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TPSF chairperson Ngalula elected to chair regional business council

By Guardian Reporter, Arusha

THE East African Business Council (EABC) has elected Angelina Ngalula (pictured), the chairperson of the Tanzania Private Sector Foundation (TPSF), as its new chairperson.

The business leader was unanimously elected during the EABC 22nd annual general meeting in Kigali to serve until mid-2024, taking over from Nicholas Nesbitt of Kenya who was elected in 2018, the first time a woman has been elected to head the regional body.

EABC, a regional apex for private sector associations for the East African Community member states, was established in 1997 to voice private sector interests in the course of regional integration.

Grateful at her election, she expressed appreciation for the EABC executive committee, promising to serve the institution with competence and dedication.

An EABC statement said that Ngalula pledged to work with the board and the EAC secretariat to push an open door policy to make the EAC an actual free trade region, and to spread out the fruits of EAC integration.

Similarly, agri-business specialist Dr Jacqueline Mkindi was elected as EABC board member, to add to her role as TAHA Fresh Handling Ltd chairperson.

A champion of the multi-million dollar horticultural industry, she chairs the Agriculture Council of Tanzania (ACT) and is markedly at the forefront of policy analysis and business negotiations.

Other Tanzanian EABC board members are Paul Mkanza, board chairperson for the Tanzania Cigarette Co., a listed firm, and Ali Suleiman Amour, heading the Zanzibar National Chamber of Commerce, Industry and

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Minister briefs diplomats on Loliondo demarcation

By Henry Mwangonde

THE government yesterday defended the ongoing demarcation in Loliondo and relocation of local communities within the Ngorongoro Conservation Area (NCA) saying it was aimed at promoting conservation and protect the welfare of the residents.

Ambassador Liberata Mulamula, the Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation minister made this observation in Dar es Salaam when briefing members of the diplomatic community on the situation in Ngorongoro and Loliondo, noting that the government was doing everything possible to promote conservation and ensure public safety.

She said Tanzania abides by the rule of law and it is also a party to a number of international conventions and protocols based on respecting human rights.

"Conservation is for the people and in this regard the government will continue giving priority to the people," she stated, with the Natural and Tourism deputy minister Mary Masanja said the Loliondo Game Controlled Area and the Ngorongoro Conservation Area have different challenges.

The approach the government has taken in relation to the two areas is also different, she stated, noting that the government was demarcating Loliondo, holding 4,000 square kilometers so that a 1,500 square kilometer portion of land is used for conservation and the 2,500 square kilometers land portion remain accessible to local residents.

As the number of people increases, conservation efforts were also being affected, thus placing the protected area in peril, she explained, highlighting the fact that the matter has troubled the government for a long time, thus resolving to relocate a portion of Loliondo residents on the basis of a user-friendly approach.

In Ngorongoro the situation in the protected area was bad as the number of livestock and people being killed by wild animals were on the rise, compelling the government set aside land in Tanga region for resettling those willing to move

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Hamadi Mmbwana, a farmer with Nguvukazi group at Zingibari village in Moa ward in Tanga Region's Mkinga District, dries his seaweed at Kidovyani fishing port yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

MP wants 50pc pension lump-sum replace 33pc

By Getrude Mbagu, Dodoma

SPECIAL SEATS MP Ester Bulaya has called on the government to stop its new formula for computing retirement benefits pegged at

33 percent given as a lump sum.

Contributing to the debate on the central budget estimates for fiscal 2022/23 she said the sum will greatly affect the economic development of retirees who have spent

decades working hard, demanding that retirees be paid using the old formula.

Pensioners were paid 50 percent in a lump sum of their savings and then periodic installments for years, which changed to 33 percent which is now being adopted by the government.

Tabling the 41.48trn/- budget, Finance and Planning Minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba said the government was raising the lump sum payment to 33

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NMB's payment systems deliver 8.6trn/- revenue

By Guardian Reporter

NMB Bank Plc's payment systems facilitated the collection of 8.6trn/- in revenue through the government e-payment gateway (GePG) for three consecutive years, from 2019 to 2021.

Ruth Zaipuna, the bank's CEO made this affirmation at a workshop for the Dar es Salaam regional administration, attended by regional commissioner Amos Makala, district commissioners, councilors, ward executives and other officials.

Investing in technology has enhanced proximity of financial services to the public, noting that the bank supports financial

inclusion through products tailored to customers' needs.

"Innovation helped us make big strides," she stated, outlining heavy technology and innovation investments, enabling NMB to take up the state e-payment format, with a total of 1,100 institutions integrating their systems into the NMB revenue collection facility.

Revenue collection by the e-payment channel rose tremendously from 2.1trn/- in 2019 to 3.7trn/- last year, she stated, underlining that these funds were collected using a range of financial products where a client uses own phone, pays at NMB agents, or pay number, internet transfer, etc.

"We will continue to invest to ensure that our network is in good working order and to ensure payment security," the CEO declared, pointing at contributions towards sustainable community development across the country.

Launching the NMB Foundation was part of commitment to support sustainable development, she said, explaining that one percent of NMB profit after tax will be directed to support initiatives in education, health, agriculture, environment, empowerment

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NMB Bank Plc CEO Ruth Zaipuna (R) presents a copy of bank's 2020/2021 annual report to Dar es Salaam regional commissioner Amos Makala at a stakeholders meeting held yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



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Outgoing East African Business Council chairperson Nick Nesbit (L) congratulates Angelina Ngalula after her election as his successor at a meeting held yesterday in the Rwandan capital, Kigali. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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Agriculture (ZNCCIA).

From Burundi the EABC elected Muzaneza Antoine of the Burundi Traders Association (ACOBU) as among the vice chairmen, Juvénal Sakubu of EIS-EKA Group, Delphin Kaze of KAGE and Amelie Ninganza of KHS Co. Ltd.

EABC board members from Kenya are Jas Bedi of the Kenya Private Sector Alliance as vice chairman, Emily Waita of the Coca-Cola Group in sub-Saharan Africa, Muhoho Kenyatta of Brookside Dairy Ltd and Mucai Kinyiha from the Kenya Association of Manufacturers.

For Rwanda, those joining the EABC board are Dennis Karera of Kigali Heights, endorsed vice-chairman, John-Bosco Rusagara of Intraspeed

Ltd, Emmanuel Nkusi of the Bank of Kigali, and Linda Kalimba from Trinity Lawyers.

EABC board members from Uganda are Simon Kaheru of the Uganda Manufacturers Association who was endorsed as vice chairman, Stuart Mwesigwa of Roofings Group, Businge Rwabwogo of Mukwano Industries (U) Ltd, and Pheona Nabaasa Wall of the Uganda Law Society.

The meeting also conferred Nesbitto with an outstanding achievement award in recognition of his stewardship of the EABC vision of a borderless East Africa for business and investment, whose mission is to promote sustainable private sector-driven growth in the sub-region, the statement added.

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percent from 25 percent legislated in 2018, while MP says the change will still not uplift the retirees.

They are being pushed into poverty despite spending years serving the nation, thus the 50 percent lump sum rate will enable the retirees to initiate sustainable income-generating activities. They will build houses and cover a number of needs they initiated while still in public service, she stated, emphasizing that those who served tirelessly must be enabled to grow economically upon retirement.

The government was taking huge loans from social security funds, affecting the time-lapse for payment of pensions to retirees.

Jenista Mhagama, the Minister of State in the President's Office (Public Service and Good Governance) said in response that recalculating retirement benefits needs to closely involve trade unions.

She refuted the idea that the trade

unions were not engaged in the process, noting that the government raised the lump sum proposition to bring something with a positive impact on the retirees.

Prof Joyce Ndalichako, the Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Labour, Youth, Employment and Special Groups) said as retirement benefits are calculated from 12.5 years of service, the retiree can receive monthly payments for over 30 years.

The 25 percent payments were based on the government's 2014 regulations on pension benefits started being implemented in 2018, after public sector employees were placed under the Public Service Social Security Fund (PSSSF). The new calculation sparked a public outcry that saw former President John Magufuli suspend its use.

Pension funds except NSSF were directed to revert to the old payment formula for a period of five years to find an agreeable payment formula after tripartite consultations.

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They will be assured of a better life as they can develop the land, while in Ngorongoro the law restricts any residents from developing land or conduct production activities, she further noted.

Discussions about Ngorongoro and Loliondo started in 2008 when sensitization teams were sent but had to pause in 2015 due to election pressures. The demarcation and relocation exercises were supposed to have been conducted some years back, she asserted.

Dr Maurus Msuha, the Wildlife Division director, said in an earlier presentation that the relocation

exercise in Ngorongoro was triggered by increasing human activities, deterioration of rangelands due to rising livestock numbers not just within Tanzania but cross border livestock rearing.

This leads to overgrazing and spread of invasive plant species that harm the livestock when they chew them, meanwhile as these movements were damaging water catchment areas, the main sources of water for people, livestock and wildlife.

This would have an impact on the Serengeti National Park while conflicting land use practices like livestock rearing and crop cultivation constantly reduces forage land for wildlife, he added.

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and emergencies.

"Through the NMB Foundation we continue to receive applications for student scholarships announced a few weeks back," she said, promising to work with various development partners and the government to attain sustainable development objectives.

RC Makala hailed NMB Bank for backing government efforts and development initiatives, its good financial performance resonating on the business environment being created by the sixth phase government led by President Samia Suluhu Hassan.

Its point of emphasis is to improve the business environment and attract more investors into the country, he

said, citing NMB Bank as a partner where the government has a stake. Just a few days back the bank paid dividends to the government, enhancing service delivery capacity. "We will continue to work with NMB Bank to improve provision of social services," he said.

The bank needs to continue investing in research to come up with various products benefiting people right from the grassroots level, while the government is committed to support financial inclusion, he added.

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Agriculture deputy minister Anthony Mavunde pictured on Monday addressing residents of Nkung'ungu ward in Chunya District, Mbeya Region on the importance of engaging in commercial soybean farming. Photo: Correspondent Grace Mwakalinga

Govt commits to connect all villages with electricity

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

The government has expressed the commitment to connect all villages with electricity by 2022/23, setting aside 140bn/- for the start of the project, the National Assembly heard yesterday.

As at February, 2022, a total of 27,934 out of the 64,760 villages in the country had been connected to the utility through the densification projects.

Deputy Minister for Energy, Steven Byabato made the statement yesterday while responding to a question asked by the Kyerwa MP, Innocent Sebba

Bilakwate (CCM), who had wanted to know when 503 villages in Kyerwa district would be connected with power. "What is the government doing to ensure that the remaining villages in Kyerwa district get electricity?" asked the lawmaker, adding that it has taken too long for the residents to get the energy utility.

I response, the deputy minister stated the government commitment to connect all villages in the country with electricity, depending on the availability of funds.

He said Kagera region which is in the densification project IIB is currently in

the contractors' procurement process, and the project aims at connecting 126 villages whereby 34 of them are in Kyerwa district. "Implementation of the project will start as soon as the procurement process is complete, within 18 months from now" said the deputy minister. He maintained that all the villages in the country will be connected with power depending on the availability of funds.

Last year, the government assured the public to connect electricity to the remaining villages across the country in the next 18 months.

Deputy Minister for Energy Stephen

Byabato told the National Assembly that the government through the Rural Energy Agency (REA) project has connected electricity to all districts in the country. He added that the remaining villages which are yet to be connected to power were within the districts noting that the projects are underway to ensure that the entire country is connected to electricity.

Byabato noted that the government in collaboration with the Tanzania Electric Supply Company (Tanesco) and REA is implementing the project of connecting electricity to the remaining villages.

Education stakeholders underscore the need for better communication

By Correspondent Devota Mwachang'a

EDUCATION stakeholders have underscored the need for enhanced communication as one of the best technical tools to disseminate information to ensure quality and inclusive learning for children with disabilities.

They were speaking in Dar es Salaam yesterday during a workshop on an innovative education program dubbed "Shule Bora" that was organized by Cambridge Education Tanzania.

It brought together information stakeholders and officials from the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology and Regional Administration and Local Government to discuss challenges which deny children the access to quality and inclusive education.

Godfrey Mulongo, Programme Deputy Team Leader said: "Communication is a key change and the best technique to disseminate information to education stakeholders to ensure every child accesses quality and inclusive learning."

Shule Bora Programme Communications Adviser, Daniel Harris said they also aim to translate data and ensure it helps to drive debates and decision making at all education levels.

"We will start by enhancing the capacity of systems to be able to communicate, disseminate, engage and work collectively to promote safe, inclusive quality primary education by strengthening parents and communities to ensure improved inclusive learning," he said.

Winfrid Chilumba, Coordinator of Shule Bora program from TAMISEMI said the program will be implemented as a pilot at primary schools in Dodoma, Katavi, Kigoma, Mara, Rukwa, Simiyu, Singida, Tanga and Coast regions.

"Selection of schools and regions considered places where the enrolment level of students is low,

lower gender parity index, high poverty and average of pupil teacher ratio in public schools," he said, adding that schools with the big number of pupil's dropouts were also considered.

Acting Director for Information Services (MAELEZO) Zamaradi Kawawa said that communication is one of the best components towards changing the mind-sets of people against children with disabilities.

"We will help and support implementation of the program by telling the public about its objectives, we will make sure the public understand it and its benefits to children with disabilities," she said.

Morice Mkotya a school quality assurance officer from Ministry of Education Science and Technology said to make the program fruitful and encourage participation of community in school activities, there should be a scoreboard which will transparently indicate the enrolment of students, income, expenditure report and academic related issues.

Shule Bora programme reflects the government's intention to improve education in the country. It is a UK aid funded government-led support implemented within seven years (2021-2027) with a total budget of Euro 89 million (approximately 271bn/-).

It was launched in Kibaha District, Coastal Region in April this year by Vicky Ford, the UK's minister for Africa, Latin America and Caribbean, Minister for Education, Science and Technology Adolf Mkenda and Minister for Regional Administration and Local Government Innocent Bashungwa.

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Former Prime Minister Mizengo Pinda (R) has a word with Angelina Aloyce, a child with disability, at an event to mark International Day of the African Child (June 16) held belatedly in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

'TPA implementing 5-year strategic plan that seeks to improve all ports'

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE government through the Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA) is implementing a five-year strategic plan that seeks to improve all ports in the country; the National Assembly was informed here yesterday.

Deputy Minister for Works, Engineer Godfrey Kasekenya said the plan was being implemented from 2021/22 to 2025/26.

He was responding to a question posed by Special Seats Member of

Parliament Tunza Malapo (CCM) who had wanted to know the government's plan in ensuring that the Mtwara Port was becoming operational.

In response, the minister said through the robust plan, the government had accomplished the improvement of ports infrastructure as well as procurement of Reach stacker, Mobile Harbour Crane, Terminal Tractors and Ship to Shore Gantry Crane (SSG) which are expected to be in the country in August 2022.

The newly procured equipment

would be specifically for the Mtwara port. "The government through TPA has continuously been marketing the Mtwara port in order to attract markets from the Mtwara Development Corridor which attracts five different countries—Mozambique, Malawi, Zambia, DRC Comoro," said Eng Kasekenya.

The deputy minister further told the House that TPA had reduced ports levy at the Mtwara port by 30percent beginning July 2021.

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE government has emphasised that blue economy agenda will continue to be its top priority in order to expose numerous untapped economic opportunities available at sea and in other Tanzanian water bodies.

Deputy Minister for Works and Transportation Atupele Mwakibete made the remarks in Dar es Salaam yesterday when opening the International Blue Economy Conference.

Organised by Dar es Salaam Maritime Institute (DMI), the conference is themed: 'Uncovering Maritime Opportunities in Tanzania for sustainable economic development'.

He said the blue economy agenda is carried out by President Samia Suluhu Hassan and Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ally Mwinyi.

The deputy minister said that President Samia defined blue economy as one of her priorities and Dr Mwinyi went beyond by creating a Ministry of Blue Economy and Fisheries.

"I wish to congratulate the Institute for this big achievement because as we can all witness, 2022 welcomes a chance for DMI to prove its capability to give exposure to the community on numerous untapped economic opportunities available at sea and in other Tanzanian water bodies," he said.

Mwakibete also said that blue

International blue economy kicks off in Dar to expose opportunities

economy is a global agenda as per SDGs and equally Africa recognizes the huge potential of blue economy as a catalyst of socio-economic transformation through knowledge on marine and aquatic biotechnology, the growth of an Africa-wide shipping industry, the development of sea, river, lake transport and fishing; exploitation and beneficiation of deep sea mineral and other resources.

"In fact, the overall objective of the African Union Agenda 2063 is to put the blue economy at the center of Africa's economic and social transformation. The focus area is to provide a unique opportunity to the AU Commission and various key stakeholders to engage in a constructive policy dialogue on how to better take advantage of the transformative economic potential of the Blue Economy in their member countries," said Mwakibete.

He added that it is from that perspective that DMI as the only public academic institution mandated with the duty to give maritime consultancy to the government and other entities in Tanzania, has organised the conference which is devoted to blue economy and the allied opportunities.

He said participants will have an opportunity to share experience, understanding and exchange their views on all aspects of blue economy

for sustainable development of our country.

"I hope that, the conference will also provide an interdisciplinary platform for policy makers, top managers, researchers, legal practitioners and educators to present and discuss contemporary innovations, trends and concerns in line with practical ways through which the national community can tap effectively into opportunities that are available at sea and in other water bodies," he said.

He told sponsors that along with public recognition, their sponsorship will get an excellent opportunity to present their company, get in touch with a highly targeted audience of consumers, and lobby your interests to a wide range of the participants from different aspects of the maritime sector.

"For Dar es Salaam Maritime Institute, it is my view that, there is no better way to ensure your response to the blue economy is truly meaningful than to involve the people you aim to serve," he added.

He also stated: "This has the importance that the knowledge DMI generate, the innovations they come up with and the technology they develop should go towards uplifting the lifestyles of the people the DMI serve."

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

TRA to have offices in all districts and needy areas

THE Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) has embarked on a study aimed at establishing offices in all district and other needful areas across the country, it has been revealed.

Deputy Minister for Finance and Planning, Hamad Hassan Chande made the statement here yesterday while responding to a question asked by the Iramba East MP, Francis Mtinga (CCM). "TRA is in the 2021/22 completing the evaluation on where to establish new offices across the country in accordance with the demand and strategies," he said.

He added that it is the government's

aim that all the districts and other areas that deserve TRA services get the revenue body's office for easier access of services.

In his question, Mtinga had wanted to know when the government would establish TRA offices in Mkalama district in Singida region.

The deputy minister explained that TRA normally conduct evaluation process on where to establish new offices across the country, basing on

the need for services.

In 2018 TRA announced the plan to open more offices countrywide to enhance efficiency.

Speaking in Arusha, TRA Deputy Commissioner in charge of Domestic Revenue Abdul-Bakari Zuberi said unregistered operators in the country's tourism sector were denying the taxman hefty amounts of revenue which could be used to better improve tourism sector services.

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APPRECIATION



VICTORIA MAX KIZITO

The family of the late Victoria Max Kizito of Ruhinde Street House no.10 block 41 Kinondoni, Dar Es Salaam, wishes to convey their appreciation to all who assisted and participated in the mourning and funeral of their beloved Victoria, who passed away on Saturday 14 May 2022, and laid to eternal rest on 18 May 2022.

Since reaching out to thank every one of you is impossible, kindly accept this note as a token of our sincere gratitude and appreciation during this most difficult and trying time.

A prayer vigil marking 40 days of her passing away, will be held on Friday 24 June, 2022 at her residence Kinondoni block 41 from 17:00hrs, followed by a Requiem for our beloved Victoria on 25 June 2022 10.00 am at the Parish of Immaculate Conception United Nations Rd, Upanga.

May The Soul of our beloved Victoria Max Kizito Rest in Eternal Peace.

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CCM elders ask senior citizens to support President Mwinyi

By Guardian Correspondent, Zanzibar

FORMER chairperson of ruling CCM in Zanzibar Urban West Region, Boraafya Silima Juma has called upon fellow retirees to support efforts being taken by the Isles President, Hussein Ali Mwinyi to revamp economy and raise people's standards of living.

Speaking to reporters here yesterday, Juma also condemned retirees who have become a thorn in the flesh to the incumbent leadership, saying they should invest their time and experience to support Dr Mwinyi's move to transform the economy for betterment of all Zanzibaris and Tanzanians at large.

"Retiring is a nice thing and it's lawful but unfortunately some people are not willing or do not believe in stepping down and they don't acknowledge the fact that each era has its book and its people. CCM is a strong party with solid foundations and it's led by its constitution and regulations," he said, adding that any untidy move is uncalled for, asking those with issues to follow party's procedures in addressing them.

He pointed out that all the steps being taken by presidents Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi and Samia Suluhu Hassan are in accordance with the party's manifesto used in the campaigns of the 2020's General Elections, adding that CCM well-wishers should be proud of their leaders.

He reminded CCM members that before they were merged to form CCM in 1977, TANU and ASP focus were based on liberation while the formation of CCM came with an agenda of spearheading development and growth spirits for the country and its people that is what exactly the incumbent leaders are doing.

"Former Zanzibar president, Dr Salim Amour Juma made a bold decision to erect hotels and at that time, many people opposed him not knowing that its future outcomes were for the betterment of our country as the government is now reaping fortunes from the hospitality industry," he said.

Juma called on all the party members

to vigorously support efforts by Presidents Mwinyi and Samia who are working tirelessly to implement CCM's manifesto to ensure the economy grows even further and people's standards of living improved.

CCM's National Executive Committee (NEC) member in Pemba North Region Ramadhani Shaibu Juma condemned misleading information claiming that President Mwinyi sold out some small islands, saying such utterances are baseless, and adding that the government is instead promoting blue economy through investment in the beaches. "In Zanzibar, our economy mainly depends on ocean produce and agriculture, we don't have minerals. Promoting investment along the beach line is crucial to boost the economy and raise people's standards of living," he said.

Juma added: "We should go back to roots, to party ethics. We, the members of the executive committee, are entrusted with the crucial obligation to strengthen our party as well as preserving ethics from grassroots to the national level".

He applauded the great work done by the duo governments, saying it is a remarkable work which is well in line with the party's manifesto whose focus is to promote economic growth and poverty alleviation.

Party's NEC member in Pemba North Region, Omar Zubeir Mbwana said egocentricity among some members who are also unruliness and going against their promises to the party, is the source of endless rows within the party which is unstable.

"The party must make a closer follow up on the unscrupulous members who are within the party and going against its core values, it is in the interest of party well-wishers that such individuals are held accountable for their misconducts," he said.

These leaders have come forth to speak to the press following the recent trend by some retirees who openly criticized President Mwinyi's administration causing distress among party members who feel offended as their leaders' efforts are undermined.



Wentworth Africa Foundation president Babra McBean (2nd-R) and directors Souda Simba (3rd-R) and Neema Ndikumwami (R) lead the showcasing of sanitary pads shortly after donating a consignment of the items to Bandari Secondary School in Mtwara Region yesterday through the foundation's 'Keep a Girl in School' programme. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

All institutions must abide by 2013 Public Procurement Act, says govt

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

THE government has directed all its institutions in the country to adhere to the requirement of Public Procurement Act of 2013 and its importance in spurring economic and social development.

The remarks were made here yesterday in Parliament by the Deputy minister for Finance and Planning, Hamad Hassan Chande when

responding to a question posed by Special Seats Member of Parliament Mwanaisa Ng'azi Ulenge who sought to know when the government will make an evaluation on the implementation of the Act, Section 64(2) (C) and Regulation 30 C thereto as amended.

