2.5 billion people. Today, Africa is the world's youngest continent - in 2020, its median age was 19.7 years. And Africa will remain the world's youngest continent for decades to come.

In this context, current estimates show that Africa needs to create between 10 to 18 million jobs annually solely to absorb the youth entering its labour markets. However, only around three million formal jobs are created at the moment and the majority of Africa's youth is destined to remain in the informal economy, which comprises more than 80 per cent of the continent's workforce.

A progressive approach to employment

It is a modern-day tragedy that millions of young Africans will not be able to find employment, have enough resources to support their families, or realise their full potential. And although there is a very active and informed international debate around generating employment, it does not seem to generate viable solutions that would lead to significant changes in the employment situation.

All too often, governments seem to only pay lip service to democratic processes and institutions.

Africa's employment crisis is so complex that it requires fundamental thinking about the direction of structural transformation on the continent. Do the approaches of gradual industrialisation that worked for East Asia also work in Africa?

To what extent is free trade part of the problem and not part of the solution to the employment crisis? How can there be real change if governments are undemocratic, corrupt, and forestalling reforms?

A progressive approach to tackling the employment crisis in Africa, which could inspire and inform both leaders in Africa and European policy-makers, is long overdue. This progressive approach is based on two interdependent sets of principles - political and economic. Here are some ideas.

First and foremost, the political side means putting in place solid democratic institutions to organise and oversee structural transformation and economic reforms. All too often, governments seem to only pay lip service to democratic processes and institutions.

Without accountability, enforced through democratic institutions, the popular will won't be reflected in the developmental model. Without the corrective function of democracy, development will lead to more inequality and benefit just the privileged few.

Political reforms also need to include a bold stance against corruption. Africans are fed up with governments that are primarily concerned with remaining in power to pocket the state's resources.

State capture needs to be confronted by shifting power from the executive to a politically independent and efficient judiciary that is able to enforce accountability and democratic principles.

Fundamentally, it is the responsibility of the state, controlled by democratic institutions and an active civil society, to ensure that economic growth actually translates into employment creation.

Broad societal coalitions, including democratic trade unions, NGOs, activists, environmental groups,



**Youth at the Grand Médine town hall in Dakar, Senegal. Senegal has a large youth population, half of which is under the age of 18. By 2025, 376,000 youth are expected to enter the job market that offers only 30,000 jobs. And this number will rise to 411,000 in 2030, according to the Wilson Centre. Credit: Samuelle Paul Banga/IPS**

and progressive political leaders have to take the lead here and articulate their demands for a democratic turn towards more accountability. In particular, women have to play a key role in this process as they are disproportionately affected by the current employment scenario.

Together, these groups need to pile more pressure on governments to actively involve civil society, academia, labour representatives, and the private sector in building strategies to create employment and monitor the execution of employment programmes. This is not just an inconvenient exercise, but a crucial attempt to improve the quality of political decisions and outcomes.

The economic principles have to be pursued and demanded with the same energy as the political ones. Fundamentally, it is the responsibility of the state, controlled by democratic institutions and an active civil society, to ensure that economic growth actually translates into employment creation.

For that to succeed, systems of revenue mobilisation have to be improved. Firstly, the focus could be put on the commodities sector - a major source of income in many African countries. Many are exporting oil, gold, metals, cocoa but struggle to negotiate agreements that guarantee a fair share of these exports.

More funds could be extracted from multinationals operating in Africa. Moreover, some parts of the vast informal economy in Africa, remaining in the informal sector for tax evasion reasons - like some professionals in the urban economies -, could be another source of revenue. Loopholes in the tax system also have to be plugged proactively.

African states have to invest heavily into public goods such as education, healthcare, energy, and digitalisation. The basic infrastructure is key for the transformation of the economies.

The construction sector, for instance, could be one of the areas where significant employment can be generated. In public tender processes for large infrastructure projects, financed either by African countries or international financial institutions, African companies should get a preferential treatment.

Significant state investment is required into well-designed public works programmes across the continent. Those are both a strategy towards poverty

reduction and generation of employment. A constant evaluation of public works programmes and reasonable exit strategies are necessary to keep costs under control.

Moreover, states have to roll out programmes for providing bank accounts to all citizens - the transfer of basic income could be an element for direct support.

## A decades-long project

It is an illusion to believe that all of the employment challenges can be solved by states only. The main source of employment will remain the private sector and most employment will be created in urban areas, mainly in the services sector.

So called 'industries without smokestacks', namely tourism, agri-business, remote office services, creative industries, have some potential for employment creation. To generate long-term sustainable employment and decent jobs, however, will require significant transfer of knowledge and technology from developed countries to African ones.

Last but not least, trade among African countries - accelerated through the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) which has started its operations on 1 January 2021 - could lead to economic growth and employment effects. At the same time, free trade may have adverse effects on immature industries in Africa.

That's why pockets of industries should rather be nurtured and protected against competition. Also, areas that are going to be affected by potential negative effects of AfCFTA, need to be compensated for their losses.

Tackling Africa's employment crisis is a process that will take years, if not decades. Small steps are more realistic than leapfrogging fantasies. All too often, however, the political conversation is preoccupied with a shortsighted emphasis on how favourable economic factors may stimulate employment creation.

But it is key to understand that solid political and economic principles, overseen by the people primarily affected by the transformation, must walk hand in hand - as both are determining a progressive approach to economic growth and employment creation in Africa.

## POEM

### Special poem to mark International Day of Persons with Disabilities

By Robin Muhingo Rweyemamu

THEY may laugh for what you have  
But they don't know its strength.  
They may think it is worthless,  
But it holds the treasures inside.

They may not support you fully  
But that is because of jealousy  
It's okay to be sorry  
But it is because they judge much.

As they may hate your cover  
Don't worry, it's because they  
Haven't read it.  
You may be unaware

But it's because you haven't  
Activated it, its trigger  
Comes from painful words from people  
But remember this.

In darkest hours, there is always light  
From their bad words, there are people  
Who will be with you  
If people say you can't

Tell them I CAN, I WILL, I MUST  
When someone tells you can't  
It activates your soul, to show  
The world what you have

That's the time when your potential  
Is unleashed, you show your greatest goal  
Your achievement

To all CWD's I tell you this

Never give up, show them what you have  
Because GOD gave that potential  
Never feel down to people's bad words  
Cause they only fuel you up

Transforming you into a powerful  
Machine, it doesn't matter how  
Your condition is, the only thing  
That matter is your inner strength

You have that colorful potential  
That maps you among people  
Let me tell you this never  
Ever be discouraged

Thin, fat, you can't walk  
Have problem that tackle you  
But remember, those obstacles  
Make you become super

Change your story, and make  
People believe that you have  
Something, God let it happen  
For a purpose.

That's why you are special  
You have something different  
From others, cause GOD  
Gave it to you.

Remember, your voice  
Can make a change  
One team, one dream

It's all within you  
Your voice stands  
Out others

Let the world hear your voice  
And break from the  
Limits of life  
You have potentials  
Beyond the eyes.

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# Tanzania Food and Nutrition Centre: Here is how war on childhood malnutrition has gone

By Guardian Reporter

AS six days remaining for Tanzania to mark the 60th Independence Anniversary, the Tanzania Food and Nutrition Centre (TFNC) has registered countless feats since its establishment in 1973.

Being a semi-autonomous government institution under the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly, and Children, the center is recognised for generating and coordinating initiatives that enable Tanzania to become a well-nourished nation.

It has contributed to reducing malnutrition to children under five years of age from more than 50 per cent before independence in 1961 to 31.7 per cent in 2018.

In addition, stunting among children under five years of age dropped from 6 per cent in 1992 to 3.5 per cent in 2018, loss of weight from 29 per cent in 1992 to 14 per cent in 2018 and loss of blood for women ages 15-49 years also dropped from more than 50 per cent to 28 per cent in 2018.

TFNC Managing Director, Dr Germana Leyna said Act No 24 of 1973 created TFNC, and 1995

amendments thereto abided by the obtaining situation on the ground.

"The aim to create the institution was to have a government organ to lead efforts against all forms of malnutrition in the country," she said in an interview, adding: "Since the creation of the institution to now the country is marking 60 years of independence, TFNC, in collaboration with other sectors including Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries has contributed in the mitigation of the malnutrition issue, reducing its levels significantly."

TFNC has enabled the facilitation in the rise of breastfeeding among mothers to their children under six months from 24 per cent to 59 per cent in 2018, the official said, outlining other achievements in the 60 years of independence as the establishment of the national nutrition programme including nutrition services incorporated in children's health services.

According to Dr Leyna, nutrition services implemented in the country also include provision of treatment for malnutrition for both severe and mild cases, provision of acid tablets

and iron to pregnant women as well as Vitamin A drops given twice a year to children under five years of age, an increase of nutrients in foods processed in the country especially iodine in salt, Vitamin B12, iron and zinc in wheat and maize flour and Vitamin A in edible oil.

These programs have helped in the improvement of nutrition to people in the lower bracket, for instance, the increase of iodine in salt has assisted in reducing the inflammation of goiter from 25 per cent in 1980 to less than 7 per cent, she elaborated.

The official added that current statistics show that the availability of salt with iodine at household levels has increased from zero per cent in the 1980s to 90 per cent now.

Dr Leyna also mentioned the existence of the nutrition officers' cadre in regions and Local councils in both mainland and Zanzibar, as well as the establishment of units for the provision of nutrition services and/or nutrition desk at the sectoral ministries including the Regional Administration and Local Government (PO-RALG).

According to her, laboratory services have also been

strengthened whereby as for now TFNC provides examination services on various symptoms of malnutrition to detect food safety and quality by testing the existence of bacteria that cause various diseases from food and water.

"The laboratory has been providing examination services on iodine levels from urine samples for countries of Angola, Rwanda, Ghana, Ethiopia, Kenya, Burkina Faso, Liberia, Qatar, Zambia, Eritrea, and Yemen," she said, adding that in the 60 years' period TFNC has managed, in incorporating the issue of nutrition in the national policy and other sectoral strategic plans.

The centre, according to Dr Leyna has also managed in providing special training to about 151 nutrition officers (131 in local councils and 15 in regional governments).

TFNC, in collaboration with various stakeholders, has designed a tool to mobilise change to habits in the community dubbed 'First 1000 Days Parents' Social Behavior Change Communication' (SBCC) kit.

It has also provided guidelines for instructors on how to use the SBCC kit, the guideline



TFNC managing director Dr Germana Leyna

in various levels including national, regional, and district.

So far, she revealed that 3,000 such kits have been distributed in 11 regions of Tanzania Mainland and five in the Isles.

For effective use of the SBCC kit, a total of 3,000 community health workers have been trained on best use of the kit.

TFNC has also launched a Nutrition Journal that provides nutrition education to the community through the internet and social networks.

The center has also prepared a Journalists Handbook on Nutrition issues for women of childbearing, adolescent adolescence, and feeding infants and infants to raise awareness of nutrition issues. A total of 200 journalists have received this booklet in Tanga, Dodoma, Dar es Salaam and Morogoro regions.

Around 45 percent of deaths among children under five years of age are linked to under nutrition.

The center continues to provide professional support by conducting training on the treatment of severe malnutrition for hospitalized children. In the 2016/17 fiscal year, 274 ser-

vice providers have benefited from the training in Lindi, Shinyanga, Mbeya, Songwe, Iringa, Njombe, Dodoma, Simiyu, and Ruvuma regions.

On nutrition for people living with HIV, Dr Leyna said that TFNC provides specialized training to health care providers to build their capacity in improving nutritional services and care for people living with HIV.

She noted that in 2016 alone the center successfully trained 622 providers and 15,832 people living with HIV who were malnourished were treated with dietary supplements as well as nutritional counseling.

A Dar es Salaam resident, Beatus Kapama commended the government for managing the nutrition issue.

"Since Independence, the government has been at the forefront of managing the issue of good nutrition among Tanzanians, which is important for the country's development," she said.

Addressing the 7th Nutrition Stakeholders' Summit in Tanga themed "Good Nutrition is Fundamental for Human Capital Development in a Competitive

Economy," Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa said the government is determined to continue to pay special attention to the issue of nutrition in the country to ensure Tanzania has a strong economy through industrial development.

The premier said good nutrition is the foundation of physical and mental development for children and helps increase awareness among students as a source of creativity in the workplace.

"National development, among other things, requires the presence of healthy (healthy) people (nutrition workers) to enable them to work hard and productively. Strong human resources are the key to productive productivity and poverty reduction. We will continue to take appropriate measures to combat all forms of malnutrition," he said.

"The effects of stunting have no cure, they are permanent throughout the life of the affected child," he said, calling on all Tanzanians to follow the instructions of health professionals and together work together to combat the challenge of stunting.



Experts at TFNC laboratory

## Broken promises to aid gender-based violence survivors

THE South African government has taken important steps but did not provide adequate funding for shelters and other services for gender-based violence survivors during the Covid-19 pandemic. Many survivors have been made more vulnerable in the context of Covid-19.

The South African government has acknowledged high rates of gender-based violence both during and before the pandemic. But South African experts told Human Rights Watch that despite promises - including in a National Strategic Plan - to address gender-based violence and femicide, the government has still failed to provide necessary funding for shelters and other services. Efforts should be made to improve access for marginalized people, including sex workers; lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) people; and undocumented survivors.

"South Africa is facing a situation in which survivors have been locked down with abusers, and they need economic security to free themselves from their abusers, all during a very tight job market and a period of food insecurity," said Wendy Isaack, LGBT researcher at Human Rights Watch. "Key services such as shelters have been under huge stress for months because of pandemic-related problems and costs and long-standing difficulties like late payment of funds in some places and patchy government support."