Chande said in implementing the Public Procurement Act (Cap 410) and its regulations, the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) makes

evaluation on procurement and publishes the evaluation every year.

"The findings of the evaluation made for 2020/21 in regard to allocation of funds for the purchase of 30 per cent for special groups shows that out of 86 institutions inspected, two allocated less funds while 81 did not allocate funds at all," said Chande.

He also instructed internal audit units to make sure that quarterly reports submitted to PPRA should have

information on the implementation of the law in that particular area.

Meanwhile Deputy Finance Minister Chande said in FY 2021/22, TRA is finalizing the evaluation that will identify areas with needs for building of PPRA offices as per set criteria.

He said the government, through TRA has a procedure of making evaluation for the entire country aimed at identifying areas in need of PPRA offices for monitoring, supervision and collection of revenue in order to take tax services close to the people.

He said the government also intends to make sure that it builds PPRA offices in all areas, including Mkalama District, that satisfy the criteria.



JOB OPPORTUNITY

Job Title: Organizational/Business Development Manager -Tanzania Kilimo Tija Activity	Reports to: Deputy Chief of Party (DCoP)
Department: Programs	Location: Dar es salaam

***This position is contingent on receipt of donor funding**

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Job Summary

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Description of Duties

- Oversee market research to identify new business opportunities (i.e., new markets, growth areas, profitable value chains, trends, customers, partnerships, products and services) particularly for youth and women in the horticulture value chains.
- Support Kilimo Tija Activity (KTA) partners to carry out organizational assessments and identify areas of capacity development and growth for horticulture businesses.
- Support KTA partners to identify, map and pursue business opportunities that are aligned with their capacity and growth areas.
- Lead the establishment and management of a challenge fund - including sourcing for venture capitalists - for co-investment in horticulture value chains.
- Mentor and coach horticulture SMEs in developing business plans and growth strategies.
- Work closely with the Inclusive Finance Advisor to carry out financial training for KTA partners.
- Support KTA partners to identify and successfully apply for financing from locally available mechanisms including the KTA GUC mechanism and MFIs.
- Under the direction of DCoP and other KTA partners, evaluate applications to the GUC mechanism and support follow on award processes.

Typical Background, Experience & Requirements:

Education and Experience

- University degree in rural development, marketing, business administration and management, organizational capacity building, or a related field.
- A minimum of 8 years of proven experience in the management of multidisciplinary teams and in-depth knowledge of the horticulture value chain and its challenges in Tanzania.
- Strong preference is given to candidates with inclusive development credentials and organizational capacity building history.
- Fluency in English.
- Computer proficient especially use of Office applications including spreadsheets, word processors and databases.
- Ability to multi-task, prioritize and solve problems in a consultative manner.

Personal Skills

- Strong relationship management skills with ability to influence and get buy-in from people not under direct supervision and to work with individuals in diverse

geographical and cultural settings

- Good strategic, analytical, problem-solving and systems thinking skills with capacity to see the big picture and ability to make sound judgment
- Strong technical writing skills
- Strong data collection and research skills and ability to interpret and analyze data
- Presentation, facilitation, training, mentoring, and coaching skills
- Proactive, resourceful and results-oriented
- Attention to details, accuracy and timeliness in executing assigned responsibilities

Required/Desired Foreign Language: Excellent command of English and Kiswahili required.

Travel Required: More than 60% travel in the program areas.

Key Working Relationships:

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Internal: DCoP and other technical advisors
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HOW TO APPLY:

- Interested qualified candidates should submit their letter of application together with their CV in PDF or Word format in a single attachment which outlines their experience and sustainability of the position applied to email address TZ_HR@crs.org not later than **28th June 2022**.
- The applicants should clearly state the Job title applied for in the subject line of the email.
- Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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By Guardian Reporter

THE government through the Ministry of Health in partnership with Marie Stopes Tanzania (MST) has averted 1.4 million unintended pregnancies which enabled the saving of the lives to at least 2,800 pregnant women last year in 2021.

Marie Stopes Tanzania Country Director Vadacanthara Chandrashekar disclosed this over the weekend at the launch of Lifeguard Condoms in Dar es Salaam.

The director said MST has continued to work in close partnership with the government to improve the quality of health systems in the country by ensuring that the majority of women have access to quality health services.

"Most of our services are provided in public health facilities in all regions in Tanzania. Last year our team went to more than 5,000 public health facilities to provide injectable, implants and other services," he said.

According to him, through the collaboration with the government, MST has been able to reach public health facilities at the district level to the village level to offer services in partnership with the government.

He said MST's launch of a new Lifeguard contraceptive product was

Health sector averted one million unintended pregnancies - report

a good sign that will give clients the products which will enable them to take control of their lives.

"We work with the government and other partners to promote contraceptives use in the country... we will bring much more exciting products so that women and girls can exercise their reproductive health needs," he said.

Lifeguard Condoms was the second product to be launched by Marie Stopes Tanzania after misoprostol products to Tanzania market following entries of such products in the country from the neighbouring countries.

Ilala District Commissioner Ng'ilabuzu Ludigija who was the guest of honour at the launching event of Lifeguard Condoms said the launch will not only help in the fight against unwanted pregnancies but sexual transmitted diseases as well as in family planning.

He asked for the need to ensure that the government was happy that Tanzanians builds a culture on the right way of using condoms especially on family planning.

According to Ilala district commissioner, HIV prevalence amongst youths in various regions including Dar es Salaam keeps on rising.

"Various reports from the ministry of health have shown an increase in new HIV infection by at least 4 percent," he said.

He cautioned the public to make full use of the product as it was helpful in many ways including averting unintended pregnancies, family planning and protection against sexually transmitted diseases especially HIV.

Marie Stopes Tanzania (MST) is a non-governmental organization specializing in health, especially reproductive health and general health operating in 9 regions including the Isles.

It offers various services which include cervical cancer screening, specialist care for women and children, general health care and various tests like ultrasound, hepatitis tests, childhood immunizations and hepatitis vaccine.

Dodoma doing well in tree planting initiative - deputy minister Khamis

By Guardian Correspondent

AUTHORITIES in Dodoma Region are doing an excellent job in implementing the National Environment Policy on tree planting, it has been said.

Deputy Minister of State in the Vice President's Office (Union and Environment) Khamis Hamza Khamis visited and inspected the tree planting exercise in various places in Dodoma at the weekend and was impressed by the progress.

Inspecting the drive at Ihumwa Road - Iyumbu, University of Dodoma (UDOM), Medeli, Benjamin Mkapa Hospital and Iyumbu, Khamis expressed satisfaction with the management and monitoring of the trees since its planting.

He commended the Tanzania Forest

Service (TFS), Dodoma City Council, Tanzania Roads Agency (Tanroads) and the various stakeholders who contribute to tree conservation.

"Our Environment Policy directs us to plant trees and develop them so that we know which ones have grown and which ones have died, but we are also making this visit following the instructions of the Vice President Dr Philip Mpango who from time to time has been urging us to monitor the trees being planted," he said.

In addition, Deputy Minister Khamis called on various environmental stakeholders to co-operate in ensuring that trees are cultivated and cared for to achieve the goal of ensuring the environment is protected and thus make Dodoma green.

He also urged Tanroads to follow up

with the people who gave them the tender to irrigate trees to monitor the exercise as it is done in accordance with the prescribed procedure.

Meanwhile, Assistant Forest Resource Development Manager from TFS, Patricia Manonga said through the Dodoma Green Programme they intend to increase seed production from one million to two million a year through the existing nursery.

She said so far TFS has already produced more than 57 million seedlings that have been planted in various parts of Dodoma Region where the official exercise was launched in 2017.

Giving an analysis of the trees planted Manonga clarified that in the Medeli area 500 trees were planted, Iseni 1,200 trees and Iyumbu were planted about 1,000 shade trees where she urged the institutions to plant the seedlings they were given instead of leaving them damaged.

Govt pledges to embrace refugees

By Francis Kajubi

THE government has said that it will continue embracing voluntary repatriation of refugees as it observes human rights and dignity of the people who are forced to flee their native countries on different reasons.

Addressing some United Nations Agencies' representatives to Tanzania, refugees and regional commissioners from Katavi, Kagera, Tabora and Kigoma where most of the refugees are being hosted, Ambassador Liberata Mulamula, Minister of Foreign Affairs and East Africa Cooperation said that the government will not force anyone going back to their countries of origin where their lives will be under threat.

Dr Mulamula issued such statement in Dar es Salaam on Monday evening when she honored the climax of the World Refugee Day celebration held on June 20th every year. This year's commemoration has been celebrated under the theme 'whoever, wherever, whenever everyone has the right to seek safety'.

"Tanzania keeps door open for all victims of persecution and it will continue been an icon of African generosity to those who are forced to flee their countries of origin," said Dr

Mulamula.

According to the minister, as at the end of May this year, Tanzania had hosted 257,800 refugees mostly from Burundi, Rwanda, DR Congo and Uganda.

"In addressing the challenge of refugees the host communities should not be left behind in development plans. That's why the government had been working with almost 16 UN Agencies in Kigoma region through the Kigoma Joint Programme to improve livelihood of the host communities through agriculture," said Dr Mulamula.

Speaking of the KJP programme, Zlatan Milisic, United Nations Resident Coordinator said that the programme had reached almost 24,000 beans and maize farmers in Kigoma region by improving their livelihoods.

The four years programme that started in 2018 coming to an end this month had seen the farmers harvesting over 2,000 tonnes of beans that were sold to the World Food Programme (WFP) earning them over 750bn/-.

Milisic commended Tanzania for being a true hope for refugees and asylum seekers from around the world.

"We are not only celebrating the survival of the refugees but the strength and courage for people who had been

forced to flee their homes," said Milisic.

UNHCR Representative to Tanzania, Mahoua Parums said that not only Africans are hosted at Tanzania's refugee camps but also Syrian, people from Yemen and other parts of the world.

"Refugees not only take from the host countries but also give through their culture, talents and traditions. The UNHCR is in full support of Tanzania not forcing refugees to go back to their countries where they can't find peace," said Parums.

According to her, as of today, UNHCR hosts about 7.5million refugees in Ukraine where more than 500,000 people have been displaced following the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict.

"We all have a responsibility of finding mutual solutions to the plight of refugees and at the same time provide them with all rights and deserved dignity," she added.

Dr Ahmada El Badaoui Mohamed, Ambassador of Comoros and Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, said when it comes to safety no one should be left behind pledging that the government of Comoros will always be there to support Tanzania in all issues regarding refugees welfare alongside other economic and social development activities.



Tryphone Mkolokoti (in cap), a member of the Tanzania Red Cross Society's national executive committee, pictured at the weekend presenting 140,000/- to one of 1,200 families affected by drought in Longido District in Arusha Region. Looking on are Longido District official Albert Israel (R) and TRCS official Samuel Katamba. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Organic compost plant in Moshi generates over 23m/-

By Correspondent James Lanka, Moshi

MOSHI Organic Compost Plant in Kilimanjaro Region has produced and sold 87.35 tonnes of organic compost fertilizers between April, 2021 and March, 2022, generating an income amounting to 23,575,000/-.

The plant is owned and managed by the Moshi Municipal Council (MMC).

MMC's Sanitation Officer, Viane Kombe unveiled this here when presenting the project report to the councilors from the German city of Tübingen who visited the Moshi Municipal Council recently, whereby she said the projection was to produce an extra 34 tonnes between April and June, this year which would accrue 9,180,000/-.

"Apart from providing revenue to the council, this project has also significantly contributed to improving the environment in Moshi district and Kilimanjaro Region in general as it uses raw materials that are waste generated from the consumption of fruits and vegetables."

"A total of 236 tonnes of solid waste is produced in Moshi every day which include 122 tonnes of domestic waste, 48 tonnes of commercial waste, 12 tonnes of institutional waste, 51 tonnes of industrial waste and 3 tonnes of healthcare institutions' related waste," she said.

She continued to say, so far a total of 2,058 tonnes of organic waste, specifically vegetables and fruits, was diverted from landfill to the compost plant and significantly contributing to the reduction of methane gas which she said was one of the worst environment destruction elements.

sustainable, some strategies had been put in place including that of providing education to students so as to build the cadre of next generation that would be responsible for caring for the environment as well as making sure of the sustainability of the Moshi Compost plant.

"To achieve this goal, a total of 45 environmental clubs have been formed in 20 schools, whereby members of the clubs who are all students have been provided with training related to waste disposal which is the main raw material for compost plant as well as education on how to manage the compost project," she added.

The MMC official also said that through the project, students have been involved in the planting of trees using compost fertilizer on school areas and other public institutions so as to create a better understanding of the benefits of improving and caring for the environment as well as the use of compost fertilisers.

Moshi Organic Compost Plant Project Manager, David Kimaro said the plant which was launched officially by the His Lordship Mayor of the City of Tübingen would have the capacity to produce between 2,600 and 3,000 tonnes of organic compost annually, using more than 10,000 tonnes of organic vegetables and fruits' organic waste.

"The plant which its initial capital investment was to the tune of 800m/-, was established by the Moshi Municipal Council with the support of the German based Tübingen City which donated finance, technical and equipment towards the establishment of the project through the two councils' under the auspice of the two councils' Sister City partnership status", he added.

Speaking during the visit, Tübingen City Lord Mayor, Boris Palmer expressed his satisfaction with the implementation of the Moshi compost project which is being run through the German based City's funding, under the sister partnership between Tübingen City and the Moshi Municipality.

"It is a great pleasure for me to see that this project has been very successful, especially considering the fact that I came here in 2010 to embark on plans and strategies that led to its establishment," he said.

He added: "This project is a good example of how people from two different countries and also from two different continents can work together through their councils to bring development to people with such great success".

Lord Mayor Palmer went on to say that the success of the project was a great foundation for the continuation of the two councils partnerships expected to include in the forthcoming renewable energy project which plans to implement it (renewable energy project) were underway.

"Apart from this project we have also built good relations between our two sister councils whereby currently coffee from Kilimanjaro region is being packed here and later on transported and sold in Tübingen City and thus earning coffee farmers income as well as income to the government through various taxes", he added.

Commenting on the crucial project meant for income generation and environmental conservation, the Acting Moshi Municipal Council's Mayor Stuart Nkinda commended the Tübingen City leadership for the co-operation it provides which enabled the great achievements as far as the Moshi Compost plant was concerned, which he said included that of creating more job opportunities to Moshi municipal residents.

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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

On behalf of Ministry of Investment, Industry and Trade (MIT) Public Service Recruitment Secretariat (PSRS) invites dynamic and suitable qualified Tanzanians to fill one (1) vacant post in Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC) mentioned below;

1.0 TANZANIA INVESTMENT CENTRE (TIC)

Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC) is the primary Agency of the Government under the Ministry of Investment, Industry and Trade which is mandated to coordinate, encourage, promote and facilitate investment in Tanzania and to advise the Government on investment policy and related matters.

- 1.0.1 POSITION: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
- 1.0.2 REPORTS TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
- 1.0.3 SUPERVISES: HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS AND UNITS
- 1.0.4 DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- i. To provide pro-active leadership to the Centre's Directors through approved TIC Investment Facilitation and Promotion Policies, Regulations and Guidelines;
- ii. To monitor the Centre's Performance periodically and provides guidance, direction and advocacy in order to achieve set goals and objectives;
- iii. To approve concise strategic and operational plans that market the Centre to the Investor's Government, and Management teams;
- iv. To liaise with other relevant bodies with the purpose of providing strategic advice on the development of the country as a whole;
- v. To oversee coaching and harmonization of the facilitation and Investment Promotion Policies and Practices with a view to competitively place TIC in a first and World Class Investment Promotion Agency within Africa;
- vi. To serve as Accounting Officer of the Centre and negotiates for adequate sources of funding from local and international sources to sustain the Centre's operations;
- vii. To monitor Centre's Performance in investment promotion through various directorates' reports, interviews, discussion and queries;
- viii. To report quarterly and annual action plans, budgets and operational needs to the Centre's Board;
- ix. To maintain conducive work environment by advocating compliance to rules and regulations;
- x. To plan, directs, organizes, monitors and controls all matters related to procurement in the Centre; exhibitions, media with a view towards creating, attracting and maintaining investment promotion awareness of the Centre hence enhancing corporate image;
- xi. To direct and oversee the coordination, Planning and preparation of Budget for the Centre
- xii. To plan, directs, organizes, monitors and controls all matters related to procurement in the Centre;
- xiii. To maintain requisite skills by appointing, training, promoting, transferring, demoting, and dismissing staff through recommendation of such to the Centre Board; and
- xiv. To act as a Secretary of the TIC Board.

1.0.5 QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Master's Degree in one of the following fields; Economics, Finance, Accounts, Business Administration majoring in Finance or Accounts, Marketing, Law, or equivalent qualifications from recognized Institutions with working experience of twelve (12) years of which three (3) years must be in Managerial Position. PhD in a relevant field will be an added advantage. Candidate with Accounts profession must have CPA (T), ACCA, ACA, CIA or equivalent professional qualification recognized by the NBAA.

1.0.6 SALARY SCALE: TICS 13

GENERAL CONDITIONS

- i. All applicants must be Citizens of Tanzania with an age not above 45 years of age except for those who are in Public Service;
- ii. Applicants must attach an up-to-date Curriculum Vitae (CV) having reliable contacts; postal address/post code, e-mail and telephone numbers;
- iii. Applicants should apply on the strength of the information given in this advertisement;
- iv. Applicants must attach their certified copies of the following certificates: -
 - Postgraduate/Degree/Advanced Diploma/Diploma/Certificates;
 - Postgraduate/Degree/Advanced Diploma/Diploma transcripts;
 - Form IV and Form VI National Examination Certificates;
 - Professional Registration and Training Certificates from respective Registration or Regulatory Bodies, (where applicable);
 - Birth certificate;
- v. Attaching copies of the following certificates is strictly not accepted:-
 - Form IV and form VI results slips;
 - Testimonials and all Partial transcripts;
- vi. An applicant must upload recent Passport Size Photo in the Recruitment Portal;
- vii. An applicant employed in the Public Service should route his application letter through his respective employer;
- viii. An applicant who is retired from the Public Service for whatever reason should not apply;
- ix. An applicant should indicate three reputable referees with their reliable contacts;
- x. Certificates from foreign examination bodies for Ordinary or Advanced level education should be verified by The National Examination Council of Tanzania (NECTA).
- xi. Professional certificates from foreign Universities and other training institutions should be verified by The Tanzania Commission for Universities (TCU) and National Council for Technical Education (NACTE);
- xii. An applicant with special needs/case (disability) is supposed/advised to indicate;
- xiii. A signed application letter should be written either in Swahili or English and Addressed to Secretary, Presidents Office, Public Service Recruitment Secretariat, P.O. Box 2320, Utumishi Building at University of Dodoma - Dr. Asha Rose Migiro Buildings - Dodoma.
- xiv. Deadline for application is 3rd July, 2022;
- xv. Only short-listed candidates will be informed on the date of interview and;
- xvi. Presentation of forged certificates and other information will necessitate to legal action;

NOTE: All applications must be sent through Recruitment Portal by using the following address; <http://portal.ajira.go.tz/> and not otherwise (This address also can be found at PSRS Website, Click 'Recruitment Portal')

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Stakeholders push for education reforms to help boost standards

By Correspondent Gerald Kitabo

EDUCATION stakeholders have urged the government to reform education policy and laws to improve education standards.

Speaking at a stakeholders' workshop organised by Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Tanzania (FES) and the Tanzania Teachers Union (TTU), which brought together policy and decision-makers, media and different education experts in Dodoma recently, they said that to ensure quality education in Tanzania, teachers at all levels need to be qualified.

They also urged the government to enforce the policy and law that require private schools, colleges and universities to employ professional teachers to raise education standards and increase student achievements. Tanzania Teachers Union (TTU) Head of Education and Training Department Madam Stella Kiyabo said professionalism should be enforced in both public and private schools, saying compliance with the contract as a legal requirement should also be adhered to by owners and managers of private school teachers to ensure job and employment security.

"We urge the government to ensure students get an affordable, inclusive

and better education in a conducive environment while enforcing teachers' rights," she said, suggesting the need for the government to regulate and manage all education affairs. "These include standards in private and public schools to ensure the education provided does not discriminate against children from marginalized communities, including those from low-income families and children with disabilities," Kiyabo explained.

Stakeholders also stressed the need for decent work and better working conditions, including housing conditions per 2020 school registration guidelines, and that all schools should meet the required standards.

They insisted on reforms of the policies to ensure the right to education for every child without discrimination while adhering to and maintaining professionalism and principles of equality. They added that the government should enforce a code of conduct for the school teachers and protect children from GBV.

Stakeholders strongly expressed concern over quality, affordable and inclusive education, strongly believing that the government can attain it through the use of domestic revenues (taxation).

Kiyabo appealed to the government

to fairly collect taxes from local and foreign investors to finance public social services, including education.

Citing an example, she said research conducted by FES Tanzania in 2019 and ActionAid Tanzania in 2021 showed that the government has been losing revenues through tax incentives given to multinational companies.

Stakeholders were very concerned with research findings by ActionAid Tanzania, which showed that the government had lost 17.4 trillion every year since 2013. This amount of money would have serviced community development projects such as education, water and health, to name but a few, she said. It was also noted that most informal sector operators do not pay tax; thus, there should be deliberate efforts by the government and stakeholders to close all the loopholes that lead to revenue loss.

For the past 60 years since independence, Tanzania has registered several achievements in education, such as every child getting the proper education.

However, some issues still need to be addressed, such as ensuring quality and inclusive education, better teaching and learning infrastructures, shortage of qualified teachers and outdated curriculum and syllabus.



Leonard Mgema (R), acting chairman of Nyang'hwale District Council, is pictured on Monday briefing a delegation of Barrick Bulyanhulu Mine executives who were on an inspection tour of projects implemented in the district with funding from the company. Second right is the firm's general manager, Cheick Sangare. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Nyang'hwale residents benefit from projects supported by Barrick mine

By Guardian Correspondent, Geita

RESIDENTS in Nyang'hwale District, Geita Region have been benefiting with the investment of the Barrick

Bulyanhulu mine due to the improvement of school and health infrastructures through its Corporate and Social Responsibility (CSR).

Speaking during a visit by Barrick Bulyanhulu mine officials, Nyang'hwale Council Chairman, Leonard Mgema said the mine has brought much comfort to the people and improved people's welfare.

"The presence of the Barrick Bulyanhulu mine in the neighbourhood of our district has given us respect. Through its CSR policy, it has supported us in implementation of many projects in the education, health and water sectors," said Mgema.

He said that construction of an English medium school has relieved the burden of local employees and businessmen who were struggling to send their children to distant areas to get education.

Msalala secondary school headmaster, Mpuya Charahani, thanked the leadership of Nyang'hwale District Council and the Barrick Bulyanhulu Mine for improving the schools' infrastructure.

Interviewed, some residents commended the mine for the improvement of social services.

Bulyanhulu mine General Manager, Cheick Sangare, accompanied by a delegation of senior mine officials visited various projects implemented with funding through its CSR where he was happy seeing how the projects have helped to improve provision of social services.

Sangare assured the residents that the mine is determined to ensure that residents enjoy better social services and benefits from gold sales. He said the mine will continue to support the government by contributing and supporting development projects.

Some of the implemented projects include construction of a modern Kharumwa pre and primary school which is owned by Nyang'hwale District Council at Butalanda ward.