Human Rights Watch interviewed staff at seven shelters spread across the country and six other frontline organizations working directly with victims to prevent gender-based violence or provide emergency support to survivors. Human Rights Watch also interviewed activists and other experts from 12 organizations working to end this violence. Human Rights Watch made unsuccessful attempts to interview or obtain feedback from

South Africa's Department of Social Development (DSD), which oversees shelter services.

Those interviewed said that the biggest problem was a lack of adequate government funding to help overwhelmed nongovernmental organizations providing direct support to victims, including shelters, cope with the pandemic.

The DSD should finalize its draft Intersectoral Shelter Policy as a matter of urgency, and all government agencies involved should carry out planned improvements.

Immediate-, medium- and long-term impacts from South Africa's Covid-19 lockdowns have increased the risk for women and girls of domestic violence and other forms of gender-based violence. Human Rights Watch research with frontline workers in South Africa suggests that this risk may be greater for additionally marginalized people like black lesbians, transgender men and women, sex workers, and older women, as well as refugees, asylum seekers, and undocumented migrants.

Those interviewed said that domestic violence victims living under lockdown were cut off from others who might help them, giving them no respite from partners or family members beating, raping, or psychologically or verbally abusing them.

Government support to shelters during the Covid-19 pandemic appeared to vary enormously among provinces. Some shelters described firm relationships and public health guidance and other support from the provincial DSD staff. Shelters in the Western Cape, for example, said that the agency provided guidance, solidarity, and personal protective equipment (PPE) and that funding for shelters arrived on time.

In other places, though, funding was late. The National Shelter Movement of South Africa, a nonprofit organization with about 78

shelters under its umbrella, said that some staff even had to take personal loans to pay expenses. The South African government did promote a hotline for victims it had set up in 2014, but civil society members said it sometimes provided confusing or out-of-date information and that it was hard for some victims to use because they were afraid their abuser would hear them.

Commentators have said that the South African government worked to keep services open for the survivors. But experts criticized the South African government, saying it was too late to acknowledge the impact of strict lockdowns and had not provided adequate public information about shelters and services to make clear that domestic violence victims could leave their homes to get help.

Frontline workers said that many people, perhaps especially among vulnerable populations, were further endangered by the sudden loss of jobs, incomes, or housing. Sex workers, in particular, were forced to leave brothels and to take greater risks to make ends meet as the work dried up, sex worker rights groups said. Research by Human Rights Watch in 2018 found that female sex workers are especially vulnerable to violence in South Africa, in part because their work is criminalized.

Frontline workers also said that loss of income and lack of food security made undocumented migrants even more dependent on abusive partners and less likely to leave them. Human Rights Watch research found that the government's Covid-19 aid programs, including food parcels during national lockdown, overlooked people with disabilities, refugees and asylum seekers, and many LGBT people.

Shelters vary in whether they accept undocumented migrant survivors. South African law prohibits sheltering immigrants without documentation but allows for emergency

humanitarian support for undocumented people. The exception is not clearly defined, and some shelters fear liability for violating the law. South Africa has one shelter designed for LGBT survivors, the Pride Shelter in Cape Town. Though other shelters accept them in theory, experts said that more funding, training, and skills building is needed to counter discrimination and bias in the shelter space, provide tailored services, and raise awareness about availability of shelter services among marginalized populations.

The pandemic and lockdowns temporarily affected or made impossible some important in-house services in shelters, such as some forms of counseling and job training, Human Rights Watch found. Job opportunities for clients evaporated. Shelters were unable to carry out normal in-person outreach activities to raise awareness about their services as well as fundraising activities to support themselves or supplement government grants.

Perhaps because of uncertainty and isolation, several shelter workers said they felt that anxiety and depression among clients increased. Staff also had to make significant changes to how they worked, they and experts said, for example, working week-long shifts rather than going home every day, and there were many reports of burnout among shelter staff. Inconsistent government support for the shelters is not a new problem. The Heinrich Böll Foundation for example, together with the National Shelter Movement, has long noted that shelters are "chronically underfunded," and that funding is also highly variable between and within provinces. A 2019 report on the state of shelters by the Commission for Gender Equality, an independent government watchdog body, found "grossly inadequate and misaligned" funding for shelters from the agency and late payments in some provinces.

Ongoing sensitization and skills training for shelter staff to prevent discrimination against LGBT people, sex workers, or undocumented African non-nationals and to ensure tailored services are available is important, Human Rights Watch said. The DSD should also ensure that all shelters accept undocumented survivors and know how to assist them with immigration procedures.

"The government of South Africa has been addressing gender-based violence during the crisis over the past year," Isaack said. "But a large-scale and fully resourced effort will be needed to ensure the Covid-19 crisis and its fallout over the next years doesn't result in South Africa's rates for gender-based violence worsening further."

For more information about gender-based violence in South Africa and the impact on shelter services, please see below.

Gender-Based Violence in South Africa  
South Africa's president has characterized gender-based violence in South Africa as a "second pandemic" after the coronavirus. Statistics, including police reports, are worrying but incomplete, both because of problems with data collection and because victims often do not report abuse. Despite the lack of accurate statistics, it is evident that the rates are high, both for women and for LGBT people.

It is also not yet clear to what extent gender-based violence increased during the Covid-19 lockdowns. An analysis by the Heinrich Böll Foundation released in August 2021 found that various data, including police reporting, a government helpline, and hospitals, did not provide a clear indication that rates had increased, but said that more research was needed. Several people interviewed said that they thought rates increased, and experts and frontline workers widely agreed that the pandemic created additional vulnerabilities.



# ANC will remain in power for many years after 2024 – here's why...

BY STEPHEN GROOTES

**I**N the weeks after the local elections much has been said about the significance of the ANC dropping below 50%, and the implications for the national and provincial elections in 2024. For some, it feels as if this will be the end of the ANC and its rule, that what lies on the other side will forever change our politics. But this is unlikely to be the case.

Instead, it is almost certain that the ANC, in whichever form it emerges after its 2022 conference, will continue to be the dominant party in government, and that the president of the country will come from the ANC. This continuing existence as a driving force in our politics is significant – South Africa's medium term will still be defined by the ANC.

In the days after the local elections several political leaders suggested that their main motivation for their coalition decisions was the 2024 national polls.

The DA's John Steenhuisen stated that the party would not go into a coalition anywhere with the ANC, saying: "It's not the DA's role to save the ANC." EFF leader Julius Malema said, in the contest of coalitions, that: "We did not come here to revive the ANC, we came here to bury it."

ActionSA leader Herman Mashaba repeatedly claims that his main agenda is to remove the ANC from power and he appears to believe that if the ANC is removed in 2024 South Africa will magically change, and become a Denmark almost overnight.

However, several weeks later, a reality-based reflection would suggest that none of this ANC exorcism is likely to happen. There are certain predictions that can be made at this stage with some confidence.

One is that, unless there is unexpected drama (even more massive revelations of corruption spanning all ANC factions, an unexpected change

of leadership or of direction), the ANC is likely to get anything between 45% and 55% of the vote in 2024.

If the ANC gets above 50%, it will govern on its own in national government, with probable nods to the smaller parties, like Patricia de Lille's Good party.

If the ANC gets anything below that, it is more complicated, but only slightly.

The most likely outcome from that point would be for the ANC to form a coalition with one single party and securely govern in that way.

There are plenty of parties to choose from, particularly if it slips just below 50%. But it would probably prefer to pick a relatively small regional party, again, like the Good party. This would allow it to attract the party's leadership through giving them Cabinet positions, and it could then safely ignore them for the next five years.

It may be tempting to say it is possible for all of the other political parties, the opposition parties, to form their own coalition. But there is very little evidence that this is possible.

It was only in 2011, 17 years after SA's first democratic elections, that all of the opposition parties in Parliament suggested they would vote against an ANC bill. It was the Protection of State Information Bill, a piece of legislation so obviously unconstitutional that even then president Jacob Zuma did not sign it into law. In the end, two people in the chamber abstained (while two others from the ANC ensured they were not in the chamber for the vote, defying the party's three-line whip).

Up until this point at least one opposition party had always appeared to agree with the ANC on every bill passed into law.

Now, in the aftermath of the local elections, there are still no formal coalition agreements to govern administrations in hung councils. In fact, in most of the metros – Tshwane, Nelson Mandela Bay, eThekweni, Ekurhuleni and Joburg – there are no administrations at all, only elected mayors and Speakers.



Delegates gather during the nomination session of the top six candidates at the 54th ANC National Conference on 17 December 2017 in Johannesburg, South Africa. | ANC members gather at the Nasrec Expo Centre to begin the voting process for the next ANC president.

The failure of the opposition parties to agree to any kind of coalition in the main cities demonstrates how difficult it would be for the main opposition parties to form any kind of governing coalition in national government. And, thus, how unlikely it would be for them to actually remove the ANC from power in national government.

This, probably the most likely scenario of the ANC's continued dominance, may well have important consequences for our politics now.

If the ANC is resigned to this kind of outcome, if its members and leaders realise that this is the worst-case scenario for them, then it is unlikely that there will be any change of direction.

It means that there is no existential threat/incentive for them to change their ways, or to have a proper process of what the party calls "renewal".

It may also mean that the familiar patterns of the past few years replicate themselves. Those in the ANC contest

for power in the party, whether for positions in the top six national leadership, in the provinces, or in local and provincial government.

And we are likely to see the same outcomes: more division in the ANC, more violent infighting and as a result, less policy direction, and distracted delivery.

But this also means that there is less incentive for the opposition parties to change their directions either.

If they believe they are not going to be in national government after 2024 (unless they believe they are the party that will do a deal with the ANC... such as, perhaps, Good or even the Patriotic Alliance) then their calculations may well be that it is best to focus on their base, thus continuing on their current paths too. It also means that the period after 2024 would not bring any fundamental change to our politics.

The ANC has shared power before, in fact for much of its time in national

government.

At different times leaders from the National Freedom Party, the Freedom Front Plus and Azapo have been appointed deputy ministers by ANC presidents. All of this also suggests that not much will change after 2024.

However, that may understate what could be a very important process.

If it is the case that our political leaders are battling to form workable coalitions, and there is a significant risk that this could lead to chaos in the national government, then perhaps they may need more time to learn how to do this.

And what could be the most likely outcome going forward – the ANC in coalition with a smaller party, and then perhaps in the future with other smaller parties, and then a bigger party – may avoid some of that chaos.

Instead of a "Big Bang" moment when coalitions enter national government and the ANC exits in one move,

it may be that coalitions enter national government more slowly and that the ANC exits national government more gradually. This would also allow more time for the possible creation of parties that attempt to appeal to more than one constituency, to try to form coalitions of constituencies with different interests. In other words, a chance for people to form parties similar to the ANC.

This may be a relatively peaceful, easy and chaos-free outcome that would last for decades.

While this may be disappointing to some, it may be more realistic. For those like Mashaba, who believe that all of our problems would be solved if the ANC were no longer in power, it could show how that is simply not the case. Given the sheer number of dynamics in our politics, of course, it is impossible to predict the future accurately while so much is changing. But much is also staying the same. **DM**

# Guangdong endeavours to help enterprises go global since inception of BRI

By Li Gang

**S**INCE the proposal of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), south China's Guangdong province has been devoted to developing itself into a strategic hub, economic and trade cooperation center, and important engine of the BRI, and leveraging its advantage of being close to countries along the routes of the BRI in terms of geographical location and people-to-people relations to help local enterprises and brands go global.

The province has seen a large number of projects, which involve small investment, yield quick results, and benefit people's livelihood, take root in countries along the routes of the BRI. Since 2018, it has invested in nearly

3,000 projects overseas, among which over 94 percent come from private enterprises and more than 80 percent have an investment volume of less than \$5 million.

By promoting the establishment of overseas industrial parks and economic and trade cooperation zones, Guangdong has enabled enterprises to support each other in expanding overseas operations.

The province's first batch of seven provincial-level overseas economic and trade cooperation zones have attracted a total of 147 companies and a cumulative investment of about \$1.74 billion, and generated over \$3.83 billion of output value. They have driven the import and export of about \$1.4 billion worth of goods, and brought

\$72.55 million in tax revenue to host countries.

The China-Vietnam (Shenzhen-Haiphong) Economic and Trade Cooperation Zone in Vietnam has housed 28 high-tech enterprises, including Wolong Electric Group Co., Ltd., Zhejiang Sanhua Intelligent Controls Co., Ltd., and Zhongshan Broad-Ocean Motor Co., Ltd. The cooperation zone is expected to attract 30 to 40 companies and \$1 billion of investment and create 20,000 to 30,000 jobs for local people in the first phase of the project by 2022.

In May, Guangdong province published a document on its focus of work in participating in the BRI construction in 2021, aiming to promote the in-depth cooperation with countries and



Photo taken on April 29, 2021 shows a China-Europe freight train carrying 50 containers departing from Xiayuan railway station in Guangzhou, capital of south China's Guangdong province, for Malaszewicze in Poland. It was the first sea-rail cross-border China-Europe freight train that left Xiayuan railway station for Malaszewicze.

regions along the routes of the BRI.

The document includes specific arrangements covering such aspects as deepening policy communication, optimizing integrated transportation system, boosting international industrial capacity cooperation, enhancing the capability to provide financing support and financial services, facilitating people-to-people connectivity in various fields, and improving service guarantee mechanism.

Meanwhile, seizing the opportunity of the construction of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, the province will join hands with China's special administrative regions of Hong Kong and Macao to promote overseas operations of local enterprises and strive for tangible and solid outcomes of the BRI construction, powering up enterprises in exploring overseas markets.

Recently, a China-Europe freight train carrying a batch of liquid crystal display panels and electronic components required for the production in the factory of Chinese multinational electronics company TCL Technology in Poland left Guangzhou, capital of Guangdong province, for Malaszewicze in Poland. It is expected to arrive in its destination 15 days after its

departure.

With the new China-Europe freight train route linking Guangzhou and Malaszewicze launched in April this year, the factory of the Guangdong-based company in Poland has gained another convenient transportation line, said an executive of the factory.

Taking advantage of the BRI and China-Europe freight train services, TCL Technology has made the factory in Poland the central link of its European industrial chain and managed to cover all regions on the European continent with its smart terminal products, services and solutions, according to the executive.

Guangdong Vanward New Electric Co., Ltd., a leading Chinese gas water heater manufacturer headquartered in Foshan city, Guangdong province, has quickened its pace to promote its self-owned brands in overseas markets.

The company opened its first overseas experience store in the central business district in Azerbaijan in 2017 and its first experience store in Southeast Asia in Bangkok, Thailand, one year later. In 2019, the company set up its Russian subsidiary.

In recent years, the company's export performance has improved

continuously. Its gas water heaters and gas stoves have outperformed similar products in the industry in terms of export volume for many years and have been sold to nearly 90 countries around the world.

Gree Electric Appliances Inc., China's leading home appliances manufacturer based in Zhuhai city of Guangdong province, has realized localized production in Lahore, Pakistan. With its annual output of air conditioners exceeding 300,000, Gree's production base in Lahore once increased the company's market share in Pakistan to more than 30 percent, significantly improving the awareness and reputation of the brand.

Well-known Chinese footwear maker Huajian Group headquartered in Dongguan, Guangdong province, has built a production base in Ethiopia. Within merely three months, the production base was completed and put into operation.

The production base has greatly increased the export volume of local leather products and effectively promoted the development of the local economy.

In recent years, the company's export performance has improved

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**CLUES: Across**

1 a Japanese dish of thinly sliced beef or pork boiled quickly with vegetables and then dipped in sauce

5 a crow-like bird

7 little in size

8 a soft plastic mixture

10 a male child

11 police officer in East Africa

13 a musical instrument

15 a piece of writing on a particular subject

17 laws formerly in operation in S. Africa controlling blacks

19 rowdy behaviour

20 the holding of an office

**Down:**

1 class, kind, variety

2 on the top of

3 the place where one lives

4 basic monetary unit of Panama

6 large New Zealand parrot

7 labour hard

9 Assegai

12 Lake victoria in Kenya

14 a course or run for skiing

16 someone who plants

17 argument in favor of something

18 a habitual drunkard

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# ENDING LAND TENURE SYSTEM DISCRIMINATING WOMEN STANDS TO INDUCE RISE IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

By Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

**I**n Africa women play an integral role in the continent's agricultural sector, representing up to 60 percent of the labour force in some countries. In Tanzania, agriculture accounts for the largest share of employment with more than 80 percent of women are engaging in farming activities hence contribute to the country's food security.

However, rural women are yet to benefit from their labour power invested in the agriculture sector, as they continue to experience limited access and ownership to land and productive resources, compared to their male counterparts.

Research shows that, if women farmers had the same access to non-land productive resources as men, they could increase productivity by 20 percent to 30 percent and total agricultural output by 2.5 percent to 4.0 percent. Such a boost to productivity could play a vital role in ensuring food security. Imagine the potential impact to food security if women also had the same access and rights to land that men enjoy?

Speaking at Women Land Rights forum in Kilimanjaro recently, Mariamu Daudi from Vilaba village, Kisarawe district, in Coastal region said "To date women are still facing gender-based violence and discrimination against land ownership rights due to the patriarchy system in our society." Daudi said when young women ask their parents for land before marriage, they are told that because they will get married, they have no right to family land.

"When they get married their husbands also tell them they have no right to own land, and even when husbands want to sell such land women are not consulted or either participate in transactions as witnesses, not as owners," she charged. The majority of rural women in the country face similar challenges as Daudi and thus, limiting them from unleashing their full potential in agriculture.

According to a Land Tenure Analyst and Lead of the Stand for Her Land Campaign at Landesa Tanzania, Khadija Mrisho, the issue of land ownership is an important pillar for production in agricultural dependent countries like Tanzania.

Mrisho said the manner in which land is accessed, owned, allocated or disposed, controlled and used is an important consideration



Grace Mwangwa (in specs), Director for gender from the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children, cuts ribbon to launch the Stand for Her Land campaign during National Women Land Rights Conference held last week in Kilimanjaro Region. Photo: Correspondent Gerald Kitabu.

in socio-economic policies, legislative and institutional frameworks. "Notably, the land question is not only an agricultural issue but also a fundamental pillar for the economic and social development of women in rural areas," Mrisho observed.

Policy and Legal frameworks Mrisho who is also advocate, said Tanzania has policy and legal frameworks that guarantee protection for women's land rights. "The National Land Policy (1995), the Land Act, no. 4, and the Village Land Act no. 5 (both of 1999), provide for the right of every citizen to own land within the United Republic of Tanzania. These frameworks also guarantee equal rights between men and women to access, own, and control land," she argued.

She noted that such provisions give life to article 24 of the Constitution of the Tanzania of 1977, as amended from time to time, that stipulates right for every person to own property, including land. Mrisho pointed out that despite the protection provided under land laws, inheritance laws on the other hand take away such rights by allowing application of discriminatory socio-cultural norms related to women's and girls' inheritance.

"This discrimination runs contrary to article 13 (4) of the Constitution of United Republic of Tanzania that prohibits discrimination based on sex," she added while noting that Tanzania is also party to multi-lateral and regional conventions on property and people's rights, such as the African

Charter on Human and Peoples Right, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, which guarantee right to property and prohibit discrimination based on sex.

"But we are also party to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), which requires state parties to amend or abolish customs that discriminate against women," Mrisho stated.

Implementation gap The Land Right activist further noted that despite positive developments, the agenda of secure tenure rights for women is still blurry and includes several challenges to realizing women's land rights.

"Entrenched socio-cultural norms often take precedent over formal laws because communities

still apply customs and traditions that discriminate against women's access and control of land rights; for instance, through application of the Customary Law (Declaration Order), 1963 and other uncodified practices," she argued.

Seconding Mrisho's arguments, Dr Aron Kinunda said while presenting at a National Women's Land Rights Conference in October 2021 in Kilimanjaro region, that male dominance in the society (patriarchy system) is still prominent in Tanzania while the legal framework generally upholds women's rights to land. "In rural areas patriarchal practices predominate, whereby men are de facto heads of households and have greater rights to land than women," Dr Kinunda observed.

He warned that restricting women from realizing their land rights subsequently limits their opportunities in the agriculture sector. "Inadequate knowledge on women's land rights persists among women, local government and the public at large. This has led to difficulties for local government authorities to uphold and implement policy frameworks that guarantee women's land rights," Dr Kinunda stated.

He further noted that lack of knowledge for women causes fear and lack of confidence to protect, defend and claim their rights in legal institutions. "As for the public, lack of knowledge causes stereotypes and negative attitudes towards women's land rights, and the failure to recognize and guarantee them," Dr Kinunda argued.

Insufficient implementation and enforcement of laws and policies at the local and nation-

al level also create obstacles. "These are perpetuated in part by inadequate knowledge and capacity," he noted.

To close the gap between land and practice so that Tanzanian women and men can access, own, use, control, inherit and benefit from land equitably, a group of women and land rights organizations formed a coalition of 25 members led by Tanzania Women Lawyers Association (TAWLA) as chair and Landesa Tanzania as secretariat collectively referred to as The Stand for Her Land (S4HL) Campaign Taskforce.

The group relies on collective advocacy to overcome institutional and societal barriers that prevent the effective enforcement and implementation of laws that protect women's land rights in Tanzania. The S4HL Task force is employing innovative approaches towards addressing women land rights implementation gaps, such as promoting the open exchange of experiences and evidence-based knowledge on progress towards achieving gender equality in land rights administration and management through dialogues and conferences.

For example, in October 2021, S4HL Tanzania in collaboration with the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children, hold the first annual National Women's Land Rights conference in Moshi, Kilimanjaro. The conference was held along with the commemoration of International Rural Women's Day, to cement the importance of secure land rights for rural women for their livelihoods and economic empowerment.

## Barrick confirms US\$250m third tranche dividend payment to shareholders



Bulyanhulu Gold Mine in Kahama District, Shinyanga Region is owned by Barrick Gold Corporation through its local subsidiary, Twiga Minerals Corporation.

By Property Watch Reporter

THE final and third tranche of US\$250 million dividend to shareholders of Barrick Gold Corporation's for this year will be paid on December 15.

In a statement, the Toronto based company which jointly owns Twiga Minerals Corporation with Treasury, said payment of the US\$250 million will bring the total dividend paid this year to US\$750 million.

"Barrick Gold Corporation today confirmed that the per share amount of the third and final US\$250 million tranche of a return of capital distribution totalling US\$750 million to be paid on December 15, 2021 will be \$0.1405058, based on the number of issued and outstanding shares as of the November 30, 2021 record

date," the statement said.

The mining giant said the payment follows the approval by shareholders at its annual and special meeting held on May 4, 2021 which approved a total of US\$750 million return of capital distribution. On December 15, 2021,

Barrick will also pay a previously declared dividend of \$0.09 per share for the third quarter of 2021 to shareholders on record at the close of business on November 30,

2021, the statement added.

"The payment of the \$750 million return of capital distribution over the course of 2021, along with our quarterly dividend payments, will result in a total cash return to shareholders of approximately \$1.4 billion during the year, which represents the highest annual cash payout to shareholders in Barrick's history," said Senior Executive Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer, Graham

Shuttleworth.

"Even after these record annual distributions, our balance sheet remains exceptionally strong as a result of our robust operational and financial performance, leaving Barrick in a position to maintain commitment to provide shareholders with meaningful returns while continuing to invest in future growth and development," Shuttleworth added.

## World Mobile picks Zanzibar for balloon-driven mobile network

ZANZIBAR

UK-BASED mobile network firm World Mobile will launch its balloon-based hybrid mobile network in Zanzibar, and is in discussion with the governments of Kenya and Tanzania to roll out similar projects. The company explains that its mobile network is supported by low altitude platform balloons to provide mobile internet connectivity to more people at a lower cost in Africa.

A statement released to the media reads: "World Mobile's balloons will be the first to officially launch in Africa for commercial use, providing a more cost-effective way to provide digital connection to people compared to rolling out legacy internet infrastructure. The remotely controlled aerostat balloons are powered by solar panels, inflated by helium and tethered to the ground. Once airborne, they act as floating cellular base stations transmitting radio signals to ground stations and personal devices."

According to World Mobile the project, the first since a successful US\$40-million raise, will deliver coverage and access to the digital economy for over a million people in Zanzibar by end of 2023. It also marks the company's first step in its mission to bring four billion people online before 2030, in line with the UN and World Bank's SDGs. Data from the United Nations shows almost half the world's population, 3.7 billion people, the majority of them women, and most in developing countries, are still offline.

Beyond Zanzibar, World Mobile is in discussions with government officials in Tanzania and Kenya, as well as other territories underserved by traditional mobile operators. It plans to have 20 mesh sites - local Wi-Fi nodes - rolled out by January 2022 and 120 sites during the first six months of 2022 including the first aerostat balloon launch.

The roll out will cover approximately 75% of Unguja Island and provide access to the wider digital economy including communications, e-commerce, finance, healthcare, and education to the islands' 896K people. Micky Watkins, CEO of World Mobile said: "We want to help create a world where everyone can access affordable connectivity, a world where economic freedom is a truth and a world where people are able to jump on the opportunities that internet creates. Zanzibar will become the world's first smart region powered by World Mobile, connecting businesses, schools and society as a whole."

Said Seif Said, Director General of Zanzibar's E-Government Agency, added: "Mobile internet services are becoming quite popular in Zanzibar, like everywhere else around the globe. These services bring online access to information and communication to the masses through their mobile phones, helping bridge the existing rural and urban digital gap."



## SGA SECURITY RECOGNISED AS MOST PREFERRED SERVICE PROVIDER OVERALL



SGA Security Tanzania's managing director, Eric Sambu (C) holds one of the two awards his firm won during a Consumer Choice Awards for Africa in Dar es Salaam earlier this week. Photo courtesy of SGA

By Property Watch Reporter

SGA Security Tanzania has been voted the most preferred security services provider in Tanzania and the Eastern Africa region by the public through Consumer Choice Awards Africa 2021.

The CC Awards which were organised by Lavine International Agency of Dar es Salaam also named SGA as winner of the most equipped and reliable security services provider.

Commenting on the success, SGA

Security Tanzania's Managing Director, Eric Sambu expressed his satisfaction for winning the two awards, saying that it was a vote of confidence and respect by consumers in the market. "We have worked so hard to continuously surpass expectations of customers and it gives us great pleasure to receive these awards in recognition our efforts, especially because if comes from the public," Sambu said earlier this week.

He said SGA has maintained four ISO Certifications - ISO 9001, 18788, 14001 and 45001 - all focusing on quality, customer focus, responsible business, respect for human rights and environmental protection.