The school is an English medium oriented, been constructed at a cost of 300m/- through the mine's CSR policy.

The Barrick Bulyanhulu mine also constructed a dining hall worth over 94m/-, renovated three classrooms at over 25m/- at Msalala Secondary School and constructed two classrooms worth 20m/- at Nyijundu Secondary School.

The mine also supported construction of a girls' hostel valued at more than 115m/- and a laboratory worth 100m/- at Mwingiro Secondary School as well as a dining hall worth 114.8m/-.

At Nyang'hwale Secondary School, the mine renovated three classrooms at a cost of 18m/-.

The mine has also built a dispensary (70.6m/-) and staff houses worth 25.7m/- at Lushimba village. Lushimba dispensary will relieve the residents of the burden of walking long distances in search of medical treatment.

All smiles as villagers get safe piped water

By Guardian Correspondent, Manyara

IT is all smiles for more than 3,000 residents from Gidngwar Village, in Madunga Ward, Babati District, Manyara Region who were facing acute water shortage.

Speaking at the inauguration of the water project recently, the leader of the National Uhuru Torch, Sahil Geraruma said the completion of the Madunga Water Project costing 180m/- has brought relief to the residents as they used to walk long distances to fetch water from neighbouring villages.

"I am satisfied by the project's implementation built from the 'Pay for Results Programme' (P4R). I instruct the Babati district's RUWASA Manager to make sure the service reaches all residents in this area," he said.

Before inauguration of the project, Babati District Commissioner Lazaro Twange said residents of the area thank President Samia Suluhu Hassan for the project.

Edward Slabio, a resident from the area said since he was born 20 years ago he had never seen the Uhuru Torch except this year with the inauguration of the long awaited water project.

"We have to thank RUWASA on how they were able to bring to us water," he said.

This year's Uhuru torch race message is "The Census is the foundation for development planning, participate for sustainable development."

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR THE PROVISION OF Sacrificial Anodes Cathodic Protection	
REF : ETJ-BB-PR-EI-GEN-EF-0001-00.	
<p>BESIX Ballast Nedam Limited, the CONTRACTOR for the Engineering, procurement and Construction of the Jetty and Load Out Facilities in the Tanga Bay for the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Project, invites experienced specialist Companies to express their interest for:</p> <p>Fabrication, Supply and Delivery of Sacrificial Anodes Cathodic Protection (SACP).</p> <p>The Republic of Uganda, the Uganda National Oil Company (UNOC), the United Republic of Tanzania and/or Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC), as well as other international oil companies are partaking in the implementation of the EACOP Project.</p> <p>As part of EACOP project, the Crude oil will be loaded on vessels via a facility located in the near shore environment of the Indian Ocean. The Facility will be located 2 km offshore from the Marine Storage Terminal site located on the Chongoleani peninsula in front of Tanga Port in Tanzania.</p> <p>BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE MATERIALS / SERVICES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sacrificial anodes for permanently immersed Jetty piles. - Design and supply of clamp assemblies. - Clamps assemblies are coated. - Transport FOB incoterms Liner out 	<p>MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:</p> <p>Companies expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Qualified workers and certified QA/QC; - Ability for Steel dressing full P3 as per ISO 12944, for Grade of Cleanliness Sa 3 as per ISO 8501; - Fabrication at fabrication yard, not on site; - Design life of 25 years with no maintenance in first 15 years. - Coating from Carboline, Hempel, Jotun or PPG; - Company profile with prove of sufficient financial capabilities and sufficient and capable resources. - An experience list with relevant supply history / track record showing minimum of five (5) years' experience in execution similar services of required fabrication and transport as per international standards common in the Oil and Gas business or comparable market. - Design standards: DNV RP B401; - Company's Quality and HSE plans and certification: ISO 9001:2015, ISO 14001:2015, OHSAS 18001 (ISO45001:2018) or equivalent certificates; - CE marked as per CPR and BS EN 1090; - Compliance with petroleum (local Content) regulation of 2017 and local company definition for Tanzania. - Proof of registration/application to Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is highly recommended.
<p>Interested companies which meet the minimum requirements and have the capacity to provide the services listed above should express their interest by sending together with the above listed documents an email to procurement@bbnjv.com (Max. Email Size: 20 MBs & All documents must be submitted in the English language) on or before 6th of July 2022, 12 noon Tanzania Time.</p> <p>Companies satisfactorily meeting the above minimum requirements will be evaluated and if selected will be invited, subject to the signature of a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), to participate in the bidding process.</p> <p>Note: Only pre-qualified companies will receive an invitation to submit their bid in furtherance of the Call for Tender process.</p>	216913002

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR THE PROVISION OF Tubular Steel Piles	
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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR THE PROVISION OF ENGINEERING, FABRICATION, SUPPLY OF Launching Girder and Feeding Trolley	
REF ETJ-BB-PR-EI-GEN-LG-0001-00	
<p>BESIX Ballast Nedam Limited, the CONTRACTOR for the Engineering, procurement and Construction of the Jetty and Load Out Facilities in the Tanga Bay for the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Project, invites experienced specialist Companies to express their interest for:</p> <p>Engineering, Fabrication, and Supply of a Launching Girder and a Feeding Trolley.</p> <p>The Republic of Uganda, the Uganda National Oil Company (UNOC), the United Republic of Tanzania and/or Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC), as well as other international oil companies are partaking in the implementation of the EACOP Project.</p> <p>As part of EACOP project, the Crude oil will be loaded on vessels via a facility located in the near shore environment of the Indian Ocean. The Facility will be located approximately 2 km offshore from the Marine Storage Terminal site located on the Chongoleani peninsula in front of Tanga Port in Tanzania.</p> <p>BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE :</p> <p>Part of the Jetty shall be constructed with a special self-launching piling equipment (Launching Girder) fitted with a Hammer stand, and a Feeding Trolley.</p> <p>The Launching Girder will enable to :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Manipulate, position and drive, within tolerances, piles 1168mm wide and 32.25m long. - Manipulate, position within tolerances and install crossheads, truss elements of the trestle. - Cutting, welding, sandblasting and painting. - Progress with from previous bent to new bent. - Store office, sanitary and storage containers. <p>A Trolley that will allow to :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - supply the launching girder of all material and consumable required for the construction activities above mentioned. - A Hammer Stand that can hold Piling hammer, power packs and reel for hammer hoses. <p>MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:</p> <p>Equipment shall be delivered as following :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Design of equipment in 4 months (M1-M4). - Procurement and fabrication of equipment in 6 months (M1-M6). - Pre-assembly and testing at yard Month 6. - Assembly and commissioning on site Month 9. - Able to withstand 38 tons of live loads. - Able to withstand continuous power of 60KW for 11 equipment. - 24 months warranty. <p>Companies expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Company profile with prove of sufficient financial capabilities and sufficient and capable resources. - An experience list with relevant supply history / track record showing minimum of five (5) years' experience in execution similar services of required Engineering, fabrication and supply as per international standards common in the Oil and Gas business or comparable market. - Company's Quality and HSE plans and certification: ISO 9001:2015, ISO 14001:2015, OHSAS 18001 (ISO45001:2018), EN ISO 14732, EN ISO 90606-1, ISO 11484, EN ISO 90609-1, EN ISO 10893-8, 10893-11, or equivalent certificates; - CE marked as per CPR and BS EN 1090; - Compliance with petroleum (local Content) regulation of 2017 and local company definition for Tanzania. - Proof of registration/application to Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is highly recommended. 	<p>Interested companies which meet the minimum requirements and have the capacity to provide the services listed above should express their interest by sending together with the above listed documents an email to procurement@bbnjv.com (Max. Email Size: 20 MBs & All documents must be submitted in the English language) on or before 6th of July 2022, 12 noon Tanzania Time.</p> <p>Companies satisfactorily meeting the above minimum requirements will be evaluated and if selected will be invited, subject to the signature of a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), to participate in the bidding process.</p> <p>Note: Only pre-qualified companies will receive an invitation to submit their bid in furtherance of the Call for Tender process.</p>
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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR THE PROVISION OF Fabrication, Supply and Delivery of Structural Steel Trusses, Crude Oil Pipes, GRE pipes, Cable Ladders, HDG Gratings, Catwalks and Crossheads	
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<p>BESIX Ballast Nedam Limited, the CONTRACTOR for the Engineering, procurement and Construction of the Jetty and Load Out Facilities in the Tanga Bay for the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Project, invites experienced specialist Companies to express their interest for:</p> <p>Fabrication, Supply and Delivery of coated Structural Steel Trusses, Crude Oil Pipes, GRE pipes, Cable Ladders, HDG Gratings, Catwalks and Coated Crossheads.</p> <p>The Republic of Uganda, the Uganda National Oil Company (UNOC), the United Republic of Tanzania and/or Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC), as well as other international oil companies are partaking in the implementation of the EACOP Project.</p> <p>As part of EACOP project, the Crude oil will be loaded on vessels via a facility located in the near shore environment of the Indian Ocean. The Facility will be located 2 km offshore from the Marine Storage Terminal site located on the Chongoleani peninsula in front of Tanga Port in Tanzania.</p> <p>BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE MATERIALS / SERVICES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Steel Truss Units of 12, 24 and 48m long, 3.60 to 5.80m wide and 5m height, complete with main pipe 30 inch pipe inside on pipe supports, guardrails included. - Steel bracings for loops' structures. - Steel Crosshead as support for trusses. - Steel Catwalks between dolphins. - Steel Mezzanine on LOF. - All the above is coated. - Cable Ladders for the full jetty length. - HDG Gratings for road and pedestrian access 	<p>- Transport FOB incoterms Liner out</p> <p>- Total steel 2,832 tons, and 7000 M2 of coating.</p> <p>MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:</p> <p>Companies expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Qualified workers and certified QA/QC; - Inspectors to be Level III certified; - Operators to be certified acc to ACOPPA/Frosio; - Ability for Steel dressing full P3 as per ISO 12944, for Grade of Cleanliness Sa 3 as per ISO 8501; - Fabrication at fabrication yard, not on site; - Warranty of 5 years for rusting R12, and Cracking, Blistering, Flaking Q353; - Coating from Carboline, Hempel, Jotun or PPG; - Company profile with prove of sufficient financial capabilities and sufficient and capable resources. - An experience list with relevant supply history / track record showing minimum of five (5) years' experience in execution similar services of required fabrication and transport as per international standards common in the Oil and Gas business or comparable market. - CE marked as per CPR and BS EN 1090; - Company's Quality and HSE plans and certification: ISO 9001:2015, ISO 14001:2015, OHSAS 18001 (ISO45001:2018), EN ISO 14732, EN ISO 90606-1, ISO 11484, EN ISO 90609-1, EN ISO 10893-8, 10893-11, or equivalent certificates; - Compliance with petroleum (local Content) regulation of 2017 and local company definition for Tanzania. - Proof of registration/application to Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is highly recommended.
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Cosmas Msigwa (L), police officer in-charge at Dar es Salaam's Magufuli Bus Station, and Land Transport Regulatory Authority (Litra) acting executive secretary Leo Ngowi (seated-R) have an audience at the facility yesterday with Makongo Secondary School students at the station. The students, in their particular capacity as users of land transport services, were out to learn the benefits and challenges of the online ticketing system expected to be launched on July 1. Photo: Costantino Michael, TUDARCO

COSTECH vows to create friendly environment to help researchers

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA Commission for Science and Technology (COSTECH) says it will continue to create friendly environment to enable research results of many scientists, the youth specifically to get the opportunity into business.

The remarks were made by COSTECH Director of Institution Services, Emmanuel Mgonja at the launching of the project for enabling science students from various secondary schools based in Dar es Salaam on how to invent business projects coordinated by Dar Teknohama Business Incubator (DTBi).

Mgonja said many scientists end up in doing research on things theoretically only and that it was now time that the things that have been researched on or invented are put into practice to solve various challenges facing the community.

"And that is why we continue to put in place an enabling environment for the scientists starting at school level to enable them doing various researches which they will use in various business opportunities, we do not like the researches to end up in theory," Mgonja said.

"We would like these scientists to research on various challenges facing their communities and supply practical answers by turning them into opportunities to fight the employment problem," he added.

In the same vein, Josephine Sepeku, the manager of the project known as Future System Business Leaders Tanzania said they started the project with the aim of making sure science students use it practically to solve challenges facing the community.

"And since we created the project in 2017, we have started seeing good results. For example, last year there were students who researched on various projects and when put into contest, they won as they were projects that were designed to solve challenges facing their communities," Sepeku said.

Head of Physics Department at the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM) Dr Nuru Mlyuka said they are making efforts to produce researches that have positive results to the community and should not remain as mere theories.



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Finance ministry to take stern measures against noncomplying agencies

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

IT has been revealed that many public entities (PEs) do not allocate funds for procurement in their administration, a move that has forced the ministry of Finance and Planning to issue a directive for legal compliance.

Deputy Minister in the ministry, Hamad Hassan Chande said in the National Assembly yesterday that during the 2020/21 financial year, the assessment on the PEs indicated that out of 86 only two of them had allocated money for procurement while three of the assessed PEs had allocated insufficient funds and that 81 institutions did not allocate the money at all.

Chande was responding to a question by Special Seats MP, Mwanisha Ulenge who had sought to know when the government would make an assessment for the implementation of the Public Procurement Act.

In response, the deputy minister said that in the implementation of the legislation and its statutory regulations, the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) ought to do an assessment every year.

Chande said that as a result of the assessment, the government had so far directed all procurement entities to obey the requirements of the law and its importance in the contribution of the country's economy.

Equally, he noted, the government had directed all internal auditing departments to ensure that all quarterly assessment reports that ought to be submitted to PPRA are being conducted.

Dodoma CCM-NEC hails Samia for job well done

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

DODOMA Region's CCM National Executive Committee has issued a statement to congratulate President Samia Suluhu Hassan for the good job of leading the government and the allocation of 372bn/- towards various development projects in the region.

Reading the statement here at the weekend, Dodoma Regional CCM Chairperson, Godwin Mkanwa said the party thanks the government for allocating adequate funds in its 2022/23 Budget for the construction of Dodoma's ring road, Msalato International Airport and completion of the State House complex at Chamwino. "In its 41.1trn/- main Budget read June 6 this year, Dodoma region was allocated 372bn/-, out of which 126.8bn/- is for development projects and 245bn for ordinary expenditure," he said.

He said the party in the region will continue overseeing proper expenditure of the funds allocated in order to strengthen the region's economy, including the provision of loans, internal revenue collection, construction of 40 dispensaries and 21 health centres and six district hospitals.

Mkanwa said the budget is designed to rescue an ordinary citizen economically, socially and politically in the education, health and farming sectors. "This budgets state that beginning the coming financial year a Tanzanian child will get free education from primary to Form VI and through the Ministry of Agriculture an ordinary farmer will receive subsidized farm inputs and provision of modern farming expertise. He also said they thank President Samia for increasing salaries for public employees by 23 per cent, increase travel allowances, permission for new employment and better supervision of the country's resources.

Meanwhile, Dodoma Region CCM secretary, Pili Mbaga said in order to make sure the party is economically self-reliant, it has constructed 174 shop stalls and expect to collect more than 1bn/- per year in rent.

She said the project, to cost 890m/- is in final stages of completion and will be ready by the end of this month.

"All the stalls have already been rented and the project's completion will enable the party to pay salaries and allowances for its workers and we would like other regions to emulate us in the issue of self-reliance," she added.

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR THE PROVISION OF
Gangway Tower

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR THE PROVISION OF
Fenders and Bollards.

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR THE PROVISION OF
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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR THE PROVISION OF
regulatory, tax and legal services

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Revamping irrigation needs credit modules

PRESSURE is being felt over the extent in which there is a workable plan for revamping irrigation schemes all over the country, as those facilities are needed everywhere. Scores of MPs were lately raising concern over what they see as poor commitment by the government in taking up dilapidated irrigation schemes despite that agriculture has a higher allocation each year. The government issued definite assurances, but it is unclear if all those goals will be met as MPs want each district focused upon quickly.

One thing that MPs mentioned repeatedly without drawing out some vital conclusions is that virtually in each instance of need for a working irrigation scheme, it wasn't a new start. MPs were pushing for a steady and sustainable strategy to rehabilitate irrigation schemes, by equipping them with the required technology to get more investors in to irrigation farming. That is a bit of a tall order, for the government to prepare everything and when an investor comes in, everything is in place - instead of having to finance a portion of infrastructure, and the technology to be applied, as part of a workable investment scheme.

There are hence two levels of irrigation facilitation needed, one being for the ordinary farmer in villages which more or less what the MPs were asking for, despite that plenty of the remarks all the same about attracting investors into irrigation farming. This is where some innovative input could

have been of some use, that investors can be provided areas with good arable land, while the right of occupancy they will have obtained from the government should facilitate credit to irrigate the farm. This is a component of what is known as 'ease of doing business,' as irrigation farming is a prime lending area for the banks.

It is all the same rather complicated as unless there are similar schemes for villages near such farms, resource conflicts could arise as to the source of the water, etc. Such problems have come up in Arumeru horticultural zone, which means that credit for investors into agriculture need to go in tandem with village schemes so as to obviate resource contentions. It has even happened that investors, instead of digging up a well and placing a pumping machine, drain water or create a dam hindering free water flow to farms, etc. It is this sort of situation that needs to be prevented, where investors don't seek to cut costs drastically.

Put differently, the widely expressed need to improve irrigation schemes is right but it needs to have a component of large farms with own irrigation systems, as it is easy to obtain bank credit for such facilities. What is needed is the right tax incentives and assured markets, and when one sees television data that the Horn of Africa and parts of the Middle East were importing 90 per cent of wheat needs from Russia and Ukraine, one can see there is a large market out there. It can be done if each plays his/her part.



The dilemma of Zimbabweans abroad

By Masimba Mavaza

TORN between cultures and continents, our children in diaspora do not really know where they belong and do not appreciate the sacrifice their parents made for them.

This applies to children who have been left home and their parents are abroad.

Most of children are being raised through the phone and supported by Mukuru.com or Western Union - the Union generation.

They are in a quandary here in the diaspora than those in Zimbabwe. They are not accepted in the diaspora where they are staying and they are not accepted in their own country.

An identity crisis has crippled them. Even if they are born in the UK, they are never regarded as English, Scottish or Welsh. They are treated like third-class citizens and, viewed as criminals before the fact.

By and large, as immigrants, we have lost the sense of belonging and identity, but can our children ever truly understand what their immigrant parents have lost?

Virtually, everything they want is either a phone call or a mouse-click away.

So how can they fathom the hardships, sacrifice and, sometimes, tragedy most of us were forced to endure to provide the comfort they take for granted today?

Foreign-born children are the recipients of a windfall of opportunities that our generation never had.

Because of the tremendous sacrifices we made, most of our children now have the luxury of not having to worry about food, shelter and clothes.

Our children have been thrown into a foreign culture. They have been taught to spy on their parents and to shun their own culture while relying on social services.

The fabric of our culture is trashed and made to look inferior.

Our children are made to believe their culture is backward and primitive. They are taught to scorn their own culture. Parents do not make it any better by giving children English names.

Whites lived in Zimbabwe for over 100 years yet they rarely gave their children Shona or Ndebele names.

Their culture is rooted in their minds. Our own black parents are ashamed to give children indigenous names. I have never seen a Chinese person giving his or her child an English name.



What then is wrong with us as blacks? We have accepted mental slavery and have abdicated our culture for foreign cultures.

Children cannot identify with their country and do not identify with the diaspora either. They become misfits and end up candidates for the prison. As Zimbabwean immigrants in the diaspora, our children have inherited a sense of exile from parents.

As parents we are culturally displaced and our children are literally forced to grow up in two worlds, simultaneously.

They are struggling to reconcile their new culture with their African heritage. And that is creating a lot of friction within the Zimbabwean immigrants' homes.

More Zimbabwean children have been taken into care because the predominantly white social workers refuse to understand the black culture.

This over-protection by the social service department and the bullish system they practice has turned our children into monsters.

We have parents that lost their children because they have asked them to go to church.

The praying Britons give "birth" to respectable children but they will not allow ours to go to church.

Social workers have become family destroyers and refuse to accommodate cultural differences.

The truth is, the hearts of Zimbabwean immigrants living in the diaspora are still trapped in their youthful days in Zimbabwe.

In our quest for a "better life", our loved ones have been lost, friendships fractured and punctured and new triumphs like births and educational attainment are celebrated 'alone' -- without those who really matter.

I do not know about you, but as a Zimbabwean immigrant, I sometimes feel these conflicting emotions.

I know I am not alone, but few have

Sometimes, the tension is exacerbated when these children's Zimbabwean part is unacknowledged and therefore negated by the host country's uncompromising environment, and vice versa.

Zimbabwean parents believe the best career path is nursing.

The whole plane to Zimbabwe is full of nurses and Zimbabweans have become blind to other courses.

Unlike Asians, Zimbabweans easily and readily abandon their culture and adopt the English one.

Marriages are broken because the English culture is misunderstood. Even in churches, God weeps as Africans worship in a pagan way and lie it's the African way.

Zimbabweans should be very fearful and suspicious of 'foreign-cultures', which their offspring are forced to consume.

It is critical to maintain ties with the African culture in general and Zimbabwean culture in particular and preserve Zimbabwean traditions in a foreign land.

We will be foreigners, no matter how long we stay in other people's countries.

Unfortunately, our newly-minted acquired citizenship cannot change the feeling of being an 'outsider'.

So we do struggle to hold on to our "identities". However, our foreign-born children will never understand us or sympathise with us. They think of our "predicaments" as an indirect opposition to the reality of the world in which we live.

We sometimes have a difficult time getting our children to embrace our values.

They hear us but do not fully appreciate the message because they have not experienced the hardships, pains and other things we endured.

Still they are blind to the fact they are not wanted in their assumed country.

But, whether or not our children will maintain our culture depends largely on how we bring them up and how much they cherish the sacrifices made for them.

The experience of being torn between one's home country and the host country is not uniquely Zimbabwean.

It transcends many other cultures. For us, sometimes the disquieting memories of home and the hostile environment of our new home makes it very difficult - as first generation immigrants - to wonder if we really made the right decision to leave Zimbabwe.

From locusts to quelea: Organic control solutions badly needed

ANOTHER crop pest is rampaging a portion of rural areas, this time in Singida region, where the Ministry of Agriculture has released a plane to conduct aerial spraying of a zone affected by large flocks of quelea quelea. While people in the area are relieved that this effort will permit the farmers to salvage a portion of the crop that is now under threat, there are experts who wait in vain to see the relevant authorities adopt a different strategy, involving harvesting the birds to use them as protein. Their anxiety is warranted as people are used to chicken or ducks being slaughtered for food, not wild birds.

By early this week quelea quelea had destroyed more than 900 hectares of farms of various crops, which some administrators say is equivalent to 32 per cent of all cultivated land in the rural zone around the regional capital. Spraying the pests was continuing but there would be a while for the threat of the bird pests to be fully contained. Those conducting the work have to be patient during day time as the birds are out feeding and can't be pinned to one area until they revert to resting sites in bushes during the evening.

The birds are more specialised in what they eat compared to locusts, which ironically breed in desert environs and finish up practically all vegetation on their paths, huge swarms of insects that it doesn't need experts to report that they are edible at least among some cultures, as a variant

of grasshoppers. While fronting the quelea-quelea harvesting method to save grain crops from destruction, organic control lobbies also think of implications of poisons sprays as some of it enters the ground or nearby vegetation, harming the water cycle as a whole. It takes a lot of research subsequently to establish how much this was the case.