"We dedicate these two awards to our 6,000-strong workforce in Tanzania and over 19,000 in Eastern Africa for their focus on serving customers and creating value to the entire society. They remain our heroes and we will continue empowering them to do even better," he added.

Backing her boss, SGA Security's Sales and Marketing Manager, Faustina Shoo noted that whereas the award is a mark of confidence in their services, it is a clear message of what the market needs in terms of quality services.

"We do not take this vote of confidence lightly. We have heard the message from the public and we promise to double our efforts in

servicing them and make East Africa a safe place to invest and live in," Shoo said.

She said as the company is celebrating its 50th anniversary in the Eastern Africa region having been the first company to operate as private security services provider in the country in 1984 as Group Four Security and later Security Group, the awards are very encouraging. Lavine International Agency's Founder and CEO, Diana Laizer explained that the CCA Africa is an annual big business recognition event that identifies, enhances and promotes business excellence through consumers' choice.

"Online voting was done across Africa cov-

ering 62 different categories across all sectors of the economies. The awards demonstrates trust by customers and encourages participants to focus on customer satisfaction with quality services," Laizer said.

SGA has over 40 permanent locations across East Africa, servicing over 10,000 customers across all sectors of the economy, from individuals to top listed corporates.

## Mozambique's President inaugurates Gaza Airport

MAPUTO

MOZAMBICAN President Filipe Nyusi on Monday inaugurated a new airport in Chonguene district, in the southern province of Gaza, which has been baptised with his name.

Nyusi seemed to dislike the fact that he was inaugurating an airport that bears his name. "You should imagine how embarrassing it is to inaugurate an economic infrastructure which has been given my name, particularly when I know that the proponents are aware of how I feel about this kind of procedure," he told the inauguration ceremony.

He did not say who those proponents are - but they must be senior figures in the ruling Frelimo Party, if Nyusi was really unable to overrule them (although the independent newsheet "Mediafax" dismisses Nyusi's embarrassment as a mere pretense).

Nyusi said that building the airport did not plunge the Mozambican state into any further debt. That is because the more than 60 million US dollars it cost was paid for by a grant from the Chinese government.

The Chonguene airport covers an area of 3,400 square metres and it has the capacity to accommodate 200,000 passengers a year. It is the first sizeable airport ever built in Gaza, which

was previously the only province in the country without an airport.

Nyusi claimed the airport will catapult the development of Gaza. "Building this airport is an integral part of our programme for the economic development of Mozambique", he said. "The airport we inaugurate today will stimulate development and the transport of people and goods, from the viewpoint of complementarity between various infrastructures." It is believed that tourism will be the main beneficiary from the new airport. Gaza has 105 kilometres of largely pristine beaches and several major wildlife reserves.

The major market for tourism in Gaza is South Africa. But how many South African tourists will leave their cars at home and pay for a flight to Chonguene instead? The initial return flight from Maputo to Chonguene cost 13,800 meticals (about 216 US dollars, at current exchange rates). The general director of Mozambique Airlines, Po Jorge, insisted that, when LAM runs scheduled flights to Chonguene, the prices will be much lower.

Furthermore, tourist operators hoping to benefit from the new airport will have to run buses from Chonguene to resorts such as Bilene beach or the Limpopo National Park. In 2018, Gaza received 114,591 tourists, of whom 47,250



President Nyusi inspects Gaza Airport.

were foreign tourists. Most of the South African tourists would have driven all the way. Tourists from elsewhere would have flown to Maputo, and then made their way into

Gaza by road.

The new airport has a relatively short runway. It will be able to take planes carrying around 70 passengers. Simple mathematics shows that,

to reach 200,000 passengers, with this type of plane, will require 2,857 flights - that is eight flights a day. So far the only airline certain to use the Chonguene airport is LAM. If

the demand exists, the runway can be extended to take Boeings and other larger planes.

Nyusi admitted that the new airport could not become sustainable solely on the basis of tourism. Cargo flights would be another possibility - but Gaza is essentially an agricultural province, and it would be prohibitively expensive to transport most agricultural products by air.

Nonetheless Nyusi was optimistic that agriculture and fisheries, plus transport facilities could influence rapid economic growth in Gaza, which would open space for the country's integration in the country, in the southern African region and the world.

The President was optimistic that there will now be a string of new investments in Chonguene district, including hotels, new transport companies and other services. "We are challenging all service providers to bank on the investments which may be necessary because of the appearance of these new infrastructures here in Chonguene," he stressed.

The last airport built in Mozambique was Nacala International Airport in the northern province of Nampula. Inaugurated in 2014 by Nyusi's predecessor, Armando Guebuza, it has always run at a heavy loss, and has never attracted any international airlines.

When this airport was built, it was imagined that Nacala could be a hub linking southern Africa to the Gulf states. But no Gulf airline has shown the slightest interest in Nacala. Anyone wishing to fly to Nacala must take the LAM flight from Maputo.

## Nakuru becomes Kenya's fourth city

NAKURU

PRESIDENT Uhuru Kenyatta on Wednesday awarded a city charter to Nakuru, making it the fourth city in the country. The Head of State also launched the revamped Nakuru-Kisumu railway line and affordable housing project.

"Nakuru City will join Kisumu, Mombasa and Nairobi as cities. With a reputation as East Africa's cleanest town, all of Kenya looks forward to Nakuru City growing by leaps and bounds," Mr Kenyatta said in his State of the Nation Address in Nairobi on Tuesday.

The news was received with excitement, with Nakuru Governor Lee Kinyanjui, saying, the "long and intriguing journey is finally coming to an end." "I now roll [up my sleeves] to make Nakuru the best city in Kenya and Africa. Already, we have various projects underway that will restore the glory of Nakuru," Mr Kinyanjui said.

The governor has allayed fears that the elevation to city status will occasion residents being burdened with high taxes, land rates and rents. His administration, he said, will make its decisions based on the needs of the residents and will ensure regular public participation. The Senate ap-



An aerial view of the now promoted Nakuru town as seen on November 30, 2021.

proved Nakuru Municipality's application for elevation to city status this year.

The Nation understands that lack of clear guidelines in the Urban Areas and Cities Act 2011 on the awarding of city

status delayed the granting of the charter, months after the Senate approved Nakuru's elevation.

The town's population stands at 367,183, according to the Senate committee that scrutinised the city status ap-

plication, surpassing the required population threshold of 250,000 people as per the criteria set in the law.

The team also found that the local revenue generated in the past three financial years demonstrated the town's potential to sustain its operations. Residents of Nakuru are now expected to enjoy better recreational facilities, sufficient water, state of the art stadia, good road networks, enhanced solid waste management systems among other services.

Mr James Michoma, a physical planning expert said: "The town will undergo an overhaul and be re-planned, in a bid to resolve the perennial problem of congestion especially in the central business district and main streets." Already, Bondoni is set for an upgrade after the government launched a multimillion-shilling affordable housing project. It is also building 605 housing units at a cost of Sh2 billion.

Cities have extensive systems for housing, transport, water and sanitation, street lighting, proper drainage systems, transport, health services, land use, and communication. Mr David Mwangi, the chairman of the Nakuru Tourism Association says, the lakeside town's elevation to city status will unlock the region's untapped economic fortunes.



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## RENEWABLES GET SET FOR A RECORD YEAR BUT FASTER DELIVERY NEEDED TO REACH NET ZERO

PARIS

**N**EW renewable power capacity is projected to rise to 290 gigawatts this year, setting a "fresh all-time record for new installations", the International Energy Agency has said.

The global renewable electricity capacity is forecast to rise to more than 4,800 gigawatts by 2026, up 60 per cent from 2020 levels, the Paris-based organisation said in its annual Renewables Market Report released on Wednesday.

The amount of renewable capacity from 2021 to 2026 is expected to be 50 per cent higher than the levels between 2015 and 2020, driven by stronger government policies and more ambitious clean energy goals announced before and during the Cop26 climate change conference, the report said.

"This year's record renewable electricity additions of 290 gigawatts are yet another sign that a new global energy economy is emerging," said Fatih Birol, IEA's executive director. China will drive the renewable capacity growth over the coming years - accounting for 43 per cent of global renewable capacity growth - with Europe, the US and India following close behind, the IEA said. These four markets together will account for 80 per cent of global renewable capacity expansion.

Clean energy generation has picked up pace, boosted by the collective will to build back better after the pandemic. Many countries, including major oil-dependent nations, have pledged to reach net-zero emissions by the middle of the century as they strive to keep the lid on emissions and mitigate climate change.

The UAE became the first country in the Middle East and North Africa region to adopt the pledge to offset all of its domestic carbon emissions by 2050, followed by Saudi Arabia and Bahrain. In line with its net-zero initiatives, the UAE plans to plough \$160 billion over the next three decades to hasten renewable energy develop-



A solar power plant in China's Shanxi Province. China that is expected to drive the renewable capacity growth.

ment. The Emirates will also host the 28th Conference of the Parties in 2023 in line with the global efforts to transition away from fossil fuels.

Renewables will account for almost 95 per cent of the increase in global power capacity in the next five years, with solar photovoltaic (PV) alone providing more than half, the IEA said. Solar PV, a method through which raw energy from the sun is absorbed to create usable energy, leads the growth in renewable electricity, with its capacity additions forecast to increase by 17 per cent this year, to a record of almost 160 gigawatts, as per the IEA's estimates.

"We have revised up our forecast from a year earlier, as stronger policy support and ambitious climate targets announced for Cop26 outweigh the current record commodity prices that have increased the costs of building new wind and solar PV installations," the energy agency said. The IEA expects this record growth for renewables to take place despite challenges,

including today's high commodity and transport prices.

"The high commodity and energy prices we are seeing today pose new challenges for the renewable industry, but elevated fossil fuel prices also make renewables even more competitive," Mr Birol said. Rising commodity, energy and shipping prices have increased the cost of producing and transporting solar PV modules, wind turbines and biofuels worldwide.

Since the beginning of 2020, prices for PV-grade polysilicon more than quadrupled, steel has increased by 50 per cent, aluminium by 80 per cent, copper by 60 per cent and freight fees have risen six-fold, the IEA said. Many "restrictive trade measures have brought additional price increases to solar PV modules and wind turbines in key markets such as the US, India and the EU."

However, should commodity prices remain high through the end of next year, the cost of wind investments would go back up to levels last seen

in 2015 and three years of cost reductions for solar PV would be erased, the IEA said. "Despite rising prices limiting growth, global biofuel demand in 2021 is forecast to surpass 2019 levels, rebounding from last year's huge decline caused by the pandemic," the report said.

Demand for biofuels is set to grow strongly to 2026, as per IEA estimates, with Asia accounting for almost 30 per cent of new production. India is expected to rise to become the third largest market for ethanol worldwide, behind the US and Brazil, the energy body said.

However, renewables face a number of policy

## Dubai house prices jump 21pc as property market continues with recovery

DUBAI

**R**ESIDENTIAL property prices in Dubai jumped 21 per cent in the first 10 months of the year as the emirate's property sector continues to recover from the coronavirus pandemic on the back of an accelerated vaccination programme and other government measures.

The average house price climbed to Dh1,235 per square foot (\$336.28) in October from Dh1,021 per square foot recorded in January, according to a report from global consultancy Knight Frank. "The buoyancy in market sentiment has rippled outward from the emirate and caught the attention of a new flavour of the buyer, non-resident, ultra-high-net-worth individuals, who for the first time, are flocking to the city to secure our most expensive property," said Faisal Durrani, partner and head of Middle East research at Knight Frank.

"[The] \$10 million-plus home sales now account for 7 per cent for all transactions in the city by value, compared to a long-term average of just 2 per cent." The UAE property market, which softened due to a three-year oil price slump that began in 2014 over supply concerns and the pandemic, is on a rebound as people upgrade to larger homes with outdoor amenities amid a surge in remote working and online learning.

Economic support measures and government initiatives - such as residency permits for those who have retired and remote workers in addition to the expansion of the 10-year golden visa programme - have also helped to improve sentiment. The buyers are from different locations including Monaco, Switzerland and China, Mr Durrani, said.

"Developers are responding, pushing the envelope and bringing to market Dh10,000 per-square-foot homes, such as Alpago's Palm Flower project. More modestly priced properties continue to languish, however."

Alpago's Palm Flower project at The Palm will feature one residential unit per floor and is being designed by the British firm Foster + Partners, the developer said earlier this month. However, residential values are still about 29 per cent below peak levels in 2014.

Villa prices, meanwhile, surged 14 per cent since the start of the pandemic in January last year, as people

moved to larger homes amid online schooling and the work-from-home culture, according to Knight Frank.

The most expensive areas in the city are recording the sharpest turnaround in values, with apartments in locations such as The Palm Jumeirah and Downtown Dubai outperforming apartments in general since the start of the pandemic.

Similarly, villa prices in Mohammed Bin Rashid City, Dubai Hills and The Palm Jumeirah have also jumped ahead of the wider villa market, "highlighting the disproportionate impact of positive market sentiment on luxury home values", the report said. Home sales in September crossed Dh12.2bn, which was 100 per cent higher than the previous record of Dh6.1bn recorded for the same month in 2009. Total sales fell to Dh11.2bn in October.

"Dubai's relative affordability, compared to other global gateway cities, has been instrumental in driving its popularity and it wouldn't be in the interest of market stability for prices to race past 2008, or indeed 2014 peaks, over such a short period of time," Mr Durrani said.

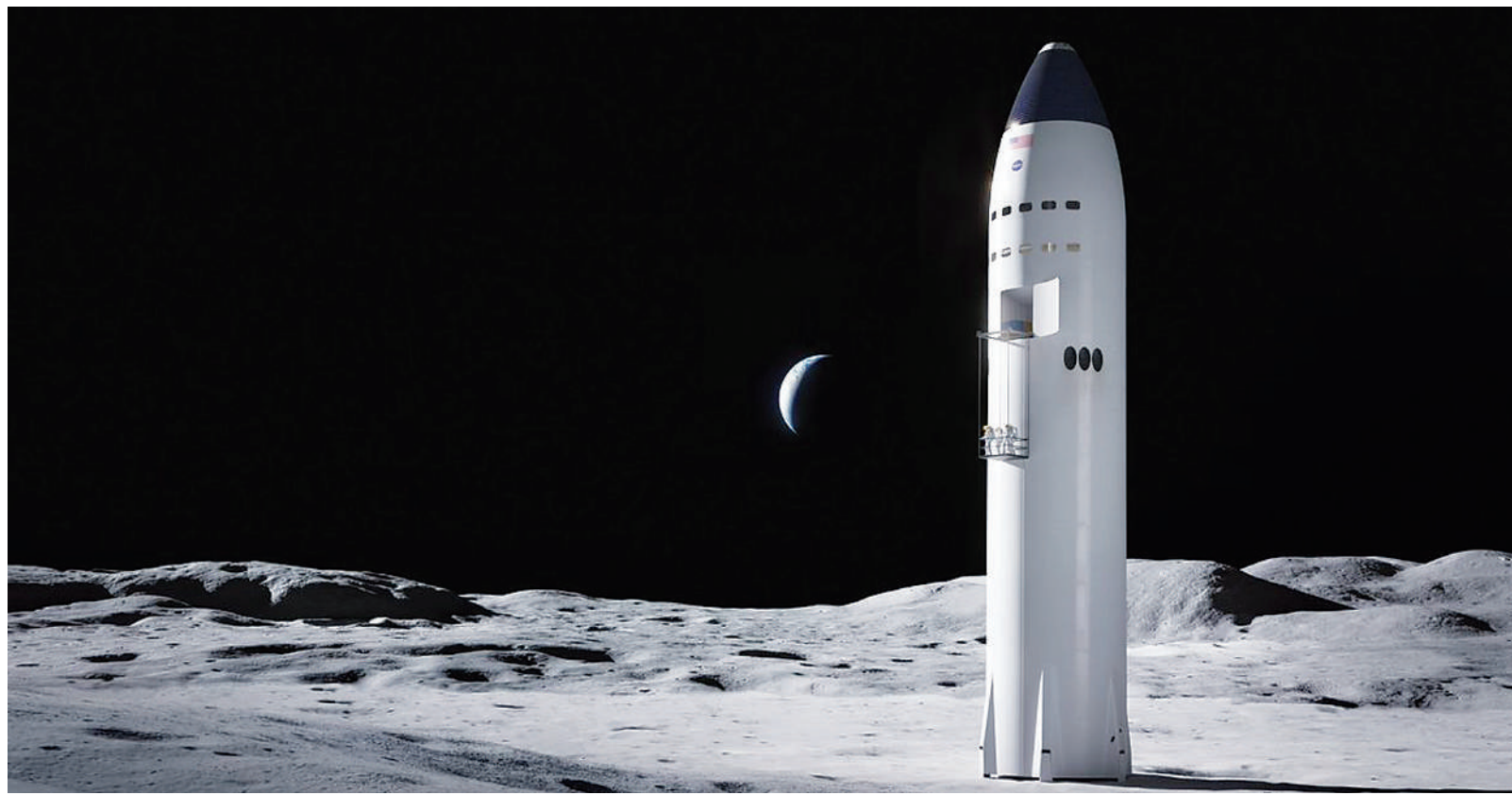
Meanwhile, apartment and villa sales prices in Dubai and Abu Dhabi jumped in the third quarter amid a broader recovery in the property market, property consultancy Asteco said on Monday. Apartment sales prices in Dubai surged 14 per cent year-on-year in the three-month period, while villa prices rose 37 per cent during the period.

Asteco said it expected the momentum of growth to continue towards the end of the year and into 2022, albeit at a lower rate, a trend underpinned by anticipated developments stemming from the successful execution of the Expo 2020.

"Government initiatives in terms of new visa programmes and regulations to attract foreign investment, the easing of Covid-19 restrictions and the successful rollout of the vaccines are expected to boost the economy," it said. Villa rentals in Dubai rose 19 per cent annually, while apartment rents climbed 3 per cent.

In Abu Dhabi, villa prices jumped 14 per cent in the three months to the end of September, while apartments posted a modest increase of 1 per cent. Villa rents in the UAE capital, meanwhile, remained flat during the period, while apartment rents dropped 2 per cent, according to Asteco.

## SpaceX may go bankrupt, jeopardising Elon Musk's space vision



SpaceX's Starship Luna Lander.

NEW YORK

SPACE'S CEO Elon Musk reportedly told staff that the company is in "crisis" and may go into bankruptcy. That is, if the efforts put towards the production of the Raptor engine is not boosted.

As of October, SpaceX's market capitalization has reached \$100 billion, marking the company's best year ever. The company's Starlink project, which intends to provide high-speed internet through a constellation of satellites, has also recently emerged from beta. After losing its lawsuit against NASA, Jeff Bezos' Blue Origin is now again partnering with SpaceX on the Starship Lunar Lander.

SpaceX plans to utilise the Raptor engine to power its next-generation Starship launch vehicle, which it intends to carry humans into orbit one day. It is currently being developed as a lunar lander for NASA's Artemis programme. While this is true, the company's long-term viability appears to be in peril as a result of the severe production challenges with the Raptor engine.

According to Space Explorers, Musk's email forewarns of serious consequences if the company failed to speed up the production of its Raptor engines. For financial viability, SpaceX must launch Starship at least once every two weeks in 2022. And so, to accomplish this, the company must massively boost its Rap-

tor engine production.

With the production bottleneck being decider as a "disaster," Musk has pushed his employees to continue working through the Thanksgiving weekend to meet the demands. However, it is unclear how many employees returned to the work center over the thanksgiving holiday.

As stated in the email, the constraints with the Raptors were "far more severe" than previously assumed, and can only be overcome by putting in more hours over the next many weeks and months. Musk, who is well-known for working seven days a week, explained in the email that he was cancelling plans to take the weekend off in

order to solve the issue facing the company. "I will be on the Raptor line all night and into the weekend."

At this point, it's unclear whether the issues are truly as bad as Musk is portraying them, or whether the bankruptcy chatter is simply hyped in the traditional Elon Musk way. The year 2022 is expected to be a turning point for SpaceX, and it might have a significant impact on the company's future.

The urgency with which Musk issued his warning, on the other hand, is likely motivated more by the need to keep the workforce motivated in order to accomplish a tight and ambitious timeline than by any real danger of SpaceX going bankrupt.



Apartments in The Palm Jumeirah and downtown Dubai are outperforming other locations in the emirate in terms of values.



## WORLD

# Trump says will sue rape accuser over defamation claim

GENEVA

FORMER president Donald Trump told a judge he plans to sue New York advice columnist E. Jean Carroll, alleging her defamation lawsuit against him was filed in bad faith after he denied her claim that he raped her in a department store dressing room two decades ago.

Trump, who recently replaced his legal team in the suit Carroll filed against him in 2019, on Wednesday asked the federal

court in Manhattan for permission to add a counterclaim, which he included in his request to the judge.

The former president made the same legal move two months ago in a similar case. In October, he filed a counterclaim against his onetime "Apprentice" contestant Summer Zervos, who had also accused Trump of sexual assault and then sued him for defamation after he denied it.

In November, with Zervos's long-sought deposition of Trump just weeks away, Zer-



Former US president Donald Trump

vos agreed to drop the suit. Neither side explained why.

Carroll's lawyer, Roberta Kaplan, didn't immediately respond to a message seeking comment.

Trump's counterclaim in both cases alleges a violation of New York's Anti Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation statute, known as an anti-SLAPP law. It is meant to deter "ill-intentioned lawsuits - particularly those meant to discourage public participation or chill the free speech of others," according to the filing by Trump's new law-

yer, Alina Habba.

Lawyers for Carroll and Trump are scheduled to appear Friday in a federal appeals court, where she is fighting an attempt by the US Justice Department to replace Trump as defendant in the case. If that happens, it would result in the lawsuit being tossed out.

The Biden administration has argued that Trump is protected from Carroll's lawsuit because he made the allegedly defamatory statements about her while he was a federal employee.

Agencies

## NATO intends to avoid conflict with Russia over situation in Ukraine – Secretary General

NEW YORK

NATO intends to prevent a conflict with Russia in the light of the situation in Ukraine, NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg said in an interview with CNN.

"The task is to prevent that from happening. That's first of all the reason why we call Russia to stop its aggressive actions against Ukraine," Stoltenberg (pictured) said, answering a question about the possibility of a conflict between Russia and NATO over Ukraine.

"Every nation has the right to self-defense that's actually enshrined in the UN charter," the Secretary General continued. "NATO support for Ukraine is 110% or is absolutely in line with our international obligations, and Ukraine, of course, has the right to self-defense."

He underscored that NATO provides "guarantees of security" to its member states, while Ukraine is not one of them.

"Ukraine is a partner we provide support and training capacity," Stoltenberg said, underscoring that the members of the alliance can expect full protection by NATO in case of aggression.

Recently, claims about a potential Russian invasion into Ukrainian territory have become increasingly frequent in the West and Ukraine. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov called this information an empty and groundless escalation of tensions, underscoring that Russia is not a threat to anyone.

Meanwhile, he speculated that provocations are possible intended to justify such statements, and warned that attempts to resolve the crisis in southeastern Ukraine by force will have most serious consequences.

Peskov also underscored that Russia makes all possible efforts to help Ukraine to settle the conflict in Donbass while adhering to the Normandy Format and the Minsk Agreements.

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# China, Africa pledge to step up cooperation

DAKAR

THE 8th Ministerial Conference of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) has issued the Dakar Declaration, pledging to deepen China-Africa comprehensive strategic partnership of cooperation.

China and Africa call on all countries to work together to build an open, inclusive, clean and beautiful world that enjoys lasting peace, universal security and common prosperity, and to build a new type of international relations featuring mutual respect, fairness, justice and win-win cooperation, according to the declaration.

China will not interfere in African countries' exploration of development paths suited to their national conditions, not interfere in their internal affairs, not impose its will on others, not attach any political strings to its aid to Africa, not seek political gains in its investment and financing in Africa, the declaration showed.

Recognising the COVID-19 pandemic as a major challenge facing the mankind, China and Africa pledge to work together against the coronavirus.

China thanks African countries, the African Union and other regional organizations for their solidarity and support for China's anti-epidemic actions, while the African side speaks highly of China's efforts to assist Africa in its fight against the pandemic.

The international community should abandon vaccine nationalism, increase vaccine supply to Africa, ensure equi-



Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi meets with Senegalese Foreign Minister Aissata Tall Sall in Dakar on Wednesday. XINHUA

table distribution of vaccines and ensure the accessibility and affordability of vaccines in Africa, according to the declaration.

China welcomes African countries to join the big family of Belt and Road cooperation, and stands ready to step up cooperation with the African Union and its institutions as well as African sub-regional organizations.

China and Africa firmly adhere to multilateralism and support the UN cause, the declaration showed, adding that China firmly supports Africans as heads of international organizations and institutions, and supports African

countries in deeply participating in global governance and playing a greater role in international affairs.

African countries welcome and support China's Global Development Initiative, the declaration also indicated.

China encourages its enterprises to expand investment in Africa and support the localization of production in Africa, it said.

Meanwhile, both China and Africa are committed to the sustained and sound development of the Olympic Games and oppose the politicization of sports, it said, adding that the African side supports China in hosting the

Beijing 2022 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, and wishes the games complete success.

China and Africa has also issued a declaration on climate change cooperation, recognizing that climate change has become a major challenge to the natural ecological environment and social and economic development of China and Africa.

Noting that addressing climate change and the resulting migration activities is a challenge facing all mankind, both China and Africa urge the world to work together under the multilateral framework.

Developed countries should earnestly fulfill their funding obligations to help developing countries, especially African countries, to cope with climate change, and strive to fill the gap with pledged \$100 billion per year by 2020 as soon as possible, the declaration showed.

China and Africa pledge to jointly safeguard the reasonable rights and interests of China and Africa as well as other developing countries, and will hold a high-level forum on China-Africa climate change cooperation under the framework of South-South cooperation and the Belt and Road Initiative, according to the declaration.

The two sides agreed to advocate innovative, coordinated, green, open and shared sustainable development, and will work for the "green recovery" of the post-epidemic world economy, it added.

Xinhua

# EU urges daily travel reviews, booster shots over Omicron

LONDON

THE European Union needs daily reviews of its travel restrictions and rapid deployment of vaccine booster doses to limit entry and protect its citizens from the Omicron variant of the coronavirus, the European Commission said on Wednesday.

Europe is experiencing a surge of COVID-19 cases and a growing number of infections by the Omicron variant that the World Health Organization has labeled a variant of concern and that has concerned scientists due to its multiple mutations.

"We are facing at the moment

a severe double challenge," European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen told a news conference. "On one hand, we are amid the fourth wave... On the other hand, we are facing a new threat that is the new variant Omicron."

The EU executive said that its 27 EU members needed to step up vaccination campaigns, with some 66 percent of the total EU population now inoculated. Vaccines for children between five and 11 will be eligible to receive vaccines from Dec 13.