Research data available online suggests that these voracious eaters of small-grain crops are found in most African countries but don't form huge migratory swarms like their insect distant cousins. They periodically come up or breed profusely in 60 per cent of the cereal production areas of Tanzania almost every year. One researcher wishes that the plant health authorities drop spraying and adopt organic control methods, by mass trapping of quelea and harvesting their chicks to use both as a source of protein.

A survey conducted in 2012 showed traditional basket traps made of grass catching 286 birds in one trap in a day. There was some discussion on trapping the birds for food or income, but not much has been heard that those affected in Singida think of the birds as food, or have usually been doing that. Spraying does involve poisons, but if people aren't readily awaiting the coming of quelea each year, the Ministry of Agriculture is unlikely to embark on bird eating campaigns to avoid poisoning the soil; it is that simple.

Regular sweet talk can spare old parents loneliness and illnesses

NO love is greater than mother's and no care is greater than father's. The vice versa is also true. Parents are very precious gifts. We cannot imagine our life without our parents. Parents are our strength and weakness at the same time. Aren't they?

Parents are our superheroes and supermodels. They are the first teacher. They taught us several survival methods and tactics so that we can take care of everything. And for parents, children are their world.

However, not everybody has this precious gift. It's a sad reality that some have only one parent and others have lost both. In today's world, some have but absent parents, especially fathers.

Some parents are very much available but their availability doesn't make much of a difference. This is shameful especially, again, for fathers. Yes, I know there are lots of empowered women who can provide. But is this strong enough excuse for you not to play your part as a father? Baba jina, Mario or any other name you are given is shameful!

We therefore must consider ourselves lucky to have parents. I must add here that I'm talking about responsible parents. And with this I don't mean rich, just responsible.

Parents are our source of happiness and protection. They are the ones we are the closest to and understand our needs without having to say them out loud. Similarly, they love us unconditionally for who we are without any ifs and buts.

During the course of our lives, we move out of our villages, cities and even countries in search of better education, job and bright future. Then our parents with their growing age, become emotionally damaged or feel lonely.

Loneliness of old people has become a broadly discussed global pressing.

How growing old and aging



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creates unique challenges in relation to loneliness and isolation. Yes, rich countries provide homes and care for them but who told you that can replace love and affection of one's flesh and blood?

Ageing brings about a series of inevitable losses that deeply challenge people's sense of connection to the world around them. Loneliness can often be oversimplified or reduced to how many friends a person has or how often they see their loved ones.

For many, ageing brings about an inevitable accumulation of losses. Loss of spouse or long-term partner is related with deep rooted sense of loneliness with losing someone irreplaceable. This irreplaceable void for old parents is really heartbreaking.

As we reach the end of our lives, we frequently carry heavy burdens that have accumulated along the way such as feelings of regret, betrayal and rejection. And the wounds from past relationships can haunt people all their lives.

Emotional health is just as important as physical health for our old parents. Yet, there is often more of an emphasis on physical needs rather than emotional ones when providing care. But overlooking emotional concerns can have a negative effect on overall health and wellbeing.

When children are away for their career progression or any other reason, some parents in their old age feel very helpless and insecure. Some of our parents are reluctant to stay with their children abroad or leave their own homes.

Have you ever encountered a parent from the village visiting in the city and after a day or two, their story starts revolving about the condition of the farm or livestock back home? Yes, that kind of people.

Because of our moral degeneration, we leave our parents to suffer loneliness far away because our life partners see old parents as a nuisance. Yeah, they better suffer and die than come live with us!

Yet, in our childhood, they unconditionally sacrificed everything for us. Are we not mature enough to understand the value of our parents or sometimes living in the city or abroad drain all our resources?.

Sometimes we get too busy in our work life such that we don't even call them to ask how they are doing. If they need anything to share or just to inform how we are doing.

There is this heartbreaking inspiration story about one old parent who took his cellphone to the repair shop believing it was defective. After checking the gadget, the mechanic replied that it had no problem at all.

"Then why don't my children call me?" the old man asked. The mechanic couldn't stop crying. There are more heartbreaking incidents happening around the world every day with our old parents.

Parents sometimes develop a fear of falling and having a medical emergency when nobody is around to help. These are concerns that can contribute to stress and anxiety or a general sense of uneasiness and loneliness.

Emotional needs of this nature can often be addressed with practical solutions. For instance, you should regularly check your loved one's home for all kinds of hazard. Talk to your parents about using a medical alert device to allow access to assistance 24 hours even when you're not immediately available.

While loneliness and depression are common in older adults, it's not a normal part of ageing. When interacting with old parents, look carefully for the signs he or she may be depressed. But there a type of care we can provide at zero cost: we can hold them tight and love them deeply to rid them of loneliness.

We need to focus on spending quality time with our parents. We are often so busy in this mechanical world to the point of forgetting that we are growing up and our parents are growing old and they need our emotional support.

Another thing we can do is creating a sense of purpose. Purpose has been linked to a higher quality of life for old people. Old folks most often struggle with their post retirement life. We can develop a daily routine for them; we can encourage them to explore new hobbies and interests. Joining groups with other seniors to be active together can just work magic.

Most importantly, we have to respect their privacy. Mental and emotional wellbeing can be affected if seniors no longer feel their privacy is respected. While you still want to make sure your loved ones get the help they need with dressing up, bathing and other daily tasks, it's just as important to find ways to respect their privacy.

Nearly one-third of all seniors live by themselves, according to the US Census Bureau. That's close to 14 million seniors aging alone. Senior isolation is both common and dangerous, and while living alone doesn't inevitably lead to loneliness, the two often go hand in hand.

Loneliness increases the risk of Alzheimer's diseases. It is a risk factor for cognitive decline, according to a study conducted by the Rush Institute for Healthy Ageing. In the study, the risk of Alzheimer's nearly doubled in lonely seniors, and mental decline was faster.

Balanced diets are more difficult for lonely seniors. Loneliness drives them towards loss of appetite, medication side effects and physical changes also contribute to their mental health, emptiness, and loneliness.

Social isolation due to their physical inability leads to bad health habits, according to the American Psychological Association. Lonely seniors are more likely to smoke, drink in excess and neglect the need for physi-

cal activity. Conversely social or family support can encourage our old parents to eat well, exercise and live healthy lifestyles.

Researchers at the University of Chicago note blood and stress levels are significantly higher in lonely people, especially seniors. Isolation leads to higher instances of elder abuse. Isolated seniors are more likely to fall prey to scammers and financial mistreatment.

Neglect, one of the lesser known types of elder abuse, is more likely to go unnoticed. Seniors themselves are less likely to report physical abuse without a trusted family member, and they may protect abusers if they don't have other caregiving resources.

We need to set a contact routine to visit them if we live nearby but if we live abroad, we should contact them on regular basis to remove their loneliness. We should give our quality time to our parents the same way we do to our children. For, they both need and deserve our love and care.



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Call for Consultant Proposal to Support the Development of Baselines and Technical Approaches for a Freshwater Focused Integrated conservation and Sustainable Livelihoods Programme in two critical watersheds (SOKNOT and Ruvuma landscapes)

Background
Water is one of the most important resources with great implications for Africa's development. Africa already faces significant challenges regarding its freshwater resources including frequent droughts and floods; illegal and/or over extraction particularly for agriculture and industry and many more (refers to ToR). This is resulting in degradation of ecosystems, decreased biodiversity, increased human-wildlife and human-human conflict and increased poverty for local communities.

There is an urgent need to ensure that all approaches are "future proof" to the further impacts of climate change, population growth and rapid economic development which Africa will experience. Under the working title of 'Water for Life: Securing freshwater resources in East Africa for wildlife and people; WWF is developing a programme that seeks to develop and implement locally appropriate, future proof freshwater governance and allocation frameworks that better secure freshwater resources in two focal transboundary freshwater sites in southern Kenya/northern Tanzania and southern Tanzania/northern Mozambique, measurably benefiting key elements of biodiversity and local wellbeing.

The Overall purpose
The overall purpose of the consultancy is to: (1) Perform contextual analysis of key project themes (see below components A-C) in the target areas, based on a list of technical project design elements, and drawn from: (a) Resources, studies and documents on key themes provided by WWF and the consultant's own networks and sources; (b) Additional research into various external sources of information to address gaps (preferably desk-based with field research where critical). (2) Lead on the clarification of quantitative Darwin Extra project design indicators and baselines based on the draft project log frame and intended results.

The Outputs have been classified by project into three themes as (A) Biodiversity Context (B) Policy and governance of water use, systems and management (C) Freshwater quality and quantity.

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Call for Short Term Communication Consultant/Specialist

Background
Climate change is one of the biggest challenges of today. Already its impacts are being felt by people and nature across the globe, with developing countries being most affected. WWF is one of implementing partners of Dutch Fund for Climate and Development (DFCD) which enables private sector investment in projects aimed at climate adaptation and mitigation in developing countries. DFCD seeks to:

- Improve the wellbeing, economic prospects, and livelihoods of vulnerable groups and enhance the health of critical ecosystems, from river basins to tropical rainforests, marshland, and mangroves.
- Serve as a leading example for institutional partnerships, to attract and deploy public and private capital in well-designed and impactful climate-friendly projects.
- Provides finance and Technical Assistance to projects with a focus on climate change adaptation, to mobilize external private sector funding at scale.

WWF Tanzania is implementing a DFCD Enabling Environment Landscape Project. The primary purpose of this project is to identify, map projects and businesses which align with "bankability". Bankability in this context entails new or existing projects/ businesses which deliver a return on investment while simultaneously delivering conservation outcomes.

Objective of the Consultancy
The objectives of this communication consultant/Specialist, among others is to create awareness and understanding to meet the DFCD's intended objectives. Specifically this Consultancy work involve development of communication plan; Identification of target groups/stakeholders, Identification of the communication objective for each targeted audience, Create key program messages based on accomplishments and evidences, Identification of main communication channels and strategies to reach the different target audiences, Identification of the communication products and activities tailored to each audience, building on already produced international communication material when possible, for each target audience. Identify the required capacity to implement the proposed strategy.

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By Yariv Cohen

Majority of SA youth forced to choose between job-hunting and buying food

THE report, titled Beyond the Cost: What Does it Really Cost Young People to Look for Work?, reveals that 84% of the 2,200 young people surveyed said they have to choose between spending money on buying food or looking for work and going for interviews.

"Employers don't realise how much of a barrier costs are. They think we all have cars or it's just one trip to come to the office for an interview, but what they don't realise is that young people are applying at multiple places, so it's multiple trips in a taxi to go for interviews that many of them will never get, and multiple trips to the police station to get things certified.

Or when employers think 'let's do it online', they don't think that young people might not have a phone that's capable of doing Zoom, and even if they have that, finding money for that gig of data might mean having to choose between a meal that day and that gig of data" explains Kristal Duncan-Williams, project lead at Youth Capital.

The report identifies similar trends to the Siyakhha 2019 study which found that youth spend in excess of R900 per month on looking for work – costs that include printing and copying, transportation to interviews or locations in order to get documents certified, data, buying clothing to look presentable at interviews, calls, agency fees and application fees.

The 2022 Youth Capital report results reveal that four in ten respondents spend between R250 – R499 on transport, and an equivalent amount on data, while almost five in 10 (47%) spend up to R249 on printing and application fees per month. "People who aren't in that situation don't realise how dire it is," says Duncan.

Covid-19's impact on national employment figures has been significant, as data from Statistics South Africa and Nids-Cram show, with many South Africans being locked out of employment or losing their jobs, while not all of those who lost jobs were able to regain them. With so many South Africans, young and old,



Unemployed graduates apply for internship vacancies advertised by the office of the Presidency at the Union Buildings in Pretoria, South Africa. Unemployment among the youth remains a challenge in South Africa. File photo

unemployed, the ability of young job seekers to find jobs is even further negatively affected.

Most young people surveyed by Youth Capital found looking for jobs expensive and had to source the money to look for work from multiple sources. Sources included family members (69%), friends (20%), savings or earnings from previous work (36%), government grants (27%), money lenders and other sources (11%) or some combination of these.

With increasing unemployment rates, sources like family and friends would be more difficult to draw upon, making it even more difficult for the youth to go out and search for work.

"The quotes from young people in our survey show that many young people didn't look for work during Covid-19 because they felt that they just couldn't ask anyone for money," says Duncan.

Despite this dire situation, according to report launch panellist and financial journalist Duma Gqubule, the unemployment crisis, and the youth unemployment crisis in particular, is not on the agenda of the Presidency, Treasury, or the Reserve Bank.

"The most important thing you have to understand is the scale of the crisis. It is a humungous crisis" and it requires that government "do more than focusing on growing the economy," says Gqubule.

The failure of the state and private sector to create sufficient employment opportunities, combined with the inability of youth to be able to afford the costs associated with looking and applying for work opportunities that do exist, goes some way to explaining the length of time many youths spend searching for employment. "When youth look for work it's not simply linear – that they look for work all the time. Because

it's so expensive they look for work when they can afford to, so it's on and off," says Duncan.

Their survey revealed that four in 10 youth (44%) usually looked for work for more than a year before finding a job, with a further two in 10 (23%) looking for between six months and one year. Just a third said they looked for work for less than six months. This creates a cycle of unemployment because, according to Duncan, "CV gaps can be seen as red flags by employers. It's a chicken and egg situation and so the sooner we get young people into jobs, the better."

Employers can do this in a variety of ways, says Duncan.

"If employers started thinking about the hiring process a bit better, they might be more likely to find that right candidate because we are losing people along the way who have to make that choice between a

meal that day and coming for an interview." She provides simple examples like not inviting more candidates than you need to for an interview, using WhatsApp bots or artificial intelligence to conduct first-round interviews so that only those who stand a real chance are invited for in-person interviews.

Furthermore, providing a meal or a meal voucher at interviews, providing an uber voucher or money for public transport, or conducting first-round interviews via Zoom, or Skype or WhatsApp and providing a data bundle to allow candidates to do this would all go a long way to making it easier for youth to look for work.

Another mechanism is cash transfers, which when combined with support and mentorship, have been shown to positively impact the ability of youth to look for work and find a job.

"I'm a big supporter of the basic income grant," said Gqubule, "a grant will address the cost of people searching for jobs" and a forthcoming study he's involved in proposes various scenarios to implement this.

World Bank studies show that the youth are vital to South Africa's economic recovery and that youth entrepreneurs are "one of the country's best hopes of solving the jobs crisis".

Their research shows that if South Africa were to match the self-employment rate of its peer countries, it could potentially halve unemployment rates. But many youths simply do not have access to the economic and social capital required to start their own business, never mind the challenges they face in accessing data and the internet.

But the responsibility is not the sole ambit of the state. The private sector, particularly internet service providers can step in too. Six in 10 respondents surveyed said they'd used a zero-rated or data-free platform to apply for a job and three-quarters of these said that it made applying for a job easier. Two in 10 respondents had also used WhatsApp to apply for work. Zero-rating, or creating data-light platforms, is one way that government and the private sector can partner to make job-seeking platforms easier for the youth to access, "but it's not a one size fits all" says Duncan. Opportunities need to be on those sites for the youth to find them, and youth need to be aware and able to access them from either their own phones or community centres like libraries and youth centres.

Xiplomacy: Xi stays committed to promoting BRICS cooperation

BEIJING

CHINESE President Xi Jinping will host the 14th BRICS Summit and the High-level Dialogue on Global Development, and attend the opening ceremony of the BRICS Business Forum in virtual format later this week.

The BRICS mechanism features five major emerging economies, namely Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa. Since it was forged more than a decade ago, the member countries have achieved fruitful results in cooperation in such areas as economy, trade, politics, security, technological innovation, as well as cultural and people-to-people exchanges.

Over the years, President Xi has contributed his insights to the mechanism, promoting the development of the global platform for multilateral cooperation. The following are some highlights of his remarks in this regard.

ON POLITICAL AND SECURITY COOPERATION

"We are in a great era of development, transformation and ad-

justment. Although conflict and poverty are yet to be eliminated globally, the trend toward peace and development has grown ever stronger," Xi said at the opening ceremony of the BRICS Business Forum on Sept. 3, 2017.

"Our world today is becoming increasingly multipolar; the economy has become globalized; there is growing cultural diversity; and the society has become digitized. The law of the jungle where the strong prey on the weak and the zero-sum game are rejected, and peace, development and win-win cooperation have become the shared aspiration of all peoples," he said.

ON WORLD ECONOMY

"We should promote the building of an open global economy, advance trade and investment liberalization and facilitation, jointly build new global value chains, and rebalance economic globalization," Xi said at the opening ceremony of the BRICS Business Forum in 2017, noting: "Doing so will bring benefits to people across the



Aerial photo taken on June 17, 2022 shows the headquarters building of the New Development Bank (NDB), also known as the BRICS bank, in east China's Shanghai. Photo: Xinhua

world."

"We five countries should open more to each other, expand converging interests in this process,

take an inclusive approach and share opportunities, so as to create even brighter prospects for growing the economies of the five

countries," Xi added.

At the 12th BRICS Summit on Nov. 17, 2020, Xi said: "COVID-19 is a challenge we have to face head-

on. We need to call on the international community to place the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the heart of international development cooperation. Poverty eradication must be made a primary goal, and more resources must be channeled to poverty reduction, education, health and infrastructure development."

"We need to support the UN's coordinating role and foster global development partnerships that are more equal and balanced, so that the fruits of development will spread to more developing countries and the needs of underprivileged groups will be better addressed," he also stressed.

ON PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE EXCHANGES

"The successful cooperation of the BRICS countries proves that different social systems can accommodate each other, that different development models can work with each other and that different values can draw on the strength of each other. We should

stay open and inclusive so as to learn from each other and make progress together through seeking common ground while putting aside differences," Xi said at the Seventh BRICS Summit on July 9, 2015.

"We the BRICS countries boast great civilizations. When it comes to cultural and people-to-people exchanges, there is a lot we can do together," the president said at the plenary session of the BRICS Johannesburg Summit on July 26, 2018.

"We should aim at greater people-to-people connectivity and more popular support for BRICS cooperation through extensive exchanges in cultural, educational, health, sports, tourism and other areas," he added.

At the plenary session of the BRICS Brasilia Summit on Nov. 14, 2019, Xi noted: "We need to sustain and build up this momentum to take our people-to-people exchanges to greater breadth and depth. On that basis, we can leverage 'BRICS Plus' cooperation as a platform to increase dialogue with

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How SDF made the housewife get into mushrooms farming

By Guardian Reporter

AT one time, Pelagia Rikongoro was a housewife who was not sure of source income to help her raise her family.

Despite having dreams of learning entrepreneurship, it was not easy for her to achieve those dreams as she did not have enough training and could not afford to pay for the training.

But after some time she was linked to the Skills Development Fund (SDF) which is coordinated by the Tanzania Education Authority (TEA) and funded by the government through the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology and the World Bank (WB) as part of the Tanzania Education and Skills for Productive Jobs Program (ESPJ).

It is aimed at capacitating Tanzanians who are involved in agriculture, agribusiness, and agro-processing economic sector in order to enhance their skills and foster their productivity, efficiency, and economic growth.

Pelagia is one of more than 400 beneficiaries who have received funding for entrepreneurship training including processing and value addition of food crops, spices, and mushroom farming.

She was trained by Small Industries Development Organization (SIDO) in Dar es Salaam.

"It was my long-term dream of growing mushrooms, but I did not get the right information on how to grow this crop," says Pelagia, a Dar es Salaam resident who runs mushrooms farming in Kinyerezi area of Ilala Mu-



Pelagia Rikongoro in her mushroom farm

nicipality.

For a long time Pelagia struggled to find knowledge and skills about mushroom cultivation without success.

Through the SDF grant, Pelagia realized her dream and is currently growing mushrooms that enable her to earn a living. A mother of five used the mushroom farming venture to supplement the family's needs.

She received information about the SDF training opportunity through a friend and without hesitation she

grabbed the opportunity by submitting an application for training to SIDO. She finally graduated from the mushroom farming training and quickly prepared a mushroom farm and started farming.

Pelagia, who is now an entrepreneur, says she was fascinated by mushroom production due to its benefits such as nutrition, mineral therapy, and a variety of vitamins.

Mushroom farming is not very popular in Tanzania and most of the time; consumers depend on wild mushrooms for special purposes. Currently only a small percentage of Tanzanians benefit from mushroom nutrition as it is not widely produced and is available at high cost in supermarkets where one kilogram of mushrooms sells for between 8,000/- and 10,000/-.

Pelagia has the biggest dream of this crop, believing that many Tanzanians should use and benefit from the nutrition and treatment found in the mushroom plant.

"I want this crop to reach every Tanzanian due to its health benefits," adds Pelagia.

In support of Pelagia's efforts, the SDF project through the World Bank project has successfully provided her with a vegetable solar dryer, which she will use to dry mushrooms and other vegetables as part of adding value to her products and adding to the time to take care of its crops of mushrooms after harvesting.

Commenting on her future plans, Pelagia aspires to open and register a company that will oversee mushroom production and marketing in and out of Tanzania.

A mushroom farmer cites lack of access to quality seeds as one of the challenges she is currently facing, noting that it has been affecting production, increasing production costs thus contributing to higher mushroom prices and making the crop look like a crop of high-income people.

SIDO Dar es Salaam Regional Manager, Ridhiwan Matange lauded the government for enabling his institution to provide such entrepreneurship training to more than 400 beneficiaries including Pelagia.

Matange said the funding has helped SIDO Dar es Salaam strengthen its capacity to provide training, especially in the expansion area.

The value of food products through SDF funding has renovated the building that is used for training and procured teaching materials including a projector, chairs, and tables.

SDF is a fund that aims to enable training institutions to increase quality and efficiency in providing skills training and vocational training in the country's priority sectors which are economics, tourism and hospitality services, transportation, construction, information technology, and communication (ICT) and energy.

The mushroom market is estimated to account for a value of \$16.7 billion in 2020, with forecasts showing it will significantly grow due to increased consumption preference, increased per capita consumption, cost-effectiveness in its production, and amplified skills and knowledge among farmers and stakeholders.

TFRA to use 46th DITF as avenue for promoting investment opportunities in fertiliser sub-sector

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA Fertilizer Regulatory Authority (TFRA) is next expected to take part in this year's Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF) aiming to showcase its activities and investment opportunities in the fertiliser sector.

The 46th DITF's showcasing event is themed: "Tanzania: Your Best Destination for Business and Investment".

TFRA Executive Director, Dr Stephan Ngailo said the DITF scheduled for June 28 to July 13, 2022 will give the authority an avenue to inform the public on what it has been offering in the industry's value chain.

At the trade fair, TFRA will also inform prospective investors on potential areas that need investment on fertiliser and associated investments, said Dr Ngailo.

In Tanzania, there is currently one fertilizer manufacturing factory, three fertilizer supplements manufacturing factories and sixteen small scale manufacturers producing liquid fertilizers known as foliar fertilizers. Despite the presence of a single fertilizer factory in the country—Minjingu Fertilizer Factory there are major investment projects underway including Investment by ITRACOM Fertilizer Company.

ITRACOM investor from Burundi is investing in a Phosphate and Manure Fertilizer Factory in Nala industrial area in Dodoma region where he has been allocated an area of 21 hectares. The project will cost US\$180 million.