Von der Leyen also said that, with BionTech/Pfizer and Moderna set to deliver 360 million more doses by the end of March,



People stand in line to get a jab in a COVID-19 vaccination bus in Riga, Latvia, on Oct 21, 2021, the day the new one-month-long lockdown starts. AFP

there were boosters available to all those that had received their initial shots.

"That is good news. So go get it," she said. She added she had under-

stood from drugmakers that they would require around 100 days to adjust their vaccines if their existing vaccines did not protect from the Omicron variant.

Most EU countries have imposed travel bans for residents of South Africa, where the Omicron was first detected, along with surrounding southern African countries.

The Commission also urged EU members to commit to a day-by-day review of travel restrictions and a readiness to impose all necessary controls, including decisive action if clusters of the Omicron variant were found.

Agencies

# All 10 companies newly listed on Beijing Stock Exchange see their share prices surge

AS of Nov. 19, the first batch of 81 companies debuted on the Beijing Stock Exchange (BSE), which officially started trading at 9:30 a.m. on Nov. 15, registered a cumulative combined trading volume of about 21.25 billion yuan (about \$3.33 billion) since the first day of trading.

Among the 81 companies, 10 newly approved firms had seen their share prices rocket 123.91 percent on average, and the rest 71 companies transferred from the selected layer

of China's National Equities Exchange and Quotations (NEEQ), also known as the New Third Board, had recorded a cumulative total trading volume of 13.01 billion yuan since the opening of the new bourse.

The BSE focuses on serving innovation-oriented enterprises that are in its earlier development stages, have smaller scale and show stronger innovation, compared with China's Science and Technology Innovation Board, commonly known as the STAR Market,

and the ChiNext board, which were also launched to provide services for innovation-oriented enterprises.

Trading activities at the new Beijing bourse have met expectations. At the same time, the BSE has shown better liquidity than the selected layer of the New Third Board.

The new Beijing bourse will benefit innovation-oriented enterprises, which are considered dynamic market entities, with favorable policies and systems, Cheng Yongqing, chair-

man of the board of directors of the Beijing Tri-Prime Gene Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd., said while addressing the opening ceremony of the BSE as a representative of the first companies debuted on the new bourse.

The first batch of 81 companies listed on the BSE has caught great attention. Although from different industries, these companies have fully demonstrated the role of the BSE as a platform serving innovation-oriented small

and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). Standing out from more than 7,000 companies on the New Third Board, the 71 companies transferred from the selected layer of the New Third Board are star performers that enjoy sound business operations and relatively strong growth prospects.

Of the first batch of enterprises, 17 are "little giant enterprises" with specialized, sophisticated techniques and unique, novel products.

The first batch of enterprises

cover 25 major industries of the national economy, and most are in the vanguard of industry segments. Their average research and development (R&D) intensity reaches 4.2 percent and R&D expenditure 25.36 million yuan.

A sound financing environment requires suitable systems. Within about two months during the preparations for the opening of the BSE, China Securities Regulatory Commission (CSRC), the country's securities regulator,

released six regulations and 13 normative documents, and the new bourse formulated 51 sets of systems and rules, fostering a more inclusive, flexible, and universally beneficial financing environment.

The inclusive and precise issuance and listing systems of the BSE accommodate the needs of different types of SMEs with different characteristics, said Tian Xuan, associate dean of the Tsinghua University PBC School of Finance.

People's Daily



# Zimbabwean businesses bear brunt of sanctions

HARARE

AMID the impacts of an unprecedented global pandemic, Zimbabwean business owners still have to navigate their way through a myriad of challenges posed by Western sanctions.

Stressing the direness of the situation resulting from the sanctions, Zimbabwean business and political leaders have urged the United States and other Western countries to promptly ease the burden on the Zimbabwean people. Celia Rukato, founder of Chjaa Enterprises, a textile print and garment manufacturing company based in Harare, is one of the entrepreneurs who have to face daunting challenges of exporting products to clients on a daily basis.

Like many modern retailers, her brand featuring the Zimbabwean identity has utilized online platforms to reach out to a larger customer base in and outside Zimbabwe. However, payment options have been a problem for these Zimbabwe-registered businesses due to Western sanctions.

There are certain companies that are not allowed to interact or work with Zimbabwean-based companies," she told Xinhua. Take PayPal for example, "we don't have access to PayPal because it's an America-based company," she said. "We have to make alternative plans" that cause the customers to pay more for transaction costs or a middleman's commission in a third country, Rukato told Xinhua.

Rukato said sanctions-related barriers have also resulted in Zimbabwe-based startups missing out



opportunities and funding because they were not allowed to apply or get access to certain grants.

Western countries, led by Britain and the United States, imposed sanctions on Zimbabwe in 2001 and 2003 respectively over differences with Zimbabwe on its land reform program.

While the EU has eased its sanctions over the years, the United States and Britain continue with theirs. They argue that the sanctions are targeted at a few individuals. But the Zimbabwean government and analysts say their impact is being felt throughout the whole economy, with ordinary citizens bearing the brunt.

Given the overly distressing effect on the viability of businesses and the

Zimbabwean economy, there have been outcries against the sanctions in and outside Zimbabwe.

"You cannot do so much when you are under a yoke," said Denford Mutashu, president of the Confederation of Zimbabwe Retailers Association, adding that this is probably the reason why some have even equated the sanctions with "new forms of neocolonialism."

"We should be seeing countries being able to determine and chart their own destiny according to their own traditional cultural, political, socio-political and socio-economic backgrounds," Mutashu said, urging an immediate removal of these sanctions.

Abigale Mupambi, a human rights defender and National Coordinator of Civic Societies and Churches Joint

Forum, said the sanctions have no legal basis and called for their immediate unconditional removal.

The sanctions "were imposed on Zimbabwe outside the parameters of the UN Security Council guidelines. So for that reason they must be removed by any state that respects the rule of law. Going forward, it is a human rights violation."

I call upon the U.S... in the interest of respect of the human rights in general, to remove the sanctions," she said. Linda Masarira, leader of the political party Labour, Economists and African Democrats of Zimbabwe, said the sanctions are a weapon of war which aim to advance the United States' own foreign policy goals under the guise of upholding human rights and democracy. "Our view has

always been clear that sanctions are a form of economic warfare, sanctions are economic terrorism which is being used by the United States of America to agitate the people of Zimbabwe to do an uprising for a regime change agenda," Masarira said.

In a bid to push for the lifting of the sanctions, the Zimbabwean government has stepped up efforts to lobby for their removal by engaging with other regional powers. The UN Special Rapporteur on unilateral coercive measures Alena Douhan also highlighted the negative effects of the sanctions in a preliminary report released at the end of a 12-day visit to Zimbabwe.

After her Oct. 17-28 visit, she said that unilateral sanctions have greatly affected the ease of doing business in the country.

Unilateral sanctions against natural and legal persons of Zimbabwe, in conjunction with secondary sanctions, zero-risk policies and over-compliance are exacerbating the economic and humanitarian crisis, forcing the Zimbabwean government, banks, public institutions, private companies and individuals to look for alternative ways to participate in international trade by involving third parties, using alternative informal non-transparent mechanisms of trade and payments, thus adding to corruption rather than suppressing it, she said.

Douhan urged all stakeholders at the international and national levels to stop using the rhetoric of sanctions as an advocacy tool and to engage in structural dialogue to settle any disputes in accordance with the rule of law.

Xinhua

US spending lots of money to destabilise situation in Russia – senior diplomat

MOSCOW

WASHINGTON never stops trying to contain Russia's development and is spending considerable funds to destabilize the situation in Russia, Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergey Ryabkov said on Monday.

"Ill-wishers never stop trying to contain the development of our country, to influence our domestic and foreign policy by means of sanctions, blackmail and information warfare. Using non-profit international organizations among other tools, Washington is spending considerable funds to destabilize the situation in Russia," he said at a meeting of the commission for the protection of Russia's sovereignty and prevention of meddling in its domestic affairs of the Federation Council, or upper parliament house.

The US side is doing it "under the pretext of helping strengthen democratic institutions and civil society," he said. "Big money is allocated to finance projects promoting protests and separatist sentiment. Notably, it is done under the guise of environmental protection, anti-corruption efforts, ensuring gender equality and ethnic and cultural diversity."

According to Ryabkov, the Russian side notes that "over time, American propaganda and disinformation is becoming more sophisticated, imitating independent media, investigative journalism and grass-roots initiatives."

## Scale of China's ice and snow sector expected to exceed one trillion yuan by 2025

AFTER a trip to a ski resort in Chongli district, north China's Hebei province, in the winter of 2015, Yang He, a young man born in the 1990s, has become obsessed with skiing and has been to ski resorts every snow season since.

Today, there are more ice and snow sports enthusiasts like Yang in China. Because of preparations for the Beijing 2022 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, China's ice and snow industry has continued to expand, and relevant facilities have been increasingly improved. Ice and snow sports that were once regarded as niche sports have become popular choices for fitness.

At the same time, new business forms in the industry, including ice and snow sport experiencing, training and tourism, have sprouted up, creating a continuously growing market.

Ice and snow sports, which involve gear, training, and practice, require people who participate in them to have certain purchasing power.

Thanks to China's rapid economic and social development as well as the improvement in the living standards of the Chinese people, demands and consumption of products related to ice and snow sports have kept rising.

Data from China's e-commerce giant JD.com suggest that during the country's Singles' Day shopping festival this year, orders for skiing products supplied directly by the platform increased by 23 times year on year. The transaction volume of ice skating equipment rose 15 times compared with the same period last year.

According to Yang, he has several sets of ski gear at different price levels and uses a special cabinet to keep them, including snowboards, snowsuits, snowshoes, snowboards helmets, goggles, and ski poles.



Children learn to skate at an ice rink in Xiangyang city, central China's Hubei province. File photo

"At first, I rented ski equipment at ski resorts. Over the past few years, I gradually purchased a whole set and then continuously upgraded my gear," he said, adding that during this year's Singles' Day shopping festival, he spent nearly 10,000 yuan (\$1,565) on a snowboard.

Another key driver of ice and snow consumption is ice and snow tourism—spending vocations at ski resorts nearby with family and friends is a new fashion trend in China.

A report on China's ice and snow tourism development released in January shows that 55 percent of the consumers surveyed are willing to take long-distance trips for ice and snow tourism, and 82 percent would like to take short-distance ones to ice and snow tourist attractions.

The growing popularity of ice and snow tourism has also driven the development of relevant supporting industries and services, such as catering and accommodation, injecting vitality into the economic development of many regions across the country.

"After skiing, I usually go to a hot spring, enjoy local food, and visit specialty stores," said Yao Jiamei, a citizen in Beijing who has been to more than 10 ski resorts during the past six years since she fell in love with the sport.

Yao believes that the ice and snow boom in China is fundamentally a result of people's income growth and their increasing interest in the sport.

During the snow season from the end of 2018 to the beginning of 2019, China's ice and snow tourists totaled 224 million. Their per capita expenditure on a single trip to ice and snow destinations reached about 5,000 yuan, according to a report on the country's ice and snow tourism consumption.

As indicated by these figures, the ever-expanding ice and snow consumption signals golden opportunities for the development of China's ice and snow sector.

Operators of ice rinks and ski resorts understand the opportunities generated by the ice and snow boom the best.

At a skating center in Chaoyang district, Beijing, training courses on figure skating and ice hockey are arranged from morning to night every day. "When we opened in 2017, we only had one ice hockey team. Now we have eight," said Yang Yiwei, general manager of the skating center.

People's Daily

## World Bank backs using \$280m in frozen aid funds for Afghanistan



Afghan children are covered with a blanket as their families camp outside the Directorate of Disaster, in Herat, Afghanistan, on Monday. About 2000 internally displaced people left Allahyar village in Ghor province because of a drought and are seeking help from the regional government in Herat. AP

WASHINGTON

THE World Bank's board has backed transferring \$280 million from a frozen trust fund to two aid agencies to help Afghanistan cope with a brewing humanitarian crisis after the US withdrawal, two sources familiar with the matter said on Wednesday.

The 31 donors to the World Bank-administered Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund (ARTF) must approve the transfer before the funds could flow to the World Food Programme and UNICEF, the sources said. The donors were expected to meet on Friday, the sources said.

The World Bank board met informally on Tuesday to discuss transferring up to \$500 million of the \$1.5 billion in the ARTF to humanitarian aid agencies, people familiar with the plan previously told Reuters.

Afghanistan's 39 million people face a cratering economy, a winter of food shortages and growing poverty three months after the Taliban seized power as the last US troops withdrew from 20 years of war.

Afghan experts have said the aid would help, but big questions remain, including how to get

funds into Afghanistan without exposing any financial institutions involved to US sanctions.

While the US Treasury has provided "comfort letters" assuring banks that they can process humanitarian transactions, concern about US sanctions continues to prevent the passage of even basic supplies, including food and medicine.

Any decision to redirect ARTF money requires the approval of all its donors, of which the United States has been the largest.

The White House and the Treasury had no immediate comment on the World Bank board's endorsement of transferring the funds to the World Food Programme and UNICEF.

A World Bank spokesperson confirmed the bank's board had discussed the issue and that the donors were to meet on Friday.

The board "discussed an approach to transfer out funds from the...ARTF to humanitarian aid agencies with presence and logistics on the ground to enable basic humanitarian support directly to the people in the country," the spokesperson said. "The ARTF Donors' Steering Committee is scheduled to meet on Dec 3 to consider transfers out from the fund."