"Construction of the factory is underway and is expected to be completed in July, 2022. It will be able to produce 600,000 metric tonnes of fertilizer and fertilizer supplements amounting to 300,000 metric tonnes per year. When completed, the investment will provide 3,000 direct and indirect jobs in the fertilizer business chain," he said.

On Minjingu fertilizer factory expansion, Dr Ngailo said the existing Minjingu Company fertilizer factory with a capacity of 100,000 metric tonnes of fertilizer is in the process of expansion to increase the production capacity of fertilizer to 300,000 metric tons per year. The expansion will involve creation of about 500 jobs.

He said Kinondoni municipality has invested in the construction of a 6.5 acre natural fertilizer plant—Mabwepande Composite Manure. He said the

plant will rely on organic waste from 12 major and 24 small market areas located in Dar es Salaam.

"The production capacity of the factory is 55,000 tonnes per year. Mechanical construction and installation has been completed and trial runs of the plant have been carried out. The project will boost the council's revenue, preserve the environment, provide employment and contribute to the growth of the economy at large," he added.

Dr Ngailo noted that ROKOSAN Company from Slovakia has expressed interest in investing in an organic fertilizer factory through its subsidiary Company REAVIA. This project, he said, will involve importation of fertilizers in the first phase and construction of a fertilizer factory to produce natural fertilizers from local raw materials (chicken feathers, cow hooves, etc.) in the second phase and assist livestock keepers in the country by purchasing their animal waste.

According to him, the investment is expected to cost Euros 21.9 million and will recruit 150 people to work in the factory and raw material collectors. Upon completion, the factory will employ 1000 people and will be able to produce 20 million liters of fertilizer per year. TFRA's Acting Director for Domestic Manufacturing and Bulk Procurement, Joseph Charos said Tanzania is a country suitable for investment in fertilizer and fertilizer supplements manufacturing because farmers use between 400,000 and 500,000 metric tonnes of fertilizer and fertilizer supplements per year.

More than 90 per cent of the fertilizer used in the country is imported. He said: "Tanzania is surrounded by landlocked countries with high fertilizer use (Malawi, Zambia, DRC, Burundi and Rwanda) but have no fertilizer manufacturing industries. These countries rely on Tanzania to get fertilizers," he said, adding with a good network of railways, roads and waterways, Tanzania can smoothly transport fertilizer to any destination.

Charos noted that Tanzania has research institutes that conduct research and experiments on suitability of fertilizers based on specific soil and crop requirements. He also attributed the existing tax system in the country saying it facilitates investment in the fertilizer and fertilizer supplements manufacturing because most levies that were annoying to investors have been scrapped.

TFRA Acting Manager for Production, Promotion and Environment, Stephen Ngoda revealed that Tanzania is surrounded by landlocked countries that depend on access to fertilizer through the port of Dar es Salaam.



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Invitation To Bid

RFP Title : Supply of Education Subsidies
Number : 2022-PACT/01/06
Date of Solicitation : 22nd June 2022
Closing Date and Time: 6th July 2022, 11:00 am (Dar es Salaam, Tanzania)
Questions and Clarifications: Due by 30th June 2022

Introduction to Pact and ACHIEVE Project
 Pact is an international nonprofit that works in nearly 40 countries building solutions for human development that are evidence-based, data-driven, and owned by the communities we serve. Founded in 1971, Pact works with partners to build resilience, improve accountability, and strengthen knowledge and skills for sustainable social impact. Visit us at www.pactworld.org.

The Adolescents and Children HIV Incidence Reduction, Empowerment and Virus Elimination project, or ACHIEVE, is a five-year global effort to reach and sustain HIV epidemic control among pregnant and breastfeeding women, adolescents, infants, and children. The project is funded by the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and implemented by a Pact-led consortium of top global HIV/AIDS partners, including Palladium, No Means No Worldwide, and WIHER.

Objective of the Assignment
 The overall objective of this assignment is to procure educational subsidies comprised of school bags, mathematical sets, pens, pencils, and A4 exercise books for 9,746 adolescent girls in Mufindi DC and 11,500 in-school Children aged 6 – 14 to ensure retention and completion of primary and secondary education available in Dodoma MC, Iringa DC, Iringa MC, Kilolo DC, Mafinga TC, Mufindi DC, and Kilombero DC.

Item	Description of Item	Number of Items per Kit for 9,746 Adolescent Girls	Number of Items per Kit for 11,500 in-school Children aged 6 – 14
School bag	Backpack – waterproof	1	1
Mathematical set	Mathematical set includes including the ruler, rubber, sharpener, dividers, protractor, set square, compass, ellipsograph, T-square, and opisometer)	1	1
Pens	Type: - Ball Pen. Material: - Plastic. Color: - Blue / Black.	5	5
Pencils	621 HB Pencil, Material: Wood - Superior hb bonded lead resists breakage Clear and sharp writing	5	5
Eraser	621 Plasto	1	1
A4 Exercise books	100 pages	5	10

Interested vendors should download the full Terms of Reference (ToR) through <https://www.pactworld.org/country/tanzania/procurement>

All questions and requests for clarification should be directed to ProcurementTZ@pactworld.org with the subject line "Request for Clarification: Supply of Education Subsidies" before COB 30th June 2022.

Eligibility
 To be considered for the award, vendors must currently be legally operating in Tanzania, and the quotation must include all of the following information:

- Ability to meet or exceed the requirements/technical specifications.
- Ability to deliver the items/services specified in Terms of reference no later than the date(s) required.
- Legally registered in Tanzania.

Evaluation Criteria:

- Price
- Financial capability
- Experience
- Quality of items to be supplied (Shortlisted applicants will be required to submit samples).
- Delivery

Submission Instructions
 Interested suppliers must submit the following information to Pact Tanzania:

- Draft inception report detailing the methodology for supplying and distributing education subsidies kits, including tentative work plan, for review and approval by Pact.
- Quote, valid for at least 90 days
- Current company profile
- Copies of the registration certificate and address of their registered office, valid business license, VAT, TIN certificates, and Tax clearance certificate
- Items specifications are fully addressed in the quotation.
- Current audited financial statement for two consecutive years
- Delivery time must be specified.
- Payment terms 100% after delivery
- Evidence of similar assignments and at least two (2) names and addresses of clients served.
- Interested vendors should visit Pact Tanzania Dar Office to see a backpack sample before submitting a quote. **Shortlisted vendors will be required to submit samples similar to or close to the sample provided by Pact Tanzania.**

Vendors who wish to answer this RFP should send their proposals in sealed envelopes to Pact Tanzania Head Office by **6th July 2022, 11:00 am**. All sealed envelopes need to be marked as: "Tender for Procurement of Supply of Education Subsidies."

Office Address:
The Tender Committee Pact Tanzania
 74 Uporoto Street, Victoria
 P.O. Box 6348, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

PACT will open all bids on **6th July 2022 at 11.30 am** in the presence of Bidder's representatives who choose to attend.

Quotes must be in Tanzania shillings and include taxes separately:

- Proposals submitted through emails will not be considered.
- Quotations received after that time or at a different address may not be accepted.

BULAWAYO

CIGARETTE smuggling has emerged as one of the most lucrative enterprises between Zimbabwe and South Africa, with border authorities seizing contraband worth millions of dollars in recent years.

Last month, South African police confiscated cigarettes worth ZAR1.7 million (about USD105,000) from Zimbabwean smugglers who have taken advantage of porous border controls between the two southern African countries for years.

In November last year, another Zimbabwean was nabbed as he attempted to smuggle cigarettes worth ZAR30 million (about USD1,850,000) into South Africa, where there is a ready and expanding market for cigarettes.

The following month, another Zimbabwean was caught attempting to smuggle cigarettes worth ZAR2.6 million (USD160,300) into South Africa. The escalation of the movement of contraband highlights the complexity of not just border controls but how cigarettes and tobacco are proving to be the new gold for criminal syndicates.

As a global anti-tobacco lobby grows amid concerns of unabated tobacco-related deaths, researchers are training the spotlight on tobacco consumption and its toll on public health and national economies.

In a new report by the University of Chicago, researchers who have created a Tobacco Atlas after surveying 63 countries say global

Tobacco consumption slows in the West, grows in Africa, say researchers



As cigarette smuggling in Southern Africa becomes big business, researchers have expressed concern that tobacco consumption is increasing in younger people and developing countries. File photo

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smokers now exceed 1.1 billion people.

While, according to researchers, global smoking prevalence is dropping, from 22.6 percent in 2007 to 19.6 in 2019, Africa and other developing parts of the world are recording an increase in tobacco consumption, the report says.

The findings will likely concern African governments where public health services are already struggling. The Tobacco Atlas researchers raise concerns about tobacco-related diseases and deaths in developing countries.

Tobacco-related diseases are expected to increase in future years in countries with low Human Development Index scores, the Tobacco Atlas researchers predict.

"Some African countries are seeing an increase in adult and youth smoking. What we've seen in Africa is the slowest decline in smoking prevalence of any region," said Professor Jeffrey Dope, lead author of the Tobacco Atlas and a professor of public health at the University of Illinois.

"The tobacco industry is aware of this. They are working very hard to convince governments that tobacco is very important for the economy. Unfortunately, they're having some success," Dope said during a Zoom report launch early this month.

Further findings noted that more young girls than boys are taking a puff, with the ubiquity of social me-

dia "influencers" being a driver of the trend.

"Global progress is threatened by growing smoking rates among children aged 13 to 15 in many countries and by tobacco industry tactics such as targeting poor countries with weak regulatory environments," the researchers said.

"We have countries where female teens smoke more than male teens and adult females, which is happening in different parts of the world," said Violeta Vulovic, senior economist at the Institute for Health Research and Policy at the University of Chicago.

"The tobacco industry aggressively markets to children, especially through flavour products. And through social media, especially influencers, the industry clear understanding that the peer-to-peer effect is perhaps the most effective way to get kids to try smoking," Vulovic said.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) says tobacco causes more than 8 million global deaths annually. More than "7 million of those deaths resulting from direct tobacco use, while around 1.2 million are the result of non-smokers being exposed to second-hand smoke."

Covid-19 has only added to global health challenges that have pushed the tobacco agenda to the periphery, researchers say.

"In the wake of Covid-19, countries are prioritising public health

and investing in strategies to support health and economic growth," said Nandita Murukutla, one of the contributors to the Tobacco Atlas research.

"For countries that want to recover, tobacco control should be high on their agenda," Murukutla said.

However, with African countries continuing to rely on tobacco for forex earnings, findings contained in the Tobacco Atlas are not likely to persuade governments to slow down the production of what across the continent has been called "green gold."

One way to deal with the increase in smoking, the University of Chicago researchers say, is to "raise taxes on tobacco."

"This is so that kids cannot afford to smoke. We know from decades of research that young people are extra sensitive to price," Vulovic said.

The researchers say this has worked in other African countries to stem the illicit cigarette trade.

"Countries should look to Kenya as an example of a country that is keeping its tobacco taxes high and controlling its supply chain - little illicit trade - successfully," Dope told IPS. "These modest investments in tax administration in Kenya have reaped huge rewards in terms of increased tax revenues, which they then reallocate to social programmes such as health and education, among others."

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BUSINESS

BoT increases monetary policy objective indicators for 2022/3

By Guardian Reporter

THE Bank of Tanzania (BoT) has increased the monetary policy objectives indicators for 2022/2023, in a need to further support the economic recovery from adverse effects of Covid-19.

The monetary policy statement for June 2022 indicates that the monetary targets for reserve money, extended broad money and growth of credit to private sector for 2022/2023 were increased against targets for 2021/2022.

The three indicators are important components to keep the economy running, in a time when there is a huge supply chain disruptions caused by ongoing Russia-Ukraine war, as they are main stimulants to growth of economic

activities and job creation.

The monetary policy statement published last week says during 2022/2023, BOT is targeting an annual growth of reserve money of 11.4 percent against targeted 9.9 percent in 2021/2022.

Also, BoT says during 2022/2023 will continue maintaining gross official reserves at levels adequate to cover at least 4 months of projected imports of goods and services, as it was during 2021/2022.

However, the import cover will be lower than EAC benchmarks of at least 4.5 months and the SADC benchmark of at least 6 months of imports.

Despite the prevailing economic challenges, caused by foreign shocks, foreign exchange reserves remained high



BoT headquarters in Dar es Salaam

at \$5,461.4 million at the end of April 2022, sufficient to cover 5.0 months of imports.

This indicates that the foreign exchange reserves will experience a slight decline during 2022/2023, as the BoT will continue to use various instruments to maintain strong financial liquidity and stable currency exchange.

In a bid to expand credit mar-

kets during 2022/2023, BoT is targeting to achieve an annual growth of credit to private sector of 10.7 percent, slightly higher than 10.6 percent during 2021/2022.

However, the target has lower than the current growth as the BOT report shows as at April this year, private sector credit growth was strong, recording an annual growth of 13.4 per-

cent similar, significantly higher than 4.8 percent recorded in April 2021.

The growth of credit to the private sector was more prominent in mining, micro, small and medium enterprises—personal loans, and trade and manufacturing.

The strong growth was largely attributed to improved business conditions and supportive

fiscal and monetary policy measures implemented to address the effects of COVID-19 on economic activities, according to BoT. "Credit flows to the private sector continued to recover, as business conditions improved from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, coupled with supportive monetary and fiscal conditions, ongoing government initiatives on improving business environment and re-opening of the global trade," says BOT.

Presenting the state of the economy for 2021 last week, minister for finance Dr Mwigulu Nchemba maintained that BoT will continue to maintain accommodative monetary policy to stimulate cheap credits to private sector, mainly agricultural sector, which contributed nearly a third to the economy.

As the credit to private sector continues to expand, during 2022/2023 BoT is targeting to achieve the annual growth of extended broad money (M3) of 10.3 percent from 10 percent during the previous year.

Extended Broad money (M3) comprises of currency in circulation outside banking system plus demands deposits of residents, fixed deposits and saving deposits of residents and foreign currency deposits.

In April 2022, BoT reports, extended broad money supply (M3) grew at an annual rate of 10 percent compared with 7.8 percent in April 2021, consistent with the target of 10 percent for 2021/22.

Banks computations shows extended broad money (M3) amounted 34.08trn/- in April 2022 from 31trn/- in April 2021.

Since April last year, BoT reports show M3 growth ranged between 8 percent and 17 percent. The highest growth of 17 percent recorded in February this year.

During the period ending April 2022, BoT reports that money supply growth increased in response to sustained implementation of accommodative monetary policy, coupled with private sector credit growth.

Tesla sued by former employees over 'mass layoff'

TEXAS

FORMER Tesla Inc employees have filed a lawsuit against the U.S. electric car company alleging its decision to carry out a "mass layoff" violated federal law as the company did not provide advance notice of the job cuts.

The lawsuit was filed late Sunday in Texas by two workers who said they were

terminated from Tesla's gigafactory plant in Sparks, Nevada, in June.

According to the suit, more than 500 employees were terminated at the Nevada factory.

The workers allege the company failed to adhere to federal laws on mass layoffs that require a 60-day notification period under the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act, according to the

lawsuit.

They are seeking class action status for all former Tesla employees throughout the United States who were laid off in May or June without advance notice.

"Tesla has simply notified the employees that their terminations would be effective immediately," the complaint said.

Tesla, which has not commented on numbers of layoffs, did not immediately

respond to requests for comment about the lawsuit.

Tesla CEO Elon Musk, the world's richest person, said earlier this month he had a "super bad feeling" about the economy and that Tesla needed to cut staff by about 10%, according to an email seen by Reuters.

More than 20 people identifying themselves as Tesla employees said they were

laid off, let go or had positions terminated this month, according to online postings and interviews with Reuters.

The action filed by John Lynch and Daxton Hartsfield, who were fired on June 10 and June 15 respectively, seeks pay and benefits for the 60-day notification period.

"It's pretty shocking that Tesla would just blatantly violate federal labor law by

laying off so many workers without providing the required notice," Shannon Liss-Riordan, an attorney representing the workers told Reuters.

She said Tesla is offering some employees only one week of severance, adding that she is preparing an emergency motion with a court to try to block Tesla from trying to get releases from employees in exchange for just one week of severance.

At least 4 million Kenyans suffer crypto crash losses

NAIROBI

THE ongoing meltdown in the cryptocurrency industry could push an estimated four million Kenyans who hold the digital assets deeper into losses as the leading crypto Bitcoin struggles to stay above the key level of \$20,000.

The crypto market, known for its wild price swings, has shed more than half of its value since November last year as investors pulled out money from riskier assets amid worries over soaring inflation and rising interest rates.

Central bank governor Patrick Njoroge says cryptocurrencies pose risks to financial stability, arguing that digital currencies could solve problems such as bringing the poor into the financial system or cutting transaction costs.

CBK in February invited the public for views on the potential introduction of a digital currency to offer some benefits especially in reducing cross-border payments costs. But crypto assets have proved popular in Kenya despite central bank warnings about their risks. This has hit the estimated four million Kenyans, mainly young and small traders, who in recent years have flocked to cryptocurrencies in the hope of quick returns, despite warnings from regulators like the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) that the emerging assets can be high risk.

Blockchain analytics firm Chainalysis, which ranks countries on crypto adoption, revealed that Kenya has about four million crypto-investors. Chainalysis relies on web-traffic data to P2P platforms to track



crypto usage in different countries.

The firm, which tracks crypto flows for financial firms and US law enforcement, reckons that

Kenya is among top dealers in peer-to-peer cryptocurrency platforms, which allows traders to transact directly with one another without the

need for a centralised third party to facilitate the transactions.

The four million is higher than the 3.07 million

Kenyan investors buy cryptocurrencies to preserve their savings, carry out international transactions either for individual remittances for those working in places like Europe and North America or for commercial use, such as purchasing goods to import and sell, says Chainalysis.

"The sell-offs should not really worry crypto investors. What is happening is that some are moving their cryptos to less risky assets, just like what we have seen in the traditional financial markets," says George Mwakisha, Kenya lead representative for Binance—the world's biggest crypto exchange.

Bitcoin, the world's biggest cryptocurrency, dropped on Saturday to as low as \$17,592.78, falling below the key \$20,000 level for the first time since December 2020. It picked up slightly during London trading hours on Monday, at around \$20,510. But it has still lost 55 percent of its value this year and 35 percent this month alone in the cryptocurrency sector's latest meltdown.

Bitcoin's fall follows problems at several major crypto firms. Further declines, market players said, could have a knock-on effect as other crypto investors are forced to sell their holdings to meet margin calls and cover losses.

Oil prices climb on supply and demand fundamentals

OIL prices rose on Tuesday on high summer fuel demand while supplies remain tight because of sanctions on Russian oil after its invasion of Ukraine.

Brent crude rose \$1.61, or 1.4 percent, to \$115.74 a barrel by 0825 GMT.

U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude for July, which expires later on Tuesday, rose \$2.29, or 2.1 percent, to \$111.85.

The more-active WTI contract for August was up \$2.48 at \$110.47 a barrel.

UBS analyst Giovanni Staunovo said that despite concerns over economic growth, latest data on flight activity and mobility on U.S. roads continues to show solid oil demand.

"We expect oil demand to improve further, benefiting from the reopening of China, summer travel in the northern hemisphere and the weather getting warmer in the Middle East. With supply growth lagging demand growth over the coming months, we continue to expect higher oil prices," he said.

Prices have been supported by

supply anxiety after sanctions on oil shipments from Russia, the world's second-largest oil exporter, and questions over how Russian output might fall due to sanctions on equipment needed for production.

"Supply concerns are unlikely to subside unless there is a resolution to the Russia-Ukraine war, or unless we see a sharp rise in supply from either the U.S. or OPEC," said Madhavi Mehta, commodity research analyst at Kotak Securities.

Prospects are receding for successful negotiation of a nuclear deal with Iran and a lifting of U.S. sanctions on the Iranian energy sector.

Iran is escalating its uranium enrichment further by preparing to use advanced centrifuges at its underground Fordow site, a United Nations nuclear watchdog report seen by Reuters showed.

"Iran's measures, if correct, likely mean we won't be seeing a return of Iranian crude to greater world markets any time soon," said OANDA analyst Jeffrey Halley.



The more-active WTI contract for August was up \$2.48 at \$110.47 a barrel. PHOTO/AGENCIES

Govt seeks Indian investors to develop untapped CNG

By Correspondent Beatrice Philemon

THE Ministry of Energy is looking for foreign investors from India to invest in Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) for motor vehicles, as part of consolidating economic diplomacy between two countries and transform the economy to semi-industrialised status by 2025.

The Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Energy, Felchesmi Mramba, said this at a Business Roundtable on Electrical and Electronics items and ICT that was organized by the India Higher Commission to Tanzania in association with Tanzania Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (TCCIA).

Current data show that only 1,400 vehicles have been converted to use natural gas.

Tanzania is estimated to have nearly 700,000 passenger cars and 1.2 million motorcycles. Motor vehicle

sales in Tanzania plummeted by 20.17 percent from 2,380 units in 2018 to 1,900 units in 2019, according to data available.

"This is area we need Indian large companies engaged in energy sector to take up opportunities to convert natural gas into vehicle fuel and will involve construction of CNG filling stations, supply CNG conversion kits and other issues," he said

This will help Tanzania to reduce public and individuals transport cost, reduce Green House Gasses and air pollutant emissions, reduce oil imports and help the government saving foreign exchange, creates jobs and stimulates energy exports to neighboring countries.

Tanzania is also still need more investor who can train Tanzanians on Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) to enhance local expertise on gas sector.

Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC)'s Director of Planning and Investment, Nathan



India's High Commissioner to Tanzania, Binaya Pradhan

Mnyawami said the current gas production is 218mmscf per day, of which 169mmscf or 77.5 percent of produced gas is used for generating electricity.

According to him, the remaining 49mmscf is used by manufacturing and the remaining is used as vehicles fuel and households for cooking.

So far, a total of 1,511 households are currently using natural gas for cooking and two CNG vehicle filling stations are also in place. Highlighting on converted vehicles, he said more than 1,400 vehicles have been converted to use gas.

Tanzania is currently having three CNG vehicle conversion workshops operated by Dar es Salaam Institute of Technology (DIT), Anriq Gas Technologies Ltd and BQ Automation Co. Ltd.

The three plants are connected to 551km high pressure transmission pipeline of 36 inch in size with the capacity of transporting gas to 784mmscf before compression and with a capacity of 1002mmscf with compression.

According to him, 62 percent of electricity generated by natural gas, which makes a total installed capacity of 1021.32MW.

Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC) has issued 16 authorization letters to private companies involved in the construction of the CNG vehicle

filling station.

TPDC was established to undertake commercial aspect of Upstream, Midstream and Downstream operations, participate in petroleum reconnaissance exploration and development projects and undertake specialized operations using subsidiary companies.

Others are Investigate and propose new Upstream, Midstream and Downstream ventures local and international and exclusive rights over natural gas in the midstream and downstream value chain.

India's High Commissioner to Tanzania, Binaya Pradhan said India will continue to strengthen bilateral cooperation in various sectors and explore possibilities of investment in health, education, port development and agriculture sector.

TCCIA's President, Paul Koyi said Tanzania has long history with India and the Asian nation has done tremendous job in Tanzania, saying the chamber will continue to create a conducive environment to attract more Indian investors to Tanzania.

So far TCCIA has been signed different Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Indian companies seeking to invest or do business with Tanzanians.

Maize flour price escalates as shortages bite



NAIROBI

THE price of maize flour has breached the Sh200 mark for a two-kilogramme packet, a move that is set to put upward pressure on inflation as Kenyans are grappling with a rise in the cost of other basic goods.