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## US Dems seek to pass massive spending bill by Christmas, but hurdles remain

WASHINGTON

U.S. Democrats intend to pass their mammoth social spending bill by Christmas, but a number of hurdles stand in their way.

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer on Monday said that he would bring President Joe Biden's spending bill to the Senate floor once the parliamentarian finishes reviewing it and that it is his "goal" to pass the roughly 2 trillion U.S. dollar bill by the end of the year. The Goliath bill, passed by the House before a week-long Thanksgiving break after months of wrangling

between progressives and moderate Democrats, contains investments in health care and education. Democrats said it will dramatically widen the nation's social safety net, but Republicans call the legislation a dangerous path toward socialism that will add to the already skyhigh national debt.

Sen. Chris Van Hollen, a Democrat, last week said: "It will be done by the time we leave in December," but noted the Senate's lengthy list of other business to get to before they can tackle the bill.

The Democratic party will also

need to get the support of Sens. Joe Manchin and Kyrsten Sinema - the last holdouts who have not signed onto the bill. In a tightly split Senate, their votes are crucial to passing the legislation.

The two moderate Democrats have balked at the bill's gargantuan price tag, and neither has indicated whether they will support the bill in its current form.

Brookings Institution Senior Fellow Darrell West told Xinhua that he believes Sinema will sign on to the legislation because it has broad support among Democrats,

and that she will need those voters when she comes up for reelection. Senator Manchin is negotiating over the child care and paid leave provisions, West said, noting two of the bill's measures.

"The package has been significantly pared back and the cost has come down, so it is getting in the range where there should be a majority in favor of it," West said.

Clay Ramsay, a researcher at the Center for International and Security Studies at the University of Maryland, told Xinhua that Sinema will have to run for reelection in

2024, and that she is not well-seated as of now.

In Arizona, her home state, a little under half of Democrats view her favorably, and a little under half of Republicans view her favorably, Ramsay noted.

"This suggests she is 'falling between two stools' and her approach of claiming independence while seldom saying what she supports is eroding her support across the spectrum," Ramsay said.

The bill's price tag has come down considerably since its initial 3 trillion U.S. dollars, as a number

of provisions have been scrapped - and more cuts are expected.

House Democrats included in their version a provision for paid family leave, in spite of Manchin's opposition to the policy.

The House bill also includes reforms to the nation's broken immigration system, but those measures still need to make it past the parliamentarian, whose job it is to ensure the rules are followed. The parliamentarian has thrown out previous attempts to include immigration provisions.



# SPORT



Hip Hop artist, Cleoplace Yessaya, alias 'P Mawenge'.

## Hip Hop artist composes song for opposing violence against women

By Correspondent Sabato Kasika

TANZANIAN Hip Hop artist, Cleoplace Yessaya, alias 'P Mawenge', who is lately winning fame with several songs including a hit, 'Ex Wangu', has composed another hit that opposes violence against women in society.

P Mawenge noted the song, titled 'Love for Women', is available on various social media networks.

He said he completed the song recently with fellow artist, Ibrah Nation, adding it has been heard since the launch of the 16 days of Activism Against Sexual Violence in Dar es Salaam last week.

"In the 16 days of Activism Against Sexual Violence, I as an artist have been actively involved in performing this song 'Love for Women' to educate my community on the importance of getting rid of such practices," the musician revealed.

The artist said that in society there are acts of violence that women have been subjected to and the vices endanger their lives.

The musician stated he has used art to educate people with such tendencies to stop entertaining evil. "Artists are the mirror of society, and we have a role to play in educating them on a wide range of issues," P Mawenge revealed.

"I have also used art to convey the message of protest against acts of sexual violence in Tanzanian society," P Mawenge pointed out.

## Alicia Keys teases new songs at small show ahead of art fair

MIAMI

R&B singer-songwriter Alicia Keys guided a few hundred people at a small show in Miami through a 10-minute meditation before asking them to make some choices.

Keys wanted concert goers gathering for an immersive exhibit on the eve of Art Basel Miami Beach to listen to her new material, and then pick either the relaxing piano versions the Grammy-winning artist is best known for, or the more-produced tracks with a different beat for the same songs.

"I say that's even" said Keys, seemingly surprised after singing and then playing bits of "Is it Insane," a jazzy and melancholic tune. The three songs she teased will appear on her new album, which is being released on Dec. 10 with two versions she is calling "Originals" and "Unlocked," produced by Mike Will Made-It.

Wearing a long tail yellow dress, Keys headlined an experiential art show at Superblue Miami, appearing as one of the main performers trekking down to Miami for the international art fair that runs from Thursday to Saturday.

Rapper Tinie Tempah was among the artists attending the "secret" Alicia Keys concert at a dark space with sunflowers were projected on the walls. The previous night celebrity attendees at a Louis Vuitton's fashion show included Maluma, Pharrell and Joe Jonas.

Keys and her husband, producer Swizz Beatz, are no strangers to the art fair, having supported struggling artists allowing them to keep 100 percent of their commissions from the show.

One of the installations at the exhibit where Keys performed was by James Turrell and featured a room with the floor, walls and ceiling fully lit up in uniform neon colors that at times appeared foggy and made it difficult to discern where the room ended. There was also a maze of mirrors meant to resemble the respiratory system of trees.

During the meditation portion of the evening, Keys asked guests to inhale and exhale at the same pace as these mechanical flowers that were hanging from the ceiling opened and closed. Keys said they looked like jelly fish in the ocean.

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## SPORTS

## Simba SC braced for tricky fixtures



Simba SC's players jubilate shortly after they had notched a goal in the side's recent Mainland Premier League match. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBA SC

By Correspondent Faustine Feliciane

THIS season's NBC Premier League defending champion, Simba SC, experiences a tough schedule this season, honouring six games including one CAF Confederation Cup additional second preliminary round game, and one Azam Sports Federation Cup (ASFC) clash.

The schedule started with Wednesday's Premier League match against Geita Gold FC at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium, in which the hosts cruised to a 2-1 victory.

On December 5 Simba SC will play a return leg of the CAF Confederation Cup additional second preliminary round against the Red Arrows FC in Zambia.

Simba SC assistant coach Selemani Matola admitted that the schedule is tight but they had no choice but to fight to do well.

"The schedule is tight for this month, if you look after today's game we will have to travel to Zambia to play a rematch against Red Arrows, but we have to fight and prepare to deal with this schedule and at the same time make sure the team performs well," he said.

The assistant coach said Simba SC head coach, Pa-

blo Franco, has seen the schedule and is developing a program to deal with it while prioritizing the team to do well in the games.

The schedule shows that after the December 5 match in Zambia, Simba will return to the country to play Yanga on December 11.

The NBC Premier League defending champion, four days later, will be required to face JKT Tanzania in the Federation Cup third-round match.

After the game, three days later (December 18) they are required to face Kagera Sugar away and after that, they will have to follow KMC FC in Tabora.

KMC FC has chosen to play the NBC Premier League game at Ali Hassan Mwinyi Stadium in the region as the rules allow the host team to choose another stadium among the venues found in regions that have no club in the tournament.



Kinondoni Municipal Council (KMC) Football Club.

## KMC FC to benefit from head coach's presence

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

KINONDONI Municipal Council FC has officially started preparations for another NBC Premier League fixture against Geita Gold FC which will be played at Uhuru Stadium in Dar es Salaam on Sunday.

The Dar es Salaam-based club aims to bounce back from its awful game in the domestic top flight's early stages.

KMC FC had notched only one win from seven clashes in the league, losing three games and settling for a draw in four.

The team's woes began early this season due to the absence of head coach John Simkoko who was out due to health conditions.

Assistant coach, Habib Kondo, attended a coaching course, but now with their return on the touchline, they aim to put impressive displays.

Preparations' plans were revealed by Information and Communication Officer, Christina Mwangala.

Christina noted: "KMC FC is the fixture's host, the side has started training early Tuesday after returning to Dar es Salaam

on Sunday from Mbeya where it locked hor with Mbeya City FC, registering 2-2 draw."

"In preparation, the outfit, under John Simkoko's tutelage, is going to strengthen to ensure that it notches three points."

She added: "KMC FC needs to get good results at home despite having to face a team that is the best and most competitive."

"With preparations that are going to be done, the team will bring positive results."

"In our last game we did not get what we needed in the sense of victory, but the results did not discourage us, the outcome instead challenged us to continue to put ourselves in a better position to play at home."

"For us, as a team, we need to do well in the games we play, we are still fighting to excel in all the games ahead of us," the official explained.

KMC FC had been struggling in defense of late, with the team failing to keep a clean sheet in its six league games out of seven.

The club moreover needs a balance offensively and defensively to get wins.



# Is Villarreal's patience with Emery running out?

By Graham Hunter, ESPN Spain writer

UNAI Emery can thank his lucky stars that his billionaire employer at Villarreal, Fernando Roig, is both a grateful and forgiving man. At least for the moment. There are plenty of ruthless, elite clubs around Europe who, in identical circumstances, would already be sniffing out opportunities to poach a rival coach – not to mention eyeing up free agents like Diego Martínez or Ernesto Valverde.

In theory, the elegant, articulate and energetic 50-year-old Basque coach, winner of Villarreal's first-ever European trophy, should be safe as houses. Last season in the Europa League he finally brought the glory that Roig and his brilliantly run, family-owned club have lusted after for a quarter of a century. But Villarreal's 3-1 defeat to Barcelona at the weekend confirmed a run of calamitous errors, terrible luck, and horrible results.

European glory may be Emery's calling card (he is a record four-time winner of the Europa League as manager), but defeat in Atalanta next week would mean Villarreal are knocked out of the Champions League at the group stage. Moreover their position in LaLiga (12th) is far closer to relegation (five points above the bottom three) than a spot to qualify for a UEFA competition next season (eight points off sixth-placed Rayo Vallecano.)

Worst of all Fernando Roig Sr. and Jr., the most powerful men at the ambitious club, must be wondering if Emery's flirtation with Newcastle earlier this month undermined his authority with the players and their trust in him. And if this is the reason the club are on a slide?

It's well known that Newcastle interviewed Emery and Eddie Howe and, initially, the Spaniard was offered the job. It's less well known that the Magpies were so sure that they'd got their man that they had a private jet ready to fly Emery to the north east of England the day after Villarreal's 2-0 win over Young Boys in the Champions League (Nov. 2) only to be embarrassed by the shock discovery that he'd had a significant change of heart overnight.

I'm one of those who had been calling close contacts around the Yellow Submarine for a month since being tipped off that Emery was top candidate for Newcastle's new Saudi-backed owners. The universal response was that if Villarreal's manager was keen to jump ship mid-season it was going to come not only as a horribly unpleasant surprise for the Roig family, and their vice-president Jose Manuel Llaneza, but it would also unleash a torrent of fury at the betrayal.

Hence the point about Emery needing to feel grateful that the Roig family, until now, have proven the old adage: "To err is human; to forgive, divine." Because since being caught like a naughty schoolboy and promising to behave again there could easily be a case made that his work hasn't been up to scratch.

Three of the four matches since have seen Villarreal throw away big chances of victory, against Celta, Manchester United and Barcelona, via the twin sins of consistently missing glaringly good chances and defending like a pub team.

Against Celta, goalkeeper Geronimo Rulli spooned a

shot back to Brais Mendez for an equaliser with 18 minutes left after they had taken a 1-0 lead.

Against United in the Champions League, Villarreal played well enough, spurned lots of chances, saw David de Gea make a pair of wonder saves but then gifted Cristiano Ronaldo a simple goal in the 78th minute thanks to a calamitous lack of defensive concentration from Rulli and Etienne Capoue. Jadon Sancho then made it 2-0 late on, leaving them needing to avoid defeat in Italy next week to stay in the competition.

Then, having not only pegged Barcelona back to 1-1 but dominated the latter stages of their match on Saturday, Villarreal committed a pair of Bambi-like errors to gift Xavi's team two goals and their first away win of the season. (In his defence it's worth noting that the officials failed to give two clear-cut penalties in Villarreal's favour, but when you're down, you're down.)

These facts are compounded by Emery's team having taken just five of their last 21 LaLiga points and added four 0-0 draws this season to the six scoreless draws Villarreal notched in all competitions last time out. Not, by any stretch of the imagination, what he was brought in to do.

Football is an unforgiving sport, one where coaches expend massive energy and psychological effort attempting not only to inspire loyalty in their players but obedience and respect too. Lose it and it's a tough job to win it back. Often impossible.

Emery's players very clearly know that the man who, since summer 2020, has been demanding total commitment and intensity from them was on the point of jumping ship. The only question is whether they have had their faith fatally shaken, or are as willing to forgive and forget as Villarreal's owner seems to be?

Vice-president Llaneza said this week: "Newcastle's interest in our coach, a man who devotes every hour, minute and second to our club, was a 'boom' which came at an inappropriate time." Inappropriate because Villarreal are underperforming and, despite the €35m they've earned from the Champions League thus far, the Roig family view it as imperative the club make it to the round of 16 and even greater revenue.

The underlying factor which should continue to buy Emery time is the fact that Villarreal often play very attractive, well-constructed football. It's just topped off by consistently daft mistakes at either end of the pitch.

It's important to note that Llaneza also thinks: "I still get pissed off as badly as ever, if we lose. I'll stay indoors for two days calming down. But what hurts most is when we should play good football but we're poor. That costs me to watch. Defeats? Yeah you hate them but they are part of the game but if we've played well and lost it's far easier to digest."