The increase in retail prices of the staple comes as a 90-kilogramme bag of the commodity hits Sh6,500, reflecting the impact of dwindling supplies.

A two-kilo packet of Jogoo brand is selling at Sh204, Pembe at Sh208 and Ajab is going for Sh206 from Sh150 last week while premium brands like Amaize and Hostess are now retailing at Sh204 and Sh220 respectively from Sh167 a week earlier.

Maize accounts for 80 percent of the total cost in the produc-

tion of flour and the current jump to Sh6,500 per bag from Sh5,200 last week spells more pain for consumers.

Millers have warned the prices will continue rising in the coming days for a lack of local stocks and tightening supply from regional imports.

"Processors have run out of maize for milling and we are not getting stocks from Tanzania and Uganda, it is going to get tough for consumers with prices expected to increase further by the end of this week," said Ken Nyaga, chairman of the United Grain Millers Association (UGMA).

It is now cheaper for consumers to buy wheat flour as maize brands like Pembe and Ajab are retailing above that of their wheat brands which are both selling at Sh204 for a two-kilo-

gramme packet.

These are the highest prices of maize flour to have been witnessed in Kenya's history with the situation expected to worsen in the coming days.

Kenya's inflation hit a 27-month last month on the back of a jump in the price of essential items like cooking oil, food, fuel and soap, squeezing household budgets and demand for goods and services.

The cost of living measure rose to 7.1 percent in May from 6.5 percent the prior month, according to the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics.

UGMA, an umbrella body for small and medium-scale millers, said last week that half of its members had shut their businesses for lack of maize for milling.

Africa requires \$25 bn a year for full electricity access, says IEA

LONDON

WHILE Africa is home to 60 percent of the best solar resources worldwide, it only has one percent of installed solar energy capacity, according to the report.

The number of Africans with access to electricity fell during the Covid pandemic, but \$25 billion in annual investments could bring full coverage by 2030, the International Energy Agency said Monday.

The IEA said 600 million people, or 43 percent of the continent's population, lack access to electricity -- mostly in sub-Saharan Africa.

The number of people living without electricity has increased by four percent, or 25 million people, between 2019 and 2021, after a decade of progress.

Before Covid, there had been "lots of good developments in countries such as Ghana, Kenya, Rwanda," IEA chief Fatih Birol told AFP ahead of the release of the Paris-based agency's African Energy Outlook 2022.

"But because of Covid and the economic difficulties, we see that this positive trend is reversing now," Birol said.

Russia's invasion of Ukraine has added to the economic strains on Africa from the Covid pandemic, as the conflict has sent the prices of energy, food



The Julius Nyerere Hydro-power Project in Tanzania. Renewables -- including solar, wind, hydropower and geothermal -- could account for over 80 per cent of new power generation capacity in Africa by 2030 PHOTO/FILE

and other commodities soaring, according to the IEA.

"When I look at 2022, with the high energy prices and the economic burden on

the African countries, I don't see many reasons to be hopeful," Birol said.

But Africa could get universal access to electricity by the end of the decade with \$25 billion in annual investment, according to the IEA.

Countries need to give international financial institutions, especially development banks, a "strong mandate" to make Africa and clean energy on the continent "an absolute priority", Birol said.

"It's not the case now," he added.

Africa is facing more severe effects from climate change than most other parts of the world, despite emitting less energy-related carbon dioxide (CO2) than any other region, the IEA said.

"We have to see a huge amount of investment coming in Africa in all parts of the energy system, but the most important one will be clean energy options," Birol said.

"We would need to double the energy investments to reach our energy and climate goals."

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RwandAir CEO to head global aviation body

KIGALI

THE annual general meeting of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) has elected RwandAir's Chief Executive Officer, Yvonne Makolo (pictured), as the group's next chair.

Makolo will replace Mehmet Nane who secured a one-year term from this year, making her the first female chair in the history of IATA.

She will assume the chair in June 2023 during the organisation's annual general meeting in Istanbul, Turkey.

Willie Walsh, IATA's Director General, described Makolo's election as a positive development in the body's efforts for gender diversity.

"Obviously that means Yvonne will be the first female chair of IATA in our history and I think

that's another positive step in our efforts to promote gender diversity, not just within IATA but within the industry as well," he commented.

Contacted for a comment, Makolo said: "This is a great testament of IATA's commitment to gender diversity in the aviation industry."

"We are going through an extremely challenging time for the aviation industry and I look forward to working with the board to make travel ever safer, sustainable and more enjoyable for all our customers."

"It's a great honour to have been elected as board chair-elect of the IATA Board of Governors. I thank my fellow board members for their confidence in me, as well as Rwandair staff and stakeholders for their steadfast support," she added.

Makolo is an IT by profession who currently

serves as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the national carrier.

She was appointed to that position in April 2018.

Prior to that, she served as the Deputy CEO responsible for corporate affairs at the same airline.

She has specialized training in information technology and has worked as a software developer, in Canada and Rwanda.

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Global steelmakers face \$518bn in stranded asset risk

LONDON

THE global steel industry may have to write down as much as \$518bn in assets over the coming years because it is still building traditional blast furnaces despite countries seeking to reduce their carbon emissions, according to a report.

Countries have continued to announce new coal-based plants while at the same time setting tougher pledges to lower emissions, according to Global Energy Monitor, an independent non-governmental organisation that tracks fossil fuel and renewable energy projects.

As a result, coal-powered blast furnaces could become unnecessary or inoperable over time, leaving the sector with stranded assets worth between \$345bn and \$518bn, the report estimates.

The forecasts are significantly higher than previous estimates that put the stranded asset risk for the industry at up to \$70bn.

Much of the stranded asset risk is concentrated in Asia, notably China and India, where 80 per cent of the world's new coal-based steelmaking capacity is planned. The report says 345.3mn tonnes per year of such steel production is currently proposed or under construction.

Decarbonising the production of steel, important for engineering and construction, is seen as essential to meeting global climate targets. The industry is responsible for 7.9 per cent of all direct emissions from fossil fuels, according to the World Steel Association.

Traditional blast furnaces use coking coal to melt the metal in iron ore and remove oxygen. A byproduct of this chemical reaction is carbon dioxide, while large amounts of energy are also required to heat the furnaces above 1,000C.

Some of the world's biggest manufacturers have launched initiatives to reduce their carbon footprint by expanding the use of electric arc furnaces, which melt down scrap steel and emit a fraction of the carbon dioxide.

Many companies are also developing hydrogen and carbon capture technologies but progress remains slow and will need billions of dollars of investment.

The report goes on to warn that the global shift from tra-



By 2030, at least 37 per cent of steelmaking capacity should use EAF technology, and 53 per cent by 2050, according to the IEA.

ditional blast furnaces to electric arc furnaces is "too slow" and "dangerously behind decarbonisation targets" laid out in the International Energy Agency's net zero 2050 report.

Currently 31 per cent of operating steelmaking

capacity uses electric arc furnaces but only 28 per cent of capacity currently under construction will use the technology. By 2030, at least 37 per cent of steelmaking capacity should use EAF technology, and 53 per cent by 2050, according to the IEA.

"We need to move away from coal-based steelmaking, which means we need to be shutting down coal-based plants, not building new ones," said Caitlin Swalec, research analyst at Global Energy Monitor and author of the report.

"The path to decarbonising the steel sector may be complicated, but some pieces are very clear. We need to add electric arc furnace capacity and less coal-based steelmaking."

US Sanctions to help Chinese firms supercharge chipmaking industry

BEIJING

CHINA'S chip industry is growing faster than anywhere else in the world, after US sanctions on local champions from Huawei Technologies Co. to Hikvision spurred appetite for home-grown components.

Nineteen of the world's 20 fastest-growing chip industry firms over the past four quarters, on average, hail from the world's No. 2 economy, according to data compiled by Bloomberg.

That compared with just 8 at the same point last year. Those China-based suppliers of design software, processors and gear vital to chipmaking are expanding revenue at several times the likes of global leaders Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. or ASML Holding NV.

That supercharged growth underscores how tensions between Washington and Beijing are transforming the global \$550 billion semiconductor industry -- a sector that plays an outsized role in everything from defense to the advent of future technologies like AI and autonomous cars.

In 2020, the US began restricting sales of American technology to companies like Semiconductor Manufacturing International Corp. and Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Co., successfully containing their growth -- but also fueling a boom in Chinese chip-making and supply.

While shares in the likes of Cambricon Technologies Corp. have more than doubled from lows this year, analysts say there may still be room to grow.

Beijing is expected to orchestrate billions of dollars of investment in the sector under ambitious programs such as its "Little Giants" blueprint to endorse and bankroll national tech champions, and encourage "buy China" tactics to sidestep US sanctions. The rise of indigenous names has caught the attention of some of the pickiest clients: Apple Inc. was said to consider Yangtze Memory Technologies Co. as its latest supplier of iPhone flash memory.

"The biggest underlying trend is China's quest for self-sufficiency in the supply chain, catalyzed by Covid-related lockdowns," Morningstar analyst Phelix Lee wrote in an email responding to inquiries from Bloomberg News. "Amid lockdowns, Chinese customers who mostly use imported semiconductor need to source homegrown alternatives to ensure smooth operations."

The FactSet China Semiconductor Index, which tracks some of the country's biggest industry players, has gained roughly 20% since late April, when Covid lockdowns pushed local prices higher. But it remains down about a third from its July 2021 peak.

At the heart of Beijing's ambitions is the impetus to wean itself off a geopolitical rival and more than \$430 billion worth of imported chipsets in 2021. Orders for chip-manufacturing equipment from overseas suppliers rose 58% last year as local plants expanded capacity, data provided by industry body Semi show.

That in turn is driving local business. Total sales from Chinese-based chipmakers and designers jumped 18% in 2021 to a record of more than 1 trillion yuan (\$150 billion), according to the China Semiconductor Industry Association.

A persistent chip shortage that's curtailing output at the world's largest makers of cars and consumer electronics is also working in local chipmakers' favor, helping Chinese suppliers more easily access the international market -- sometimes with premiums tacked onto the best-selling products, such as auto and PC chips.

SMIC and Hua Hong Semiconductor Ltd., the biggest contract chip makers, have kept their Shanghai-based plants operating at almost full capacity even as the worst Covid-19 outbreak since 2020 paralyzes factories and logistics across China.

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WORLD

UK PM Johnson faces prospect of bruising by-election defeats

TIVERTON/WAKEFIELD

BRITISH Prime Minister Boris Johnson could this week lose two parliamentary seats that once illustrated his broad appeal, showing his declining popularity that could spur his party to try to find a way to oust him.

His Conservative Party are contesting two by-elections on Thursday: one in Tiverton and Honiton, a deeply Conservative corner of Devon in southwest England, and another in the former industrial area of Wakefield in northern England, which voted for his party for the first time in 90 years in 1919.

Defeat in either place may further dent Johnson's vote-winning reputation, and see lawmakers who fear for their futures try to move against him despite giving him a reprieve by calling and losing a confidence vote against him earlier this month.

Johnson secured the biggest Conservative majority in three decades at the 2019 national election by upending conventional British politics and winning in both the Conservatives' traditional southern heartlands and in more industrial areas in central and northern England.

But now, support for the party is fraying in both areas, and could prompt some Conservative lawmakers to try to

reduce the 12-month grace period between calling confidence votes. Some 41 percent of Johnson's lawmakers voted to remove him this month.

The by-elections were triggered by high-profile resignations of Conservative lawmakers - one who admitted watching porn in parliament, and another found guilty of sexually abusing a teenage boy.

In the rural market town of Tiverton, Jenny Kane, 72, a part-time yoga teacher, said she had voted Conservative, but would not do so now because of the unresolved tensions with the European Union and "partygate" when Johnson attended lockdown-breaking parties during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I don't think he's done Brexit at all," she told Reuters. "Partygate is the final straw. I'm disgusted." Kane said she would instead vote for the centrist, pro-EU Liberal Democrats.

Reuters spoke to at least 30 people in both locations asking them the same questions about policy areas. While voters in Devon focused on "partygate", the government's Rwanda deportation policy and Brexit, they were more focused on the cost-of-living crisis in Wakefield.

'Unconscionable behaviour'

Tiverton has voted Conservative at every election for nearly a century, and



Britain's Prime Minister Boris Johnson

in 2019 the party won a majority of nearly 25,000 votes.

"I would have voted Conservative if it wasn't for the situation with the immigration flights to Rwanda. That's made a massive difference to myself and my husband," said Lizzie Bowman, 58, describing it as showing "unconscionable behavior".

Several voters in Tiverton who had voted for the Conservatives indicated they would most probably not even vote, while those opposed to the Conservatives were voting tactically for the option most likely to remove them.

While there is little reliable polling in Tiverton and Wakefield, bookmakers say the Conservatives are likely to lose both seats.

In Wakefield, a town about a four-hour drive north of London, voters said the government needed to do more to help people deal with the highest inflation in three decades.

Barbara Lawson, a 54-year-old shopkeeper who voted for the Conservatives in 2019 but may now vote for the main opposition Labour Party, said she did not fully understand the government on Brexit or the Rwanda deportation strategy.

Lawson said the rising cost of living meant her daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter were reducing their spending on food and were struggling to move out of their two-bedroom flat to somewhere bigger despite both parents working full-time.

Lawson said she knew people who had started using foodbanks and friends who said they were worried they would have to stop using their cars because of the rising cost of petrol.

"People's concerns here are very day-to-day," she said. "Even people with good jobs are suffering at the moment."

But one aspect working in Johnson's favor might be a near-unanimous lack of enthusiasm for Labour leader Keir Starmer.

Geoff Hook, 57, who works in arts education, said he recently resigned his Labour membership after nearly four decades because he felt he no longer understood what it stood for.

"Labour seem to be lacking any direction at the moment," he said. "Starmer doesn't seem to have much of a personality, so he struggles to connect with people."

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Texas Republicans declare Biden election illegal, despite evidence

WASHINGTON

REPUBLICANS in Texas formally rejected President Joe Biden's election in 2020 as illegitimate and voted in a state-wide convention that wrapped up this weekend on a party platform that calls homosexuality an "abnormal lifestyle choice."

The party's embrace of unfounded electoral fraud allegations in a bedrock Republican state came as a bipartisan congressional committee seeks to definitively and publicly debunk the false idea that Biden did not win the election.

Biden received 7 million more votes than rival Donald Trump. Biden also received 306 votes from the Electoral College, more than the 270 needed to win.

The congressional committee investigating the Jan 6, 2021 attack on the US Capitol is building a case that Trump's efforts to overturn his defeat in the 2020 presidential election - including by denying he lost - amounted to

conspiracy to illegally hold onto power.

Trump, the 45th US president, has denied any wrongdoing.

"We reject the certified results of the 2020 presidential election, and we hold that acting President Joseph Robinette Biden Jr. was not legitimately elected by the people of the United States," the Texas party said in a resolution, passed in a voice vote at its convention.

Texas is a major player in US national politics, with 38 electoral votes, the second highest after California. Voters there have backed Republican presidents for the past four decades.

The White House had no comment.

According to a recent Reuters/Ipsos poll, about two-thirds of Republicans believe the 2020 presidential election was stolen from Trump. State and federal judges dismissed more than 50 lawsuits brought by Trump and his allies



President Joe Biden reacts when asked how he was feeling as he leaves St. Edmund Roman Catholic Church in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, after attending a Mass, on June 18, 2022. File photo

challenging the election while reviews and audits found no evidence of widespread fraud.

Platform attacks "choice" of homosexuality

One of the proposed principles in the latest Texas Republican party platform also includes new

language criticizing homosexuality and voicing opposition to "all efforts to validate transgender identity."

"Homosexuality is an abnormal lifestyle choice," it reads, a statement that is not in the 2020 platform. Votes on the provision are being tallied and certified fol-

lowing the bi-annual state party convention, a party spokesperson said. The Log Cabin Republicans of Houston, an organization that represents LGBT conservatives, said it was once again denied a request to set up a booth at the party's convention this week, as it has been for past conventions. The group called the Texas Republican Convention's actions "not just narrow-minded, but politically short-sighted."

However, the group is seeing "no evidence" of other state Republican conventions adopting similar bans or exclusionary language, Charles Moran, Log Cabin Republican managing director, told Reuters.

"If anything we are being more included" than in the past, he said, noting that the 2020 Republican presidential campaign had an official pride coalition, and the gay Republican vote doubled between 2016 and 2020. "President Trump was the most pro-gay Republican that we have ever had," he added.

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Diplomat warns Lithuania repercussions on the horizon over Kaliningrad rail transit ban

MOSCOW

LITHUANIA should have realized that it will face serious consequences for restricting railroad transits of goods to Russia's exclave region of Kaliningrad, Russia's Foreign Ministry spokeswoman said yesterday.

"They should be aware of consequences, and the consequences will follow, unfortunately," Maria Zakharova told the Solovoyov Live television channel.

If Russia qualifies other countries' deci-

sions as "openly hostile," there won't be any attempts to find a "formula" to defuse the situation, Zakharova said.

"Such steps are inadmissible, they will bring about an appropriate response," the diplomat said. Lithuania informed Kaliningrad that transit of some goods from Russia to the region would be limited from June 18 due to EU sanctions, Kaliningrad Region Governor Antron Alikhanov said on June 17. He said the move was illegitimate as it violated the agreements the country com-



mitted to when joining the EU.

Andrey Klishas, who chairs Russia's Federation Council Committee on Constitutional Legislation and State Building, branded Lithuania's actions as a blockade and noted that this may force Russia to retaliate with very tough and absolutely legitimate measures, while Kremlin Spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Lithuania's decision required some serious analysis following which Russia would develop retaliatory measures.

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African leaders call for immediate ceasefire in DRC

NAIROBI

AFRICAN leaders on Monday directed an immediate cessation of hostilities in the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) where fighting has led to the loss of lives and property as well as mass displacements.

The leaders from Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, South Sudan, DRC, Burundi and Tanzania called on the armed groups to withdraw from recently taken positions.

"In doing so, the political process should be intensified by all parties in order to allow the citizens of the DRC feel safe and secure and be able to pick up and continue their respective social, cultural and economic activities," the leaders said in a communique issued after the end of the day-long meeting in the Kenyan capital, Nairobi.

The leaders who met for the third East African Community (EAC) Heads of State conclave on inter-Congolese dialogue of the Nairobi process on the peace and security situation in Eastern DRC, directed that all offensive language, hate speech, threats of genocide and other politically inciting language must cease and must be discouraged by all parties.

They said the people of the DRC must be encouraged to work together in order to stabilize the eastern DRC for it to prosper.

"The conclave agreed and reinforced that trust and confidence-building, cessation of hostilities, unconditional ceasefire, participation in the political processes in the country, prioritization and participation in the country's development, citizenship, presence of foreign negative elements, fate of combatants during reintegration and status of refugees and internally displaced persons are among critical issues that require concerted, urgent and durable resolution," they said.

The leaders committed to contribute to reconciliation and lasting peace and were determined to find a swift and lasting solution to the conflict in the DRC, particularly in the North and South Kivu as well as Ituri Provinces.

The leaders directed that the Regional Force should, in cooperation with the military and administrative forces of the DRC, seek to stabilize and secure the peace in the DRC.

"The Regional Force should also cooperate in implementation of the disarmament and demobilization process," the leaders said.

The latest efforts come amid diplomatic spat between Rwanda and DRC, with Kinshasa accusing Kigali of supporting the M23 rebels who are responsible for the latest fighting that has forced thousands of people to flee to Uganda.

Regional analysts, however, say the Regional Force is likely to find it difficult to pacify the vast forested region that has many rebel groups with different interests. The meeting was attended by Presidents Yoweri Museveni of Uganda, Paul Kagame (Rwanda), Evariste Ndayishimiye (Burundi), Salva Kiir Mayardit (South Sudan) and Felix Tshisekedi (DR Congo) while Tanzanian President Samia Suluhu Hassan was represented by ambassador to Kenya.

Xinhua

Israel heading to new elections after shaky coalition collapses

JERUSALEM

ISRAEL'S fragile coalition government will vote to dissolve the parliament next week, announced Israel's Prime Minister's Office on Monday, sending the country to the fifth elections in three years.

Prime Minister Naftali Bennett and his main coalition partner Alternate Prime Minister Yair Lapid decided to present a bill to dissolve the parliament next Monday, the office said in a statement.

Once the parliament approves the bill, Lapid, leader of the centrist party of Yesh Atid, will rotate with Bennett and serves as interim prime minister until the next government is established, the office said.

The elections are expected to take place in October, Israel's state-owned Kan TV news reported. "Citizens of Israel, we stand before you today in a difficult moment, but with the understanding that we have made the right decision for the people of Israel," Bennett said in a joint statement alongside Lapid, which was broadcast live on the country's main TV channels.

Bennett noted that he and Lapid decided on the move in the wake of their failure to pass regulations that provides protections to Jewish settlers in the occupied West Bank.

The regulations will expire at the end of June, but the opposition, mostly composed of pro-settler parties, voted against a government-sponsored bill to extend them in order to force the coalition to resign.

Bennett, leader of the pro-settler party of Yamina, said he held a series of consultations with judicial and security officials on Friday that made him realize that the expiration of the regulation will create "horrible damages."

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China embraces another breakthrough in cloud computing

ALIBABA Cloud recently unveiled the Cloud Infrastructure Processing Unit (CIPU) designed to power cloud-native data centers. The CIPU is expected to replace CPU, or the central processing unit, as the core of a new generation of cloud computer system.

Over the past decades, the U.S. has constantly held a leading position globally in the information industry. For instance, the Electronic Numerical Integrator and Computer, better known as ENIAC, developed by the University of Pennsylvania became the world's first programmable general-purpose electronic computer on Feb. 14, 1946, raising

the curtain of the information age. Sixty years later, Amazon's Simple Storage Service, or Amazon S3 ushered in the era of cloud computing as the world's first cloud computing service.

"The CIPU has completely changed the structure of the last-gen computing architecture, making China a world leader in basic technology," said Zheng Weimin, academician of the Chinese Academy of Engineering and head of the Department of Computer Science and Technology, Tsinghua University.

The CIPU and CPU are completely different despite the minor difference in their acronyms. The CPU, a super

large integrated circuit, is the core of a computer's computing and controlling operations. Its major function is explaining orders and processing software data. However, Alibaba Cloud's CIPU is the hub of control and acceleration for cloud computing.

In the digital era, super large computing scenarios and power are especially important for populous countries like China, and the demand for cloud computing is constantly rising as the internet of things approaches. To meet the ever-increasing computing demand, China officially kicked off a project that "processes eastern data in the west" in Febru-

ary this year, trying to build a new type of computing network that combines data centers, cloud computing, and big data through IO national data center clusters.

Data center construction calls for huge and systematic efforts. As a senior player in the cloud computing sector, Alibaba Cloud finds that data centers with traditional CPU at the core are largely hindered by wastage of processing power. It is because as the data centers grow bigger, the EAST-WEST traffic gets bigger, too, which makes cloud computing turn from a business processing center to a data processing center, and the CPU was more engaged in the network business,

rather than computing. It means many servers deployed at data centers are going to waste.

Therefore, Alibaba Cloud developed the CIPU, a processor for new cloud data centers. It transfers the computing, storage and internet resources of data centers to the cloud and enables hardware acceleration, and is also connected to Alibaba's Apsara system, turning millions of servers around the world into a super computer.

It is proved that there's a huge increase in the computing power with the CIPU and Apsara at the core. In mainstream computing scenarios, the Nginx perfor-

mance has been raised by 89 percent, the Redis performance 68 percent and the MySQL performance 60 percent. In big data and AI scenarios, there's a 30 percent rise in both AI learning and the Spark engine. The consumption of virtualization is down by 50 percent, while the startup speed of virtualization containers has increased by three-and-a-half times. The improvement is not limited to performance. Under traditional IT frameworks, the performance and manufacturing difficulty of silicon-based chips have almost reached the limit, so it's quite uncertain when the next breakthrough would be made. **People's Daily**

Vladimir Putin blasts the West in combative speech, says Russia remains strong despite 'insane' sanctions

IN one of Vladimir Putin's most substantial addresses since Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February, the Russian President used his nation's pre-eminent investment conference as an opportunity to lash out against his Western enemies.



After a lengthy denunciation of countries that he claims want to weaken the Russian state with "reckless and insane" sanctions, President Putin (pictured) used the stage at the St Petersburg International Economic Forum to lambaste the United States.

"The United States declared victory in the Cold War and later came to think of themselves as God's own messengers on planet Earth," he said.

In his 73-minute speech, he also said Russia was taking its place in a New World Order in which rules would be set by "strong and sovereign states".

After sending troops into Ukraine in February, Russia came under a wide array of international sanctions, with hundreds of foreign companies also suspending operations or pulling out of the country entirely.

But Mr Putin said these attempts to damage the Russian economy "didn't work".

"Russian enterprises and government authorities worked in a composed and professional manner," he said. "We're normalising the economic situation. We stabilised the financial markets, the banking system, the trade system."

While Russia's projected inflation rate has fallen marginally, Mr Putin conceded that the current projected annual rate of 16.7 per cent is still too high.

Putin also vehemently defended his country's actions in Ukraine, as Russia has contended that its neighbour posed a threat due its desire to join the NATO military alliance.

"In the current situation, against a backdrop of soaring risks and threats, Russia's decision to conduct a special military operation was a forced one," the Russian leader said, using his administration's preferred term for its ongoing invasion of Ukraine.

"It was very hard to make it, but it was forced and necessary. It was a decision by a sovereign country that has an unconditional right, based on the UN Charter, to defend its security."

Despite a protracted military operation and mounting casualties after more than 16 weeks of fighting, Mr Putin predicted Russia would ultimately be successful in Ukraine. "All of the special military operation's objectives will definitely be attained," he said.

"This is predetermined by the courage and heroism of our warriors, the consolidation of Russian society, whose support gives strength and confidence to Russia's army and navy, the profound understanding of the rightness and historic justice of our cause."

'Quasi-state territories'

Regarding the territories that Russian forces have already managed to capture, including the so-called Donetsk and Luhansk People's Republics in the Donbas region of eastern Ukraine, Mr Putin said Russia "will accept any of the choices" made by those entities.

There has been consistent speculation that the separatist territories will hold votes on joining Russia, similar to when Russia annexed Crimea in 2014.

Separatist leaders of the two areas have already expressed the desire for such a referendum.

Russia recognised the two areas as independent states days before sending troops to Ukraine, a move none of its allies have so far repeated.

Kazakhstan President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, who sat on the stage alongside Mr Putin at the St Petersburg forum on Friday, said the Central Asian nation is unlikely to do so and called the self-proclaimed republics "quasi-state territories".

The fighting in Ukraine has raised fears of a global food crisis because it has interrupted exports, particularly of grain.

Putin said Russia could "significantly increase its export of food and fertiliser" but expressed concern that Ukraine might use income from exports to pay for weapons it has received from other countries.

Agencies

Survey: Australian health system facing 'significant' crisis

WELLINGTON

AUSTRALIANS' confidence in the country's health-care system has fallen, a survey has found.

According to the latest Australian Healthcare Index survey published by the Australian Patients Association (APA) recently, the overall rating of the health system has fallen from 7.8 out of 10 in March 2021 to 7.2 this year.

More than 11,000 participants in the survey identified three major concerns with the system: the cost of private health insurance, growing wait times in emergency departments and access to mental health care.

Almost one-quarter of respondents said their mental health has declined in the last six months and 59 percent who were seeking support said they waited more than three months.

Marcus Tan, chief executive of consumer healthcare platform Healthengine, said the findings indicated an "impending and significant" health crisis.

"The overall trend is heading in the wrong direction suggesting that the Australian healthcare system is under stress, likely leading to worse experiences and outcomes," he said in a media release.

It comes as COVID-19 cases continue to surge across Australia.

France's political class being reshaped by fractured vote

PARIS

THE 2022 French legislative elections are redefining France's political class, enabling candidates of different political parties to become deputies in the National Assembly.

The French legislative elections were held on June 12 and 19, when voters elected, out of 6,293 candidates, the National Assembly's 577 members representing the constituencies of the country. Up to this year, there has always been one political party winning the absolute majority of at least 289 seats at the National Assembly after two rounds of legislative elections.

However, of more than six major parties, none has managed to secure the absolute majority this year.

The outcome of the legislative elections will also have a bearing on the appointment of a prime minister. According to the French Constitution, the prime minister is appointed by the acting president, and the nomination of a prime minister must reflect the political party in absolute majority in the National Assembly.

The French Interior Ministry published early on Monday morning the results of the legislative elections, and French President Emmanuel Macron's alliance Ensemble did not have the absolute majority, as they only won 245 seats.

With no political party achieving the absolute majority, Macron's Ensemble will have to negotiate power-sharing with other political parties sitting in the National Assembly. "Slap" "Hard blow" "Snub" "History Setback" and "Seismic Event" are the terms used by both French and foreign media to refer to the results of Macron's Ensemble not winning the absolute majority.

"This situation constitutes a



French President Emmanuel Macron

risk for our country in the view of the challenges we have to face, both on a national and international scale.

But we must respect this vote," Prime Minister Elisabeth Borne said following the publication of the first results on Sunday evening.

She has been in office since May 16. For Jean-Luc Melançon, leader of the left-wing alliance NUPES, winning 131 seats is not what he wanted for NUPES.

He needed to have the absolute majority, as he planned during the campaign, to become the next prime minister.

For political scientist Philippe Braud, alliances of political parties play a key role in mitigating or even reversing inequalities.

On Monday, the president of right-wing party Les Républicains, Christian Jacob, warned against having a "coalition or pacte" with the government.

Macron's Ensemble comprises three political parties: La République en Marche, renamed Renaissance, led by Macron, MoDem and Horizons, led respectively by François Bayrou and Edouard Philippe who were under Macron's first term presidency.

The alliance NUPES was formed after the second round of the presidential election in April. It unifies the left-wing parties in order to, according to Melançon, counter the far-right parties.

On Monday, Melançon asked NUPES to become a single left-wing political group in the National Assembly in order to tackle the far-right, but the other parties of NUPES refused this proposal.

Even if candidates stood for elections under the various alliances of NUPES or of Ensemble, each deputy represents their own political party at the National Assembly.

NUPES announced on Monday that they will file a motion of no confidence against the government on

July 5 regarding the results of the legislative elections.

For Marine Le Pen, leader of the far-right National Rally, the result of her party acquiring a historic increase of 89 seats in the National Assembly is significant.

During the legislative elections in 2017, the National Rally, previously named the National Front, already led by Marine Le Pen, only had eight seats in the National Assembly.

After the results of this year's legislative elections, Le Pen celebrated her party's achievement and proclaimed, "Will Emmanuel Macron be able to do what he wants?"

Absolutely not and it is better this way!" She announced on Monday that she will resign from the presidency of the National Rally in order to focus on her party's seats at the National Assembly.

Macron won the runoff presidential election in April this year with 58.55 percent of the vote, saying during his victory speech that he noted the political differences in the country and thanked those who have voted for him to fight against the far-right party of Marine Le Pen that gained 41.45 percent of the vote during the second round.

But the results of this year's legislative elections bring forward the political differences of the voters who did not give the absolute majority to President Emmanuel Macron.

Macron, however, had the absolute majority in the National Assembly during his first term.

For political scientist Philippe Braud, the left and right labels given to political parties allow voters to identify the different ideologies and political classes.

The new president of the National Assembly will be elected on June 28 as the sitting president Richard Ferrand, member of Macron's Ensemble, lost the legislative elections on Sunday to a NUPES candidate.

The president of the National Assembly will be elected by secret ballot among the deputies in the National Assembly.

Xinhua

China's east-to-west computing resource transfer project in full swing

IN a big data and cloud computing industrial park located 20 kilometers south of Hohhot city, north China's Inner Mongolia autonomous region, 10,000 Internet Data Center (IDC) racks are operational 24 hours a day.

The industrial park has attracted more than 100 tenants, including government bodies, world-renowned cloud computing service providers, large Internet companies, and banks and insurance institutions. "The annual average temperature in Hohhot city is eight degrees Celsius, so data centers in the city can use natural cooling sources for about five months of the year," an executive of Chinese telecom operator China Unicom's cloud data center in Hohhot explained.

The innovative combination of the cooling tower and the plate heat exchanger allows the data center to save five million kWh of electricity annually, said the executive, explaining to People's Daily why the company located the data center on grassland in the city.

In February this year, Chinese authorities approved projects to build eight national computing hubs in the Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region, the Yangtze River Delta region, the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, the Chengde-Chongqing economic zone, Inner Mongolia autonomous region, southwest China's Guizhou province, and northwest China's Gansu province and Ningxia Hui autonomous region, as well as plans on 10 national-data center clusters.

The approval for these projects indicated the completion of the overall layout for China's national integrated big-data center system.

Following the country's other strategic projects that transport natural gas and electricity from western to eastern regions and divert water from the south to the north, the east-to-west computing resource transfer project is in full swing to transfer computing resources from the more prosperous eastern regions of China to the less developed yet resource-rich western regions of the country.

Data centers are major consumers of electricity. By channeling the demand for computing power in the east to the western regions, the east-to-west computing resource transfer project can give full play to these regions' advantages of favorable climate, rich energy sources, good natural environment, etc., and expand the local



Staff members of a data lake demonstration center in Rongjiang New Area, Ganzhou city, east China's Jiangxi province, examine machine cabinets and data processing equipment, March 17, 2022. File photo

supply and consumption of renewable energy sources, thus facilitating the low-carbon, green and sustainable development of Chinese data centers.

The mega project also plays a key role in addressing uneven and inadequate development in the country.

According to Wang Tiejun, deputy general manager of the Materials Business Unit of Yangtze Optical Fibre and Cable Joint Stock Limited Company (YOFC), the project will effectively propel the upgrading of the transmission speed of backbone network from 100 Gbps to higher rates such as 200 Gbps and 400 Gbps, thereby generating new market opportunities for YOFC.

Last year, YOFC's new products helped China Mobile realize 1,100 kilometer single-carrier transmission of 800G systems, said Wang, who disclosed that the company has continuously won the largest share of the centralized procurement of new-generation optical fibre and cable by China Telecom and China Mobile, both telecom giants in China.

Many servers manufacturers also believe that the computing resource transfer project has great potential for boosting market growth.

Homemade servers currently enjoy a market share of 74 percent in China, and the figure is expected to be further elevated by the project, said Huang Yue, an executive of Lenovo Infrastructure Solutions Group. It's estimated that China's server market will see a more than

10-percent growth in revenue in 2022. As of 2021, 5.2 million server racks were in use in data centers across the country, while the IDC market revenue reached 150 billion yuan (about \$22.46 billion) and the size of the country's cloud computing market hit 303 billion yuan, said Yu Xiaohui, head of the China Academy of Information and Communications Technology (CAICT).

It's expected that the number of server racks at data centers in the country would expand by about 20 percent on a yearly basis while the revenue of these data centers would be maintained at between 25 percent and 30 percent during the country's 14th Five-Year Plan (2021-2025) period, when China's cloud computing industry would probably see its average annual growth rate of revenue exceed 30 percent, according to Yu.

The project that channels computing resources from the eastern regions to the western regions of China can drive an increase of about 400 billion yuan a year in investment, said Xu Bin, deputy director of the innovation-driven development center of China's National Development and Reform Commission.

Meanwhile, the computing power-related facilities that have been built and will be built in western China will bring opportunities to industries like information technology and green energy sources in the country's western regions, according to Xu.

People's Daily

Collective efforts urged to fill gender gap in Rwanda

KIGALI

DELEGATES attending the Commonwealth Women's Forum in Rwanda's capital Kigali, on Monday urged collective efforts to ensure gender equality across countries.

"A lot more needs to be done to ensure that women and girls are not left behind," Patricia Scotland, the Secretary General of the Commonwealth, told more than 500 delegates from around the Commonwealth countries who included leaders from civil society, youth, activists, academics, policy experts and philanthropists.

Scotland underscored the need for collaboration among nations in order to transform the future of the girls and women across 54 nations of the Commonwealth association.

She cited Rwanda's example as worth emulating for deliberately taking measures to bring women on board. The two-day forum held under the theme "Delivering a Common Future: Transforming for Gender Equality" is aimed at finding better ways of involving women and girls in leadership and in the development process.

The Commonwealth is working together through the exchange of knowledge and information, to transform the lives of millions of people - women and girls, men and boys, in their families and communities, said Scotland.

"When I became Secretary General in 2016, I pledged that we would put the wealth back into the common but now I know we were determined to put the common back into wealth and that common demands that women should be at the table," she said.

"Gender empowerment and inclusiveness are central to that mission. Gender equality is at the very heart of the Commonwealth's collective goals of social, and economic development," she added.

The world today is faced with a multitude of crises, which only serve to further widen the gender gap and deepen the economic

divide, adding on the challenges women and girls were already facing, Rwanda's First Lady Jeannette Kagame said while opening the forum.

She noted that the situation has already been exacerbated by the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and the Russia-Ukraine war, which has driven inflation, disrupted trade and led to an increase in the cost of debt.

"The Women's Forum is happening at the crossroads of critical economic and social change, where the young woman, particularly in tech and innovation, may just be that game changer that is needed, provided that the nurturing environment, resources and support is available," she said.

The forum featured different sessions such as "Women in Leadership: Beyond Numbers" which focused on women playing a meaningful role in leadership and ensuring high levels of women's representation in decision making, among other areas.

"Every man, woman and child benefits when everybody has equal opportunities. And sadly across the world at the moment, women are missing out - and therefore the world is missing out," said Cherie Blair CBE, Founder and Chair of Omnia Strategy and the Cherie Blair Foundation for Women.

Delegates at the Commonwealth Women's Forum discussed solutions to address pressing challenges affecting women and girls across the Commonwealth and to ensure member countries have robust policies and programs to meet gender equality targets by 2030.

The forum is one of a series of events taking place on the first day of the 26th edition of the 26th Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) which runs from June 20 to 25. Heads of governments from 54 Commonwealth countries are expected to discuss ways how the contemporary Commonwealth can transform societies.

Xinhua

SPORT



Speaker of the National Assembly Tulia Ackson (3rd R) inspects Tanzania Sports Writers Association (Taswa) SC at the Jamhuri Stadium in Dodoma yesterday. Taswa SC confronted Tanzania's Members of Parliament Sports Club, alias Bunge SC, in a friendly tie that took place at the venue and won 2-0. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

Tulia lauds Taswa SC and Bunge SC

By Guardian Correspondent

SPEAKER of the National Assembly, Tulia Ackson, has commended Members of Parliament and sports journalists for promoting sports.

Tulia said that during a special friendly match involving Tanzania Sports Writers Association (Taswa) SC and Members of Parliament Sports Club, popularly known as 'Bunge SC', held at the Jamhuri Stadium in Dodoma.

She said that she has been impressed with the way that the two teams promote sports by competing in various competitions as well as in friendly matches.

"What you have done here is promoting sports in the country, apart from competing against each other and building your health. You need to maintain this cooperation to inspire others to emulate you," Tulia noted.

Tulia pointed out: "I am very happy to see journalists and my fellow Members of Parliament who are playing in our team show their talent. You have done a lot that will inspire other young people to get involved in sports."

Bunge Sports Club is preparing for the East African Inter-Parliamentary Games slated to take place in Juba, South Sudan.

The M-Bet Tanzania Marketing Manager Allen Mushi echoed Tulia's comment while calling on the two clubs' leaders to maintain the relationship which will help them move forward.

"M-Bet Tanzania is proud of its involvement in Tanzania Sports Writers Association Sports Club's activities and we are ready to support the Bunge Sports Clubs in its activities," Mushi stated.

Mushi explained that M-Bet Tanzania is a true

sports stakeholder in the country and currently the firm is sponsoring Kinondoni Municipal Council (KMC) FC which is featuring in the NBC Premier League.

In another development, Taswa SC chairman, Majuto Omary thanked Bunge SC and M-Bet Tanzania for the support and for making the event happen.

Majuto said Taswa SC will continue to cooperate with Bunge SC and M-Bet Tanzania in the latter's activities.

Taswa SC maintained its unbeaten run in its matches after beating Bunge SC 2-0 and later cruising to a 3-0 victory over Utumishi Veterans in the tour of Dodoma.

In the match against Bunge SC, Taswa SC goals were scored by Waziri Idd off Zahoro Mlanzi's assist and Zicco George who made the most of Idd's assist.

Bunge SC led by skipper Cosato Chumi played well in the encounter and created various scoring chances, but could not exploit the chances.

Taswa SC led by Majuto, alias 'Ronald', dominated the encounter, especially in the second half.

Other players who made Taswa SC include Wilbert Molandi (captain), Edward Mbaga, Salum Jaba, Said Seif, Muhidin Sufiani, Hassan Habani, and goalkeeper Ismail Shaaban.

The players were very keen on clearing all dangerous attacks launched by Bunge SC players.

In netball, Bunge Queens won 15-13 against Taswa Queens in a closely contested encounter held at the same venue.

Idd, Zicco, and Mlanzi scored for Taswa SC in the squad's 3-0 victory over Utumishi Veterans.

Dar Jogging Club's 20th Anniversary set for next month

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

DAR Jogging Club has revealed it will celebrate its 20th Anniversary in Dar es Salaam next month, the club's officials announced.

The club's Chairman, Ramadhan Namkoveka, said all is set for the celebration and they are looking forward to the event.

He said all Dar es Salaam-based jogging clubs have been invited to the celebrations and invitations have also been extended to other regions, namely Coast Region, Morogoro, Lindi, Mtwara, Mbeya, Iringa, Dodoma, Shinyanga, Tanga, Arusha, and Zanzibar.

The Chairman said the club is looking for 35, 185, 000/- to successfully host the celebrations, he appealed to well-wishers and jogging lovers to help the club.

"We will have our 20th Anniversary celebrations on July 20, we have extended

invitations to all Dar es Salaam-based jogging clubs and clubs from other regions," Namkoveka pointed out.

"We are the second jogging club to be registered by National Sports Council (NSC), we are asking well-wishers to help us with finances to that the celebrations could live to their billing," he said.

He said in the past years the club had managed to have many members and in 2019 and last year, it had, with support from Trade and Development Bank (TDB) and Tantrade, encouraged its members to take part in the trade fair.

Namkoveka said the aim of encouraging the club members to take part in the trade fair was to appreciate locally made products.

The club is based in Temeke District and it was formed to promote good health among people in the country.

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SPORTS

From Makambo to Aziz Ki: On player recruiting and Premier League ranking

By Correspondent Michael Eneza

PLAYER recruitment is high up in the air as the Premier League season draws to a close, even with some resting period while there are 'overnight' encounters to be finished virtually at the start of the new season, from what the pundits are explaining.

One interesting feature of how the league season draws to a close is the series of likely encounters between the city rivals, where two are sort of listed, the FA Cup decider if both remain on their feet, the Charity Shield equivalent.

That is before the season starts with its litany of regional or quasi-regional competitions, and early city rivals' fixtures in the new season.

One way in which the fans measure the capacities of the city rivals in particular, and other Premier League sides by extension, is when it comes to recruitment, first of players and in the choice of coaches.

What is a bit strange is that in this sphere the newly crowned champions have always made an effort to do as much as the veteran champion side, but then things did not usually go as expected.

There was a series of player shifts usually from Young Africans SC, alias Yanga, where the player would have been initially recruited, to cross the street once he has a clear picture of the sponsoring or welfare situations, in a few weeks of stay.

This recollection is of some significance in this pre-season environment where top Yanga recruitment officials appear to have sealed the likely inclusion of Stephane Aziz Ki, up to now playing for Ivory Coast's ASEC Mimosas, a player that admittedly even their next-door rivals were looking for.

The difference is that they were not in as much haste or excitement, and when they learned that their rivals were up the matter in earnest they tried to put their feet into the water but it was a bit late.

That, however, is where the trap is hidden, that hopefully the Yanga camp is well provided for by now, otherwise, he will not stay.

The contention between luring a player into recruitment and then failing



Heritier Makambo. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

to keep him for lack of excellent maintenance conditions was a source of not just rivalry (which relates to performance) but even outright indignity, intensifying emotional excesses in the rivalry.

The most intense such moment was the Bernard Morrison affair, which is just sliding into oblivion as other names turn up and change the agenda of the two clubs, while the player's departure from Msimbazi Street club ranks rekindled speculation of a return to the other club, but they may have other options.

Welcoming back prodigal lovers is often too stern a test.

That aspect of the matter apart, there is also an issue of how far the teams the high-level players are joining compare with the clubs they are leaving, if they seek greener pastures as success in the clubs they were serving, or just succeed to find alternatives, having sunk in esteem in their previous clubs.

The most assured indication that the player is on a high success note is when a recruiting club plucks out a continuing player and pays the other club a fee to get him, but when a player leaves as a free agent, the scenario is a bit blurred.

There is a situation where he may be looking for a higher salary or was denied a new contract even if he was willing to obtain the same salary as earlier, other clubs appreciate his value.

Recruitment is an indicator of which club is higher and which is lower, for instance when Liverpool refuses to increase the 100,000

pounds a week that Sadio Mane was getting there, and Bayern Munich offers a more substantial salary.

It follows that the financial situation may be comparable between the two sides but Liverpool is more confident of its lineup and sees the Senegalese superstar in that bracket, to his chagrin, while Bayern, which has ipso facto a weaker side, more readily appreciates the player's worth.

It is from such a perspective that one can view the transfer math for the Burkinabe international from ASEC Mimosas.

Aziz Ki by certain statistics is likely to be a fairly good but ordinary player at upper-level African Premier League clubs if one notes that he played for a Cyprus professional side in 2018/19, started or was included in six matches, and scored no goal.

That he could still earn the number 10 shirt at ASEC Mimosas would similarly indicate the level of the side, and for Yanga to seek his signature urgently is a note of ability over ASEC Mimosas at least.

In like manner, Heritier Makambo was recruited at his bestto Horoya AC of Guinea, where he stayed for a while and later, easily found his way back to Yanga, likewise underlining the level of the team.

He has his ups and downs, as mid-last year the club side wanted to drop him, but the goal-getter had towards the end of the year, in a 4-0 win over Ifehu SC hit a rare hat-trick, definitely endearing himself to the club.

How Yanga clinched 2021/22 Premier League title in thrilling fashion

By Correspondent Lloyd Elipokea

AFTER four years of being distinctly green with envy over Simba SC's stranglehold of the league title, Yanga has brilliantly returned to the summit of local football following the outfit's league title victory last week.

Indeed, the Jangwani Street outfit deserves rave reviews for its classy overall performance this season as it clinched the title without losing even a single game!

Right off the bat, though, it was obvious that Yanga meant serious business this season and that Simba SC's grip on the title was in real jeopardy.