Which is just about where the Yellow Submarine – shorn of their best player and goal scorer, Gerard Moreno, and victims of a constant injury list – are right now. Playing nicely enough, but falling flat on their faces when it comes to winning.

Emery may have a comfort blanket of his employers' understanding when he argues: "We're playing well, we are putting in really interesting, really likeable performances



Unai Emery has struggled in recent weeks after a promising season. (Agencies)

– just not scoring or winning. Yet." But nobody should imagine that the Roig family's patience at Villarreal is either endless or a bit soft-hearted. That's not how billionaires earn their billions.

The aforementioned Valverde was employed there some 12 years ago, but was sacked in January 2010 with the club ninth in LaLiga. Marcelino was a real guru at Villarreal, winning promotion, securing serial top-six finishes and a Europa League semifinal place. But he made one big misstep in the eyes of his employers and was sacked.

Even Emery's predecessor, the im-

mensely popular Javi Calleja, having taken the Yellow Submarine to fifth, was ruthlessly removed so that the charge for a European trophy could begin under the Basque. Emery delivered, and that's a huge credit point for him, but the Newcastle affair put a dent not only in his image but in the strength of his relationship with the Roig family. Having had his fingers badly burned by the whole experience it's clear that Emery understands, with crystal clarity, that the grass isn't necessarily greener elsewhere.

On top of that record 10 scoreless draws since taking over, he's yet to defeat Atletico, Barcelona or Real Ma-

drid – something his predecessors often achieved. To get things back on an even keel, to restore faith, not least from his players, it's time Villarreal started turning draws (20 from 52 in LaLiga) into wins and time they had a substantial Copa del Rey run.

But first Emery will need to avoid defeat in Atalanta next week, and demonstrate to all and sundry that not only is he fully over his dalliance with the Premier League's bottom club but he's the man president Roig though he was when he hired him in summer 2020. Otherwise the billionaire's patience, forgiveness and gratitude will run dry. And we all know what happens then.

## Why Neymar's latest injury at PSG comes at worst possible time for him

By Julien Laurens, ESPN Correspondent

At least he's really familiar with the place now. Once again, as has happened so often since he moved from Barcelona to Paris Saint-Germain in the summer of 2017, Neymar will travel to Doha, Qatar, to rehab his left ankle injury at the Aspetar clinic. It is the sixth time in the past four years that he has suffered an injury that requires so much specialist treatment and attention (hence going to Aspetar) and will keep him out for a number of weeks.

This time, the incident that did it was one of bad luck. During Sunday's 3-1 win at Saint-Etienne, defender Yvann Macon went for a tackle, missing both Neymar and the ball, but the Brazil forward stepped on Macon's ankle and twisted his own in the process. The ankle ligament has been damaged, and he'll be sidelined for up to eight weeks.

Neymar's injury issues are well-documented. The first two were serious as he suffered metatarsal fractures in his right foot; the first one in February 2018, barely six months after arriving in Paris, ended his season (he missed 16 games in total), while the second one a year later, in January of 2019, saw him miss another 19 games, recovering to play a part in the final three weeks of the campaign.

A year ago, Neymar injured his left ankle, missing five weeks and five games for that one. He was out of action for two months and nine matches when he hurt his groin in February 2021, and before that, he'd torn right ankle ligaments playing for Brazil, which kept him out for three months (June-September 2019).

In total, if you add these injuries along with all the assorted minor niggles, Neymar has missed 91 matches for PSG so far. It's always been a talking point, especially for a player who was rarely injured in the four years he spent at the Camp Nou, during which he only missed 29 games.

So what's happened? For a start, he's getting older. Neymar turns 30 in February and considering he started playing professional football when he was 16, he's already carrying 14 years of efforts, intensity, knocks, kicks and general pain. He has probably played too much already, his body now more fragile than ever. The accumulation of injuries doesn't help.

If we look again at Neymar's litany of issues, they very often impact the same parts of his body: foot, metatarsal, ankle, groin, the same areas that never fully heal and more likely to get hurt again. This is of course a worry, and PSG are trying to find a way of preventing these injuries as much as possible. They have to look after Neymar's body as much as they can, and he needs to help them too. All the invisible work – things like recovery, rest, nutrition – will be more important than ever now for the No. 10. After all, he's entering a critical part of his career.

In May, Neymar finally signed a new contract until 2025 at PSG, with the option of an extra year. That's a long time, and to make the most of these years to come, his fitness will be key. He is aware of it; he reportedly didn't

like the criticism over his excess weight in the summer.

It took him a while to get back to peak fitness, and to be the best version of himself on the pitch as well. Just when he was hitting that form, the injury happened against Saint-Etienne.

Within Neymar's entourage, there's a feeling of bad luck when it comes to what the forward is going through, yet PSG are not worried. They hope Neymar will be back, fully fit and ready to go for the key games in the Champions League – the first leg of their last-16 game will be Feb. 15 or 16, the second leg on Feb. 22 or 23 – and in Ligue 1 (they visit Lille on Feb. 6). In the meantime, Mauricio Pochettino will have to do without him.

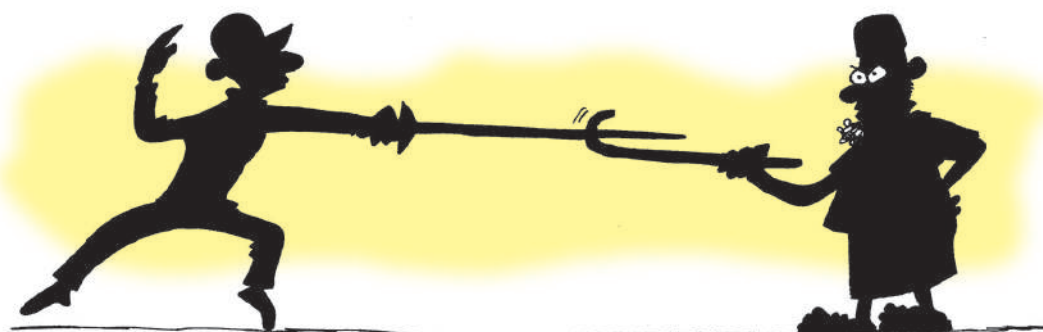
Could this be a welcome opportunity to try something different? The PSG manager could simply replace Neymar with Angel Di Maria, but he could also try and get more balance in his team and play a 3-5-2 now that Sergio Ramos is back, with Kylian Mbappe and Lionel Messi – the No. 3 and No. 1 forwards respectively in the ESPN's FC 100 for 2021 – up front. Or maybe, even a 4-4-2, with a diamond midfield and Messi behind Mbappe and Mauro Icardi, or a flat 4-4-2 with Messi up front with the French star.

There are many options for Pochettino and PSG, with Neymar now forced to watch from the stands and see how his team does without him. There's no doubt Neymar will be missed; unfortunately, his team is used to it.



Neymar taken off on stretcher after suffering gruesome ankle injury in Paris Saint-Germain win over Saint-Etienne. (Agencies)

Gwiji by David Chikoko





# SPORT

Is Villarreal's patience  
with Emery running out?

## Kajiya gives Zambia winning start to Girls U-17 competition

MASERU

LUCY Kajiya scored two goals as Zambia came from behind to defeat Botswana 3-1 in the opening game of the Girls' Under-17 football tournament at the Region 5 Youth Games Maseru 2020 on Thursday.

Zambia had missed a penalty in the second half as they dominated the play, but finally found their winning goals late on through Jessy Zulu, who had time and space to pick her spot as the Botswana defense floundered, and the excellent Kajiya.

The match is the first in the three-team Girls competition that also features Namibia, and Zambia was full value for their win after overcoming a difficult start.

Serati Modisenyane put Botswana in front just before the half-hour mark as her cross from wide on the left floated into the goal at the far post.

Zambia equalized four minutes after the break when a mix-up between defender and goalkeeper allowed Kajiya to steal in and put the ball in the back of the net.

Kajiya was then fouled to give Zambia the chance to claim a second from the penalty spot, but Zangose Zulu put the ball well over the crossbar from 12-yards.

It mattered little in the end as Jessy Zulu scored her goal, and then Kajiya netted a brilliant second as she danced through the Botswana defense and applied an excellent finish.

Friday will be a rest day at the competition, but the action resumes with three matches on Saturday.

The Girls' competition will see Namibia make their entrance when they confront Zambia at 10h00 CAT (08h00 GMT), hoping to get underway with a win that will give them one foot in the final.

The two sides that finish in first and second position in the mini-league will play in the decider on Monday.

Later in the day, there will be two matches in the Boys' competition, starting with a Group B clash between Angola and Botswana at 13h00.

The latter drew their opener with Botswana on Wednesday and will probably feel they need a win to advance.

Angola will make their tournament bow, with the top two teams in each pool moving on to the semi-finals.

Eswatini will play their first game in Group A when they tackle Zambia at 15h30. The Young Chipolopolo were excellent as they defeated hosts Lesotho 2-0 in their first game.

They will know that a point will be enough to see them into the next stage. The Boys' semi-finals and final will be played on Tuesday.



Dar es Salaam's Oysterbay Primary School's pupils take part in a drawing competition, known as 'Imagining Tomorrow Together', in the city recently. The competition was part of 2021 TotalEnergies Marketing Tanzania Limited customer week's activities, carrying the theme, 'Imagining Tomorrow Together'. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

## Pablo disappointed by Simba SC's poor performance against Geita Gold FC



Pablo Franco Martin. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBA SC

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

DEFENDING champion, Simba SC was sloppy, to say the least, as the club beat Geita Gold FC 2-1 in this season's NBC Premier League match played at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam on Wednesday night.

Simba SC head coach, Pablo Martin, admits his side was second-best against Geita Gold FC despite taking maximum points.

Speaking at his post-match press conference, Martin discussed his team's poor showing against the newly-promoted side.

The Spaniard gaffer said: "I can not be happy with the performance of the team. I think we played a very bad game. We did not control it, we didn't show the ambition."

"We didn't show the quality we are supposed to have in this game, especially playing at home. We need to dominate but the opponents dominated most of the game."

"Even when we had the advan-

tage and the chance to close the game we did not do it. We let them enter into the game after scoring our second goal."

"We suffered until the end. If we play like this, I think we are going to suffer in Zambia, and it is going to be very difficult to fight for the objectives we have."

"We have three more points and the next game we are going to fight for the first position on the table, that is the good news but if we don't play better football it is going to be difficult to get more wins."

"Since the very beginning, I realized I have a great squad, plenty of good players. Maybe today some players did not perform at their best level. Sometimes you want to give chances to players who need to show their quality in official games, not only in training because they are working well."

"There are situations, maybe they are not playing for a long time, maybe they need more

confidence. Maybe they need more ambition. It is a matter of many things."

"When I sorted the line-up today, I thought all teams in the league would sign to play from the very beginning with this first eleven."

"For me, it is not a matter of rotation. Of course, some players give us some things, some players give us some of the things. Maybe it is also a problem from the coach because I did not motivate the players well or my plan was not good enough."

"I think this is a situation to make us all think about what we did, what we did before not only against Red Arrows but also against Ruvo Shooting because we played fantastic matches and why today we are not doing the same."

"It is something we have to analyze inside our dressing rooms. We will do it because the upcoming games will be tough."

## Tanzania's model misses 2021 Miss World pageant

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

WITH 10 days to go before this year's Miss World pageant lights up, Tanzania's representative in the contest, Juliana Rugamisa, will not be able to attend it due to visa bars.

Miss Tanzania Organizing Committee leadership confirmed the information through a public statement issued yesterday.

This year's Miss World pageant is expected to take place in Puerto Rico on December 12.

Representatives from other countries have already arrived but the Tanzanian representative has failed to do so due to delays in accessing visas.

In a statement, Miss Tanzania Organizing Committee stated: "Today will be the last day for contestants to register for the Miss World camp."

"This year's World Beauty pageant is being held in Puerto Rico, and Puerto Rico is a territory of the United States so you will need a Puerto Rico visa directly or you will need a US visa even if you do not enter the United States, but specifically for African countries, you cannot attend because there is neither embassy nor consulate in Africa," the statement said.

However, the committee clarified that the COVID-19 epidemic has also changed the course of obtaining US visas despite the Puerto Rican government striving to write letters for all participants, including Miss Tanzania Juliana, to enable them to obtain them before January.

But it is unknown at this time what she will do after leaving the post.

"This is to say that this year it will not be possible again. However, the end of the race is the beginning of the next race."

"We are very grateful to our Miss World partners for their hard work and ensure that until we get an appointment sooner rather than later in January, the Puerto Rican government which hosts the competition, our global 'country coordinators' has made us one thing instead of competing."

"This year we had a very good representative, Juliana, who was outstanding but this Miss World competition is the beginning, not the end. By the will of God, Miss World family, we will meet in 2022." "Our fans should not despair for us to be a continuation of preparations for 2022," the statement said.

Miss World 2021 will be the 70th edition of the Miss World pageant to be held on December 16, 2021, at the José Miguel Agrelot Coliseum in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Toni-Ann Singh of Jamaica will crown her successor at the end of the event. This year, the swimsuit competition (Miss World Beach Beauty) will return after a five-year hiatus.

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## Flexibles by David Chikoko



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12:00 Mid Week Movie (r)  
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21:00 Friday Night Live  
23:00 Kurasa (r)

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06:00 Supa Breakfast  
10:00 MAMAMIA  
12:00 Kipenga Xtra  
13:00 Planet Bongo  
16:00 EA Drive  
20:00 Kipenga  
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