That notwithstanding, few expected that Yanga would utterly dominate the league to the extent of not losing a single encounter all season-long, which is a truly remarkable feat.

Thus, having now sewn up the league title, Yanga can look forward to the next season with optimism and burgeoning hope as big things will be expected of them.

Indeed, the Jangwani Street side will represent the country in continental football's top-tier competition, the CAF Champions League next season, which will not be plain sailing for them.

Perhaps in acknowledgment of that fact, Yanga has already started to shore up its squad by signing the promising Burkina Faso attacker Stephane Aziz Ki in a lucrative deal.

It is also expected that the newly minted league champions may sign more stars to bolster their assault on all competitions both local and African next season.

However, until then, Yanga's long-suffering hordes of devotees deserve to be absolutely over the moon at the fact that their aristocratic club has pulled off a spectacularly superb league title victory.



Yanga winger, Farid Mussa (R), gets the better of Coastal Union's players, winger Vincent Aboubakar (C), and fullback Miraji Hassan during a 2021/22 NBC Premier League tie in Dar es Salaam last week. Yanga won 3-0. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

Let us cast our gaze further afield now to mull over funding for sports, which has perennially been one of the major woes bedeviling sports in the country.

Thankfully though, it is crucial to note that the authorities in present-day Tanzania have laudably taken it upon themselves to do a better job of funding sports development in the country.

As recent reports indicate, the authorities have pledged to build some spanking new sports stadiums as well as give a face-lift to those stadia in dire need of renovation.

Unquestionably, this is absolutely a positive development that should rightly leave us all feeling elated and ecstatic.

After all, it is admittedly an ill-kept secret that glorious sports

achievements and state-of-the-art sports stadia go hand in hand.

Nevertheless, despite the authorities' praiseworthy readiness to fund sports in the country, it would be sagacious if major private sector actors can be solicited for their assistance where sports funding is concerned.

Indeed, the aforesaid point can be viewed as particularly significant, especially when one considers the long-term future of sports funding on the home stage, which needs to be durable and sustainable.

From the difficult matter of sports funding, let us now dig into South African rugby where the country's premier rugby league, the Currie Cup, has excitingly reached a do-or-die title decider.

Indeed, the Currie Cup final

this season will feature two distinctly unheralded teams in the Griquas and the Pumas and both sides will square off against each other in a mouthwatering clash this weekend.

Perchance, the gobsacking fact about this year's Currie Cup final is that it will feature none of South Africa's quartet of pre-eminent rugby clubs, who are the Bulls, the Sharks, the Stormers, and the Cheetahs.

Still, even though the final will pit two underdogs against each other, one should nonetheless expect that the title decider will likely be a rare sporting treat.

Barcelona's financial plans a massive gamble on their future

By Gabriele Marcotti, Senior Writer, ESPN FC

LAST week, Barcelona members greenlighted a proposal by the club's board to sell future merchandising and TV rights in exchange for immediate cold, hard cash. They hope to generate up to €700 million ("possibly more" according to president Joan Laporta) which must surely be some kind of record.

It's money Barcelona desperately need, because as of right now, they're way over LaLiga's spending limits. Their spending maximum for next season is currently negative to the tune of -€144m. This doesn't quite mean -- as might be implied -- that players have to pay to play for the club, but it's not far off and, as it stands, would mean that Barca would need to shed players and salaries in order to bring anybody in.

The club have basically taken out a massive mortgage on their future, to a degree no other team has done in the past. They are basically saying: "We're going to make so much money going forward, why don't you, dear investor, give us an advance on it now."

It's not necessarily a bad move; it could work out great. It's just that it's a risky one. And what's suboptimal in this case is the fact that the people making the decisions -- Laporta and his board -- likely won't be around to face the fallout if they get it wrong, whereas they will be there to reap the short-term benefits.

I'm not an expert on medium and long-term trend forecasting when it comes to the value of media rights and merchandising/licensing. I can't tell you whether Barcelona got themselves a good deal. But we can go through the architecture of each and better understand the risks involved.

First, the broadcast deal. Laporta is open to selling up to 25% of Barcelona's domestic league broadcast revenue for up to 25 years. He has said that, for every 10% that is sold, Barca could rake in some €200m. By that metric, if they sell the full 25%, they could earn €500m. Laporta has said they are working on four separate deals and that they hope to wrap them up quickly in order to get out from under the spending cap limits.

Barcelona earned around €165m from the LaLiga deal in 2020-21. If they made that amount for the next 25 years and they sold 25% of their rights, they would end up giving away more than €1 billion. But, of course, the argument is that sometimes it's better to have €500m now rather than €41m a year for the next 25 years. After all, inflation is a real thing -- stuff cost a lot less money 25 years ago.

On the flip side, LaLiga's domestic TV deal will presumably rise in value -- and, with it, the amount that Barcelona receive -- over the next decades. And that means they will probably give away more than €41m a year (probably much more) in that time period (they'll also, of course, be making more, because they get to keep the other 75%).

The issue, too, is that as LaLiga's rights deal increases in value (assuming it does), it won't just increase for Barca -- it will increase for every other team too. Barca still get a bigger share, provided they finish at or near the top of the table, but the competition's amounts will also increase proportionally.

There's no right answer here. Unless you're a time traveller from the future, you don't know what the numbers will look like down the road, but if you can forecast things and are reasonably confident in your predictions, you can do a proper cost-benefit analysis.

It's a similar story with the Barcelona Licensing and Merchandising, the subsidiary that sells and licenses Barca-branded goods. In 2018-19, the last year pre-pandemic, they earned €63m. The pandemic meant shutting the stores, no fans in the stadiums and closing the Barcelona Museum (which happens to be the second-most-visited in Spain, after the Prado in Madrid), so that €63m is the only reliable benchmark we have. Laporta is confident that number can rise if they get the right strategic partner (they reportedly turned down an offer from Fanatics worth €200m, plus up to €75m in bonuses), pointing out that around 75% of that revenue comes from local shops and, of course, Barca fans exist all over the world.

But even if they boost licensing and merchandising revenues to €100m (and that means increasing them by nearly 70%, which isn't easy), they're giving half of it away to their new partner. So if somebody pays them €250m and they do get to €100m in revenues, after just five years, whoever acquired the 49.9% will have made their money back. (And if the revenue stays around the €60m mark, sure, Barca will come out ahead vis-a-vis the upfront money they get, but they'll only be getting €30m from licensing, rather than €50m.)

All of this points to the fact that this is very much a gamble. Laporta says Barca will have the option to buy back both the share in the TV rights and the share in Barcelona Licensing and Merchandising, but again, we don't know the terms. It's safe to say though that no investor is going to tie up hundreds of millions of euros without some sort of guarantee that they will get most of their money back if the deal goes south before it becomes profitable for them.

So then you're left with the question: Is this necessary? The short answer is yes, because not only do Barcelona have the fiendish spending restrictions, they also have nearly €800m worth of debt, of which more than €310m is due in the next 12 months. Barca don't have a wealthy owner who can make an equity injection, and it's difficult for them to refinance their debt (plus, interest rates are rising). They need to generate cash somehow, and they (rightly) don't want to have to consider letting their best young stars (Pedri, Gavi, Ansu Fati) depart, not least because their transfer value is likely to be worth more in a few years' time.

The longer answer? It's really difficult to say. The deals Laporta wants to do haven't been struck yet, we don't know the terms, and, more importantly, we don't know what the future will bring. We do know that Barcelona, in exchanging for the cash injection now, could be giving away close to €100m a season (and possibly substantially more than that) for the foreseeable future, and that feels like kicking the can down the road.

So they're taking this gamble. And make no mistake about it, it is a massive gamble. If it wasn't, other top clubs would be doing this with abandon, and they're not. What makes you uneasy is that the people deciding to roll the dice -- Laporta and his board -- won't be there for the long-term fallout in five or 10 years. They'll either be remembered as geniuses who saved the club or be spoken of in the same way Barca fans speak of Jose Maria Bartomeu, Laporta's predecessor and the man who oversaw the financial meltdown. And whenever you have people making huge financial decisions without anything to lose -- other than their legacy and reputation -- it's best to be sceptical.

Haaland and Nunez signings suggest the centre-forward role is back!

By Ryan O'Hanlon, ESPN.com writer

STRIKERS don't matter. In fact, you might even be better off without them. That, at least, seemed to be one of the lessons behind Manchester City and Liverpool's recent domination of the Premier League.

Now there are plenty of differences between how the two best teams in England -- and perhaps the world -- came to dominate on the field. Liverpool never stop running; City reasserted themselves by running less. Liverpool turned their full-backs into attacking midfielders; City's entire team is attacking midfielders. Liverpool blow you off the field like the weather; City systematically pick you apart at an almost molecular level.

However, the one thing Pep Guardiola and Jurgen Klopp's teams shared was something they both didn't have: a center-forward. Man City scored 99 goals, and Liverpool notched 94 -- the sixth and ninth most in league history -- without a player occupying the role that historically provides the majority of those goals. Given how dominant both sides were, as arguably the two best Premier League teams of all time, it became really hard to argue that they overcame their lack of a certain classical player profile. Rather, it was more likely the opposite: Manchester City and Liverpool were so good because they didn't play with strikers.

Then the season ended and the two clubs almost immediately spent more than \$140 million to sign a pair of large, powerful, central strikers in Borussia Dortmund's Erling Haaland and Benfica's Darwin Nunez. So what's going on? While both clubs were at the forefront of one tactical trend, they might already be preparing for the next one.

The death of the center-forward First, a brief history of modern soccer. In the late 1990s and early 2000s, there were central players, there were right-sided players and there were left-sided players. To take it a step further, you could divide the central players into left-center and right-center players. However you chopped up the guys in the middle, though, personnel was evenly distributed across the field in the three or four zones.

Within this tactical environment, games were frequently decided by who could control the middle. More specifically, who could control what coaches referred to as "Zone 14" or the rectangle of space sitting atop the penalty area. Studies found that the number of passes played into and from Zone 14 correlated highly with winning games. In 1998, France's Zinedine Zidane won the Ballon d'Or for his exploits on the edge of the box. A year later, Rivaldo, a Brazilian No. 10 who broke teams apart from Zone 14, won the same award.

The eventual reaction to this from a defensive perspective was to pack Zone 14 with an extra midfielder. In the years around 2005, managers like Rafa Benitez and Jose Mourinho sacrificed an attacker to make this happen, but it didn't matter. As opponents pushed more bodies forward in frustration, their teams could exploit all that newfound space in behind on the counterattack with just two or three of their attacking players.

The solution to this was provided, in different ways, by Guardiola and Klopp (and others too). Both managers have publicly emphasized the "half-spaces" -- the areas between the wing and the center of the field, a kind of zone of uncertainty between the opposition's central and wide defenders. We saw the era's defining names dominate from these areas: Both Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo scored more goals than anyone ever has despite starting their movements from wider positions. The best players in the world became wide attackers because it was so hard to consistently influence games in the crowded center of the attacking third.

Eventually, both Klopp and Guardiola phased out their central strikers completely, preferring more dynamic options who could aid in build-up play, attack the goal from unpredictable areas and tempt defenders out of Zone 14. The evolution all seemed to culminate this past season, with a strikerless City and a strikerless Liverpool dominating the Premier League



Erling Haaland

to an absurd degree.

It's not just these two clubs, though.

This past season in the Premier League, a pair of players shared the Golden Boot: Liverpool's Mohamed Salah and Tottenham's Son Heung-min on 23 goals each. One thing they have in common: Neither one is a center-forward.

These are wingers who get tons of shots from inside the box by cutting onto their strong foot -- or strong feet, in Son's case. In terms of non-penalty goals, Son had 23, Salah had 18, then third in the league was Sadio Mane (16 goals), a left winger who turned into a "center-forward" during the second half of the season but really just wandered wherever he wanted to.

After that, four players were tied on 15: Man City's Kevin De Bruyne (a midfielder who moonlit as a false No. 9); Liverpool's Diogo Jota (a small, press-happy, flexible attacker who played across the front line); Leicester's Jamie Vardy; and Man United's Ronaldo. Fittingly, while the latter two are more traditional center-forwards, they are 35 and 37 years old, respectively, and while they both scored goals this year, neither helped his team come anywhere near achieving preseason expectations.

Then there's Tottenham's Harry Kane (13), a center-forward who has dropped increasingly deeper and impacted matches with his passing more and more over the past two seasons. On 12 goals, you have West Ham's Jarrod Bowen, a right winger, and Leicester's James Maddison, an attacking midfielder. And on 11, the only other player with more than 10 non-penalty goals in the Premier League this season was Man City's Raheem Sterling, another winger.

If you employed a traditional center-forward in the Premier League this season, one of two things happened: (1) He didn't score many goals or (2) your team wasn't very good.

"And now for the rebirth

When there aren't as many center-forwards or those "center-forwards" aren't doing the things that a center-forward typically does, it affects the other side of the ball too. While the job of a center-back used to be about clearing crosses and "getting close" to the opposition center-forward -- denying service into their feet, not allowing them to turn -- now it's something quite different.

Functioning as a modern center-

back is about tracking runs from different angles, cutting off passing lanes and covering space rather than a specific player. It's perhaps a less overtly physical position than it used to be -- less physical in an "I'm gonna beat you up" sense, but more physical in the increased agility and speed it demands from players. The days of the one-on-one matchup is over; now center-backs need to worry about the player in the middle, the players on both wings, the players making late runs into the box from the field and even sometimes one of the full-backs crashing in at far post or slipping into the half-spaces.

While modern players are more skilled and more well-rounded than ever before, the role of the center-back is perhaps the least recognizable of all positions as compared to what it was 15 or 20 years ago.

In addition to the high-speed calculus that's now involved when defending your own box, high-pressing teams require their center-backs to cover almost half a field's worth of space behind the backline. And thanks to a rise in those pressing teams, these players also have to be comfortable with the ball at their feet; otherwise, they'll constantly be turning the ball over and having to do it all over again. Oh, and if they're not being pressed, they have to help break the other team down by being involved in their side's more patient periods of buildup play.

Teams like Liverpool and City can afford to sign the handful of defend-

ers in the world who can do all of these things, and they're the ones who've created the situation that now demands it. So why change?

Back in 2013, Sir Alex Ferguson spoke to the Harvard Business Review about how he maintained success for so long at Manchester United. "I believe that the cycle of a successful team lasts maybe four years and then some change is needed," he said. "So we tried to visualize the team three or four years ahead and make decisions accordingly."

Both Guardiola and Klopp have been at their clubs now for at least seven years, and their respective periods of success have lasted for about five years. Their teams are clearly the best in the league, if not the world.

"Because I was at United for such a long time, I could afford to plan ahead," Ferguson said. "I was very fortunate in that respect." Liverpool and City have created the same situation for themselves; neither one is really in danger of being caught by anyone else in the league, so they too can plan ahead.

While the transfer fees paid to sign Haaland (€60m, \$62m) and Nunez (€75m, \$78.5m) suggest they'll be expected to contribute immediately, they both seem positioned to have a bigger impact in the long run. The profile of the modern defender is shifting toward smaller, more agile and more skilled players, and it's likely to keep moving in that direction.

You know what kind of player these defenders increasingly won't be equipped to handle? Gigantic, physical, speedy center-forwards like Haaland and Nunez.

Weighted by minutes played, Liverpool (average age of 27.7 years) and City (27) have teams built around peak-age players. Haaland is 21, and Nunez is 22. There are questions about how both players will translate into the specific systems their new teams play. Yet, in year one, both Guardiola and Klopp have the luxury of easing their new center-forwards into action and employing them in matches that'll maximize their effectiveness.

For now, maybe Nunez helps Liverpool take more points against the top-four sides or the same teams that employ this modern archetype of central defender. And maybe Haaland's powerful runs into the penalty area help City play more effectively from behind. Or maybe they both star immediately because their opponents have already devoted so many resources to stopping the way that both clubs used to play. Either way, Liverpool and City now have players who, in theory, could lead the way toward a second cycle of dominance for both clubs.



Darwin Nunez

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Pascal Wawa. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBA SC

Roll Ball Championships' preparations in top gear

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadono

THE Tanzania Roll Ball Association (TRBA) has said preparations for Eastern Africa Roll Ball Championship, which is slated for this weekend in Dar es Salaam, are going on well.

Noel Kiunsi, the TRBA Chairman, said they expect Uganda, Kenya, and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)'s teams to start arriving this week.

"All preparations for the Eastern Africa Roll Ball Championships are going on very well, we expect all three teams to start arriving in the country any day this week," he said.

TRBA extended invitations to South Sudan, Zambia, Kenya, Sudan, Zimbabwe, Burundi, Egypt, Sierra Leone, Uganda, and Rwanda.

Kiunsi had in a previous interview stopped short of issuing reasons behind the decision by many of the countries which received TRBA invitation to snub it.

The championships were initially planned to be held for three days in Dar es Salaam last month but were postponed due to a request from member nations that said they are not prepared for the championships.

Kiunsi said many countries cited the COVID-19 pandemic as the cause of their failure to prepare for the showpiece.

In the previous interview, Kiunsi advised each country to come along with a national flag and an anthem for official use.

According to him, each of the participating countries should cover its internal transport, however, the hosts can coordinate the availability and logistics.

Roll Ball is a game played between two teams and is a unique combination of roller skates, basketball, handball, and throwball.

It is played on roller shoes with each team consisting of 12 players, six on the field and six in reserve.

The main objective of the game is to score maximum goals within a stipulated time. The main feature of Roll Ball is that the ball is held in one or both hands, when passing to the other players, with the ball repeatedly bounced on the ground.

The court size can vary from 28m to 40 meters in length and 15 to 20 meters in width. The court includes a center-line dividing offensive and defensive areas. The penalty line is drawn 4.5m or 3.5m away from the goal.



Yanga's assistant coach, Cedric Kaze (R), speaks to journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday about the outfit's NBC Premier League match against Polisi Tanzania, to be played at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium today. Sitting (L) is Tanzania Premier League Board Information and Communication Officer, Karim Boimanda. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

CAF confirms Tanzania retains four slots for continental club tourneys



Tanzania's Simba SC attacker, Chris Mugalul (R), dribbles past South Africa's Orlando Pirates defenders when the clubs locked horns in a 2021/22 CAF Confederation Cup last eight's first leg duel that took place in Dar es Salaam in April. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBA SC

By Correspondent Michael Mwebi

THE Confederation of African Football (CAF) has officially written to the Tanzania Football Federation (TFF), informing the federation that Mainland Tanzania will have four envoys in the 2022/23 inter-club competitions campaign.

According to a statement by CAF Media, Tanzania has retained the four slots in CAF competitions for the 2022/23 season alongside Algeria, Angola, Congo DR, Egypt, Guinea, Libya, Morocco, Nigeria, South Africa, Sudan, and Tunisia.

The top 12 nations in Africa are given four spots, two in the CAF Champions League and two in the CAF Confederation Cup, while places 13 and down are given one spot for each competition.

The CAF calculates the continent's top 12 nations by using the 'Five-Year Ranking System' which takes a nation's success in the inter-club tournaments and rewards each country according to what they manage to achieve.

The 'Five-Year Ranking' is based on a points system, and it covers a five-year period.

The value of the points is increased on how recently they were acquired, and are subject

to a multiplier.

The more points that a country has, the higher up the ranking table they are.

Clubs only manage to add CAF points if they manage to reach the group stages of either the Champions League or Confederation Cup, any team that drops out before the group stages will not add anything to their ranking.

Now, following Simba SC's impressive performance in the last three years when they reached the quarterfinals of the Champions League, Tanzania has accumulated enough points to warrant four teams taking part.

For next season, NBC Premier League champions Young Africans, alias 'Yanga', and runners-up Simba have already qualified for the CAF Champions League while Azam FC, Geita Gold FC, Namungo FC, and Coastal Union are still battling for the two slots in Confederation Cup.

The club which will end up third in the NBC Premier League will represent the country in the CAF Confederation Cup.

The club which will finish fourth will also play in Confederation Cup if Coastal Union fails to beat Yanga in the Azam Sports Federation Cup final next month.

Last season Tanzania had four teams in CAF competitions, two each in the CAF Champions League and CAF Confederation Cup.

Simba and Yanga were in the Champions League while Azam FC and Bishara United were in the Confederation Cup.

CAF Member Associations have up to July 30 to submit names of clubs that will participate in the 2022/23 Champions League and Confederation Cup.

Clubs have from August 1-15 as the period for player registration.

CAF has set September 9-11 for the preliminary round matches of the 2022/23 season while return legs will be on September 16-18.

The second round will run from October 7-9 for the first legs with return fixtures on October 14-16.

Simba SC bids farewell to Wawa, Singida Big Stars FC confirms sealing Kyombo deal

By Correspondent Michael Mwebi

SIMBA SC has announced its decision to let go of defender Pascal Serge Wawa when his contract expires at the end of this campaign.

Wawa becomes the third player to leave the club after Rally Bwalya and Bernard Morrison exit.

In a statement released on Tuesday, Simba SC said Wawa will play his last game for the club on Thursday against Mtibwa Sugar at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam.

The statement said: "After serving our team for four seasons, Pascal Wawa will not be part of our squad for next season."

"His contract expires at the end of this month and Thursday's game against Mtibwa Sugar will be his last," read a part of the club statement.

The Ivorian defender played four seasons for Simba SC following his arrival in May 2018 as a free agent from Sudanese outfit Al Merreikh, winning the league on three occasions in addition to two Azam Sports Federation Cup titles.

Wawa turned 35 this year and had seen his game time significantly decrease this season due to the arrival of Congolese international Henock Inonga Baka.

The Ivorian center-back has made 28 appearances in all competitions this season.

It is believed there is also strong interest in Wawa from several NBC Premier League clubs, with some reports suggesting newly promoted Singida Big Stars as the potential destination for the Ivorian.

Simba is still relatively well-stocked at center-back, with Baka, Joash Onyango, and Kennedy Juma all options.

Erasto Nyoni has featured there in the past as well. Ibrahim Ame, currently on loan at Mtibwa Sugar, could also return to Simba's first-team squad next season.

In another related transfer development, Singida Big Stars FC has announced the signing of the forward Habib Kyombo from Mbeya Kwanza FC.

Azam FC and Simba SC were both tipped to move for Kyombo but the former Mbao FC striker has eventually been unveiled by Singida Big Stars where he reunites with some of his former Singida United players.

With the outfit's first deal of the transfer window complete, Singida Big Stars FC will now look to push on with strengthening other areas of its squad.

Flexibles by David Chikoko



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JUMATANO

11:00 DADAZ LIVE
12:00 Mpera Mpera
13:00 MJADALA (r)
13:30 Kali Za Wana
14:00 Bongo Hits
15:00 Funguka
15:30 Mpera Mpera
16:00 Zote kuntu
16:30 #HASHTAG
17:00 SSELEKT
17:55 Kurasa
18:00 eNewz
18:30 Bongo Hits
19:00 EATV SAA 1
29:00 DADAZ (r)
21:00 UJENZI
21:30 Movie
22:30 Zote kuntu
23:00 KURASA
23:05 EATV SAA 1

LEO USIKU SAA 3:00

UJENZI

EATV SAA 1
UJENZI provides information and ideas on residential construction, interior decor and residential appliance markets values. The show aims to enhance residential construction. It provides free expert advice, news and commentary.

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06:00 Supa Breakfast
10:00 MAMAMIA
12:00 Kipenga Xtra
13:00 Planef Bongo
16:00 EA Drive
20:00 Kipenga
21:00 The Cruise

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